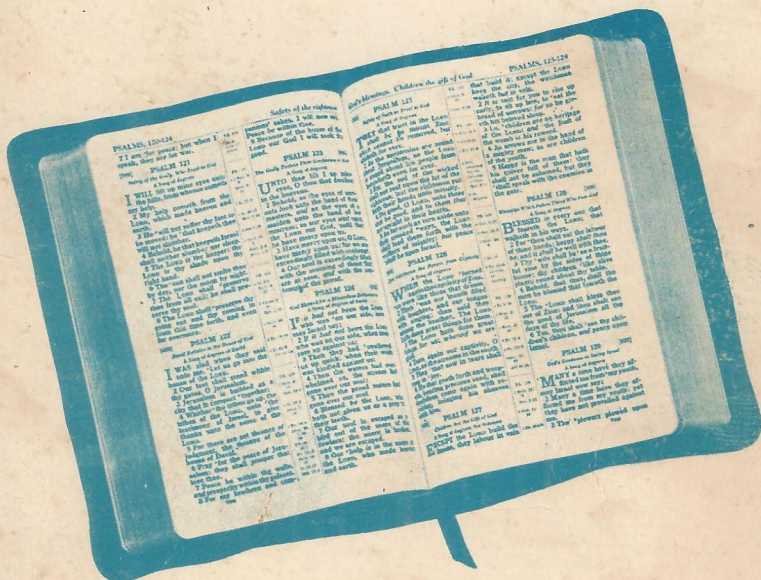


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FOREWORD

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It is our hope that these outlines may be a help to young preachers especially, as the outlines of others have been to me.

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*I use these as flannel-board lessons

SOME DANGEROUS ATTITUDES

Col. 3:1-15

1. Define attitudes.
2. We may sin in attitude without physical action.

I. DANGEROUS ATTITUDES TOWARD SELF

1. Egoism. Rom. 12:3, 4; Gal. 6:3
2. Self-righteous. Lk. 19:9----
3. Selfishness. Phil. 2:4, 21

II. DANGEROUS ATTITUDES TOWARD ENEMIES

1. Hate instead of love. Mt. 5:44--
2. Will not go the second mile. Mt. 5:41
3. Should heap coals of fire on the. Rom. 12:19, 20

III. DANGEROUS ATTITUDES TOWARD BRETHREN

1. Anger, malice. Eph. 4:26; I Pet. 2:1
2. Bitterness. Eph. 4:22--32
3. Rivalry, jealousy, envy. Gal. 5:19-21; Jas. 3:14-
4. Unmerciful, unforgiving. Rom. 12:8; Mt. 7:2
Ex. Unjust steward. Mt. 18:23-35; 6:14, 15
5. Fault-finding. I Cor. 13:5; I Tim. 6:4
6. Indolent. Rom. 12:11

IV. DANGEROUS ATTITUDES TOWARD GOD

1. Limiting God to man's powers and potentials.
2. Thinking God does not mean what he says - He cannot lie. Num. 23:19; Titus 1:2
3. Indifference. Rev. 3:14--19
4. Failure to trust him. Rom. 8:28

(Let us make sure we are right in attitude toward self, enemies, brethren and God.)

Love all **but self**. Mt. 5:44; 22:37; Jno. 13:35

THE KIND OF CHURCH GOD WANTS No. 1

1. We ought to be interested in no other kind.
2. The church at Jerusalem was the kind of church God wanted or he would have made it differently.

(Acts 2:41-47)

GOD WANTS - - -

I. A SAVED CHURCH

1. The saved are added to it. Acts 2:47
2. Christ gave himself for it. Eph. 5:25-28
3. He is the savior of the body. Eph. 5:23

II. A SURRENDERED CHURCH

1. Surrendered their will. Acts 2:38--41
2. Gave themselves. cf. II Cor. 8:5
3. Submit to the head. Col. 1:18

"All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at thy feet I bow;
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me Jesus take
me now."

III. A SEPARATED CHURCH

1. "Church" means "called-out"
2. Separated from the world. I Jno. 2:14--18
3. God's people are separate. II Cor. 6:14---18
4. Secret of success in the church then and now.

IV. A SACRIFICING CHURCH

1. Apostles left boats and families.
2. Christ greatest example.
3. Paul gave up position, parent's religion and all.
4. Present out bodies as sacrifice. Rom. 12:1
5. Other sacrifices. Heb. 13:15, 16

V. A STUDIOUS CHURCH

1. Study to be approved. II Tim. 2:15
2. This is a mark of nobility. Acts 17:11--
3. Meditate in law of the Lord. Ps. 1:1, 2

(If we delight in His law will we have to be urged to
attend Bible classes etc.?)

IS THIS THE KIND OF CHURCH GOD WANTS, Let's make

THE KIND OF CHURCH GOD WANTS No. 2
Acts 2:41--47

1. We should be interested in no other kind.
2. Review previous lesson.

GOD WANTS - - -

I. A CONVERTED CHURCH

1. Only the converted are in kingdom. Mt. 18:3
2. Must be converted to be saved. Acts 3:19
3. Only the saved are added to the church. Acts 2:47
4. We must truly be converted to every principle of Christianity - not nominal converts.

II. A LOVING CHURCH

1. We must love God. Mt. 22:37; I Jno. 5:3
2. Must love brethren. I Jno. 4:7--20; Jno. 13:35
3. Even our enemies. Mt. 5:44; Rom. 12:14-20

III. A WORKING CHURCH

1. We are his workmanship. Eph. 2:10
2. We are lively stones. I Pet. 2:5
3. We must labor. Heb. 4:9--12
4. Ready unto every good work. Titus 3:1,2
5. We are in the vineyard to labor. Mt. 20:1-17
(We are not in the vineyard simply to keep out of mischief. A farmer would not feel like paying a hand that simply did not destroy equipment.)
6. We are to labor steadfastly. I Cor. 15:58
7. Our labor is never in vain. I Cor. 15:58b

IS THIS THE KIND OF CHURCH GOD WANTS????

If not, is it my fault??

THE KIND OF CHURCH GOD WANTS No. 3
Acts 2:41--47

1. Should be interested in no other.
2. Review previous lesson.

GOD WANTS A - - -

I. CLEAN CHURCH

1. Christ died to make it clean. Eph. 5:25--
2. How our souls are purified. I Pet. 1:22, 23
3. Death of Ananias and Sapphira emphasizes that God wants a clean church.
4. The unclean not in this way. Isa. 35:8
5. To be without spot. Jas. 1:27; II Pet. 3:14

II. WATCHING CHURCH

1. Paul tells us to watch. I Cor. 16:13, 14
2. Elders are to watch. Acts 20:28-32; He. 13:17
3. Watch to avoid temptation. Mt. 26:41
4. Watch in all things. II Tim. 4:5
5. Watch for opportunities. Gal. 6:10

III. UNITED CHURCH

1. Jerusalem church was. Acts 2:46; 4:32
2. Strive together. Phil. 1:27
3. Division is carnal. I Cor. 3:3
4. Speak the same things. I Cor. 1:10; Phil. 4:2

IV. FAITHFUL CHURCH

1. Examine self, whether in the faith. II Cor. 13:5
2. It is required of stewards. I Cor. 4:2
3. We walk by faith. II Cor. 5:7
4. We are to live by faith. Rom. 1:17
5. How long to be faithful. Rev. 2:10b

LET US STRIVE TO MAKE THIS THE KIND OF
CHURCH THAT GOD WANTS.

THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Distinguish between measures of the Spirit.
2. The Spirit does dwell in us. Rom. 8:9

I. TO WHOM IS THE SPIRIT GIVEN?

1. Not to the world. Jno. 14:17
2. To children of God. Gal. 4:6
3. Sealed with Spirit. Eph. 1:13
4. To the obedient. Acts 5:32; Jno. 14:15
5. The prayerful. Lk. 11:13
6. Upon what conditions? Acts 2:38

II. OBLIGATIONS IMPOSED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Walk in the Spirit. Gal. 5:16-21; Rom. 8:1-4
2. Keep body. I Cor. 3:16; 17; 6:19, 20
3. Grieve not the Spirit. Eph. 4:25---

III. WHAT BLESSINGS DOES HE IMPART?

1. Comforts. Acts 9:31; Rom. 14:17 (Comforter)
2. Leads us. Rom. 8:16-18
3. Strengthens. Eph. 3:16
4. Helps infirmities. Rom. 8:26
5. Intercedes. Rom. 8:26
6. Makes us abound in hope. Rom. 15:13
7. Fills us. Eph. 5:18
8. Seals us. Eph. 1:13; 4:30
9. Gives assurance. I Jno. 4:13
10. Communion-fellowship. II Cor. 13:14; Phil. 2:1

IV. EVIDENCE OF HIS INDWELLING

1. We belong to Christ. Ro. 8:8, 9; I Cor. 6:19, 20
2. We love the truth. Acts 17:11
3. We confess Christ. I Jno. 4:1, 2
4. We manifest the fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5:22--

THE REIGN OF CHRIST

1. There is much confusion on this subject.
2. Christ NOW reigns. I Tim. 6:15

I. PROPHECIES OF THE KINGDOM

1. In days of Roman kings. Dan. 2:31-44 (They ruled in apostolic age. Lk. 3:1; Acts 25:11,12)
2. He received kingdom after ascension. Dan. 7:13-
3. To reign while a priest. Zech. 6:12,13 (Christ is now High Priest. Heb. 6:20; 8:4)
4. David's throne not to continue in Jerusalem. Jer. 22:28-30. (Christ is of Coniah's seed, so could not reign & prosper in Jerusalem)
5. David's throne in heaven. Ps. 89:35--37

II. PROMISES OF JOHN AND JESUS

1. Kingdom at hand. Mt. 3:1,2; Mk. 1:15
2. To come with power in apostles' lifetime. Mk. 9:1
3. Power came on Pentecost. Acts 2:1-5; 1:7,8
4. To reign in the regeneration. Mt. 19:28-

III. THE KINGDOM IS NOW HERE

1. Christ is now king. Acts 2:30,36; I Tim. 6:15
2. If not, gentiles are lost. Acts 15:14
3. Early Christians were in kingdom. Col. 1:13; Rev. 1:9 (A kingdom & priests Rev. 5:10 ARV)
4. Kingdom is the church. Mt. 16:18,19; 26:29
5. Christ has all power. Mt. 28:18

IV. HOW LONG SHALL CHRIST REIGN?

1. Till he comes. I Cor. 15:23-26; Rev. 20
2. Now in the last days. Acts 2:16,17; Heb. 1:1,2
3. Christ not to set foot on earth again. I Thes. 4:13-

V. WHO IS IN THE KINGDOM?

1. Born again. Jno. 3:5; I Pet. 1:23; I Jno. 5:1
2. The converted. Mt. 18:3; 13:15; Acts 2:38; 3:19
3. The righteous. Mt. 5:20; 6:33
4. Do will of God, enter kingdom. Mt. 7:21

READY UNTO EVERY GOOD WORK

Titus 3:1, 2

1. We must be reminded today also.
2. Ready means -'prepared and willing.'"
3. Scriptures determine good works. II Tim. 3:17

I. SOME GOOD WORKS LISTED IN CONTEXT

1. By subject to principalities and powers.
2. To obey magistrates.
3. To speak evil of no man.
4. To be no brawler (contentious).
5. To be gentle and show all meekness.

II. SOME GOOD WORKS ALL MAY DO.

1. Study. II Tim. 2:15
 2. Pray. I Thes. 5:17
 3. Attend. Heb. 10:25
 4. Cooperate. Phil. 1:27
 5. Live right. Titus 2:11, 12
 6. Visit the sick and needy. Jas. 1:27; Mt. 25:31-46
 7. Encourage others. I Thess. 5:14
 8. Teach others. Acts 5:42
 9. Give liberally. I Cor. 16:1, 2; II Cor. 8:5---
 10. Stand for truth. Eph. 6:10----
 11. Show hospitality. I Pet. 4:9
- If these are good works, we are to be ready to do them.

III. WHEN SHOULD WE DO THESE THINGS?

1. Daily. Lk. 9:23
2. As we have opportunity. Gal. 6:10

"If a man would be a soldier he's expect of course to fight;

And he couldn't be an author if he didn't try to write.
So it isn't common logic, doesn't have a right true ring---

That a man to be a Christian, doesn't have to do a thing.

BECOMING ENTANGLED II Peter 2:20

I. IN WHAT MAY WE BECOME ENTANGLED?

1. The yoke of bondage. Gal. 5:1
2. The affairs of this life. II Tim. 2:4
3. The world. II Pet. 2:20; I John 2:15,16
4. Sin. Prov. 29:6; Acts 8:22; James 1:14,15

II. HOW DO PEOPLE BECOME ENTANGLED

1. By relationship. Judges 6:25; II Cor. 15:16
2. By investment. II Chr. 25:5; Lk. 14:18,19
3. By marriage. Jgs. 16:4-22 Lk. 14:30; II Co. 6:14
4. By bad company. Josh. 23:13; I Cor. 15:33
5. By fear of man. Pro. 29:25; Gal. 2:11-13
6. By love of popularity. Jno. 12:43; Acts 20:30
7. By false teaching. Gal. 5:1; Mt. 7:15--18
8. By lusts. Titus 2:11,12; Gal. 5:19-21

III. WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF ENTANGLEMENTS

1. Worse state than beginning. II Pet. 2:20--
2. Overcome by it. II Pet. 2:20
3. God departs from us. Jgs. 16:20; II Jno. 9
4. Destruction. I Tim. 6:9,10

IV. HOW TO AVOID ENTANGLEMENTS

1. By pleasing God. Eccl. 7:26; II Tim. 2:4
2. By knowing the truth. II Tim. 2:25; Jno. 8:32
3. By repentance. II Tim. 2:25
4. By watching and praying. Lk. 21:34-36
5. By doing good. Rom. 12:21
6. By resisting the devil. Jas. 4:7; Heb. 12:4

WEATHERING THE STORM Mt. 7:21-27

1. When storms strike some houses will stand and others will fall. (Obviously)
2. The storms of life will come, we must stand.

I. THE BUILDERS

1. Hear and do not - their name is legion.
 - a. Shall not stand, deceived. Jas. 1:22
 - b. Forgetful hearer described. Jas. 1:23-25
2. We must doers. Mt. 7:21
3. Who is blest? Jas. 1:25

II. SOME OBSERVATIONS

1. Obey to be storm-proof. Eccle. 12:13
2. May do some thing and not stand. Mt. 7:22, 23
3. Storm hit foolish virgins hard. Mt. 25:1--13
4. So with the one talent man. Mt. 25:14--30
5. Those on right hand were doers the left were not. Mt. 25:31--46
6. The unproductive fig tree. Mk. 11:13, 14
7. Hear and DO or be lost. Rev. 22:14; I Pe. 4:17-

III. SOME STORMS WE MUST FACE

1. Criticism may come as a storm. I Pet. 3:16
2. Storms of persecutions. Mt. 5:11, 12; II Pet. 3:12
3. Storms of false doctrines. Gal. 1:6-10; I Jn. 4:1
4. Storms of temptations - Christ overcame, so can we. Jas. 1:2, 3; I Cor. 10:10-13
5. Storm of time (endurance) Mt. 10:22
6. Storm of truth (error cannot stand). We must face judgment and truth. Rev. 20:12-15

"For the great day of his wrath is come and who shall be able to stand." Rev. 6:17

1. Define fellowship: Partnership, association or joint-participation.
2. The first congregation had it. Acts 2:42

I. WITH WHOM SHOULD WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP?

1. Not with Satan. I Cor. 10:20; II Cor. 6:14----
2. Not with disorderly. II Thes. 3:6-15
3. With God. I Jno. 1:3
4. With Christ. I Cor. 1:9
5. With one another. I Jno. 1:7

II. HOW CAN WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP

1. By walking in the light. I Jno. 1:7
2. By receiving-bidding godspeed. II Jno. 10, 11
3. By abiding in the doctrine. II Jno. 9; Mt. 28:20
4. By the gospel. Eph. 3:6
5. By supporting the gospel. Phil. 1:5
6. In the truth. III Jno. 8

III. WHY HAVE THIS FELLOWSHIP?

1. We are called to it. I Cor. 1:9
2. Early Christians did. Acts 2:42
3. We are cleansed from sin. I Jno. 1:7
4. For mutual edification and courage. Mal. 3:16

IV. BIBLE TERMS THAT IMPLY FELLOWSHIP

Fellow-servant	Fellow-laborer
Fellow-citizen	Fellow-soldier
Fellow-sufferer	Fellow-pilgrim
Yoke-fellow	

RESTORING THE ERRING Gal. 6:1

1. Define "Restore" and "Erring"
2. This is a personal responsibility of each Christian.

I. HOW DO PEOPLE ERR?

1. Ignorance. Mk. 12:24; I Tim. 6:21
2. Deceived. I Jno. 4:1--6
3. Weakness. Mt. 26:41; Rom. 7:18
4. Covetousness. I Tim. 6:10; Jude 11
5. Association. I Cor. 15:33
6. Indifference. Rev. 3:14-19; James 4:17

II. WHAT SHOULD WE DO FOR THE ERRING?

1. Warn them. Mt. 18:15; Lk. 13:5; I The. 5:14
2. Admonish them. II The. 3:15
3. Pray for them. Jas. 5:16; I Jno. 5:16-
4. Convert them. Jas. 5:19,20
5. Restore them. Gal. 6:1
6. Withdraw from them. I Thes. 3:6; I Cor. 5:9-13

III. HOW CAN THEY RETURN

1. Repent. Acts 8:22
2. Pray. Acts 8:22; I Jno. 2:1,2
3. Confess sins. Jas. 5:16; I Jno. 1:9

IV. OUR DUTY AFTER THEY RETURN

1. Forgive them. II Cor. 2:7; Mt. 6:14,15
2. Love them. II Cor. 2:8
3. Comfort them. II Cor. 2:7

"It is often true: when you are right about something, no one remembers but when you are wrong no one forgets.

THE SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS *

1. This is the aim of every life. We may have a difference of opinion on how to achieve it.
2. Distinguish between pleasure, sensation and happiness.

I. WE CAN BE HAPPY IN SPITE OF ---

1. Persecutions. Mt. 5:11, 12
2. Poverty. Acts 3:6
3. Some disappointments --- If not, then no one could be happy for all have some disappointment.

II. THINGS NOT NECESSARY TO HAPPINESS

1. Wealth - the rich are often miserable.
2. Wisdom - this brings heaviness of mind.
3. Sensualness Solomon tested all these
4. Power. in Ecclesiastes and he
Eccle. 12:13 said, "All is vanity"

III. THESE DO BRING HAPPINESS

1. "In God we trust." Ps. 1:1, 2
2. Contentment. Paul in Phil. 4:11
3. Freedom from fear. I Jno. 4:18
4. Clean conscience. Mt. 5:8
5. Work - Service - Idleness brings misery.
6. Willingness to share - selfishness bring misery.
7. Some measure of accomplishment.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; fear God and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man." Eccle. 12:13

"Some grand essentials of happiness are: Something to do, something to love, and something to hope for."
-Chalmers

* Good for commencement sermon or youth meet.

FORGETTING THE THINGS OF THE PAST

Phil. 3:13, 14

I. WHAT PAUL MEANT IN FORGETTING ---

1. Position before conversion. Phil. 3:4-6
2. Forgetting ambitions of personal gain etc.
3. Count all as loss for Christ. Phil. 3:7

II. WE ARE NOT TO LOOK BACK

1. Keeble says, "eyes are in front of our head---
God wanted us to look ahead."
2. Remember Lot's wife. Lk. 17:32
3. Not fit for kingdom. Lk. 9:52-----

III. ARE WE EVER TO REMEMBER THE PAST?

1. Paul did not erase all memory.
2. David remembered his sin to help keep him
from the same sin again. Ps. 51:1-3
3. Peter remembered never to deny Christ again.

IV. LOOKING TO THOSE THINGS BEFORE

1. Was was ahead for Paul --- persecutions ---
trials --- opportunities.
2. Look to the work to be done, "Lift up your
eyes unto the fields..." Jno. 4:35
3. Some things we need to look forward to ---
teaching, worship, service, opportunities.

V. HAVING LOOKED --- LET US PRESS ON

1. Israel looked but was not willing to press on
into Canaan. Num. 13. 14
2. Paul did not have to be urged on.
3. Keep a lively hope. Heb. 6:19, 20

"Egotism is the glue with which you get stuck on
yourself."

BARRIERS TO HELL

1. Purpose of barriers.
2. If one goes to hell he goes there in spite of---

I. THE LOVE OF GOD

1. He gave his Son. Jno. 3:16 (Tit. 3:5)
2. His grace and mercy. Eph. 2:8, 9; Titus 2:11, 12

II. THE BIBLE A work of the Spirit

1. It is sufficient. II Tim. 3:16, 17
2. Search the scriptures. Jno. 5:39; Acts 17:11

III. THE CROSS OF CHRIST

1. It is the means of salvation. I Cor. 1:18---21
2. Gospel is the power to save. Rom. 1:16

IV. SIMPLICITY OF THE PLAN OF SALVATION

1. Given by Christ. Mk. 16:16
2. Given by Peter. Acts 2:39
3. Given by Paul. Acts 16:30--34
4. Expressed by Ananias. Acts 22:16

V. PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

1. Pray for all men. I Tim. 2:1--8
2. Pray to send laborers into harvest. Mt. 9:37, 38
3. Pray for erring child. I Jno. 5:16

VI. HEROES OF FAITH They encourage us

1. Temptation ----- Joseph
2. Patience ----- Job
3. Meekness ----- Moses
4. Faith ----- Abraham
5. Zeal ----- Paul

VII. CHRISTIAN PEOPLE, PREACHERS, ELDERS

1. Christian influence. Mt. 5:16
2. Preachers and preaching. I Cor. 1:18-23
3. Elders watch for souls. Heb. 13:7, 17

We must ignore these barriers, if we go to hell.

AN ACROSTIC ON THE CHURCH

C -onverted. Mt. 18:3; Acts 3:19; Mt. 13:15
-onsecrated. Rom. 12:1
-ompassionate. I Pet. 3:8

H -umble. Phil 2:3-8
-opeful. Heb. 6:19,20; Rom. 8:24
-oly. Heb. 12:14

U -nselfish. I Cor. 13:5
-nderstanding. Eph. 5:17
-nited. Acts 4:32; Eph. 6:1-6; Phil. 1:27

R -ighteous. I Jno. 3:10
-everent. Heb. 12:28,29
-eapers. Jno. 4:35; Gal. 6:7--10

C -onstant. Acts 2:42
-ooperative. I Cor. 3:9
-ourageous. Acts 28:15; Gal. 6:9

H -armless. Phil. 2:15
-elpful. Gal. 6:10
-appy. Acts 2:46,47; Phil. 4:4; Ps. 84:10,11

FOUNDATIONS FOR UNITY

Eph. 4:1--6

ONE GOD -----Unity of worship.
ONE SPIRIT ----- Unity of guidance (Inspiration).
ONE LORD ----- Unity of command.
ONE FAITH ----- Unity of doctrine (Belief).
ONE BAPTISM ----- Unity of practice (Action).
ONE BODY -----Unity of organization.
ONE HOPE ----- Unity of aspiration.

WALKING CIRCUMSPECTLY Eph. 5:15,16

1. Define circumspectly.
2. To walk thus means to walk in newness of life.
Rom. 6:4; Walk in light. I Jno. 1:7

I. WALK CIRCUMSPECTLY

1. To keep within line of duty. II Jno. 9
2. To escape snares. Mt. 26:41; I Pet. 5:8
3. So that our good be not evil spoken of.

II. REDEEMING THE TIME

1. Margin: "Buy up opportunity" Work speedily.
2. Know what to do and when to do it.
3. How we waste time.
 - a. Worrying. Mt. 6:27
 - b. Idleness. Mt. 20:6b; II Thes. 3:6----
 - c. Interests in other directions.

III. BECAUSE THE DAYS ARE EVIL.

1. Temptation on every hand. I Cor. 10:10-13
2. Paul's days were filled with persecution.
3. Religious foes unite to fight truth.
4. False doctrine is rampant. I Jno. 4:1----

IV. BECAUSE OUR DAYS ARE FEW

1. Few and full of trouble. Job 14:1
2. Life as a vapour. Jas. 4:13, 14
3. Life is short. Rom. 13:11 Night comes soon.
(Jno. 9:4)

V. IT TAKES TIME TO SERVE GOD

1. To pray. Mk. 1:35
2. To study. II Tim. 2:15
3. Takes time to worship. Jno. 4:24
4. To visit and minister to needy. Jas. 1:27

(Work today, for one day lost from God's service can never be regained. Don't rob God, Mal. 3:10)

WHAT CONSTITUTES REPENTANCE?

1. Repentance is sorrow or regret for action with determination to correct it - Webster
2. Repentance is a change of mind that results in a change of conduct. cf. Mt. 21:29

I. SENSE OF SIN (Must be conscious of sin)

1. What is sin. I Jno. 3:4;5:17; Jas. 4:17
2. All have sinned. Rom. 3:10,23
3. If we say we have not sinned. I Jno. 1:8,10
4. Sin separates from God. Isa. 59:1,2
5. Sin is deceiving. Heb. 3:13
6. It brings death. Rom. 6:23; Rev. 21:8
7. God knows our every sin. Heb. 4:13

II. SORROW FOR SIN

1. Godly sorrow works repentance. II Cor. 7:9,10
2. Sorrow is not repentance but only a part of it.
3. Judas had sorrow of the world. Acts 1:25
4. Goodness of God lead to repentance. Rom. 2:4

III. SEVERANCE FROM SIN

1. Parable of Jesus. Mt. 21 29
2. Nineveh. Mt. 12:41; Lk. 13:3,5
3. The prodigal son. Lk. 15:
4. Fruit meet for repentance. Mt. 3:8
5. Turn to God. Acts 26:20

IV. WHY SHOULD WE REPENT?

1. To avoid perishing. Lk. 13:3; II Pet. 3:9
2. For remission. Acts 2:38;3:19
3. To receive life. Acts 11:18
4. We are commanded of God. Acts 17:30
5. For forgiveness of un-sin sins. Acts 8:22
6. Lest we be removed. Rev. 2:5,16,22,23; 3:19

REMEMBER the three S's of repentance

S-ense of sin

S-orrow for sin

S-everance from sin.

✓ GLORIFYING GOD I Pet. 4:11

1. God is worthy of glory. II Pet. 3:18
2. We need to know how, why and where to glorify God.

I. WHY SHOULD WE GLORIFY GOD?

1. Lest we be destroyed as Herod. Acts 12:23---
2. That we be not rejected. Rom. 1:21--24
3. Because Christ did. Jno. 17:4
4. We have to be bought with blood. I Cor. 6:19,20
5. Because others are received. Acts 11:18

II. HOW CAN WE GLORIFY GOD?

1. In one mouth. Rom. 15:6 (With one mind)
2. In our bodies. I Cor. 6:20
3. In the name Christian. I. Pet. 4:16; II The. 1:12
4. In our lives. Mt. 5:16 (Good works)
5. By confessing Christ. Phil 2:11
6. By giving thanks. II Cor. 4:15
7. By bearing much fruit. John 15:8

III. WHERE ARE WE TO GLORIFY GOD?

1. In Christ. Rom. 16:27
2. In the church. Eph. 3:21
3. In all things. I Pet. 4:11b

IV. WHO SHOULD GLORIFY GOD

1. Gentiles. Rom. 15:9
2. Christians. I Pet. 4:16

BLACKBOARD ACROSTIC

- G-ive -- time, money self.
L-ive -- soberly, righteously, godly.
O-bey the truth. Rom. 6:16, 17
R-emembering Christ... Lord's Supper.
I-ncreasing faith, grace, knowledge.
F-orgetting the past.
Y-oked to Christ, not to unbeliever.

THINGS THAT WAR AGAINST THE SOUL

I Peter 2:11

I. THE PLEA

1. "I beseech you" - to entreat, implore.
2. As strangers and pilgrims.
3. Abstain from fleshly lusts. Gal. 5:19-20; I The. (5:22)

II. THINGS THAT WAR AGAINST THE SOUL

1. Worldliness. I Jno. 2:15, 16
 - a. What is OF the world. I Jno. 2:16
 - b. Friend of the world. Jas. 4:4; 1:27
 - c. List of works of flesh. Gal. 5:19-21
2. Pleasures (sap energies)
 - a. Many are choked. Mt. 13:7, 22; Lk. 8:14
 - b. Moses. Heb. 11:23; cf. I Tim. 5:6
3. Riches and possessions
 - a. Danger of such desires. I Tim. 6:10
 - b. Thorny ground hearer. Lk. 8:14
4. Desire for popularity -- praise of men.
 - a. Rulers. Jno. 12:42, 43
 - b. Herod. Acts 12:3

III. THINGS TO BE DESIRED

1. To please God. I Jno. 3:22; Gal. 1:10
2. To be saved. Phil 2:12---
3. Prayerfulness. I Thes. 5:17
4. To shun evil. I Thes. 5:22
5. Thirst after righteousness. Mt. 5:6
6. To save others by preaching the truth. Eph. 3:10-

A man's opinion of the world is also a confession of his own character. We can only see what we are, and if we misbehave, we suspect others.

Never kick up more dust than you can settle.

THE THING PROCEEDETH FROM THE LORD

Gen. 24:50

1. Relate context.
2. Wonderful attitude of Laban - no prejudice, willingness to obey.
3. They reasoned: "It is from God, we cannot speak bad or good." Apply. Mt. 21:25; Lk. 7:30

SOME THINGS PROCEEDING FROM GOD ----

I. THE PLAN OF SALVATION

1. Gospel power. Rom. 1:16
2. Obedience necessary. Heb. 5:8, 9; II The. 1:7-9
3. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved"
(We cannot speak bad or good)

II. UNITY OF BELIEVERS

1. Christ's prayer. Jno. 17:17 (Jesus prayed not for the world to be united but for believers)
2. Paul's plea. I Cor. 1:10---17
3. Paul's plan for unity. Eph. 4:1--6

III. THE LORD'S SUPPER

1. Commanded by the Lord. Mt. 26:26 ----
2. Time of observance. Acts 2:42; 20:7
3. How to observe it. I Cor. 11:16--30

IV. OTHER APPLICATIONS

1. Study. II Tim. 2:15 (Proceeds from God)
2. Pray always. I Thess. 5:17; Lk. 18:1----
3. Live consecratedly. Titus 2:11, 12
4. Care for the needy. Jas. 1:27
5. Be faithful unto death. Rev. 2:10b

(All these proceed from the Lord)

"The darkest hour is only sixty minutes long"

COST AND DIVIDENDS OF WORTHY CHURCH
MEMBERSHIP Lk. 14:25--33

1. Failure to count cost ends in failure.
2. Satan would have us look only at the cost.

I. IT COST HEAVEN MUCH

1. Cost God his Son. Jno. 3:16
2. Cost Christ his blood. Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25
3. Cost H.S. effort of writing the Bible.
(Cost apostles their lives)

II. OUR INITIAL COST

1. Giving up doubts to believe.
2. Giving up sins to repent. Acts 17:30
3. Giving up relatives to obey. Mt. 10:37-

III. COST SOME OF OUR TIME

1. Bible study takes time, worship takes time.
2. We must redeem the time. Eph. 5:16

IV. COST SOME OF OUR MONEY

1. Give of our means. I Cor. 16:1,2; II Cor.8:5
2. Give up opportunity of ill-gotten gain.
3. "Get me to believe that if I sow bountifully, I will reap bountifully, you couldn't keep me from giving liberally." Dreaden cf. II Cor. 9:6,7

V. COST THE RIGHT USE OF OUR TALENTS

1. More ability brings more responsibility. Mt. 25
2. Cannot use our talents unless we know them.
3. All have at least one talent.

VI. THE DIVIDENDS (Out weigh the cost)

1. Hundredfold in this life. Mt. 10:29, 30
2. Fellowship with God, Christ, H.S. and brethren.
3. In the world to come eternal life.
(Any one of these dividends should outweigh the cost and cause us to become Christians)

INVEST TODAY.....

WHAT DO YE MORE THAN OTHERS

Mt. 5:44--48

1. Christianity is a "do" religion. Jas. 1:27
2. Christian must be above average in some things.

I. WHAT DO----

1. Christians must not be lazy. Rom. 12:11
2. Must DO God's will. Mt. 7:21
3. "DO" is found more than 1500 times in the Bible.
(How say some, "there is nothing to do...")

II. WHAT DO YE MORE----

1. This suggests quantity.
2. Not enough to do something.
3. Some examples of those who did something---
 - a. Foolish virgins did something. Mt. 25:1---
 - b. One talent man did something. Mt. 25:14--30
4. Some do with wrong authority. Mt. 7:22, 23

III. MUST DO MORE THAN OTHERS

1. Must do more than publicans. Mt. 5:47
2. Must do more than the Pharisees. Mt. 5:20
 - a. They were mission minded. Mt. 23:15
 - b. They were tithers. Mt. 23:23
3. More honest than the world. Rom. 12:17
4. More loving. Mt. 5:43-47; Jno. 13:35
5. More forgiving. Lk. 17:4; Mt. 6:14, 15
6. More liberal. II Cor. 8:5-7
7. Better conduct. Tit. 2:11, 12 (We should allow no one to live more righteous than we.)

CONCLUSION

Therefore: a Christian is a better father, mother, son, daughter, neighbor, business man, employer, and employee than the non-Christian.

Never aim high if your gun is not loaded. Many have a good aim in life but never pull the trigger.

"THE LORD HATH NEED OF IT" Lk. 119:21

1. We are not denying God has power to get his needs. Acts 17:25
2. Things God can use, we should freely give.

I. EXAMPLES OF LENDING TO THE LORD

1. Peter lent a boat.
2. Martha lent her home.
3. Simon strength to bear the cross,
4. Joseph lent a tomb.
5. The man of our text lent a colt.

II. WE NEED THE LORD

1. To forgive our sins.
2. For strength and courage. Phil 4:13
3. For all our needs. Jas. 1:17--

III. WHAT CAN WE GIVE TO THE LORD

1. Our influence. Jno. 1:41; Mt. 5:16
2. Our time. Eph. 5:16
3. Our worship. Jno. 4:23, 24
4. Our effort and service. Rom. 12:11
5. Our money. I Cor. 16:1, 2
6. Our love. Mt. 22:37
7. Our lives. Rom. 12:1; Titus 2:11, 12
8. Summary --- Ourselves. II Cor. 8:5

IV. WE WILL BE REPAID HUNDRED-FOLD

1. We are debtors. Rom. 1:13, 14
2. Our reward. Mt. 10:29, 30

Peter lent a boat to save him from the press

Martha lent a home with busy kindness.

One lent a colt, while another lent a room

Simon, strength his cross to bear and Joseph lent
a tomb.

Others gave him service every day

AM I AS WILLING AS THEY?

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH PROBLEMS No. 1

1. Church began on Pentecost after ascension of Christ and has always had its problems.
2. The church of Christ is not proved to be a non-New Testament institution because of its problems.
3. Seeing their solutions should help us.

I. NEGLECT OF THE NEEDY Acts 6:1--7

1. What presented this problem?
2. What did the grecian widows do?
3. How did they solve the problem. Acts 6:2-5
4. Many are neglected today. (same problem)
 - a. We take for granted need will be filled.
 - b. We argue over HOW we shall do it.
 - c. We think we are too busy or procrastinate.

II. SELFISHNESS Acts 5:1-11

1. This is church's first recorded problem.
2. Annanias & Sapphira wanted to receive glory for giving all and yet not give all.
3. The selfish person hurts self most.
4. Love of money is a root of all evil.
I Tim. 6:10; Ex. Gehazi. II Kgs. 5
5. Every church has this problem!
6. Souls are lost because we are too selfish to give to support the gospel, so we lose our souls.

III. PERSECUTION Acts 7, 8, 12

1. Peter and John cast in prison. Acts 4, 5
2. Stephen stoned. Acts 7
3. Church scattered. Acts 8:1--4
4. James killed, Peter imprisoned. Acts 12:1---
5. The persecutions of Paul. II Cor. 11
6. What to do when persecuted...
 - a. Rejoice. Mt. 5:10-12; Paul Acts 16:25; Phil. 4:4
 - b. Pray. Acts 4:23-31; 12:12
 - c. Do good for evil. Rom. 12:14, 18, 19, 20
 - d. Remembering it is better to suffer for well-doing than evil doing. I Pet. 3:14-17

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH PROBLEMS No. 2

1. The first century church did have problems.
2. Their solutions should be ours.

DISCUSSION (False teachers and how to deal with them)

I. JUDAIZING TEACHERS ---

1. At Antioch. Acts 15:1----
 - a. Claimed to be sent by Jerusalem church --- false teachers never claim to be false. Mt. 7:15-
 - b. Solution: went to Jerusalem - this proved them false. . letter sent in evidence. Acts 15:23-
2. At Galatia Gal. 1--6
 - a. Claimed circumcision binding. Such teachers are condemned. Gal. 1:8, 9
 - b. Circumcision does not avail. Gal. 5:1--6
3. Epistle of Hebrews was written to oppose them.

II. NO RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD I Cor. 15

1. Some taught such at Corinth - Paul answered this false doctrine by showing its error. v. 14-19
2. Some said resurrection past. II Tim. 2:17

III. OTHER FALSE DOCTRINES

1. Nicolaitanes. Rev. 2:6
2. Baalam. Rev. 2:14

IV. SOME WARNINGS AND EXHORTATIONS

1. Ephesian elders. Acts 20:28--32
2. Try the spirits. I Jno. 4:1---
3. Heresy privily taught. II Pet. 2:1----
4. Mouths must be stopped. Titus 1:8-10
5. Heretic **MUST** be rejected. Titus 3:10
6. Avoid and mark them. Rom. 16:17, 18
7. We may know them by their fruits. Mt. 7:15-17
(When they split churches their fruit is obviously bad.)

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH PROBLEMS No. 3

1. Church in first century had its problems and we should not be disappointed with ours.
2. Review previous lesson.

THE CHURCH THEN HAD ITS DIVISIONS

I. DIVISION IS SINFUL

1. Christ's prayer. Jno. 17:20,21
2. Paul condemns division. I Cor. 1:10-14
3. Division is carnal. I Cor. 3:1-3
4. God hates division. Pro. 6:6--
5. Division not from above. Jas. 3:13-18; I Cor. (14:33

II. UNITY EXHORTED

1. Strive together. Phil. 1:27
2. Work for unity. Eph. 4:3
3. Follow things make for peace. Rom. 14:19
4. Same mind. Phil 4:2; Rom. 12:16; II Cor. 3:11

III. THINGS THAT DIVIDE US

1. Wrong attitudes
 - a. Be kind to one another. Eph. 4:32
 - b. Lay aside malice. I Pet. 2:1
 - c. Examples of right attitude - Abram Gen.13:5--
Stephen Acts 7:60
2. Misunderstandings.
 - a. Jesus was misunderstood. Mt.27:47; Jn. 2:18--
 - b. What should we do? Mt. 18:15--; Gal. 6:1
3. Contentiousness... kindles strife. Pro. 26:21
4. Favoritism-among preachers. I Cor. 1:10-17
5. Customs and incidentals... confuse law and expediency. Some say must kneel to pray, baptize in a river, teach orally, adopt orphans etc.
6. Eldership-leadership problems. Lord it over. I Pet. 5:1-4; Boss, self-willed. III Jno. 9
7. Treasury troubles sometime divide us - they are not mentioned in NT as being problems.

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH PROBLEMS No.4

1. Church has always had problems.
2. The New Testament holds solution.

I. CORRUPTION OF WORSHIP

1. Made a feast of the Lord's Supper. I Cor. 11:20-
2. Confusion over spiritual gifts. I Cor. 14:40

II. ATTENDANCE

1. Some were forsaking the assembly. Heb. 10:25
2. Some were weak. I Cor. 11:30
3. Absentee is not fortified against temptation.

III. LEADERSHIP

1. Desire for pre-eminence. III Jno. 9
2. Christ must have pre-eminence. Col. 1:18
3. Some questioned Paul's apostleship in an effort to gain leadership. II Cor. 11

IV. FINANCIAL

1. Paul's command. I Cor. 16:1,2
2. The Corinthians were slow. II Cor. 8:6---
3. Give that it may abound to our account. Phil. 4:17

V. THE DANGER OF COMPROMISE

1. Paul did not, not even for an hour. Gal. 2:5
2. Peter tempted to have man's approval. Gal. 2:11-
3. Compromiser is partaker of error. II Jno. 9-11

VI. GOSSIP PROBLEMS

1. Paul had a whispering campaign against him... said he was not an apostle.
2. Not to suffer as a busybody. I Pet. 4:16
I Tim. 5:13
3. Diotrophes prated against John. III Jno. 10
4. Let us be careful lest we bite and devour one another. Gal. 5:15

"Only a woodpecker lives by knocking"

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH PROBLEMS No. 5

1. These studies help us to solve our problems in that we see how they solved theirs.
2. We can expect problems for we are human.

I. LACK OF LOVE FOR BRETHREN

1. At law with each other. I Cor. 6
2. "These things I command you that ye love one another." Jno. 15:17
3. A badge. Jno. 13:35 a must. I Jno. 4:19,20

II. WORLDLINESS

1. Demas loved present world. II Tim. 4:10
2. Not of the world. Jno. 15:18,19
3. Not friend of world. Jas. 4:4
4. Unspotted from world. Jas. 1:27
5. Love not world. I Jno. 2:15,16
Lust of flesh, pride of life, lust of eye. Gal. 5:19-21
6. Touch not, taste not. Col. 2:20--23

III. HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH

1. Simon Magnus. Acts 8:12--22
2. Peter and Barnabas. Gal. 2:11-14
3. Condemned more by Parables of Jesus than any other sin. Hinders salvation of the world.

IV. LACK OF ZEAL

1. Ephesians left first love. Rev. 2:1----
2. Corinth slow in giving. II Cor 8,9
3. Laodiceans so condemned. Rev. 3:14-22
4. To know to do and to fail to do is sin. Jas. 4:17

(Let us recognize our problems, be conscientious and make a sincere scriptural effort to solve them.)

A cold church like butter never spreads very well.

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH PROBLEMS No. 6

1. Purpose of this series - to see their problems, their solutions and learn thereby.
2. There is a solution to every problem before the church whether we effect it or not.

I. CHURCH DISCIPLINE

1. Corinth had this problem. I Cor. 5
2. So did Ephesus (Rev. 2) Thessalonica (II Th. 3:6)
3. Its purpose:
 - a. To save the church. I Cor. 5:7
 - b. To restore. Gal. 6:1
 - c. To convert. Jas. 5:19; 20
 - d. To save. I Cor. 5:4, 5
4. Who should be disciplined?
 - a. Erring. Gal. 6:1; Jas. 5:19
 - b. Disorderly. II Thes. 3:6-11
 - c. The list in I Cor. 5:10, 11
5. The Process of discipline
 - a. Spiritual to do it. Gal. 6:1
 - b. Further steps. Matt. 18:15----- (5:20)
 - c. Reprove and rebuke. II Tim. 4:1, 2; I Tim. 1:10
 - d. God's chastisement. Heb. 12:8

II. COMPROMISERS

1. God has never approved such a spirit.
 2. This opens the gate for hobbyists.
 3. Some courted the favor of the Jews.
 4. No room for compromise. Gal. 2:5; Tit. 3:10, 11
 5. Must rebuke sharply to make them strong in the faith. Titus 1:13
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Putting on the dog with the wolf at the door is going too far.

When in deep water, keep your mouth shut.

SERVANTS OF CHRIST Gal. 1:10

1. Define servant. Rom. 6:16
2. We are more than servants. Gal. 4:7

I. A GOOD SERVANT IS OBEDIENT

1. First steps. Rom. 6:17,18
2. Obey the truth. I Pet. 1:22,23
3. Christ our example. Phil 2:5-8; Heb. 5:8,9

II. A GOOD SERVANT IS DILIGENT

1. Diligent as a student. II Tim. 2:15
2. Not slothful. Rom. 12:11
3. A MUST if would enter rest. Heb. 3:11
4. To make calling and election sure, II Pet. 1:5-11

III. A GOOD SERVANT IS HUMBLE

1. Submissive - serves. Mt. 18:4; 20:26,27
2. In honor preferring one another. Rom. 12:10b
3. Christ our example - washing disciples' feet:

IV. A GOOD SERVANT IS COURAGEOUS

1. Be strong and of good courage. Josh. 1:5-8
2. "If God be for us, who can be against us." Rom 8:

V. DEVOTED TO HIS MASTER

1. Example is O. T. Ex. 21:1--6
2. Seeks only to please his master. Gal. 1:10

VI. A GOOD SERVANT IS PERSEVERING

1. Jacob served 14 years for Rachel
2. Elijah sent one 7 times with same message.
3. Not to be weary in well doing. Gal. 6:9
4. Always persevere. Eph. 6:18

VII. FAITHFUL TO HIS MASTER

1. Obeys commands with exactness. I Cor. 4:1,2
2. Faithful unto death. Rev. 2:10b

DO WE HAVE THESE CHARACTERISTICS????

I. IN RELATION TO GOD -- He Is His Image v. 15

1. The express image of his person. Heb. 1:1, 2
2. Manifestation of God. Jno. 14:9; Mt. 1:23

II. RELATIVE TO CREATION -- He Is Creator v. 16

1. Nothing made without him. Jno. 1:1, 2
2. He made the worlds. Heb. 1:3
3. He sustains all things. Col. 1:17

III. RELATIVE TO TIME --- Pre-beginning v. 17

1. He was before the world began. Jno. 17:5
2. He was before Abraham. Jno. 8:58

IV. RELATIVE TO THE CHURCH --- Head v. 18

1. Other passages teach this. Eph. 1:22, 23; 5:23
2. He is head of only one body. Eph. 4:4
3. He has pre-eminence in name. Eph. 3:15; 1:21
Phil 2:9-11; Acts 4:12

V. RELATIVE TO AUTHORITY - Source v. 18

1. This is His by virtue of his headship
2. All authority is his. Mt. 28:18 ARV
3. Greater than angels. Heb. 1:13

VI. RELATIVE TO INHERITANCE - Firstborn v. 15

1. Better than angels. Heb. 1:4, 5
2. He has the "birthright."
3. We are heirs of God. Gal. 4:1--7

Now I set me down to sleep
The sermon's long, the subject deep
If he should quit before I wake,
Somebody give me a little shake.

--Minister's Monthly

DAVID'S CHARGE TO SOLOMON I Ch. 28:9,10

1. David exhorted the people to fear God.
2. Note another record of the charge. I Kgs. 2:1-3

I. KNOW GOD

1. Know the God of thy father. v. 9
2. How to know God. I Jno. 2:4,5
3. Keep command = evidence of knowing God.

II. SERVE HIM

1. With a perfect heart. v. 9,10; Acts 11:23
2. With a willing mind - no other service accepted.
3. With reverence - fear. Ps. 2:11
4. Whose servant are we? Rom. 6:16-18
5. How should we serve. Col. 3:23,24

III. TAKE HEED

1. This was David's exhortation - don't delay.
2. Seek the Lord.
3. Take heed to self and doctrine. I Tim. 4:16
4. Take heed lest we fall. I Cor. 10:12,13

IV. BE STRONG --- DO IT

1. Strength essential - morally & spiritually.
2. Be strong in the Lord. Eph. 6:10
3. Do it -- Doing is a vital element.
 - a. Religion is doing. Jas. 1:27
 - b. Christian must be busy. I Cor. 15:58
3. God calls busy people - some examples---

Moses was with Jethro's flocks.

Gideon was threshing wheat.

David was with his father's sheep.

Saul was searching for his father's asses.

Nehemiah was bearing the King's cup.

Peter and Andrew were casting their nets into sea.

James and John were mending their nets.

Paul was busy persecuting Christians.

(No room for the lazy or idle in the work of the Lord.)

1. Things written for our example. Rom. 15:4
2. Put self in Belshazzar. (I Cor. 10:6-10)

I. WHAT CAUSED THE INCIDENT?

1. Belshazzar did not humble self. v. 22
2. Did not profit from his father's mistake.
3. Writing came at most opportune time.
4. Many today will not humble themselves. Mt. 7:21

II. WEIGHED IN THE BALANCES

1. We will be weighed by a righteous judge.
2. We must account for secret things. Eccle. 12:14
3. We will be judged by word-works. Rev. 20:12-15

III. SHALL WE BE FOUND WANTING

1. What a sad plight -- His word is sure. (22:14)
2. Must do his commandments. Eccle. 12:13; Rev.
3. Is our name in the book of life? Rev. 21:27; Heb. (12:23)

IV. IN WHAT MAY WE BE WANTING?

1. Knowledge. Hos. 4:6
2. Faith. Heb. 11:6; Gal. 5:6
3. Many lack baptism. Lk. 7:30
4. Love. Mt. 22:37; Jno. 15:17
5. Works. Jas. 2:14--26; I Cor. 15:58
6. Zeal. Rom. 10:1-4; Titus 2:14
7. Worship. Jno. 4:23, 24; Heb. 10:25
8. Right living. Titus 2:11, 12

Personal religion is PURSE 'N ALL religion.

It is better to train children in the play pen than
in the STATE PEN.

Mud thrown is ground lost.

A DAYS JOURNEY WITHOUT JESUS

Lk. 2:41-50

1. Jesus attended Passover for first time.
2. Jews from all nations came - great multitudes.

I. WHY DID THEY GO WITHOUT JESUS?

1. Not because they did not love him.
2. Not because they were not interested in him.
3. They supposed or took for granted that he was with them, in their company. We do also.
4. Many a parent has suppose children in right place
5. If we are buying a piece of property we would not pay and just suppose a deed would be made.

II. HAVE YOU GONE A DAYS JOURNEY WITHOUT HIM

1. Did you take for granted because he was with another member of your family, he was with you?
2. This is personal - IS HE WITH ME?
3. Whom is he with. Mt. 28:18-20; 18:20; II Jn. 9
4. He may withdraw presence. Rev. 2:5
5. Many are religious and assume he is with them.

III. WHERE DID YOU LEAVE JESUS?

1. Was it in darkness when you tried to hide sin?
2. Was it in a fit of anger and you cursed?
3. Was it on the dance floor?
4. Was it when you told falsehood for gain?
5. Was it when you began to neglect duties?
6. Was it when you chose to wear a religious name other than His or worshipped presumptuously?

IV. WHERE WILL YOU NOW FIND HIM?

1. Many and Joseph found him where they left him, that is where you will find him, where you left him
2. Do you think you can quit the church for weeks or sin and bring reproach on the church and find him by just taking your place without any repentance? You must go back --- repent.

What a terrifying thought - a day without Jesus.

IN WHAT DO YOU DELIGHT? Ps. 1:1, 2

1. Delight means to find joy, ecstasy in.
2. Many delight in the wrong things.

I. YOU SHOULD NOT DELIGHT IN ---

1. Unrighteousness. II Thess. 2:12
2. Reveling. II Pet. 2:13
3. Making a show. II Sam. 24:3; Jas. 4:16
4. Evil doers. Rom. 1:32; Rev. 22:15

II. HOW DELIGHT IN THE ABOVE IS SHOWN

1. Justifying evil. Pro. 17:15; Rom. 3:8
2. By calling evil good. Pro. 24:24
3. By making evil respectable. Pro. 18:5

III. WE SHOULD DELIGHT IN ----

1. Knowing God's way. Isa. 58:1, 2
2. Doing God's will. Ps. 1:1, 2; 40:8
3. Tribulation. Rom. 5:3
4. Worship. Ps. 122:1
5. Giving. Acts 20:35

IV. HOW THIS DELIGHT IS SHOWN

1. Meditate in God's law. Ps. 1:1, 2
2. Attend every worship service, work, service.
3. By preparing to give. Eph. 4:28

V. THE RESULTS OF DELIGHTING IN THE GOOD

1. Obtain mercy. Ps. 119:77
2. Our desires are granted. Ps. 37:4
3. Blessings from God. Ps. 1:1, 2; 112:1

Our Lord wants our precious time, not just our spare time.

ANGER is only one letter short of DANGER.

1. An old study but always appropriate.
2. Lack of cooperation seen on every hand.
3. To cooperate with a work, we must work for it.

I. COOPERATION NECESSARY IN DAILY LIFE

1. In ball games - other sports.
2. Driving a mule team in days of yore.
3. Fable - father & seven sons - seven sticks.

II. SOME BIBLE EXAMPLES

1. Aaron and Hur. Ex. 17:8-16
2. Man of Benjamin. Judges 20:1-11
3. Gideon and his 300. Judges 7
4. Rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. Neh. 4:16
5. Seventy sent out in two's - must cooperate.

III. COOPERATION IN THE CHURCH

1. Labor in one accord. Acts 2:42, 46
2. One heart and one soul. Acts 4:32
3. Coordination of body. Acts 12:12--27
4. Strive together. Phil. 1:27
5. As lively stones, every one in his place. I Pe. 2:5
6. Paul & Barnabas did not allow personal difference to stop them from working.
7. A prayer, plea, plan. Jno. 17:20, 21; I Cor. 1:10; Eph
(4:1-6)

IV. COOPERATION NEEDED ESPECIALLY AT TIMES

1. During meeting, campaigns, etc.
2. When people fight against what we preach whether in or out of the church.

V. SOME THINGS THAT HINDER COOPERATION.

1. Indifference, indolence, slothfulness, envy.
2. Set in ways, hypocrisy, selfish, procrastination.

CONCLUSION

Let us cooperate in greatest work on earth, save souls.

I. SAUL'S OPPORTUNITIES

1. Physically handsome. I Sam. 9:2
2. Humble at time of selection.
3. Opportunity of serving God since he was anointed of God.

II. IN WHAT DID SAUL PLAY THE FOOL

1. Permitted success of another to spoil his life.
2. Jealousy & envy bring every evil work. Js. 3:16
3. Permitted imaginary troubles to haunt him.
 - a. Imagined David wanted to kill him.
 - b. "I have had many troubles in my life but most of them never happened. : M. Twain
4. Not a square-dealer. I Sam. 25:43, 44
5. Became interested in trifles.
6. Breaks a good resolution, not to kill David.
7. Assailed the man who could have helped him the most.
8. He tried to thwart God's purpose - David was already anointed.

III. THE OUTCOME OF SAUL'S FOLLY

1. Became God-less. I Sam. 28:6, 15
2. Wretched - fretful - suspicious.
3. Became desperate - went to witch of Endor.
4. He goes unhelped, unencouraged to his last battle - dies disgracefully.
5. His epitaph might well read - "I have played the fool."

LET US LEARN FROM SAUL'S MISTAKE.

The man who will prey on his friends will never pray for his enemies.

I. THE TEXT EXAMINED

1. The Christian lives more in one day than the non-Christian in a thousand days.
2. "I'd rather be a door-keeper" lowest place in God's service than highest out of it.
3. What is the house of God today? I Tim. 3:15
4. "I was glad when they said, let us go into the house of God."

II. ADMONISHED TO REJOICE

1. Rejoice in persecution. Mt. 5:10-12
2. Rejoice in the Lord. Phil. 4:4
3. Paul rejoiced in prison. Acts 16:14-34
4. The Christian should not wear a long face.

III. THE JOYS OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

1. A joy to be in God's house - God's family.
2. Spiritual birthplace dear to us.
3. Church is composed of the best people on earth, in spite of a few hypocrites.
4. Fellowship with God, Christ, H. S. brethren, forgiveness --- why not be happy.

IV. SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

1. Redemption. Eph. 1:7
2. Forgiveness. Col. 1:14
3. Reconciliation. II Cor. 5:17-20; Eph. 2:14-16
4. Salvation. II Tim. 2:10
5. Hope. Rom. 8:24; Heb. 6:19, 20
6. Eternal life. I Jno. 5:11
7. Rest. Rev. 14:13
8. How get into Christ. Rom. 6:3, 4; Gal. 3:26, 27

(With all these blessings, why should we not be the happiest people on earth?)

FRUITFULNESS

1. Fruitfulness is God's law in both physical and spiritual realm.
2. We are married to Christ to produce. Rom. 7:4

I. IN WHAT ARE WE TO BE FRUITFUL ?

1. In knowledge. II Pet. 1:5-11
2. In righteousness. Phil 1:11
3. In holiness. Rom. 6:22
4. The fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 6:22,23

II. KIND OF FRUIT TO BEAR

1. Worthy of repentance. Mt. 3:8
2. Not corrupt fruit. Mt. 7:15---20
3. Peaceable fruit of Righteousness. Heb. 12:11

III. HOW CAN WE BE FRUITFUL ?

1. Be a good tree. Mt. 7:17
2. By cleansing and purging. Jno. 15:2-8
3. By abiding in Christ. Jno. 15:3, 4
4. By sowing & cultivating. Lk. 13:6-9; Gal. 6:7-9

IV. WHY BE FRUITFUL?

1. Lest we be cut off. Jno. 15:6
2. To glorify God. Jno. 15:8
3. As a mark of discipleship. Jno. 15:8

WHAT JESUS SAYS

1. Come. Mt. 11:28-30; How? Jno. 6:44-46
2. Forsake. Lk. 14:33; Deny. Mt. 16: 24
3. Receive. Mt. 21:22
4. Give. Lk. 6:38
5. Go. Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15,16
6. Inherit. Mt. 25:34

THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE Heb. 6:13--20

1. Hope = Desire + expectation.
2. Faith is basis for hope. Heb. 11:1
3. Christianity is a religion of hope. I Cor. 15:10

I. WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE?

1. We cannot hope for what we have. Rom. 8:24, 25
2. Resurrection. I The. 4:13 (Heathen have not this)
3. We will be immortalized. I Cor. 15:51-56
4. We will enter rest. Heb. 4:9-11
5. Eternal life. Titus 1:2

II. REASONS FOR THIS HOPE (Must give. I Pet. 3:15)

1. God's promises. I Jno. 2:25
2. God's oath. Heb. 6:12-18
3. Christ our hope. I Tim. 1:1
4. The Lord is not slace. II Pet. 3:9

III. CONDITION ON WHICH MAY HAVE HOPE

1. Should be ready to give reason. I Pet. 3:15
2. Conditions of salvation. Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38
3. We are in Christ where life is. I Jno. 5:11
4. We must hold our hope firm to end. Heb. 3:6
5. Look for hope by living right. Titus 2:11-14
6. The promise. Rev. 2:10b

IV. WHY SHOULD WE HAVE HOPE?

1. Else we are miserable. I Cor. 15:19
2. To have help in time of storm. Heb. 6:19, 20
3. Lest we be discouraged. Gal. 6:9, 10
4. For sweet assurance. I Cor. 5:1--10

CONCLUSION:

DO YOU HAVE HOPE????

(All desire eternal life but not all have a right to expect it. Who does have that right? Rev. 22:14

A SOUND CHURCH Titus 2:1--8

1. Sound: without defect,, Stable in activity.
2. Dependable, abiding in the doctrine. II Jno. 9
3. Some are "all" sound.

BE SOUND IN DOCTRINE

1. Apostles taught sound doctrine. . . they were inspired. John 16:13, 14; 14:26; Acts 2:42
2. Elders must put to silence gainsayers. Tit. 1:8, 9
3. Some will not indure sound doctrine. II Tim. 4:1-4
4. Rotten doctrine makes rotten churches. Seed produces after its kind. Gen. 1:11; Gal. 6:7, 8

I. SOUND IN FAITH

1. Defective doctrine = defective faith. Tit. 2:2
2. Faith can be unsound, corrupted. Heb. 3:12
3. To be sound a church must believe in the power of the gospel. Rom. 1:16
4. Some make shipwreck of the faith. I Tim. 1:19

II. SOUND IN SPEECH

1. Sound words. II Tim. 1:13; I Pet. 4:11
2. Sound speech, uncondemned. Titus 2:8
3. Some use the language of Ashdod.

V. SOUND IN PRACTICE

1. That is purpose of faith & doctrine. Pro. 4:23
2. To be sound the church must be governed by a sound eldership, not majority rule. Acts 20:28; I Tim. 5:17; Titus 1:9-12; Heb. 13:7, 17
3. Not call on false teachers. Rom. 16:17, 18
4. Practice the whole truth. Mt. 28:18-20

IS THIS A SOUND CHURCH?????

You are not dead broke as long as you have sense.

1. Define faith. Heb. 11:1
2. How does faith come? Rom. 10:17
3. When is faith perfected. Jas. 2:22, 23

I. KINDS AND DEGREES OF FAITH

1. There is one faith. Eph. 4:4, 5; Jude 3
2. Great faith. Mt. 8:10
3. Little faith. Mt. 6:30
4. Strong faith. Rom. 4:20
5. Weak faith. Rom. 14:1

II. FOUR THINGS FAITH DEMANDS

1. Acceptance & respect for God and his word.
2. Action.
3. No deviation from God's commands.
4. Action whether can see human reason for or not.

III. EXAMPLES OF FAITH DEMANDING THESE.

1. Noah. Gen. 6; Heb. 11:7 (Apply Sec. II)
2. Abraham. Heb. 11; Jas. 2:21-24 " " "
3. Joshua, walls of Jerecho. " " "
4. Saul of Tarsus' conversion. " " "

IV. APPLICATIONS TO US (Apply 4 things in Sec. II)

1. Plan of salvation. Mk. 16:16 Acts 2:38
2. Worship. Jno. 4:24; Acts 20:7; Eph. 5:19
3. Seek ye first the kingdom. Mt. 6:33
4. Right living. Titus 2:11, 12; Rom. 1:17

(To fail to do these demonstrates a lack or weakness of faith. cf. I Cor. 4:2)

**DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH FAITH TO DO GOD'S WILL
TODAY AND TRUST HIM FOR THE PROMISES?**

Often a boost on the side helps more than a pat on the back.

SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

1. Tendency to minimize sin, especially our own.
2. Only God can estimate the enormity of sin.

I. WHAT IS SIN?

1. All unrighteousness is sin. I Jno. 5:17
2. Sin is a transgression of law. I Jno. 3:4
3. Violate conscience is sin. Rom. 14:23
4. To do nothing is sin. Jas. 4:17

II. THE AWFULNESS OF SIN

1. Seen in its consequences. (Examples)
 - a. Adam & Eve driven from the garden.
 - b. Cain's punishment. Gen. 4:11-15
 - c. The flood a consequence. Gen. 6:1-5
 - d. Destruction of Sodom. Gen. 18:20
 - e. Israel's fornication. I Cor. 10:8
 - f. Achan's sin and Punishment. Josh. 7
 - g. David. II Sam. 11:2-4; 12:15-23; Ps. 51:1-3
2. Price of atonement shows awfulness of sin. Jno. (3:16)

III. CONSEQUENCES TO US

1. Separates from God. Isa. 59:1, 2
2. Brings death. Rom. 6:23; Jas. 5:19, 20
3. Often bears physical consequences.
4. Others often suffer for our sins.
5. Personal worry and anxiety a consequence.
6. Final consequence is hell. Rev. 21:8

IV. ALL KINDS OF SIN BRING CONSEQUENCES.

1. Transgression of moral law. Gal. 6:7, 8
2. Transgress positive law. (do nothing) Mt. 25:31---
3. Religious error. Gal. 1:6-10

V. HOW TO BE SAVED FROM SIN & CONSEQUENCES

1. Salvation from alien sins. Mt. 16:16; Acts 2:38
2. Children of God. Acts 8:22; Jas. 5:16; I Jn. 1:9
3. Though forgiven we may bear sin's marks.
 - a. Ex. Drunk loses arm in car wreck - forgiven etc.

STEWARDS OF THE LORD* I Cor. 4:1, 2

1. Define Steward.
2. Who are stewards? Is not every Christian?

I. STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

1. Apostles took time to serve - left their work.
2. The worthwhile always takes time.
3. Life is a vapor - use wisely. Jas. 4:13, 14
4. Redeem the time. Eph. 5:15, 16

II. STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY

1. Our money is not our own. cf. Ps. 50:10
2. Reap as we sow in giving. II Cor. 9:6----
3. Lay up treasures in heaven. Mt. 6:19-24; 19:21

III. STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE

1. We are not our own. I Cor. 6:19, 20; Ezek. 18:4
2. We must give ourselves. II Cor. 8:5
3. Give our bodies. Rom. 12:1
4. Give ourselves wholly in service. I Tim. 4:13-15

IV. STEWARDSHIP OF THE GOSPEL

1. Mysteries of the gospel. I Cor. 4:1
2. The duty of the church. Eph. 3:10, 11
3. If our gospel is hid... II Cor. 4:3--
4. Preach no other gospel. Gal. 1:6-10

V. KINDS OF STEWARDS

1. Wise. Lk. 12:42
2. Blameless. Titus 1:7
3. Good. I Pet. 4:10
4. Faithful. I Cor. 4:1, 2

(We can be unfaithful by merely failing to use that which has been entrusted to us. Let us keep our trust.)

*CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP by Paul M. Tucker is a good help for this sermon.

CONTINUING STEADFASTLY Acts 2:42

1. An essential quality to any success.
2. The thought throughout all scripture.

I. LESSONS FROM EVERY-DAY LIFE

1. In sports - many games won in the last minute.
2. In business - it is the secret of success.
3. Illustrate with little engine-"I think I can..."
4. All great warriors have had this trait: Alexander, Napoleon, Christian soldier. Eph. 6:18

II. CHRISTIAN EXHORTED TO CONTINUE

1. Emphasize 4 thoughts of text. Acts 2:42
2. Unmovable. I Cor. 15:58
3. Steadfast. I Cor. 16:13, 14
4. Press on. Phil. 3:12-16
5. To the end. Heb. 3:14
6. Unto death. Rev. 2:10b

III. IN WHAT BE STEADFAST

1. In faith. I Pet. 5:9; Col. 2:5
2. In prayer. Rom. 12:12; I Thess. 5:17
3. In confidence. Heb. 3:14
4. In worship. Acts 2:42; Heb. 10:25; Jno. 4:24

IV. WHY BE STEADFAST?

1. We are commanded to. I Cor. 15:58
2. To be approved. Rom. 5:4
3. To resist the devil. I Pet. 5:8, 9
4. To be holy. Col. 1:22, 23
5. Lest we be enticed. II Pet. 2:14
6. To be partakers with Christ. Heb. 3:14
7. To receive the crown. II Tim. 4:6-9

The atheist belittles the Christ but prefers to live among Christ-ians.

I. WHY SET YOUR AFFECTION ON THINGS ABOVE ?

1. We are risen with Christ. v. 1
 - a. Who is risen with Him. Col. 2:12
 - b. Raised to walk in newness of life. Rom. 6:4
2. We are dead with Christ, lives hid. v. 3
3. Christ is on right hand of God. v. 1

II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO MIND THINGS ABOVE ?

1. Love things above, things of God.
2. Love his worship, his service, our fellowmen.
3. We should get a joy from such service.
4. Things we love, we like to participate in.

III. SEEKING THOSE THINGS ABOVE

1. Not seek things of the world. I Jno. 2:15
2. We are dead to the world. Col. 2:20---
3. We have treasures in heaven. Mt. 6:19--24=
4. Have our thinking right. Phil 4:8

IV. WHAT WE ARE TO PUT OFF AND PUT ON

1. Things to put off. v. 8----
Anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communications, lie not one to another.
2. Things to put on.
Bowels of mercy, kindness, Humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, Forbearing one another, forgiving one another.
3. Above all put on charity.

AUTUMN LEAVES Isa. 64:6

1. Reminds us that summer is past. Jer. 8:20
2. Days become shorter-so does life. Jas. 4:13, 14
3. Night is coming. John 9:4
4. Prepare for winter (Judgment) II Cor. 5:10
5. Then comes Spring. (Eternal life. Mk. 10:29, 30

*"FINALLY BRETHREN....."

1. This expression is found many times.
2. It is usually found near close of espistles.

I. "FINALLY... BE STRONG" Eph. 6:10

1. What makes for strength?
 - a. Food. I Pet. 2:1, 2
 - b. Exercise. I Tim. 4:7; Heb. 5:14
2. Put on the whole armor of God, be strong.

II. "FINALLY, WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE TRUE"

Phil. 4:8

1. We can control thinking.
2. We are what we think. Prov. 23:7

III. "FINALLY.. REJOICE IN THE LORD" Phil. 3:1

1. The Christian life, a happy life. Phil. 4:4
2. Who is happy. Ps. 1:1, 2

IV. "FINALLY... PRAY FOR US" II Thes. 3:1

1. Pray that we may be faithful and the word may have free course in our lives. Eph. 6:18--
2. Pray without ceasing. Rom. 12:12; I The. 5:17

V. "FINALLY... BRETHREN FAREWELL" II Co. 13:11

1. "Be ye perfect" Mt. 5:48
2. "Be of good cheer, comfort" Gal. 6:9
3. "Be of one mind" I Cor. 1:10
4. "Live in peace" Rom. 14:17--20
5. "The God of peace shall be with you" II Jno. 9

* Good to close a work or a meeting.

The man who once most wisely said,
"Be sure you're right, then go ahead."
Might well have added, to wit:
"Be sure you're wrong before you quit."

"IF I WERE A CHURCH MEMBER. . . ."

Acts 2:31---47

1. People have often said, "If I were a preacher. . . ."

A journal ran a series by non-preachers and we were told how to preach, pray in public, visit the sick, deal with youth, manage cranks and how to convert the sinner without making him feel guilty.

2. As a preacher I would like to say what I would do if I were a church member.

I. I WOULD BE HAPPY AND THANKFUL TO BE ONE

1. Every day I live I would thank God for the privilege of being His child. Gal. 3:26, 27

2. I would strive to be an active member. Rom. 12:11

3. I would recognize the saved are in the church.
Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23

II. I WOULD ENGENDER PEACE AND HARMONY

1. House divided cannot stand. Mt. 12:25

2. I would follow things for peace. Rom. 14:19

3. Value of unity. I Cor. 1:10--17; 3:3; Phil. 1:27

III. I WOULD SUPPORT THE CHURCH PROGRAM

1. I would respect the eldership. Heb. 13:7, 17

2. I would esteem them highly. I Thes. 5:12, 13

3. I would give my means, time, energy & effort.
(The church would not be "they" but "us")

4. I would give my prayers for its leadership, my preacher and for the church as a whole.

IV. I WOULD ENCOURAGE FELLOW CHRISTIANS

1. I would realize that it is hard enough to live right without criticism. Gal. 6:1, 2; I Thes. 5:14

2. I would want to help and never hinder the work.

3. I would realize that no one is infallible and therefore exercise forbearance. Eph. 4:31; 32; 4:1, 2

V. I WOULD REALIZE MY LIFE REFLECTS ON THE CAUSE O REPRESENT.

1. Nothing more useful than salt & sunshine. Mt. 5:13-16

2. I would live soberly, righteously & godly. Tit. 2:11, 12

"DELIVER US FROM EVIL" Mt. 6:13

1. So Jesus taught his disciples to pray.
2. There are seven evils to be delivered from.
3. Jesus delivers his people from sin. Mt. 1:21

DELIVER US FROM ---

I. AN EVIL CONSCIENCE

1. By Christ's blood. Heb. 10:22 cf.
2. Baptism is answer or appeal for. I Pet. 3:21 RSV
3. Act in faith. cf. Rom. 14:23

II. AN EVIL HEART OF UNBELIEF

1. By warning. Heb. 3:12
2. By exhortation. Mt. 5:8 Phil. 4:8; I Tim. 5:22

III. EVIL SPEAKINGS

1. By warning. Eph. 4:31; Titus 3:1, 2; I Pet. 2:1
2. Keep us busy for HIM. I Tim. 5:13

IV. EVIL COMPANIONS

1. By warning. I Cor. 15:33 ARV
2. By example. - Peter's denial. cf. Mk. 14:54

V. ALL APPEARANCE OF EVIL.

1. By spirit of carefulness. I Thes. 5:22
2. Must be able to discern or have the wisdom to respect the decisions of others who can. Heb. 5:11-14

VI. EVERY EVIL WORK

1. From persecution by making us victorious even in death. II Tim. 4:17, 18

VII. THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD

1. Jesus gave himself for this. Gal. 1:4
2. Must prepare for His coming. II Pet. 3:8-14
3. How we prepare. Rev. 22:14

FOR CHRIST'S SAKE Eph. 4:32

1. This expression often used, we study a few.
2. The expression means "for Christ's glory or for his benefit.

I. FORGIVE Eph. 4:32

1. Forgive or be lost. Mt. 6:14, 15
2. Forgive until 70 X 7. Mt. 18:21, 22

II. SERVE ONE ANOTHER II Cor. 4:5

1. Love demands this. Gal. 5:13
2. Paul did so to gain more people. I Cor. 9:19

III. STRIVE TOGETHER Rom. 15:30

1. Strive together for the faith. Phil. 1:27
2. We are laborers together with God. I Cor. 3:3, 9
3. We are to be of the same mind. I Cor. 1:10

IV. LABOR PATIENTLY Rev. 2:3

1. Always work, never in vain. I Cor. 15:58
2. We are in the vineyard to labor. Mt. 20:1-16
3. Labor to enter rest. Heb. 4:11

V. WE ARE COUNTED AS FOOLS I Cor. 4:10

1. Paul thought to be mad. Acts 26:24
2. We are often thought to be religious fanatics.
(I had rather be a fanatic in heaven than a liberal in hell)

VI. AFFLICTION and DEATH FOR HIS SAKE. II Cor. 12:10: 4:11

1. How to suffer. Mt. 5:10--12
2. Suffering is inevitable. Phil. 1:29; II Tim. 3:12
3. Those who lose life, find it. Mt. 10:39
4. We are killed all the day long. Rom. 8:36

"GOD IS NOT MOCKED"

Gal. 6:7---10

1. Define and illustrate - "Mimic disregard."
2. God cannot be fooled, disregarded or disobeyed without consequence. Heb. 2:1--3

II. GOD IS NOT MOCKED NATIONALLY

1. Israel attempted to - demanded a king - worshipped idols - robbed God, etc.
2. Roman Empire - later Germany, Russia and America fast goes that way.

III. GOD IS NOT MOCKED INDIVIDUALLY

1. Ahab. I Kgs. 21 (See McGarvey's Sermons)
2. Building the tower of Babel. Gen. 11
3. David & rich man in Nathan's parable. II Sa. 12

III. GOD IS NOT MOCKED SPIRITUALLY

1. Moses smiting the rock.
2. Saul and the Amalekites. I Sam. 15:1--22
3. The Rich ruler. Mt. 19:16--22
4. The one talent man. Mt. 25:14--30
5. We cannot mock God in the plan of salvation, in worship or in daily life.

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You can fool the general public, you can be a subtle fraud
You can hide your little meanness but you can't fool God.
You can advertise your virtues, you can self-achievement laud,

You can load yourself with riches but you can't fool God.
You can criticize the Bible, you can be a selfish cloud,
You can lie, swear, drink, gamble, but you can't fool God.
You can magnify your talents, you can hear the world applaud

You can boast yourself somebody, but you can't fool God.

GOING FORWARD Ex. 14:14, 15

1. Note the context.
2. God has always provided a way for man.

I. PROGRESS

1. God's command has always been FORWARD.
2. Work of God itself is a forward process---
Illustrate - creation--redemption.

II. THE DIRECTION OF THE LORD'S WORK

1. Forward - more knowledge. II Tim. 2:15; II Pet.
2. Knowledge is essential. Col. 1:9 (3:18)
3. Knowledge of Christ is first. Phil. 3:7-10
4. Forward to a better life. Heb. 6:1--; II Pe. 1:5-11
5. Forward to fuller service. I Cor. 15:58; Jas. 1:27

III. KINDS OF PROGRESS

- Individual growth. II The. 1:3
2. Congregational growth--Jerusalem church.

IV. THINGS THAT HINDER PROGRESS

1. Failure to plan ahead.
2. Looking back -flesh-pots of Egypt -Lot's wife.
Phil. 3:13, 14; Lk. 9:62
3. Some do not progress because they go in circles
4. Fear-lack of faith-Israel in Kadesh.
5. Lack of cooperation.
6. Failure to assume personal responsibility. . .
"Let George do it"

V. GOING FORWARD REQUIRES ---

1. Faith - moses crossing the Res Sea.
2. Zealous work. Titus 2:14; Jas. 4:17; Rom. 12:11
3. Our marching orders. Mt. 28:18-20; Mk, 16:15

Garments of Righteousness never go out of style.

1. There are many conceptions of "good."
2. This pictures a good man in God's sight.

I. THE STEPS OF A GOOD MAN

1. No step is good unless it is ordered by the Lord.
2. Man cannot direct his steps. Jer. 10:23
3. The Lord directs us. Prov. 16:9
4. He directs by his word. Ps. 119:133
5. Attitude of Christ. John 4:34

II. GOD'S PROTECTION WITH US Ps. 37:24

1. God upholds us - Good man rises again.
2. Whom is God with. Mt. 18:20; 28:20; II Jno. 9
3. Who can be against us? Rom. 8:31
4. Righteous are not forsaken. Mt. 6:33; Ps. 37:25
5. Though we walk thru the valley. Ps. 23

III. THE GOOD MAN DEPARTS FROM EVIL V. 27

1. Must abhor evil. Rom. 12:9
2. Must eschew evil. I Pet. 3:11
3. Shun appearance of evil. I Thes. 5:22
4. Separates self from world. I Jno. 2:15; Jas. 1:27; 4:4; II Cor. 6:14---

IV. THE GOOD MAN DOES GOOD

1. Shortest biography of Jesus, "He went about doing good." Acts 10:38
2. A good man brings good things. cf. Mt. 12:35
3. Doing good is of God. II Jno. 11
4. The good man does righteousness. II Jno. 2:29; 3:7, 10
5. Barnabas was such a man. Acts 11:24

WHAT STEPS DO YOU FOLLOW? cf. I Pet. 2:21

TREMBLING AT GOD'S WORD Isa. 66:1-5

1. The Bible is replete with examples.
2. Some trembled in fear of man. I Sam. 28:5
3. It is to a man's credit to tremble at the word.

I. WHY TREMBLE AT THE WORD

1. Because of the authority behind it. Heb. 12:25-29
2. Because God cannot lie. Heb. 6:18; Titus 1:2
3. We shall be judged by it. Jno. 12:47, 48; Rev. 20:12

II. OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLES

1. Moses when he was called. Acts 7:32
2. Israel at Sinai. Ex, 19:16
3. Eli when the ark was taken. I Sam. 4:13
4. Whole land for works of evil. Amos 8:7, 8
5. Belshazzar. Dan. 5:5, 6
6. People before Ezra for violation of marriage
(laws. Ezra 9:4

III. ALIENS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. Saul of Tarsus. Acts 9:6 (Give plan of Sal.)
2. Philipian Jailor. Acts 16:30-34
3. Felix. Acts 24:24 (Did not act upon it.)

IV. THOSE IN THE CHURCH WHO TREMBLED

1. Jerusalem church. Acts 2:43; 5:11; 9:31
2. Serve with godly fear. Heb. 12:28, 29
3. Work out salvation so. Phil 2:12
4. Must be afraid to do evil. Acts 8:22--

V. MERELY TREMBLING IS NOT ENOUGH

1. If so then devils will be saved. Jas. 2:19
2. Felix trembled but did not obey.
3. Whole duty of man. Eccle. 12:13, 14

**WILL YOU ALLOW YOUR FEAR OF THE LORD
TO CAUSE YOU TO ACT UPON HIS COMMANDS
TODAY?**

VICTORIES IN JESUS I Cor. 15:57, 58

1. Give circumstance of text.
2. The victory in Jesus can be had by everyone.
Mt. 11:28-30; Rev. 22:17
3. Credit for victory goes to God. (text)

I. VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION (4:15)

1. Christ was tempted in all points as we. Heb.
2. Example of his temptation. Mt. 4:1-11
3. He is our succourer. Heb. 2:18
4. We are not tempted beyond ability. I Cor. 10:13

II. VICTORY OVER SIN

1. This is through Christ. (text) Rom. 5:1
2. He is propitiation for all sin. I Jno. 2:1, 2
3. This redemption through his blood. Eph. 1:7;
Heb. 9:12-14; 22, 28; 10:12; I Pet. 1:18, 19
4. How we contact the blood. Mk. 16:16; Rom. 6:3,
5. Kept clean by walking in light. I Jno. 1:7

III. VICTORY OVER THE WORLD

1. Disciples not of the world. Jno. 15:18, 19; 17:15, 16
2. Not to love world. I Jno. 2:15, 16
3. Must be unspotted. Jas. 1:27; 4:4
4. Faith overcomes the world. I Jno. 5:4
5. How we are to live. Titus 2:11, 12
6. Not of world but must influence it. Mt. 5:13-16
7. Work live leaven. Mt. 13:33--
8. We must become the gospel. Phil. 1:27

IV. VICTORY OVER SUFFERING

1. Bible filled with examples. (13:15)
 - a. Job suffered but lost no faith. Job 2:10
 - b. Demon possessed, Jairus' daughter and woman with issue of blood. Mk. 5
 - c. Paul's thorn - grace sufficient. II Co. 12:5-10
2. Suffering persecution. Mt. 5:11, 12; Acts 5:41
3. Christian attitude toward suffering. Rom. 8:17, 18

VICTORIES IN JESUS (Continued)

V. VICTORY OVER DEATH

1. Christ arose. I Cor. 15:1-4, 20; Heb. 2:9--
2. Christ is the resurrection. John. 5:28, 29; 11:25
3. The gain of death. Phil. 1:21-24
4. This is the victory of our text. I Cor. 15:57

CONCLUSION

1. Hope of victory brings joy. Phil. 4:4
2. Summarize things necessary for victory----
Plan of salvation - faithfulness. Rev. 2:10; 21:7

VICTORY IN JESUS

The Lord is stronger than every foe
He is the balm for every woe.
He is strong and able to save
For he has victory over the grave.

He is succourer for the tempted soul
He calms the sea when billows roll.
The Way, the Truth, the Life is he---
So Jesus is all the world to me.

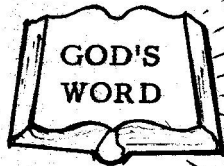
Palms of victory with the saints he'll bring
Joys forever we shall gladly sing---
Lord of life and immortality
My all in all --- my hope for eternity.

--J. A. Thornton

To the church member
ALWAYS REMEMBER

There is:

1. A GOD to WORSHIP - Jno. 4:24
2. A CHRIST to SERVE - Jno. 12:26
3. A CHURCH to SUPPORT- Eph. 3:21
4. A TIME to DIE - Heb. 9:27
5. A JUDGMENT to FACE - II Cor. 5:10



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- Condemns. Gal. 3:10
 - Convicts. Acts 2:37
 - Converts. Ps. 19:7
 - Cleanses. Jno. 15:3; Eph. 5:25, 26
 - Commands. Mt. 28:18-20
 - Cuts. Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12
 - Comforts. Rom. 15:4
 - Consoles. Jno. 14:1-6
 - Continues. Mt. 24:35; I Pet. 1:22-25
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WANTED A MAN II Pet. 1:5-11

1. A man of faith like Enoch. Heb. 11:5, 6
2. A man of virtue like Gideon. Judges 7:16-20
3. A man of knowledge like Timothy. II Tim. 3:14-17
4. A man of temperance like Paul. I Cor. 9:25-27
5. A man of patience like Job. Job. 1:21, 22; 2:10; 42:10
(godliness) Jas. 5:7--11
6. A man of purity like Joseph. Gen. 39:1-23
7. A man of brotherly-kindness like Stephen
Acts 7:57-60
8. A man of love like John. I Jno. 3:9--18

Free-thinkers are more often those who are
free-of-thinking.

PRINCIPLES FROM PARADISE Gen. 1:27- 2:9

1. Familiar record - only feasible explanation of man's origin.
2. These things are for our learning. Rom. 15:4

SOME OBVIOUS LESSONS

I. MAN CREATED - NOT PRODUCT OF CHANCE

1. Man became a living soul. Gen. 2:7
2. Man has an eternal soul. Mt. 10:28; 16:23-26

II. GOD'S CONCERN FOR MAN

1. Planted a garden for man. Gen. 2:8---
2. Every tree good-pleasant. Gen. 2:9
3. Made him a help-meet. Gen. 2:18---
4. He is so concerned about us. Mt. 6:25--33

III. MAN CREATED A FREE MORAL AGENT

1. Has power of choice - not a machine.
2. Man HAS to choose TODAY. Josh. 24:15
3. Man is not forced to serve God - there must first be a willing mind. cf. II Cor. 8:11, 12

IV. MAN IS A RESPONSIBLE BEING

1. Responsible for his conduct - always had a law.
2. Must keep the commandments. Eccl. 12:13; Re. 22:
3. Commands vary with the ages but man is (14 but man has always been regulated.

V. MAN IS TO BE OCCUPIED

1. Dress and keep the garden. Gen. 2:15
2. Eat in sweat of his face. Gen. 3:19
3. If will not work, neither should eat. II The. 3:10
4. We live in a time of plenty & idleness - time to play-shorter work week-breeds evil.
5. The bread of idleness ruined Sodom. Ezek. 16:49

VI. THE HOME A UNIT OF SOCIETY

1. Marriage & home by divine plan.
2. God's plan - one man for one woman. cf. Mt. 19:9
3. One flesh. Gen. 2:24; Eph. 5:22-32

PRINCIPLES FROM PARADISE No. 2 Gen. 3:1-15

1. Familiar lessons are often overlooked.
2. Review previous lesson - man created, God's concern for man, Man free moral agent, responsible being, expected to work, first home.

I. MAN IS SUBJECT TO TEMPTATIONS

1. Temptation is common. I Cor. 10:13
2. Christ our example. Mt. 4:1-11; Heb. 2:18; 4:15

II. GOD DOES NOT TEMPT MAN

1. Satan did this tempting.
2. God does not and is not. Jas. 1:13--

III. LUST MUST BE CONTROLLED Gen. 3:6

1. Lust draws one away. Jas. 1:14, 15
2. Fleshly lusts war against soul. I Pet. 2:11
3. Lust is of the world. I Jno. 2:15, 16

IV. GOD WILL NOT ACCEPT EXCUSES

1. Adam and Eve offered excuse. Gen. 3:12, 13
2. Other examples - Aaron, King Saul, 1 talent man
3. We are without excuse. Rom. 1:20
4. We cannot hide from God is here taught.

V. GOD MEANS WHAT HE SAYS

1. "Thou shalt surely die. . ." They did.
2. God is not slack. II Pet. 3:9
3. Many examples show God means what he says.
Lot's wife, Ussah, King Saul & Amalekites.

VI. GOD'S JUDGMENT IS CERTAIN & FEARFUL

1. They were naked - He wanted them clothed.
Gen. 3:21
2. His mercy promised judgment on serpent. v. 15
3. Judgment on Adam and Eve. Gen. 3:16-19
4. His judgment for us. Eccle. 12:13, 14; II Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12; Rev. 20:12-15

1. Review previous lessons:

Man created, not an accident, God's concern for man, Man responsible, a free moral agent, expected to work, home a unit of society subject to temptation, lust must be controlled, God will accept no excuses, judgment fearful.

2. First question of the Bible is in Gen. 3:1

"WHERE ART THOU?"

I. WHAT WAS INVOLVED IN THIS QUESTION?

1. Adam was trying to hide from God - this was foolish - provoked this question.
2. All thing naked unto God. Heb. 4:13
3. God is everywhere. Ps. 139:7-----
4. Adam still had to face God and account.
5. We must also give account. Rom. 14:12;

II. THE QUESTION ADDRESSED TO AN ALIEN

1. Are you outside of Christ? Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27
2. Are you with Christ or against him. Mt. 12:30
3. Are you in strait and narrow way or in the broad way? Mt. 7:13,14
4. In the kingdom of Christ or Satan? Col. 1:13
5. Are you just near the kingdom? Mk. 12:34

III. THE QUESTION TO CHURCH MEMBERS

1. Are you about Father's business? Lk. 2:49
2. Are you choked? Lk. 8:14; I Jno. 2:15,16
3. Are you a back-slider? II Pet. 2:18-20
4. Are you in lukewarness. Rev. 3:14-22
5. Are you in faithfulness. Rev. 2:10

IV. WHY ARE YOU WHERE YOU ARE?

1. Because of ignorance? I Tim. 1:13; II Ti. 2:15
2. Because of relatives. Mt. 10:34--39
3. Position? Saul of Tarsus gave up his.
4. Procrastination? Isa. 55:6

1. Review previous lessons.
2. The previous question, "Where art thou?"

WHO TOLD THEE THAT THOU WAST NAKED?

I. ALWAYS GOOD TO CHECK SOURCE OF INFO---

1. In every day life.
 - a. Many lies circulated, careful about repeats
 - b. Check source be sure before acting. (ing)
2. Especially true in religion.
 - a. Two sources God-Satan. Tit. 1:2; Jn. 8:44
 - b. Doctrines of men, Mt. 15:9
3. The Bible commands us to so check.
 - a. False teachers. Mt. 7:15; I Jn. 4:1; II Pe. 2:1-
 - b. Prove all things. I Thess. 5:21
 - c. Bereans noble. Acts 17:11

II. IF GOD TOLD US IT IS IN THE BIBLE

1. It is inspired. II Tim. 3:16, 17
2. To speak as oracles of God. I Pet. 4:11
3. No new revelations. Jude 3 ARV
4. No other gospel. Gal. 1:6-9; I Tim. 1:3; II Ti. 4:1, 2

III. WHO TOLD YOU THE FOLLOWING?

1. To believe in Christ? Jno. 8:24, 21
2. That this is enough? cf. Jas. 2:14-26
3. To be baptized? Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:48; 22:16
4. Who told you it is not necessary?
5. That baptism is a burial. Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12
6. Who told you it is sprinkling?
7. That there is one church. Eph. 1:22, 23; 4:4
8. That many churches please God.
9. To live right. Titus 2:11, 12; Gal. 5:19-24; 5:4
10. That you can't fall?
11. To obey God now? II Cor. 6:2; Heb. 5:8, 9
12. To put it off?

1. Review previous lessons.

2. It is in substance "Have you sinned?"

"HAST THOU EATEN OF THE TREE?"

I. WHAT IS SIN? Means to "miss the mark"

1. Sin is transgression of law. I Jno. 3:4

2. All unrighteousness is sin. I Jno. 5:17

3. Fail to do what we know. Jas. 4:17

4. Whatsoever not of faith. Rom. 14:23

II. HAVE YOU SINNED?

1. Adam and Eve had.

a. God said, "not eat" - Adam understood.

b. Act was simple - but was sin just the same.

2. You have sinned for all have. Ro. 3:10-23; Eccl.

3. If we say we have not. I Jno. 1:8-10 (7:20)

III. WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT YOUR SIN?

1. Try to hide like Adam? Try excuses?

2. Will you meet conditions of forgiveness?

Give plan of forgiveness.

IV. ANOTHER QUESTION- WHAT IS THIS?

1. She had eaten - little thing but was sin - it is the little sin that will condemn.

2. She was deceived - devil is crafty.

3. She did not realize the consequence - if we but could see the end - sorrow multiplied etc.

V. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

1. Neglected worship. Heb. 10:25

2. Fail to give. I Cor. 16:1, 2 Covetous?

3. Tell a lie? Rev. 26:8b

4. Taken a drink etc. ?

Man finds it hard to confess sins - pride holds us.
Will be brought to light in judgment - better meet the conditions of forgiveness now.

REQUIREMENTS FOR UNITY I Cor. 1:10-17

1. Jesus prayed & Paul pled for it. Jn. 17:20, 21
2. Jesus died to unite Jew & Gentile. Eph. 2:16

I. MUST WALK BY SAME RULE Phil. 3:16

1. Walk by faith. II cor/ 5:7; Rom. 10:17
2. To measure distance must accept a rule.

II. MUST BE IN AGREEMENT Amos 3:3

1. Agreement suggest a covenant. Mt. 20:2, 13
2. Also suggests fellowship. II Cor. 6:16

III. MUST HAVE THE SAME MIND I Cor. 1:10

1. The mind of Christ. Phil. 2:5; I Pe. 4:1
2. Must think same things. Phil. 4:8
Ex. Euodias & Sycteché. Phil. 4:2

IV. MUST BE OF SAME JUDGMENT (same mind leads to same judgment)

1. Judgment = deduce from reason.
2. Judgments differ when we allow desire, prejudice to sway us. In faith-unity, opinion-liberty, love all.

V. MUST SPEAK SAME THINGS (same mind, judgment leads to this.)

1. Speak as oracles. I Pet. 4:11
2. Glorify God with mouth. Rom. 15:6

VI. MUST HAVE COMMON TIE (Love)

1. Mark of discipleship. Jno. 13:35
2. Love covers sin. I Pet. 4:8 - suggests mercy.

VII. MUST HAVE COMMON GOAL

1. Strive together for faith. Phil 1:27
2. One hope (Aspiration) Eph. 4:5

VIII. MUST HAVE ONE SPIRIT (One attitude)

1. The church at Jerusalem. Acts 4:32
2. Must have spirit of Christ. Rom. 8:9

IX. WE ARE OF ONE CALLING

1. Walk worthy of calling. Eph. 4:1, 2
2. We are called in one hope. Eph. 4:5

X. WE MUST FOLLOW LEADERSHIP

1. Obey and submit. Heb. 13:7, 17
2. Dangerous to rebel --- Ex. Korah

THE LORD'S CHURCH

Its Government, Organization, Relation to world.

1. Church a N. T. Institution.
2. It is as a pearl. Mt. 13:44, 45; 6:33

I. DISCRIPTIVE TERMS

1. Sheepfold, household, bride, vineyard etc. Ino. 10:1-27; Mt. 20:1-16; Eph. 5:22-32
2. This is not confusing - a man may be a white man, farmer, Democrat, American & Christian.
3. Must look at the whole - as plan of salvation. Acts 16:30; 2:38; 22:16 (Harmonize)

II. AS TO GOVERNMENT - A Kingdom - Monarchy

1. All governments have 3 departments.
2. Christ is king. Mt. 28:18; Jno. 5:22, 23
3. Denominations have legislative conferences, a man-made creed - democracy & voting.
4. Christ delegated authority... to apostles.

II. AS TO ORGANIZATION - The body of Christ

1. There is one head. Eph. 1:22, 23; Col. 1:18
2. One spirit - one body. Eph. 4:4-6
3. All members not have same office. Rom. 12:3-5
4. Complete harmony & co-ordination. I Cor. 12:13-
5. There is no schism. I Cor. 12:25

III. AS TO RELATIONSHIP TO WORLD - Called-out

1. Called out of world. Col. 1:13
2. Be transformed. Rom. 12:1, 2; Jas. 1:27
3. Must be separate. II Cor. 6:14--(No compromise)
4. In the world not of the world. Ex. Ark in water
5. The world hates us. Jno. 15:18, 19; 17:14-16

CONCLUSION

1. Terms of induction into kingdom B-R-C-B
2. Pledge loyalty to you KING - even to death.
3. We enter the kingdom by being converted or by being born again. Mt. 18:3; Jno. 3:5

WHERE IS OUR GOD? Ps. 42:3, 10

1. We can go no place from his presence, Ps.139:7-
2. All things are naked before him. Heb. 4:13

BUT WHERE IS OUR GOD???

I. HE IS ABOVE US (Watching over us)

1. Indicate by ascension of Christ.
2. He hides us under his wings. Ps. 17:8
3. His thoughts-ways above us. Isa. 55:8, 9

II. HE IS UNDERNEATH US (To uphold us)

1. His arms underneath. Deut. 33:27
2. He upholds the righteous. Ps. 37:17
3. He cares - casting your care on him. I Pet. 5:7

III. HE IS BEFORE US (To lead us) (45:2)

1. He goes before-makes rough place smooth. Isa.
2. He is our guide. Ps. 48:14
3. "If the Lord be God follow him" I Kgs. 18:21

IV. GOD IS BEHIND US (To encourage)

1. We shall hear him behind us. Isa. 30:21
2. His glory is our rearward. Isa. 58:8
3. Abraham walked before Him. Gen. 24:40

V. ON OUR RIGHT HAND (Our Stay)

1. We should not be moved. Ps. 16:8
2. He holds our hand. Ps. 73:23
3. Paul allowed nothing to move him. Acts 20:24

VI. HE IS ROUND ABOUT US (Our protection)

1. As the mts. about Jerusalem. Ps. 125:2
2. As a wall of fire about us. Zech. 2:5
3. We abide in him. Jno. 15:1-6

VII. HE IS WITH US (Our companion)

1. "Fear not I am with thee" Isa. 40:10-13
2. With whom is he? Mt. 28:18-20; II Jno. 9

VIII. HE IS IN US (Makes us alive)

1. The hope of glory. Col. 1:27
2. Over all, through all and in you all. Eph. 4:6

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" Rom. 8:31

CHRIST IS THE ANSWER Col. 3:11b

1. A recent slogan of a religious group but they have no monopoly on it.
2. Following Christ solves many problems.

CHRIST IS THE ANSWER -----

- I. FOR ATONEMENT (He is our propitiation)
 1. He died for all. Heb. 2:9; I Jno. 2:1, 2
 2. His blood atones. Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:22
- II. FOR SALVATION (He is our Savior)
 1. Why he was named "Jesus". Mt. 1:21
 2. He is the one who could give plan of salvation, since he is our propitiation. Mk. 16:16
 3. It is given by all tuthority. Mt. 28:18 ARV
- III. FOR THE WAY OF LIFE (He is our example)
 1. He is the way. Jno. 14:6
 2. Follow him. I Pet. 2:21; Mt. 16:23---
 3. We must have his spirit. Rom. 8:9
- IV. TO TEMPTATION (He is our succourer)
 1. He overcame temptation. Mt. 4:1--11
 2. He was tempted like we are. Heb. 4:15; 2:18
 3. Never tempted more than able. I Cor. 10:13-
- V. IN SORROW (He is our helper)
 1. Ever present help. Ps. 46:1
 2. He was acquainted with sorrow. Isa. 53
 3. Enables us to rejoice. Phil. 4:4
- VI. IN DEATH (He is the resurrection)
 1. "I am the resurrection." Jno. 11:25
 2. He came forth to die no more. Rev. 1:5
 3. He shall raise the dead. Jno. 5:28, 28
- VII. FOR ETERNITY (He is our rewarder)
 1. He offers eternal life. Mk. 10:29-31
 2. He offers the crown. II Tim. 4:8-10; Rev. 2:10

CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

"WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS....."

II Cor. 3:17, 18

1. We live in "dispensation" of the Spirit.
2. The Spirit promised. Acts 2:38; 5:32
3. Spirit dwells in us. I Cor. 3:16; 6:19, 20
4. If we have not the spirit. Rom. 8:9

WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS ----

I. THERE IS LIBERTY

1. Liberty from law. Col. 2:14; Gal. 3:23-25; 5:4
2. Liberated from sin. I Tim. 1:15
3. From the world. Jno. 15:18, 19; Jas. 1:27b
4. Liberty is not license - it has boundaries.

II. THERE IS LIFE

1. The Spirit of life. Rom. 8:2
2. The Spirit gives life. Jno. 6:63
3. As many as are led by the Spirit. Rom. 8:14-17
4. Receive Spirit because are sons. Gal. 4:6

III. THERE IS LIGHT

1. God is light. I Jno. 1:5-6
2. Cannot walk with him in darkness. I Jno. 1:6, 7
3. Those who love truth fear not light. Jno. 3:19-21
4. Christ is the light. Jno. 8:12; 9:5; 12:35

IV. THERE IS LOVE

1. James & John had not spirit. Lk. 9:55
2. God is love. I Jno. 4:7, 8
3. God's love shed abroad. Rom. 5:5
4. Filled with Spirit, quench not. Eph. 5:18b;
(I Thes. 5:19)

V. WE ARE CHANGED INTO IMAGE OF CHRIST

1. Christ our example. I Pet. 2:21; Phil 2:5
2. New man is after his image. Col. 3:10

VI. THERE IS HOPE

1. We are saved by hope. Rom. 8:23, 24, 25
2. Reap life everlasting. Gal. 6:7, 8
3. Bound in hope by Spirit. Rom. 15:13

HAVE YOU THE SPIRIT? Acts 2:38; Eph. 5:18b

Quench not Spirit - Accept His invitation. Rv. 22:17

1. Suggests time and opportunity for repentance.
2. We must repent or perish. Lk. 13:3
3. God wants all to repent. Acts 17:30; II Pe. 3:9

I. WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

1. It is not just godly sorrow. II Cor. 7:10
2. It is not gloomy despair -- Judas had this.
3. Just to quit a sin is not enough - we must change our minds toward it - repent.
4. To cover sin will not do... David tried this. Sin leaves its mark. Ps. 51:1---

II. THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPENT, A BLESSING

1. A man once said, "I am thankful for three things I was born white, I have access to the Bible, I have had a chance to repent when I sin."
2. It is bad to sin but it is worse not to repent. Some will not repent. Mt. 21:28-32
3. Pride, social position, money, worldly honor, often close the door of repentance.
4. Penitence is personal - no one can do for me.

III. BIBLE EXAMPLES OF SPACE FOR REPENT.

1. People in days of Noah - 120 years. Gen. 6:3
2. People of Nineveh - 40 days. Jonah 1:1-----
3. Nebuchadnezzar. Dan. 4:25-----
4. Barren fig tree parable. Lk. 13:6-9
5. Jesebel at Thyatira. Rev. 2:18----

IV. WHAT BRINGS ABOUT REPENTANCE?

1. The goodness of God. Rom. 2:4; Jno. 12:32
2. Godly sorrow. II Cor. 7:10
3. Hope is offered in repentance. Acts 2:39; 3:19; 17:30; 8:22
4. The fear of judgment. Rom. 11:12; II Pet. 3:8-13
5. Remorse of conscience. I Jno. 3:20---

SOME THOUGHTS IN CONCLUSION ----

1. Who knows but that you are living to have this opportunity - ct. Esther 4:14
2. Who know but this day and time might be your last "space" for repentance.

ARE YOU A HALF-BAKED CAKE? Hos. 7:8-11

1. Circumstance of text.
2. Pleas went unheeded as in Jere. 6:16.

I. EPHRAIM HATH MIXED AMONG THE PEOPLE

1. This an ever present danger.
 - a. Israel wanted t king to be like nations.
 - b. Youth often says "Everybody's doing it"
2. Tehy were not to intermarry. Ex. 34:13-16
3. Church to be separate. II Cor. 6:14-17
4. We are not of world. Jno. 15:18,19; 17:14-16

II. EPHRAIM IS A CAKE UNTURNED

1. Think of griddle cake unturned - gooey mess.
2. No good for food - Israel no use for God.
3. Some modern cakes unturned ----
 - a. Those who mix with the world.
 - b. Those worthless to the church
 - c. The half-hearted.
 - d. Strong on doctrine, weak in practice.

III. SHE KNEW NOT HER REAL CONDITION v. 9

1. Strength was gone didn't know it.
 - a. Some think they are strong but are weak.
 - b. Laodiceans were like this. Rev. 3:17
2. Strangers devoured their strength - some have energies & time sapped by worldly affairs.
3. Their sin was long standing - gray hairs.

IV. PRIDE HINDERED THEIR RETURN v. 10

1. Proud look hated. Pro. 6:13; 16:18
2. God resists the proud. Jas. 4:6; I Pet. 5:5-
3. Must be humble. II Chr. 7:14; Mt. 23:11,12

ARE YOU A HALF-BAKED CAKE?????

ARE YOU A SILLY DOVE? Hosea 7:11-16

1. Relate circumstance of text
2. Things written afore time. Rom. 15:4

I. THE DOVE IS OFTEN A SYMBOL

1. A symbol of peace. cf. Gen. 8:9---
2. A symbol of the Spirit. Mt. 3:16; Mk. 1:10
3. We are to be harmless as doves. Mt. 10:16

II. HOW IS A DOVE SILLY?

1. Easily entrapped - becomes so interested in food leading to trap - they are unaware.
2. Israel so interested in things of this life they were unaware of God and judgment.
3. They were without heart - interested in self. No compassion or benevolence.

III. HOW MAY WE BE LIKE A SILLY DOVE

1. So interested in money. I Tim. 6:10
2. Thirst for property and ease. Lk. 12:13-21
3. By living in pleasure. I Tim. 5:4-6
4. Failing to seek first kingdom. Mt. 6:33
5. By setting affection on earth. Col. 3:1-4
6. By being busy here & there. I Kgs. 20:40

IV. JUDGMENT SURE AND SOON v. 12

1. Christ comes when we think not. Mt. 24:37----
2. Death may come suddenly as with Ananias and Sapphira. Acts 5:1-11
3. Or like the rich man - "This night thy soul shall be required of thee."
4. Judgment is as sure as death. Heb. 9:27
5. "Woe is unto them... destruction because they transgressed..." v. 13
6. "Every transgression and disobedience receives just recompense..." Heb. 2:1-3
7. We reap what we sow - even more than we sow. Hos. 8:7; Gal. 6:7--10

SOME SOBERING CERTAINTIES

1. Many things uncertain - Changing times.
2. Some certainties cause us to stand in awe.

I. YOUR SINS WILL FIND YOU OUT Num. 32:23

1. Achan learned this. Joshua 7
2. David, "Thou art the man" II Sam. 12:7
3. Most people who think they are getting by men are not or will not. Eccl. 12:13, 14; I Ti. 5:24, 25
4. Many reveal on themselves. Pro. 28:1

II. WE REAP WHAT WE SOW Gal. 6:7-9

1. This is God's immutable law. Gen. 1:11 (6:7, 8)
2. True of the word & good deeds. Lk. 8:11; Gal.
3. Israel - sow to wind - reap whirlwind. Hos. 8:7

III. THE WAGES OF SIN Rom. 6:23

1. Wages = just deservings - one sin deserves death.
2. Sin separates from God. Isa. 59:1, 2

IV. TIME PASSES Ps. 90:9 - 12

1. Work NOW. Jno. 9:4; No work in grave, Ecc. 9:10
2. Redeem time... swift. Eph. 5:16; Jas. 4:13; Job 7:6

V. DEATH IS CERTAIN Eccle. 9:5

1. Death passed on all men. Rom. 5:12
2. Death is appointed. Heb. 9:27
3. It is the way of all the earth. II Kgs. 2:1---

VI. TO LEAVE ALL EARTHLY POSSESSIONS I Tim. (6:6-10)

1. Naked came I... Job. 1:21
2. Whose shall these things be? Lk. 12:20

VII. THE END OF THE WORLD

1. The world to perish. I Jno. 2:15---
2. The earth to melt... II Pet. 3:8--13

VIII. THE JUDGMENT Acts 17:31

1. We must all appear. II Cor. 5:10; Ro. 14:12
2. The living & dead to be judged. II Tim. 4:1, 2

IX. ETERNITY

You will spend it somewhere-----

- 1, Excuses are common - all are guilty.
2. Distinguish between excuse and reason.
3. Man will accept excuses that God will not.

I., SOME BIBLE EXAMPLES

1. Adam-"The woman thou gavest me,..." Gen. 3:12
2. Eve.. "The serpent beguiled me..." Gen. 3:13
3. Aaron-golden calf. Ex. 32:21-24
4. Three excuse-makers in parable. Lk. 14:16--
5. Would-be follower. Lk. 9:60-62
6. The one talent man. Mt. 25:24--27

II. WITHOUT EXCUSE BECAUSE OF SIMPLICITY

1. The plan is simple. Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38
2. Christ as head. Eph. 1:22, 23
3. Its unity "one body" Eph. 4:4; I Cor. 12:20
4. Its worship-simple. Jno. 4:24; Acts 2:42

III. SALVATION OFFERED TO ALL

1. Come unto me all ye - Mt. 11:28-30
2. Go teach all nations. Mt. 28:19
3. Whosoever will. Rev. 22:17
4. No man refused, if come. Jno. 6:37

IV. SALVATION IS FREE

1. Wealth is unnecessary -- might even hinder.
2. Salvation requires giving up sin. Lk. 13:3
3. Requires giving up false theories. Mt. 15:9
4. Requires forsaking loved ones. Mt. 10:34---
5. Cost no money but cost self. II Cor. 8:5

V. OPPORTUNITY IS PRESENT

1. Life is opportunity... but short. Jas. 4:13
2. Gave Jezebel space to repent. Rev. 2:20, 21
3. As we have opportunity we are to serve. Gal. 6:10

VI. FAIR AND ADEQUATE WARNING GIVEN

1. Bible given to guide us. II Tim. 3:16, 17
2. Preachers sent to warn & plead. II Tim. 4:1-3
3. All Christians are anxious about you.

ELIJAH'S GOD

1. The Character of God.
 - a. Eternal. Ps. 90:2
 - b. Changeless. Mal. 3:6; Heb. 6:17, 18; Jas. 1:17
 - c. Omnipresent. Ps. 139:7-10; Acts 17:27, 28
 - d. All powerful. Gen. 17:1--; Mt. 19:26
 - e. Holy and merciful. Lk. 1:49, 77, 78
2. Many misconceptions of God - he is like man, like a Policeman or Santa Clause

I. A GOD OF PROTECTION

1. Hides Elijah. I Kgs. 17:3
2. Protected Israel in flight. Ex. 13:21, 22
3. Jerusalem saved. II Kgs. 19:34--37
4. Jesus offered protection. Mt. 23:37

II. A GOD OF PROVISION

1. Provide for Elijah. I Kgs. 17:10-16; 19:5, 6
2. God's care. Ps. 37:3, 25
3. His promise to us. Mt. 6:33

III. A GOD OF POWER

1. Set fire to sacrifice. I Kgs. 18:38
2. Creator and upholder. Gen. 1:1; Heb. 1:1-3
3. Some are ignorant of his power. Mt. 22:29; I Cor. (2:5)

IV. A GOD OF GUIDANCE

1. Man cannot direct his own steps. Jer. 10:23
2. "Word of Lord came to Elijah." I Kgs. 18:1, 8

V. A GOD OF JUSTICE

1. Evil of Ahab brought drouth. . . Ahab's death. I Kgs. 17:1; 21:19; 22:37, 38
2. Right prevailed in contest. I Kgs. 18:21--40.

GOD'S ELIJAH

I. A MAN OF LIKE PASSION

1. So stated. Jas. 5:17
2. He had hunger, needed help etc. . he was human.
3. Not afraid of the king but ran from queen.

II. A MAN OF OBEDIENCE

1. Promptly went before king. I Kgs. 18:1, 2; 21:17
2. Obedience is better than sacrifice. I Sam. 15:22
3. We must to be saved. Heb. 5:8, 9; Mt. 7:21

III. A RIGHTEOUS MAN

1. He declared as righteous. Jas. 5:16, 17
2. What is righteousness. Ps. 119:172
3. Who is righteous? I Jno. 3:7; cf. Rom. 10:1-3
4. We must be righteous. Mt. 5:6; Acts 10:34, 35

IV. A PRAYING MAN

1. Prayed for it not to rain. Jas. 5:16, -18
2. Why are prayers heard. I Jno. 3:22
3. Jesus our example. Mk. 1:35; All great men are men of prayer. Pray always. I The. 5:17

V. A MAN OF COURAGE AND STABILITY

1. Stood before Ahab & condemned him. I Kgs. 21:19-
2. Unmoved by being outnumbered. I Kgs. 18:21, 22
3. We must have courage to stand. Eph. 6:13
4. We must stand if we stand alone - we must have perseverance. Eph. 6:17, 18

CONCLUSION

"Is our faith and trust as great as Elijah's.....
we have the SAME GOD.

CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

1. Cannot think of church & not think of Christ.
2. The church in God's purpose. Eph. 3:10, 11

I. CHRIST FOR THE CHURCH This is Sacrifice

1. "Gave himself up for it." Eph. 5:25, 26
2. Purchased it. Acts 20:28; I Cor. 6:19, 20
3. We should sacrifice. Rom. 12:1, 2; Heb. 13:15, 16

II. CHRIST OVER THE CHURCH -This is Authority

1. Christ has all authority. Mt. 28:18 ARV
2. He is head of the church. Eph. 1:22, 23; 5:23
3. He has pre-eminence. Col. 1:18
4. He is chief Shepherd. I Pet. 5:1-----

III. CHRIST IN THE CHURCH, This is Relationship

1. In midst of candlestick. Rev. 1:13
2. Paul persecuted Jesus by persecuting the church.
Acts 8:3; 9:1-4
3. Christ lives in us. Gal. 2:20; Jno. 15:4
4. Christ in you, hope of glory. Col. 1:27

IV. CHRIST AND THE CHURCH, This is Companionship

1. As husband and wife. Eph. 5:22-32; Rom. 7:4
2. Raised to walk with him. Rom. 6:3, 4
3. "As ye have received him..." Col. 2:6

V. CHRIST WITH THE CHURCH, This is fellowship

1. His promise. Mt. 28:20
2. If we abide in His doctrine. II Jno. 9
3. He abides in us. Jno. 15:4, 5
4. This suggest communion. Rev. 3:20
5. This fellowship with God & Christ. I Jno. 1:3
6. "He that hath the Son hath life and he that hath not the Son shall not see life." I Jno. 5:12

CONCLUSION

1. How to enter him. Rom. 6:3, 4; Gal. 3:26, 27
2. Are you married to Him. Rom. 7:4

*ARE YOU A NET DRAGGER OR A FISH COUNTER? *

John 21:1--14

1. Seven in the fishing party-affords many lessons.
2. Distinguish incident in Lk. 5

I. WITHOUT JESUS THEY CAUGHT NOTHING

1. Life without Him=failure, no salvation. II Tim.
2. No hope for eternity. I Jno. 5:11 (2:10)
3. With whom is Jesus? Mt. 28:20; II Jno. 9

II. TOOK JESUS AT HIS WORD. "Cast on right side"

1. Could have said. "What's the use?"
2. They knew not it was Jesus at the time.
3. Some religious people will not take Jesus at his word. Mk. 16:16
4. Some brethren will not. Mt. 6:33; Acts 20:35b

III. IMPATIENCE OF PETER v. 7 (Boat too slow)

1. He recognized he was naked - some seem not to.
2. Jesus did not reward him for leaving the boat, to get there first - left all work to others.

IV. CHRIST'S MERCY & COMPLETE FORGIVENESS

1. Peter had denied the Lord - must have believed Christ would forgive or would fear his presence.
2. Peter had seen Christ as a friend of sinners.

V. GOD'S ABUNDANCE v. 6, 11

1. Net full - 153 fish - Rivers of God full. Ps, 65:9
2. Every good & perfect gift. Jas. 1:17 (Expand)

VI. THE NET DRAGGERS AND FISH COUNTERS

1. Peter left net-dragging to others but he counted the fish - should have helped the work.
2. Often church members are like this, do not work but when job is done, "Look what we did."
3. Are you a net dragger on meeting Bible School goals, the budget, visitation program, personal evangelism and other works ----- Are you a net-dragger or a fish counter????

*Idea from Hobart Ashby

FIVE P'S OF PROGRESS IN THE LORD'S WORK

1. Greatest work on earth. I Cor. 15:58
2. Work to enter that rest. Heb. 4:11

I. A POWERFUL FAITH

1. How to make faith stronger. Rom. 10:17
2. Lesson from the spies - Caleb & Joshua

II. PREVAILING PRAYER

1. Pray always. I Thess. 5:17; Lk. 18:1----
2. Pray while we work. Eph. 6:10-18
3. Elijah as an example. Jas. 5:17,18

III. PROMOTING ZEAL

1. Fervent in spirit; Rom. 12:11
2. "ready unto every good work." Titus 3:1
3. Zealous of good works. Titus 2:14

IV. A PERSONAL LOVE

1. Service without love - vain. I Cor. 13:1-4
2. Love brings obedience. Jno. 14:15-21; I Jn. 5:3
3. Christ lives in us. Gal. 2:20

V. A PERSISTENT EFFORT

1. Any success in any area requires it.
2. Persistency of effort pays. Jno. 1:40-46
3. Robert Bruce - See Worldbook Encyclopedia
4. Must press on. Phil 3:12-14; Endure to end.

BLACKBOARD DIAGRAM

P O-W-E-R-F-U-L F-A-I-T-H
R-E-V-A-I-L-I-N-G P-R-A-Y-E-R
R-O-M-O-T-I-N-G Z-E-A-L
E-R-S-O-N-A-L L-O-V-E
E-R-S-I-S-T-E-N-T E-F-F-O-R-T

Hell is filled with two classes - those who will do anything and those who will not do anything.

HERE AM I, SEND ME Isa. 6:8 . . .

1. Give context - humility of Isa, unclean lips.
2. His answer was individual. Rom. 14:12
3. Moses hesitated too - Paul did not. Gal. 1:16
4. Where shall we go? Next door? even the world.

I. GOD WANTS A PRAYING MAN LIKE ELIJAH

1. Prayed for rain & fire. Jas. 5:17, 18; I Kgs. 18:36-
2. We must be prayerful. Lk. 18:1; I The. 5:17

II. GOD WANTS A MAN OF ZEAL LIKE PAUL

1. His zeal for Jews. Rom. 9:1-5; 10:1-4
2. His zeal for others. Acts 17:16--; 24:24, 25; 26:26-
3. Without zeal we sin. Jas. 4:17

III. GOD WANTS A PREACHER LIKE PETER

1. Preached salvation by Christ. Acts 2:21; 4:12; 10:
2. Preached sermons that got results. Acts 2:37, 41

IV. GOD WANTS MAN WITH MESSAGE LIKE AMOS

1. A message of warning. Amos 4:12
2. A message from the Lord. Amos 7:11-17
3. Warned of judgment. Amos 7:17; II Cor. 5:10

V. GOD WANTS A REBUKER LIKE JOHN THE BAP.

1. Fearless preached repentance. Mt. 3:1-12
2. Coming judgment (hell-fire sermons) Mt. 3:11, 12
3. Condemned sin in high places. Mt. 14:1-----

VI. A PERSONAL WORKER LIKE PHILIP Jno. 1:40-42

1. Philip & Andrew both worked. Jno. 1:40-46
2. Another Philip left the crowd for 1 man. Acts 8

VII. A MAN TO ENDURE PERSECUTION-JEREMIAH

1. He was scourged-imprisoned. Jer. 20:1, 2
2. In the mire filled dungeon. Jer. 38:6--13
3. We too must suffer. II Tim. 3:12; Mt. 5:11, 12

CONCLUSION:

1. Man of God followsword. II Tim. 3:16, 17
2. To serve God must be free from sin. Ro. 6:17, 18

PIDDLING IN THE WILDERNESS Heb. 3:12--19

1. Define piddling: "Dealing in trifles, killing time, doing thing not pertinent to the goal.
2. Wilderness may be compared to the church - Egypt to world, Canaan to heaven, Pharaoh to Satan bondage to sin and Sea to baptism.

I. GOD'S PLAN FOR ISRAEL

1. Promise of canaan to Abram's seed. Gen. 13:14-
2. Straight-line travel easily in a week not 40 yrs.
3. God planned a route by Sinai - for the law - for building tabernacle.
4. His ultimate plan was less than 2 years but they took 40 years - about our speed.

II. GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL CARE

1. Demonstrated in leaving Egypt - Passover
2. He guided-protected them, pillar fire-cloud.
3. He supplied their need - water-food, etc.

III. THEY CAME NEAR TO ENTERING

1. Kadesh-Barnea was border of Canaan.
2. Remember their background - slaves etc.
3. Sending of spies - their report - unbelief.
4. We come so near goal God has for us.

IV. WHY DID ISRAEL NOT ENTER IN?

1. Unbelief. Heb. 3:16-19
2. Fear goes with lack of trust ... "We are like grasshoppers in our sights..." this they said of the giants.
3. Selfishness-murmuring-fornication. I Cor. 10
4. Anger of Moses kept him out. Num. 20:7---
5. Envy-jealousy kept Miriam and Aaron out. Num. 12:1-----

PIDDLING.... Continued

V. SOME WHO PLAY AT RELIGION TODAY

1. Nominal church member - occasional attender, Wants confort & consolation of church membership without its responsibilities.
2. Those who murmur as Israel. Phil 2:14
3. Those who lack faith - afraid - one talent man.
4. Thos who attend as spectators - pay respect to the Lord so to speak.
5. The Hypocritical... attend but ungodly.

VI. EVIDENCES OF OUR PIDDLINGS

1. Attendanc would soar if we were not.
2. Contributions - additions likewise.
3. Failure to win souls - use time for self.
4. Failure to minister to sick, needy etc.

CONCLUSION

1. Result of piddling - all died in wilderness.
2. We need to learn from them. I Cor. 15:58
(Mt. 6:33)

INDISPENSABLE THINGS

1. Without shedding of blood. Heb. 9:22
2. Without Faith impossible to please God. Heb. 11:6
3. Without works faith is dead. Jas. 2:14-26
4. Without love I am nothing. I Cor. 13:1-4
5. Without Christ can do nothing. Jno. 15:5
6. Without Chastisement - bastards. Heb. 12:8
7. Without holiness no man can see the Lord.
Heb. 12:14

It is the whole task of the whole church to preach the whole gospel to the whole world.

IS IT NOTHING TO YOU, ALL YE THAT PASS BY?
Lamentations 1:12

1. Give context and condition of times.
2. Often lose sight of spiritual things, selfish.

I. IS IT NOTHING THAT THE WORLD IS LOST?

1. All have sinned. Rom. 3:23; Gal. 3:22
2. Even children of God. I Jno. 1:7-10; 2:1, 2
3. If neighbor in burning building we care. cf. Re. 21:8

II. THAT MEN ARE IN RELIGIOUS ERROR?

1. Paul was stirred at Athens. Acts 17:16-23
2. Most converts in Acts were already religious.
3. Many worship in vain. Mt. 15:9; Gal. 1:6-9

III. THAT CHRIST SUFFERED AND DIED FOR YOU?

1. This great love for me. Jno. 3:16; Rom. 5:5-11
2. Christ died for the church. Eph. 5:22-32
3. Will you allow him to die in vain? I Cor. 15:12---
4. We must be willing to suffer for him. I Pet. 4:1--
(2:21-25)

IV. THAT JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

1. Christ promised to come. Jno. 14:1--
2. Angels said he would come. Acts 1:11
3. Apostles said so. I Thes. 4:13-18; Rev. 1:7
4. He will come with vengeance. II The. 1:7-9

V. THAT YOU MUST FACE THE JUDGMENT

1. God appointed a time & judge, Acts 17:30--
2. All will be judged. II Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12
3. Pictures of judgment. Mt. 25:31-46; Rev. 20:12-

INCORRUPTIBLE THINGS

1. Incorruptible God. Ro. 1:28; I Tim. 1:17 RV
2. Incorruptible Blood. I Pet. 1:18, 19
3. Incorruptible Word. I Pet. 1:22, 23
4. Incorruptible apparel. Tit. 2:7; I Pet. 3:4 RV
5. Incorruptible Inheritance. I Pet. 1:4
6. Incorruptible Body. I Cor. 15:52----
7. Incorruptible Crown. I Cor. 9:25; I Pet. 5:4

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT No. 1
(Developing Leadership)

1. We must develop in all areas.
2. Leadership: Sum total of all successful acts that were not put off.
3. Some churches have elder but no leaders.

I. CHARACTERISTIC OF GOOD LEADERS

1. Strong convictions - loyal to principles.
2. Know where he is going - "We cannot teach what we do not know nor lead where we will not go."
3. Have initiative - be a self-starter. Phil. 3:14--
4. Humble, respect views of others, willing to listen.
5. Able to make decisions - deliberate, not hesitate.
6. Be militant - self-sacrificing.

II. QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS I Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1

1. Family - Husband & wife, rule house, bel. children
2. Social - Good report & behavior, hospitable, just
3. Spiritual - Blameless, sober-minded, temperate gentle, apt to teach, holy, lover of good.
4. Experience - Not a novice.
5. Character - Not a brawler, nor contentious, not self-willed, no striker, not soon angry.
6. Attitude toward work - desire office -willingly.

III. THE FOURTEEN DUTIES OF ELDERS

1. Oversee flock. Acts 20:28
2. Take heed to self. Acts 20:28
3. Feed the flock. Acts 20:28 - see to teaching.
4. Guard them from false teachers. Acts. 20:29-
5. Watch day and night. Acts 20:31
6. Watch for our souls. Heb. 13:17
7. Be an example. I Pet. 5:3
8. Holdfast the word. Titus 1:9
9. Convict - convince gainsayers. Titus 1:9
10. Stop mouths of vain talkers. Titus 1:10, 11
11. Pray for - visit sick. Jas. 5:14
12. Rule, exercise authority. I Tim. 3:4, 5; 5:17; Heb. 13:7, 17; I The. 5:12
13. Direct spending money. Acts 11:27-30
- 14; To make decisions. Acts 15:6

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT No. 2 (Developing Fellowship)

1. Good leadership & fellowship go together.
2. Just as important to follow as to lead. I Cor. 12:15-

I. DEVELOPING DEACONS THAT FOLLOW

1. Deacons have no authority unless delegated by the elders - they must be ready for service.
2. Qualifications. I Tim. 3:8-13; Acts 6:1-7
3. His name spells his duties - serve - they are not a ruling body but a serving body.

II. DEVELOPING PREACHERS THAT FOLLOW

1. His preparation. I Tim. 4:12-16; II Tim. 2:15
2. Personal life. I Tim. 4:7; 5:22; II Tim. 2:20-26
3. His duties. Titus 3:1; II Tim. 4:1-5
4. Under elders - defend them. I Tim. 5:19
5. He and elders must work as unit, not competing.

III.

III. DEVELOPING MEMBERS THAT FOLLOW

1. Proper teaching is secret of proper following.
2. No self-willed person can be a good follower.
3. Congregations duties toward the eldership.
 - a. Know them. I Thess. 5:12
 - b. Esteem them highly. I Thess. 5:12, 13
 - c. Honor them. I Tim. 5:17
 - d. Obey them. Heb. 13:7, 17
 - e. Submit to them. Heb. 13:17
 - f. Imitate their faith. Heb. 13:7 ASV
 - g. Defend them. I Tim. 5:19

CONCLUSION

1. If we have leadership and fellowship then we have cooperation.
2. If both operate in own realm, we co-operate.
3. Being a follower, a good followers, is the first step to being a leader.

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT No. 3
(Develop a program of work)

1. Should do more - never cut back work.
2. This work is eternal - it must grow.
3. Must be zealous of good works. Tit. 2:14; 3:1

I. WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE CHURCH?

1. Not a social club - does have social aspects.
2. Not in entertainment business but we may be by it.
3. Not a political institution - but we are citizens.

II. EVANGELIZATION

1. Our marching orders. Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:15
2. Pillar & support of truth. I Tim. 3:15; Eph. 3:10,11
3. Must send truth. Rom. 10:13-17; I The. 1:6-8; Phil. (1:5)
4. Put every member to work - teaching.

III. WORK OF EDIFICATION. Build up - make strong.

1. Follow things that edify. Rom. 14:19; 15:2
2. So teach the church. Mt. 28:20
3. Grow in grace & knowledge. II Pet. 3:18
4. Fellowship. Mal. 3:16; cf. I Cor. 15:33
5. Feast of charity (Jude 12) refresh the soul. Phile. (6, 7)

IV. WORK OF BENEVOLENCE

1. Jer. church began early at this. Acts 4:32-35
2. A part of pure religion. Jas. 1:27; I Tim. 5:10-16
3. Needy brethren outside our area may be cared for. Acts 11:27-30; I Cor. 16:1, 2; II Cor. 8:1-5
4. Needy outside church included in care. II Cor. (9:13b)

V. SOME PLANNED PROGRAM MUST BE EFFECTED

1. World mission of church demands vision.
2. Every member must be activated to teach in order to accomplish this. Acts 8:4
3. We are not just guardians of truth - we must also be disseminators of truth.
4. We must be - realistic, firm for truth, fearless in proclamation, forthright in practice, courageous in conviction, adventurous in methods and fully consecrated. I Tim. 4:15

WHAT HELD JESUS TO THE CROSS?

Was it?

It was!

1. Nails in his hands?

Jno. 20:25

2. Lack of friends?

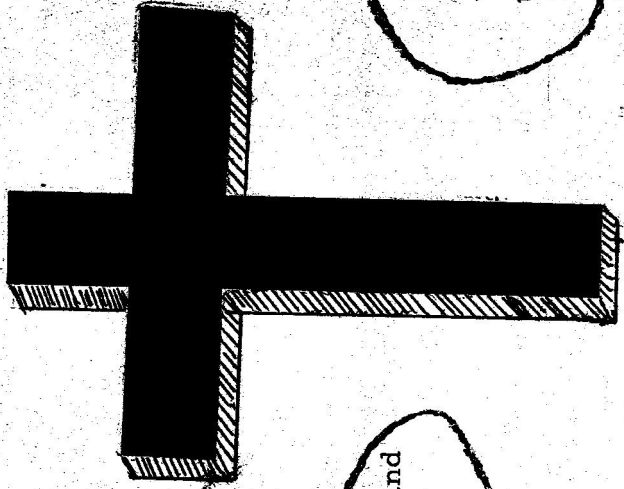
Mt. 26:52, 53

3. Lack of Power?

Jno. 10:17, 18

We must take up our cross and follow Him.

Mt. 16:24



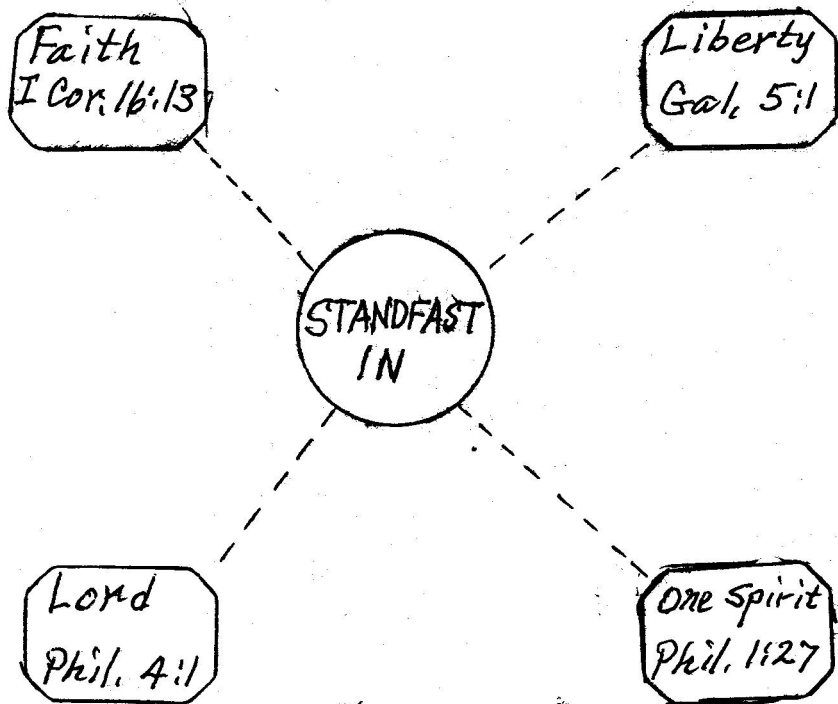
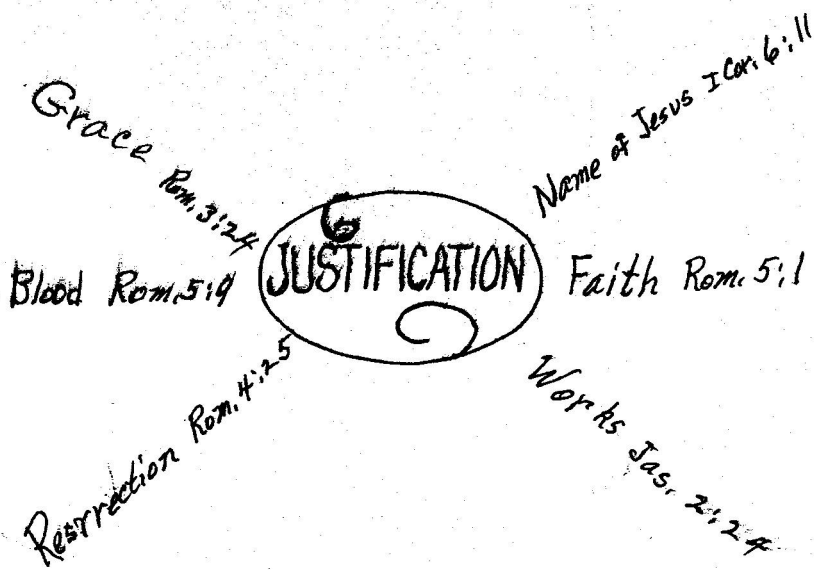
1. Resignation to the Father's will. Mt. 26:39

2. Dedication to Purpose. Eph. 3:11

3. Joy before him.

Heb. 12:1, 2

Now each of us has a cross to bear -----
What will hold us to the task? Is it not the same?



BIBLE PRINCIPLES IN CHURCH BENEVOLENT WORK

I. DUTY ENJOINED

1. Pure Religion. Jas. 1:27; Gal. 6:10
2. Church involved. I Tim. 5:10-16
3. Antioch church did. Acts 11:27-30

II. CHURCHES COOPERATED

1. Galatia and Corinth. I Cor. 16:1, 2
2. Macedonia and Achaia. II Co. 9:1, 2

III. WHOM DID THEY HELP

1. Saints. I Cor. 9:1
2. All men. cf. II Cor. 9:13
3. "My (Paul's) nation." Acts 24:17

* American Translation (Goodspeed)

Idea from Boyd Morgan

IV. THE INTERMEDIARIES

1. Paul the Supt. II Cor. 8:18, 19 A. T.*
2. Directors or Co-Administrators.
II Cor. 8:18-24; Acts 20:4
(Sopater of Berea, Aristarchus and Secundus of Thessalonica, Gaius and Timothy of Derbe, Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia, and Titus) Funds pooled and many churches represented.

V. WHO DECIDES ABOUT WHO & HOW?

1. Christian for self. Rom. 14:23
2. For church, elders decide. Heb. 13:7, 17; I Tim. 5:17 (Does government, a paper, a preacher (local or otherwise) have a right to tell an organized church who or how to help)

Things To Remember



CREATOR in thy youth. Eccle. 12:1-

CHRIST to Honor Him. II Tim. 2:8--13

THE WORD as a shield. Ps. 119:11; Acts 20:32

CHRIST'S DEATH Lord's Supper. I Cor. 11:18-30

THE POOR a must. Gal. 2:10; Jas. 1:27

TO DO GOOD to all. Heb. 13:15,16; Gal. 6:10

TO SHOW LOVE to strangers. Heb. 13:1--

LOT'S WIFE, look ahead. Lk. 17:32; 9:62

TO CORRECT MISTAKES. Rev. 2:5

RULERS - elders. Heb. 13:7, 17; I The. 5:12,13

SO CONDUCT YOUR AFFAIRS
THAT YOURS WILL BE PLEASANT
MEMORIES.

WHERE GOD MEETS MAN

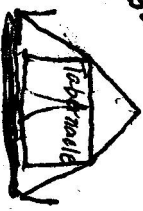
Ex. 20:24
Deut. 12:5

Good people!



Love
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I Chr. 22:7-10



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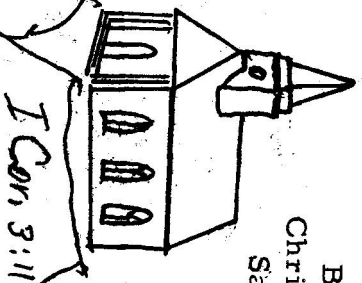
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MAN
Isa. 59:1, 2

Eph. 2:14--22
Mt. 18:20



Temple. I Cor. 3:16
Blood-bought. Acts 20:28
Christ is head. Col. 1:18
Savior - body. Eph. 5:23
Saved are in it. Acts 2:47

He is with us. II Jno. 9
Mt. 28:18--20

THOSE WHO OPPOSE THEMSELVES (II Tim. 2:25) They oppose their own best interests.

I. THOSE WHO REJECT CHRIST

1. Like the Jews. Acts 18:6
2. Die in sin. Jno. 8:21-24
3. Reject eternal life. Jno. 6:68
4. Christ is become no effect unto you. Gal. 5:4

II. THOSE WHO REJECT COUNSEL OF GOD

1. By refusing baptism. Lk. 7:30
2. Must declar all counsel. Acts 20:27
3. If reject. Pro. 1:24-28;
4. If we reject a part, we reject it all. Jas. 2:10; Gal. 5:3

III. THOSE WHO TURN FROM THE WAY

1. Those in error. II Tim. 2:25
2. Those entangled with world. II Pet. 2:20-
3. How to treat false teachers. Titus 3:10; II Jno. 9--11
Rom. 16:17, 18

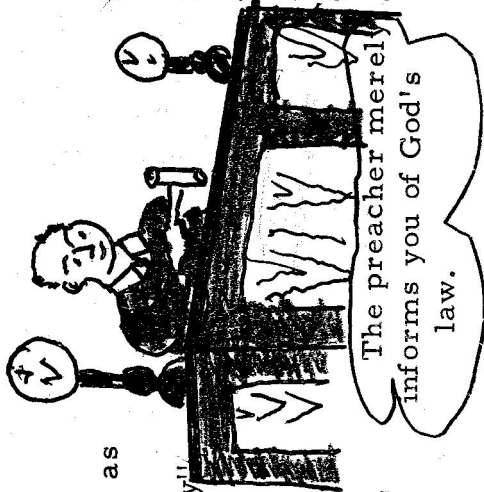
YOU ARE NOT THE JUDGE

(Acts 17:30, 31
(Rev. 20:12--15

MAN THINKS

WORD JUDGES Jno. 12:48

1. "Good people of all churches are saved"
2. "One church is as good as another."
3. "Baptism is unnecessary."
4. "Sprinkling will do"
5. "I feel like I'm saved"
6. "Lord's Supper annually"
7. "Can't fall from grace"



THE WORD SAYS

1. Mt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8, 9; Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23
2. Mt. 16:18, 19; Acts 20:28
Eph. 1:22, 23; 4:4
3. Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Pet. 3:21
4. Rom. 6:3-6; Col. 2:12
5. Prov. 14:12; Acts 23:1
6. Acts 2:42; 20:7
7. Jas. 5:19, 20; Gal. 5:4;
I Cor. 9:27

"DON'T TAKE GOD'S LAW IN YOUR OWN HANDS"

(Items on left are what man says but he is not the judge, the word judges as per the items on the right (references))

"What A Blind Man Saw"

1. That Jesus is God's Son. Acts 9:5; Rom. 1:4
2. That he was ignorant. I Tim. 1:13
3. He was a sinner. I Tim. 1:15
4. He was taught wrongly. Acts 23:3
5. His father's religion was wrong. Acts 26:5
(Gal. 1:14)
6. It is not enough to be religious. Acts 26:5
7. One religion is not as good as another.
Gal. 1:23; Jas. 1:26,27
8. Honesty - Sincerity not enough. Acts 23:1;
(26:9)
9. There is something to be done. Acts 22:10,16



THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JESUS

The old to be taken away
Heb. 8:8-13; 10:9

BEFORE

DIVERSITY OF PLAN

- Palsied Man. Mt. 9:1-8
- Rich Ruler. Mt. 19:16--22
- The Blind Man. Lk. 18:35-43
- Thief On The Cross. Lk. 23:39-43

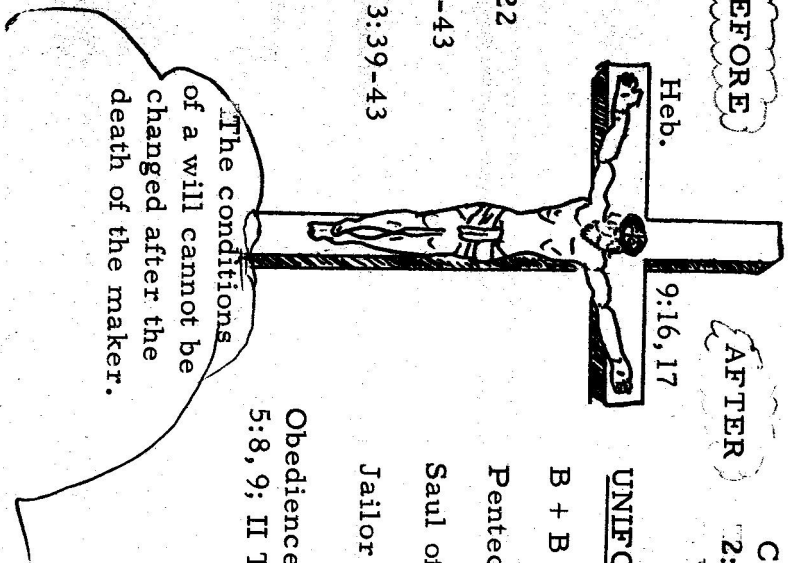
Heb. 9:16, 17

AFTER

UNIFORMITY OF PLAN

- B + B = S Mk. 16:15, 16
- Pentecost. Acts 2:36-47
- Saul of Tarsus. Acts 9, 22, 26
- Jailor at Phillippi. Acts 16:30-34
- Obedience a must. Mt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8, 9; II The. 1:7-9; Rev. 2:10b

The old abolished.
Col. 2:14-16; Eph. 2:14-16; II Cor. 3:11-14

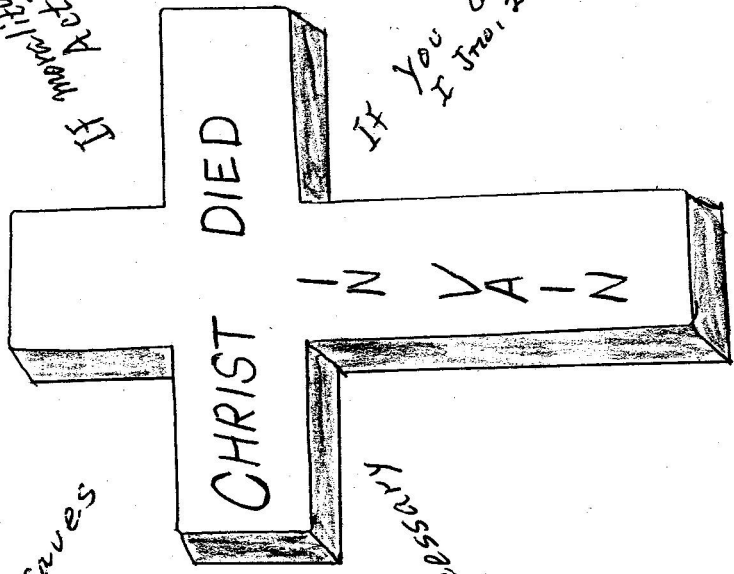


If the law saves
Gal. 2:16-21

If morality alone saves
Acts 11:14

If saved without his
blood. Eph. 1:7

If you die lost
I Tim. 2:1,2



If he was not raised
I Cor. 15:12---

If the church spots
Acts 20:12
unnecessarily

I. WHAT COVERS SIN?

1. Not blood of goats.
2. Christ's blood. Heb. 9:14, 22
3. God's love. Jno. 3:16
4. God's grace. Eph. 2:8, 9
5. God's word. Jas. 1:21

II. APOSTLES GUIDED BY THE SPIRIT

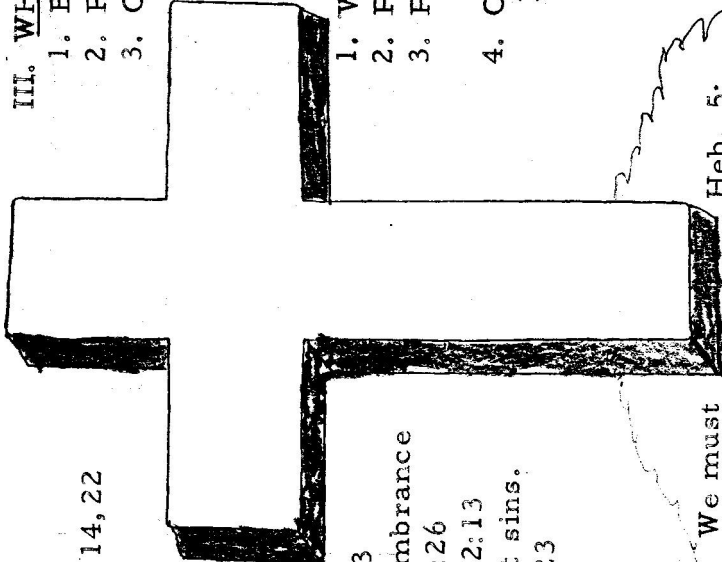
1. Into all truth. Jno. 16:13
2. All things to their remembrance
John 14:26
3. Words selected. I Cor. 2:13
4. Duly authorized to remit sins.
Mt. 28:18-20; Jno. 20:23

III. WHOSE DID THEY REMIT?

1. Believer. Acts 10:43
2. Penitent. Acts 3:19
3. Confessor. Rom. 10:9, 10
4. Baptized. Acts 2:38

IV. IN GOD'S FAMILY

1. Walk in light. I Jno. 1:7
2. Penitent. Acts 8:22
3. Prayerful. Jas. 5:16;
I Jno. 2:1, 2
4. Confess our sins. I Jmo.
1:9

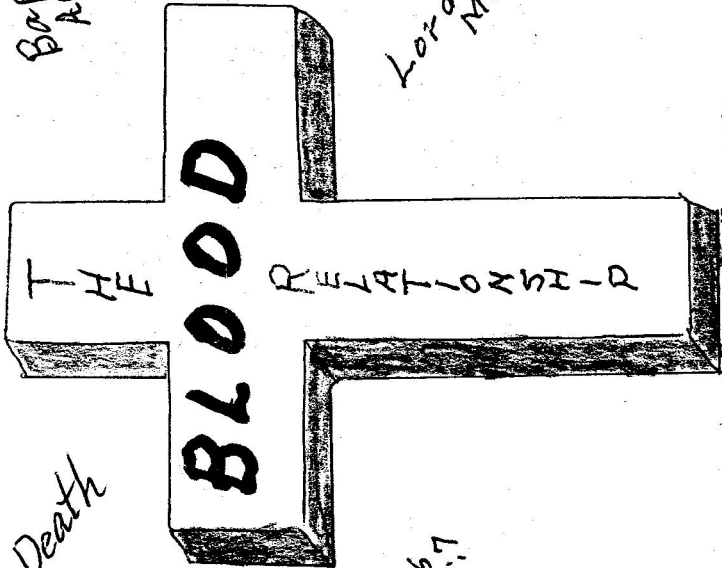


We must
obey God. II Thes. 1:7-9
Heb. 5: 8, 9

Bapt. Acts
Rom. 6:3, 22, 16
15:1, 38, 10, 14, 18, 2

Church Acts 20:28
Eph. 5:22--32

Lord's Supper
Mt. 26:28



Daily Walk. I Jno. 1:7

Christ's Death
Jno. 19:33, 34

Covenant
Mt. 26:28; Heb. 10:29

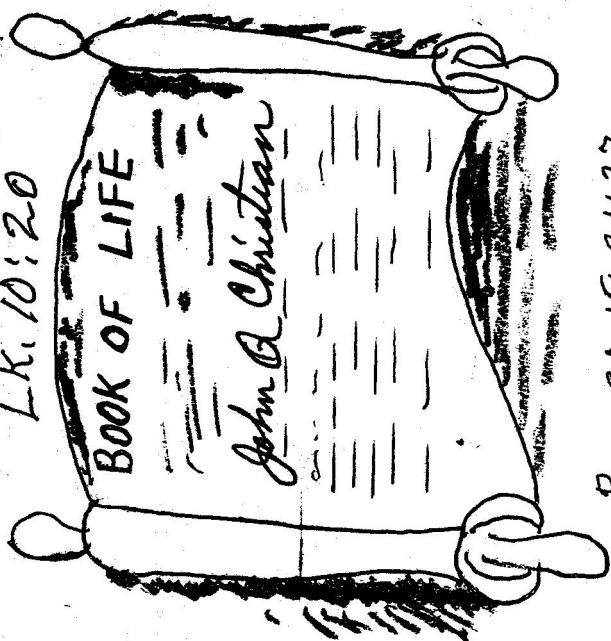
Sin's
of Eph.

Remission
Heb. 9:1, 2, 27

IS MY NAME WRITTEN THERE?

Fear Jehovah
Mat. 3:18

Lk. 10:20



Rev. 20:15; 21:27

Flee From Sin
Ex. 32:33 Rom. 6:17, 18

Church Members
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Worshippers
Rev. 13:8; 17:8

Overcomers
Rev. 21:7
Rev. 3:5

3:11-14

Facing The Facts

JOHN
12:48

1. There is one God. Gen. 1:1; Eph. 4:6
2. Jesus is his Son. Jno. 3:16; 8:21-24
3. We must believe. Heb. 11:6; Jno. 3:36
4. We must obey. Mt. 7:21-23; Heb. 5:8, 9
5. Baptism saves. Mk. 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21
6. "There is one body" Eph. 4:4; Rom. 12:4, 5
7. We must worship. Jno. 4:24; Heb. 10:25
8. Put God first. Mt. 6:33; 22:37
9. We must live right. Titus 2:11-14
10. Must help needy. Jas. 1:27; Mt. 25:31-46
11. Death is certain. Heb. 9:27; Eccle. 9:5
12. Judgment is coming. Jno. 12:48; Rom. 14:12; II Cor. 5:10

ARE YOU FACING

THE FACTS ?



LESSONS FROM A PLUMBLINE

Amos 7:7-9
Isa. 28:17

I. SUGGESTS STRICTNESS

1. Lot's Wife. Gen. 19;
2. Nadab and Abihu. Lev. 10:1,2
3. Uzzah. I Chron. 1-13

II. THE BIBLE, THE STANDARD

1. A perfect one. Jas. 1:25; Ps. 19:7
2. It is Sufficient. I Tim. 3:16,17
3. Eternal. Mt. 24:35; Ps. 117
4. Judged by it. Jno. 12:48

ALL TO BE JUDGED

II Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:12----

III. FALSE STANDARDS

1. Conscience. Prov. 14:12 (Jer. 10:23)
2. Doctrines of men. Matt. 15:9 (II Jno.

IV. WHAT THE STANDARD REVEALS

1. Plan of Sal. Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38
2. The church. Mt 16:18; Eph. 5:23
3. Worship. Jno. 4:24; Heb. 10:25
4. Life. Titus 2:11-14; Mt. 6:33

WHAT SHALL THE END BE?

I Pet. 4:17, 18

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