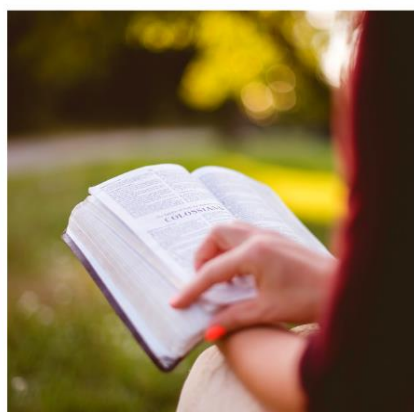


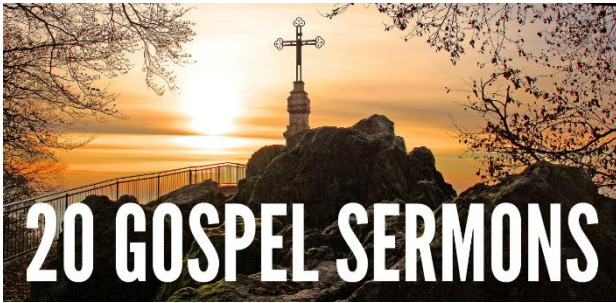


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LESSON ONE: CROSS OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE

TEXT: Mark 4:35

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Give background of text.
- B. Jesus gave order to cross over to the other side.
- C. What was on the other side?

DISCUSSION:

I. HE SHOWED HIS POWER OVER THE DESTRUCTIVE FORCES OF NATURE

- A. Storm is raging.
- B. Do you care that we perish?
- C. Peace be still!
- D. Storm ceased raging.
- E. He can still the tempest in your heart. **Jn. 16:33; Phil. 4:7; Isa. 26:3; Psa. 46:10**
 - 1. Tempest of loneliness. **Mt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5**
 - 2. Tempest of fear. Men fear many things. **Pro. 29:25; 2 Tim. 1:7**
 - 3. Tempest of anxiety. **1 Pet. 5:7; Phil. 4:6,7**
 - 4. Tempest of temptation. **1 Cor. 10:13**
- F. He can bring calm to your troubled heart. **Jn. 14:1-2**

II. HE SHOWED HIS POWER OVER DEMONS - **Mark 5:1-20**

- A. Man possessed of demons.
 - 1. Chained but broke them.
 - 2. Not in his right mind.
 - 3. People were afraid of him.
 - 4. A wild man.
 - 5. Jesus came to him and put the demons in a herd of swine
 - 6. They ran into the water and were drowned.
 - 7. The man was clothed and in his right mind.
 - 8. He wanted to follow Jesus.
- B. The casting out of demons ceased with the end of the age of miracles.
 - 1. **1 Cor. 13:8-11; Acts 19:15**
 - 2. Jesus and Paul had the power to cast out demons but we do not.
- C. Jesus can deliver you from the power of Satan. **Col. 1:13-14**
 - 1. The prodigal was not in his right mind in the far country. **Lk. 15:11-24**
 - 2. That is what sin can do to your mind. **Rom. 1:18-32**
 - 3. Only Jesus can break the shackles of sin. **Jn. 8:31-36**

III. HE SHOWED HIS POWER OVER DISEASE

- A. He made our bodies. **Jn. 1:1-3; Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:1-3**
- B. Why should it be thought strange for Him to help those with physical infirmity?
- C. Woman touched the hem of His garment and was healed.
 - 1. One garment was not as good as another.
 - 2. It took contact with Jesus' garment.
 - 3. The power was not in the garment but in the one wearing the garment.
- D. He can still help with our infirmities. **James 5:13-16**
- E. The prayer of faith can help sick folk. **Mt. 7:7; 21:22**
- F. There is a difference in divine healing and miraculous divine healing.
 - 1. When Jesus healed the sick there was an instantaneous cure.

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- 2. If men can duplicate the miracles of Jesus, how many people can they feed with five loaves and two fish?
- 3. He fed 5000.
- G. In the realm of providence, God still helps sick people get well.
- H. Though Paul was an apostle endowed with power to perform miracles (**2 Cor. 12:12**).
 - 1. He did not always use that power to heal the sick.
 - 2. Timothy is an example. **1 Tim. 5:23**
 - 3. Epaphroditus is another example. **Phil 2:25-30**
- I. We need to have more faith in the prayers we offer for the sick. **1 Jn. 5:14-15**

IV. HE SHOWED HIS POWER OVER DEATH

- A. Raised child from the dead. **Mk. 5**
- B. He showed his power over death at the tomb of Lazarus. **Jn. 11**
- C. He showed power over death when he raised the son of the widow of Nain.
- D. Because of his death and resurrection death has been defeated. **Rev. 1:18**
1 Cor. 15:12-19, 50-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-18
- E. Jesus answered the age old question of life beyond the grave. **Job 14:14;**
Jn. 11:24-25

CONCLUSION:

- A. One day we will cross over to the other side. **Heb. 9:27**
- B. What will it be like for you on the other side?
- C. What do you need to do?
 - 1. You must hear the gospel in order to be saved. **Romans 10:17**
 - 2. You must believe in Jesus Christ in order to be saved. **John 8:24**
 - 3. You must repent of sins in order to be saved. **Luke 13:3**
 - 4. You must confess faith in Jesus Christ in order to be saved. **Matthew 10:**
 - 5. You must be baptized for the remission of sins in order to be saved. **Mark 16:16**
 - 6. You must live a faithful life and keep yourself from sin and be ready for when Jesus comes again. **Revelation 2:10**

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LESSON TWO: JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS GRACE

TEXT: Romans 3:24

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Give background of text.
- B. Jesus has justified us by His precious blood through grace.
- C. What exactly does that mean?

DISCUSSION:

I. THREE WORDS TO UNDERSTAND

- A. Justification. A judicial term. When we plead guilty to our sins faith and works of obedience justify us. **Heb. 8:12; 1 Cor. 6:9-11**
- B. Redemption. A financial term. A ransom is paid. **Mt. 20:28; 1 Tim. 2:4-6**
"JESUS paid it all"
- C. Propitiation. A sacrificial term. To appease God's wrath. Sin angers God: **Acts 5:1-10; Lev. 10:1-2, Heb. 10:31; 12:29; Isa. 53:10**

II. WE ARE JUSTIFIED...

- A. By grace. **Rom. 3:21-26.**

There three components involved in grace. **Eph. 2:4-10. Tit. 3:4-7**

- 1. Mercy. Feeling for another. **Tit. 3:5**
- 2. Love. Desiring what is best for another. **Jn. 3:16**
- 3. Kindness. Doing what is good for another. **Tit. 3:3-8**

- B. By faith. **Rom. 3:27-31**

- 1. Involves an acceptance of established facts. This is the intellectual component.
- 2. Involves trust. This is the emotional component.
- 3. Involves obedience. This is the volitional component.

- C. This is demonstrated by Abraham.

- 1. He was justified by grace. He was promised a son. He did not merit this promise.
- 2. The promise was made because God was merciful, loving and kind to Abraham.
- 3. He was justified by faith. He was 75 years old when his son was promised.

Gen. 12:1-4. It was not fulfilled till he was 100. **Gen. 21:5**

- 4. He was unwavering in in his faith. **Rom. 4:20-21**
- 5. He was justified by grace and faith coming together. By grace through faith.
- 6. By grace - God's part. Through faith - man's part.

III. WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE

- A. God provided the means of salvation. **Rom. 3:24; Tit. 3:7**
 - 1. Justified by grace.
 - 2. Justified by faith. **Rom. 3:25-26, 28; 5:1**

- 3. Justified by the resurrection of Christ. **Rom. 4:25**
- 4. Justified by blood. **Rom. 5:9**
- 5. Justified by faith and baptism. **Acts 18:8; 1 Cor. 6:9-11**
- B. **Eph. 2:4-10; Tit. 2:11-15**

IV. WE ARE SAVED BY FAITH

- A. We are justified by faith. **Rom. 5:1**
- B. We are saved by the gospel. **Rom. 1:16; Eph. 1:13; Jas. 1:21**
- C. We are saved by the grace of God. **Eph. 2:8**
- D. We are saved by repentance of sin. **2 Cor. 7:10**
- E. We are saved by confession of faith in Christ. **Rom. 10:9-10**
- F. We are saved by immersion in water for remission of sins. **Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21**
- G. Hence, we are not saved by faith only.

V. WE ARE SAVED BY WORKS

- A. KINDS OF WORKS.
 - 1. Meritorious works. **Tit. 3:5; Eph. 2:8-9**
 - 2. Works of darkness. **Eph. 5:11**
 - 3. Works of the flesh. **Gal. 5:19-21**
- B. There is an obedient faith that manifests itself in action. **Jas. 2:17-18; 2:24-25**
- C. Faith itself is a work. **Jn. 6:28-29**. The faith that saves is an obedient faith.
 - Rom. 7:17-18; Heb. 5:8-9; 1 Pet. 1:22; Heb. 11:5,7,8**
- D. **Isa 38:17**, *"You have lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of corruption for you have cast all my sins behind your back."*
 - 1. With forgiveness, God takes my sins and casts them behind his back.
 - 2. He has no more interest in our sins. **Acts 3:19; Mic. 7:19; Psalms 103:12**

CONCLUSION:

- A. Remember the plan of salvation.
- B. What do you need to do?
 - 1. You must hear the gospel in order to be saved. **Romans 10:17**
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 - 5. You must be baptized for the remission of sins in order to be saved. **Mark 16:16**
 - 6. You must live a faithful life and keep yourself from sin and be ready for when Jesus comes again. **Revelation 2:10**
- C. What a Savior! HALLELUJAH!!!

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LESSON THREE: GOD REVEALED HIMSELF

TEXT: John 1:14-18

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Give background of text.
- B. Jesus came into the world to reveal the Father.
- C. What can we learn from the Word of God about this revelation?

DISCUSSION:

I. GOD REVEALED HIMSELF IN JESUS

- A. **John 1:14**, *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."*
- B. **John 1:18**, *"No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him."*
- C. **Phil. 2:5-8**, *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."*
- D. "One of the most defensible and utterly devastating arguments for the existence of God is the historical person and influence of Jesus of Nazareth. There is absolutely no way to explain JESUS apart from the fact that He came from God." - Wayne Jackson

II. THERE ARE FOUR EVIDENCES FOR THE DIVINITY OF JESUS

- A. He is a true historical character.
 - 1. Roman historian, Tacitus in commenting on the name Christian: "Christ, from whom they derive their name, was condemned to death by the procurator Pontius Pilate in the reign of the Emperor Tiberius". - Werner Kelly, THE BIBLE AS HISTORY
 - 2. Jewish historian, Flavius Josephus, in writing about the events under Pilate said, "There was about this time JESUS, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as had a veneration for truth. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles: he as the Christ." - William Whiston, translator of the works of Josephus.
- B. Prophecies were fulfilled by JESUS.
 - 1. He fulfilled minute details which were written hundreds of years before He came into the world. (**Lk. 24:44-49**)
 - 2. There are over 300 prophecies related to His life, birth, death, and resurrection.
 - 3. How do you explain this apart from God?

C. His miracles testify to His Deity.

1. Consider the fact that:

- He showed He was Divine by walking on the water. (**John 6:15-21**)
- He showed He was Divine by stilling the storm of the sea. (**Mt. 8:23-27**)
- He showed He was Divine by making the blind to see (**Mt. 9:27-31**)
- He showed He was Divine by cleansing the leper. (**LK. 5:12-14**)
- He showed He was Divine by healing the deaf and mute. (**Mk. 7:31-37**)
- He showed He was Divine by multiplying loaves and fish. (**John 6:10-12**)
- He showed He was Divine by raising the dead. (**Luke 7, Luke 8, John 11**)

2. Skeptics claim these are made up stories.

3. The gospels were not written until years after these events happened.

4. The writer's eyewitnesses of these events and no one disputed them.

D. The resurrection of Christ is crucial to His claim of being God's Son.

1. His enemies did not dispute it. (**Acts 2:24-31**)

2. There were witnesses of His resurrection. (**1 Cor. 15:1-8**)

3. Many of the disciples spent their lives preaching the resurrection to their own peril.

4. If JESUS was not raised from the dead why was it not announced in the same city where he was buried?

CONCLUSION:

A. Remember the plan of salvation.

B. What do you need to do?

1. You must hear the gospel in order to be saved. **Romans 10:17**

2. You must believe in Jesus Christ in order to be saved. **John 8:24**

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6. You must live a faithful life and keep yourself from sin and be ready for when Jesus comes again. **Revelation 2:10**

C. What will you do with Jesus?

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LESSON FOUR: PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
TEXT: 1 Chronicles 29:13

INTRODUCTION:

- A. These words were spoken by David near the end of an illustrious career.
- B. He had so much for which to be thankful.
 - 1. God had helped him defeat Goliath.
 - 2. God forgave him when he sinned. **Ps. 51:1-3; 2 Sam. 12:13**
 - 3. God allowed him to write some of the most inspiring poetry in print (Psalms).
 - 4. God allowed David to make preparations for building the temple.
- C. David challenged the people to join him I'm preparing for the building the temple.
 - 1. David did not ask the people to do what he had not already done. **1 Chr. 29:2-3**
 - 2. He challenged them "*who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?*"
- D. David had given more than he had purposed to give (**1 Chr. 29:3**).
- E. David was generous because he was grateful. (**1 Chron. 29:13**).
- F. What were the keys in David having such an attitude toward giving to God?

DISCUSSION:

I. HE RECOGNIZED GOD'S DIVINE OWNERSHIP (1 Chr. 29:11,12,16)

- A. Everything belongs to God. **V. 11-12, 16.** (all is yours)
 - 1. The silver and gold is His. **Hag. 2:8**
 - 2. Your soul is His. **Ezk. 18:4**
 - 3. The cattle on a thousand hills are His. **Ps. 50:10,11**
 - 4. We speak of my house, my car, my money etc. But in reality it is only loaned to us.
- B. There is not one thing man can give God that He did not already own. **Vv. 12,14**
- C. Note the question, "*But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this?*"
 - 1. We are weak and frail. (**Ps. 39:4-5**).
 - 2. We are nothing without Him. (**Jno. 15:5**).
 - 3. Suppose God took back everything He has given you?
 - 4. What would you have? **Job 1:20-23; Jas. 1:17**
 - 5. We had nothing when we came into the world and we leave with nothing. **1 Tim. 6:7**
- D. Howard Hughes at one time was an extremely wealthy man. Someone asked, "How much did he leave when he died"? He left it all!

II. HE RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO SUPPORT GOD'S WORK (1 Chr. 29:16).

- A. We are fellow workers with God. **1 Cor. 3:9**
- B. He depends on us to get His work accomplished.
 - 1. He did not place His work into the hands of angels.
 - 2. He charged us to carry out His work.

C. Today His work involves:

1. Evangelism. **Mt. 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15**
2. Benevolence. **Gal. 6:10**
3. Edification. **Acts 20:32; Eph. 4:16**

D. It takes resources (money) to preach the gospel and to help the unfortunate.

1. Lip service will not get the work done. **Jas. 2:14-17**
2. Love requires that we do more than talk a good game. **1 Jn. 3:17-18**

E. We have the resources to do God's work. We are wealthy.

1. Look at what we own: fine cars, houses, food, clothes, gadgets of all kinds, etc.
2. It is a frightening thought of standing before the God of heaven and earth not having given to support His cause.

F. There is no record of anyone in any age who gave less than 10 percent to the Lord.

1. Suppose your gross income is \$1000 per week and you decide to give 10 percent that means your contribution would be \$100 a week.
2. God is to get our first fruits (Pro. 3:9-10) and not off our adjusted income.
3. A barber had a man who worked in his shop and when he paid the man he noticed he would count out his pay and make two stacks. The barber asked why he did that. He said one stack was God's and he gave to God off the top.
4. Giving me his much scares some and they say "I can't afford to give that much because I have bills to pay".
5. Consider this question: "what shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?"

III. HE RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO BE A WILLING GIVER TO GOD'S WORK (**1 Chr. 29:17**).

A. It is difficult to find a better attitude than the brethren in Macedonia.

1. They gave during a time of great trial and affliction.
2. They gave out of a joyful heart.
3. They gave even though they were in deep poverty.
4. They gave beyond their power.
5. They FIRST gave themselves to the Lord.

B. Giving is a matter of attitude.

1. God the first giver gave out of a heart of love. Jno. 3:16
2. Our giving should also be out of a heart of love. 2 Cor. 8:8, 24

CONCLUSION:

A. PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

B. Praise Him:

1. With the fruit of our lips.
2. With a life of dedication.
3. With the whole heart.
4. With our possessions.

C. "Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?"

D. Remember the plan of salvation.

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LESSON FIVE: THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TO A CHAOTIC WORLD

TEXT: 2 Timothy 3:1-7

INTRODUCTION:

- A. We live in turbulent times.
- B. Time of:
 - 1. War
 - 2. Violence
 - 3. Hatred
 - 4. Murder
 - 5. Drug abuse
 - 6. Disregard of God's instruction regarding the home
 - 7. Corruption in high places
 - 8. Doubt and disbelief
 - 9. Hopelessness
 - 10. Rejection of the Bible
- C. JESUS has a word for our day.

DISCUSSION:

I. HE HAS A MESSAGE OF LOVE IN A TIME OF HATE

- A. The Bible is filled with the message of love.
 - 1. Love God.
 - 2. Love neighbor.
 - 3. Love enemies.
 - 4. Love all men.
 - 5. Love family.
 - 6. Love fellow Christians.
- B. He first loved us. **Jn. 15:13; Rom. 5:6-9; 1 Jn. 4:9-10**
- C. Love begins with God. **Jn. 3:16** - HE IS LOVE
- D. He loves you. **Gal. 2:20**
- E. We are to love our fellow man. **1 Jn. 3:15; 4:20**
- F. Spread love, not hate. **1 Cor. 13:1-13**

II. CHRIST HAS A MESSAGE OF PEACE IN A TIME OF WAR

- A. Men have been fighting one another since the beginning of time.
- B. Men go to war because of selfishness. **Jas. 4:1**
- C. JESUS came to bring peace into the world. **Isa. 9:6; Lk. 2:14; Rom. 5:1; EPH. 2:14,17; Col. 1:20**
 - 1. Peace with God. **Rom. 5:1; 6:1-5; 17-18**
 - 2. Peace with all men. **Rom. 22:17-21; 14:19**

- 3. Peace within our hearts. **Jn. 16:33; Phil. 4:6-7**
- 4. Eternal peace. **Rev. 14:13**
- D. It is time to lay down the weapons of war and submit to the Prince of Peace.

III. CHRIST HAS A MESSAGE OF HOPE FOR A TIME OF DESPAIR

- A. ILL. A submarine was disabled on bottom of ocean. Some divers went to see what could learn. They heard a tapping noise in Morse code: is there any hope?
- B. Lot of people asking that question.
 - 1. Those who are in the rubble of an earthquake and wait to be found.
 - 2. Those who have lost everything in a hurricane.
 - 3. Those whose children have become entangled in the web of drugs.
 - 4. Those who are single parents and struggle from day to day to feed their family.
 - 5. Those who are critically ill and do not know if they will live.
- C. Jesus came to lift the cloud of hopelessness and despair and embolden us with hope now and forevermore.
 - 1. His death gives us hope. **Rom. 8:24; 1 Tim. 1:1**
 - His death gives us of forgiveness. **Eph. 1:7; Mt 26:28**
 - His death gives us everlasting life. **Tit. 3:7**
 - 2. His resurrection gives us hope. **1 Pet. 1:3**
 - 3. His second coming gives us hope. **Tit. 2:11-14; 1 Thess. 4:13-18**
- D. There is a light burning brightly at the end of life's journey.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Keep your eye on where you are going.
- B. ILL. There were some men working in rock quarry. These men had to cross a narrow boardwalk while pushing a wheelbarrow filled with rock. They were told don't look down. Keep your eyes on where you are going.
- C. We need to take that advice... keep looking to where you are going!
- D. What do you need to do?
 - 1. You must hear the gospel in order to be saved. **Romans 10:17**
 - 2. You must believe in Jesus Christ in order to be saved. **John 8:24**
 - 3. You must repent of sins in order to be saved. **Luke 13:3**
 - 4. You must confess faith in Jesus Christ in order to be saved. **Matthew 10:**
 - 5. You must be baptized for the remission of sins in order to be saved. **Mark 16:16**
 - 6. You must live a faithful life and keep yourself from sin and be ready for when Jesus comes again. **Revelation 2:10**

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LESSON SIX: HAVE YOU RECEIVED CHRIST?

TEXT: Colossians 2:6

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Give background of text.
- B. Many speak of receiving Christ but how are we to receive Him?
- C. What some teach about receiving Christ is out of harmony with the Word of God.

DISCUSSION:

I. HOW WE DO NOT RECEIVE CHRIST?

- A. We do not receive Him by thinking about it. **Pro. 14:12**
 - 1. A person may imagine many things that are not true.
 - 2. Just thinking you are saved does not make it so.
- B. We do not receive Him by faith alone. **Jn. 1:11-12; Jas. 2:24; Jn. 12:42**
- C. We do not receive Him by repeating a prayer.
 - 1. Some read **Acts 2:21** as a proof text for the sinner's prayer.
 - 2. Notice some other scriptures that have the phrase "shall be saved".
Jn. 10:9; Mk. 16:16
 - 3. These are equal to each other.
 - 4. When people were asked "What Must I do to be saved?", they were not told to repeat a prayer.

II. HOW DO WE RECEIVE CHRIST?

- A. One must receive the Word. **Acts 2:41; Jas. 1:21-25; Col. 1:3-6; 1:23**
- B. You receive Christ by receiving the gospel. **1 Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 1:16; Gal. 1:6-9**
 - 1. Like the Samaritans. **Acts 8:5, 12-13**
 - 2. Like the Eunuch. **Acts 8:26-40**
 - 3. You cannot receive Christ without receiving the Word. **Jn. 12:47-48; 2 Jn. 9**
- C. You must believe and obey the gospel:
 - 1. The people on Pentecost. **Acts 2:36-47**
 - 2. Saul of Tarsus. **Acts. 9:1-9; 22:16**
 - 3. Lydia. **Acts 16:14-15**
 - 4. The jailor. **Acts 16:25-34**
 - 5. The Colossians. **Col. 1:23; 1:4**
 - a. They had to bring forth fruit meet for repentance. **Col. 3:5-7**
 - b. They confessed their sins and the name of Christ. **Col. 2:2**
 - c. They were baptized. **Col. 2:12;3:1**
- D. We must continue to walk as He walked. **1 Jn. 2:6**
- E. We must be rooted and built up in Him. **Col. 2:7**
- F. We must continue in the faith. **Col. 1:23**

III. THE BENEFIT OF RECEIVING CHRIST.

- A. You obtain forgiveness. **Eph. 1:7**
- B. You have all spiritual blessings. **Eph. 1:3**
- C. You are translated into the kingdom. Col. **13-14**
- D. You have entered the way that leads to life everlasting. **Jn. 14:6; Mt. 7:13-14**

CONCLUSION:

- A. Remember the plan of salvation.
 - 1. You must hear the gospel in order to be saved. **Romans 10:17** says, *"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*
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- B. The time to receive Christ is now. **2 Cor 6:2**
- C. Tomorrow may be too late. **Pro. 27:1; Heb. 9:27; Jas. 4:13-14**

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LESSON SEVEN: CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

TEXT: Ephesians 2:19-22

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Citizen: "one owing allegiance to and entitled to protection from a government."
- B. We as Christians are citizens of two governments.
 - 1. Temporal governments under which we live.
 - 2. Citizens of divine government - subjects of King of kings - Jesus Christ.
 - 3. Must be loyal to law of the kingdom as laid out in the New Testament.
- C. We want to examine some of the privileges and obligations of Christian citizenship.

DISCUSSION:

I. TWO TRUTHS MUST BE APPRECIATED

- A. Christians are subjects of the King of kings. **Rev. 17:14**
 - 1. He is the absolute monarch of divine government. **Rev. 19:16**
 - 2. He has all power in heaven and earth. **Mt. 28:18**
- B. Christians are ruled by a perfect and permanent law. **Jas. 1:25**
 - 1. It is designed for the welfare of God's people.
 - 2. Human law, at it's best, is imperfect and those that administer them are imperfect.
 - 3. This is not true in the realm of divine government.
 - a. God's law is perfectly adapted to the needs of modern man.
 - b. You cannot improve them. **Deut. 4:2**
 - c. They were not experiments but were born of divine wisdom.
 - d. Man is not to tamper with divine law. **Gal. 1:6-12; Rev. 22:18-19**
 - e. God's law is final and complete. **Mt. 24:35**

II. THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

- A. We are members of the most highly favored kingdom on earth. **Eph. 2:12-13**
 - 1. Once we were aliens now citizens. V. 12
 - 2. Once strangers now near God. v. 12
 - 3. Once lost now saved. V. 14
 - 4. We are members of the household of God. **Eph. 2:19-20**
- B. We are members of the purest kingdom on earth. **1 Pet. 1:9**
 - 1. It is true that citizens of this kingdom, while on earth, are not perfect. **1 Jn. 2:2**
 - 2. It is composed of people who have had their sins washed away in the blood of the Lamb. **Jn. 1:29; Rev. 1:5; 7:13-14**
- 3. In the kingdom, sin is the exception, not the rule. **Eph. 5:25-27**

- C. We are members of the most enlightened kingdom on earth. **Col. 1:12-13; Jn. 8:13**
 - 1. There are those in the kingdom who know nothing of Einstein's theory of relativity, know nothing about the mysteries of nuclear energy, and have little familiarity with the ways of the world.
 - 2. However, Christians are the most enlightened man on earth. **Psa. 119:19; Eph. 1:18**
- D. We are members of the most profitable kingdom on earth.
 - 1. The Christian life is the freest, happiest, most wholesome and the healthiest life there is. **1 Tim. 4:8; Mk. 10:29-3**
 - 2. It is the most profitable because it is through the kingdom that God blesses the people of the world. **Gal. 6:1**
- E. We are the most exalted society on earth. **Eph. 2:6-7**
 - 1. These verses state the glory and grandeur of the kingdom.
 - 2. Citizens of the kingdom are those who have been saved and been exalted to places of preeminent privilege by virtue of the simple facts they are royal citizens of divine government
- F. We are members of the only permanent kingdom. **Heb. 12:28; Dan. 2:44**

III. OBLIGATIONS OF CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP - OBEY THE KING!

- A. Prayer. **Col. 4:2; Lk.18:1; 1 Thess. 5:17; Jas. 5:16**
- B. Attendance in worship. **Heb. 10:22-29**
 - 1. It is for the welfare of our souls.
 - 2. It is inconceivable that able-bodied members would absent themselves from worship of the King.
- C. Righteous living. **Tit. 2:11-12; 1 Pet. 2:21-24; 2:11; Mt. 5:13-16**
- D. To stand at my post of duty. **Judges 7:21**
 - 1. We can help, preach the gospel. **Mk. 16:15**
 - 2. There is something you can do. Mk. 14:8.
 - 3. Many go to their grave with their music still in them.
- E. Faith, consecration, devotion, sacrifice. **1 Cor. 15:58; Mt. 6:33**

CONCLUSION:

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- B. What do you need to do?
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 - 6. You must live a faithful life and keep yourself from sin and be ready for when Jesus comes again. **Revelation 2:10**
- C. Are you a citizen of Heaven?
- D. Where is your eternal home?

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LESSON EIGHT: IF JESUS HAD COME DOWN

TEXT: **Matthew 27:35-44**

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Come to CALVARY. V. 33
- B. Crucifixion a cruel form of death.
- C. But the climax of His suffering.
- D. In text being taunted to come down from the Cross.
- E. Thank God, He did not come down. He could have. My. 26:53
- F. He was resigned to His Father's will. Mt. 26:39
- G. BUT, if He had come down...

DISCUSSION:

I. WE WOULD HAVE NO SAVIOR

- A. We need one. **Rom. 3:10, 23; 6:23; 1 Jn. 1:8; Isa. 53:1-7**
- B. There is only ONE. **Acts 4:12; 1 Jn. 4:14**
- C. We cannot save ourselves! **Tit. 3:5; Eph. 2:8-9; Jer. 10:23**
- D. God sent JESUS to save the human family from their sins. **1 Tim. 1:13,15**
- E. JESUS' death was for the purpose of delivering humankind from the consequence of sin. **Gal. 1:4**

II. WE WOULD HAVE NO CHURCH OF WHICH TO BE A MEMBER

- A. There would be no church without the cross. **Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25; 1 Cor. 6:20**
- B. The church is not a building...it is people who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. **Jn. 1:29; Rev. 5:9; 7:13-14**
- C. When people are saved by the blood of Christ, they are then added to the church for which JESUS died. **Col. 1:13-14; Acts 2:47**

III. WE WOULD HAVE NO GOSPEL TO PREACH.

- A. After His resurrection our Lord commanded his disciples to make the gospel known. **Mk. 16:15**
- B. The gospel has saving power. **Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-4**
- C. The gospel must be believed. **Mk. 16:15-16**
- D. The gospel must be obeyed. **2 Thess. 1:7-9; 1 Pet. 4:16-18**
- E. The men and women in Corinth were saved by obedience to the gospel. **1 Cor. 15:1-4; Acts 18:8**
- F. All that will matter on the Day of Judgment is DID YOU OBEY THE GOSPEL?

IV. WE WOULD HAVE NO HOPE BEYOND THE GRAVE.

- A. The day JESUS was raised from the dead is the day death died. **Rev. 1:18**
- B. Jesus, by dying on the cross, opened up a way into heaven. **Heb. 9:12, 24; 10:19-22**
- C. Because He died and was raised from the dead, we have hope:
 - 1. Of our own resurrection. **1 Thess. 4:13-18**
 - 2. Of our justification in His blood. Rom. 5:9. Just-as-if-I-had-never-sinned
Rom. 4:8; 1 Jn. 1:7
 - 3. Of seeing our Lord one day. **1 Jn. 3:2**
 - 4. Of having a glorified body. **Phil. 3:20-21**
 - 5. Of seeing our Heavenly Father. **Mt. 6:9**
 - 6. Of seeing familiar faces. **Mt. 8:11**
 - 7. Of an existence without the struggles we face on earth. **Rev. 21:4,27**
- D. Praise God, Jesus is alive!

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- B. Aren't you glad Jesus came and died for you?

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LESSON NINE: WHY MEN NEED JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOR
TEXT: **Matthew 27:35-44**

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Jesus came as a means of salvation. **Gen. 3:15; 12:1-3; Gal. 3:16; 4:4-6; Acts 4:11-12; Luke. 19:10**
- B. There is no other way to obtain it. No other savior.
 - 1. "Seems arrogant and narrow".
 - 2. Truth is always narrow.
 - 2 plus 2 equals 4.
 - That is narrow and leaves no room for another number.
- C. But, why do men need saving?

DISCUSSION:

I. BECAUSE OF SIN.

- A. All are sinners. **Isa. 53:6-7; Rom. 3:10, 23; 1 Jn. 1:10; Isa. 59:2; Ezk. 18:20; Gal. 6:7-8; Isa. 1:4-6**
- B. Sin is deceitful. **Heb. 3:12**
 - 1. Promises light and brings darkness.
 - 2. Promises freedom but brings slavery.
 - 3. Promises health but brings sickness of the soul.
 - 4. Promises peace but brings turmoil.
 - 5. Promises joy but brings sorrow.
 - 6. Promises heaven but brings hell.
- C. Sin is missing the mark. **1 Jn. 3:4; Jas. 4:17.**
- D. The world is on a collision course with eternity because of sin. **Mt. 25:41**

II. BECAUSE MAN IS MAN AND NOT AN ANIMAL.

- A. Animals are not in need of salvation.
- B. Man is body and soul. **Mt. 10:28; Gen. 35:18; Eccl. 12:7**
- C. The soul cannot be satisfied on material things. **Lk. 12:15-21**
- D. Many pamper their bodies but neglect their souls. **Mt. 16:26; Heb. 10:39; Lk. 16:19-31**
- E. Solomon learned that happiness is not found in wisdom or wealth. **Eccl. 12:12-13**

III. BECAUSE MAN NEEDS HELP NOW!!

- A. He needs guidance. **Jer. 10:23; Isa. 55:8-9**
- B. He needs happiness. **Psa. 145:15; Acts 8:39**
- C. He needs an example to follow. **1 Pet. 1:21**
- D. He needs hope for the future. **1 Thess. 4:13-18**

IV. BECAUSE HE MUST APPEAR IN THE JUDGMENT.

- A. **2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12; Rom. 2:6**
- B. Imagine standing there unprepared.
- C. It will be a great day. **Rev. 20:11-15**
 - 1. Great judge. **2 Tim. 4:1-2**
 - 2. Great crowd. **2 Cor. 5:10**
 - 3. Great books. **Rev. 20:12-13**
 - 4. Great separation. **Mt. 25:31-33**
 - 5. Great verdict. **Mt. 25:41, 46**
- D. Are you prepared for this day?

V. BECAUSE HE IS A CANDIDATE FOR ETERNITY.

- A. It is hard to comprehend ETERNITY.
- B. It is duration without limits.
- C. "When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun."
- D. Ten thousand years from now we will be somewhere in eternity.
 - 1. Heaven. **Jn. 14:1-3**
 - 2. Hell. **Mt. 25:46**
- E. Suppose you were told you would be in hell for 500 years, you would have hope.
- F. Hell is for eternity. It is a world of NO HOPE!

CONCLUSION:

- A. The whole world needs salvation. **Jn. 3:16**
- B. It is God's desire that all men be saved.
1 Tim. 2:4-6; 2 Pet. 3:9; Acts 10:34-35; 1 Jn. 2:1-2
- C. An invitation is extended to all. **Mt. 11:28-30**
- D. What do you need to do?
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LESSON TEN: THE GREATNESS OF CHRIST

TEXT: Hebrews 1:1-2

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Many great people: Lincoln, Churchill, Albert Schweitzer, Paul, Abraham.
- B. If you are not a Christian, Christ means very little to you.
- C. If a CHRISTIAN means everything to you.
Col. 3:11 *"Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all."*
- D. Jesus is the greatest of the greats.
- E. Greatness seen in Hebrews.

DISCUSSION:

I. GREATER THAN THE PROPHETS **Heb. 1:1-3**

- A. **Deut. 18:18; Acts 3:22; Mt. 17:5**
- B. Greater than Joe Smith, Mohammad, Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, etc.
- C. Greater than modern day prophets. **Deut. 18:15-20**

II. GREATER THAN THE ANGELS **Heb. 1:4-5**

- A. Three arguments why he is greater than Angels.
 - 1. Argument number one. **Heb. 1:5**
 - 2. Argument number two. **Heb. 1:7-8**
 - 3. Argument number three. **Heb. 1:13**
- B. Role of angels. **Heb. 1:14**
- C. Angels meant what they said. **Heb. 2:1-3**
- D. How much more does JESUS mean what He says? **Heb. 12:25**

III. GREATER THAN MOSES **Heb. 3:3**

- A. Moses was the Old Testament law-giver. **Deut. 5:1-5**
- B. Jesus was before Moses. **Jn. 8:58; Mic. 5:2**

IV. HIS HOUSE GREATER THAN MOSES' HOUSE **Heb. 3:4-6**

- A. The Old Testament house was the tabernacle. (Israel)
- B. The New Testament house. "whose we are"
- C. This house was predicted. **Isa. 2:2-4**
- D. This house is the church. **1 Tim. 3:15**

V. HIS REST IS GREATER THAN MOSES' REST **Heb. 4:9-11**

- A. The Old Testament rest was Canaan.
- B. The New Testament rest is "in Christ" and ultimately heaven. **Matt. 11:28-30; Rev. 14:13**

VI. HIS PRIESTHOOD IS GREATER THAN AARON'S **Heb. 7:11-14**

- A. The priest in the Old Testament came from the tribe of Levi.
- B. Jesus came from the tribe of Judah. **Mic. 5:2**
- C. Now all belong to the royal priesthood. **1 Pet. 2:4-5**

VII. HIS LAW IS GREATER THAN MOSES' LAW **Heb. 8:6**

- A. It is written on the heart and not tables of stone. **Heb. 8:10**
- B. For one to be a Christian they must first be taught the law of Christ.
Heb. 8:12; Jn. 6:44-45
- C. Under The law of Christ, sin is remembered no more. **Heb. 8:12**

VIII. HIS SACRIFICE IS GREATER THAN THE SACRIFICES UNDER THE OLD TESTAMENT

Heb. 9:12-15; 10:3-4; 9:28; 10:10

- A. Under the Old Testament law sin was remembered. **Heb. 10:3-4**
- B. Under the Old Testament sacrifice had to be made every year.
- C. The sacrifice of JESUS was ONCE for all time to come. **Heb. 9:12; 9:28; 10:12**

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B. Have you surrendered to Jesus Christ?

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LESSON ELEVEN: BECAUSE OF THE RESURRECTION

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Many dark days...Eden...flood...Pearl Harbor...JFK killed...tornado...Earthquake...etc.
- B. Darkest day...Jesus died...cruel hands took him...nailed to cross...9 till 3 on cross...sun refused to shine...darkest day of all...day God's Son met death.
- C. See his body hanging there...limp...must remove before sundown...Nicodemus and Joseph come for body...soldiers pierce body....now dead...ALL OVER...saved others...not save self...performed miracles...lay helpless in death.
- D. Death not hold him...not imprison mighty Christ...Friday, Saturday, Sunday morning...women came...stone rolled away...empty...two men...he is risen!
- E. Because He was raised certain things are true.

DISCUSSION:

I. BECAUSE OF THE RESURRECTION PROPHECY WAS FULFILLED Lk. 24:44

- A. **Psa. 16:10; Acts 2:22-31**
- B. ILL. - suppose someone could predict who be president in 100 years.

II. BECAUSE OF THE RESURRECTION WE HAVE GOOD NEWS TO PROCLAIM 1 Cor. 15:1-4

- A. It is old news. **Gen. 3:15; Gal. 4:4-6**
- B. It is new news. **2 Cor. 5:17**
- C. It is universal news. **Jn. 12:32**
- D. It is personal news. **Gal. 2:20; Jn. 3:16**

III. BECAUSE OF THE RESURRECTION SUNDAY IS A SPECIAL DAY.

- A. Women came to tomb on FIRST DAY of the week. **Lk. 24:1**
- B. It had been predicted Jesus would be raised on the FIRST DAY.
 - 1. **Psa. 118:20-24; Eph. 1:20-23**
 - 2. Not exalted until He was raised.
 - 3. The day he was raised was Sunday.
- C. Every FIRST DAY early saints gathered to observe the Lord's supper. **Acts 20:7**
- D. Every FIRST DAY they gave as they were prospered. **1 Cor. 16:1-2**
- E. The church began on the FIRST DAY. **Acts 2:1; Lev. 23:15-16**
- F. John wrote the book of Revelation on the Lord's day or the FIRST DAY. **Rev. 1:10**
- G. ILL. PRESIDENT JAMES GARFIELD. He had a previous engagement with the Lord. Resigned from a higher office as an elder to become the president of the United States.

IV. BECAUSE OF THE RESURRECTION CAN LIVE A NEW LIFE NOW AND LIVE FOREVER
IN THE WORLD TO COME.

- A. Jesus died that we might live. **Jn. 10:10**
- B. Before becoming a child of God, we were dead in sin. **Eph. 2:1-2,12**
- C. When we were baptized into Christ, we were washed clean in the blood of the Lamb. **Rev. 7:13-14; Rom. 6:3-4**
- D. We were raised to a new life in Christ. **Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 3:1-14; 2 Cor. 5:17**
- E. That new life extends into eternity. **Jn. 3:16-18; Rom. 6:23**
- F. The day Jesus was raised from the dead is the day death died. **Jn. 11:24-25**

CONCLUSION:

- A. Try to imagine everlasting life!
- B. Remember the plan of salvation.
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- C. We will be allowed to eat of the tree of life. **Rev. 22:14**
- D. WHEN WE'VE BEEN THERE TEN THOUSAND YEARS BRIGHT SHINING AS THE SUN,
WE'VE NO LESS DAYS TO SING GOD'S PRAISE THAN WHEN WE'VE FIRST BEGUN.

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LESSON TWELVE: WHY MEN DO NOT RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL
TEXT: **Luke 8:4-15**

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Where ever Jesus went, there was a crowd that followed Him.
- B. He used every opportunity to teach.
- C. In the text He taught a lesson on why many never become Christians.
- D. It is the parable of the sower, the seed, the soil and the crop.

DISCUSSION:

I. THE PURPOSE OF PARABLES. **Matt. 13:-10-15**

II. THE SEED REPRESENTS THE WORD. **LK. 8:11**

- A. It will not return void. **Isa. 55:10**
- B. The power is in the seed. **Rom. 1:16; 1 Pet. 1:23; HEB 4:12; Jer. 23:29**
- C. The seed is immutable. **Mt. 24:35; 2 Pet. 1:24**
- D. It reproduces after its kind.

III. THE SOIL REPRESENTS THE HEART.

- A. The word HEART is used by sacred penmen to refer to some particular faculty of the soul.
 - 1. Can be used to refer to our understanding. **Mt. 13:15**
 - 2. Can be used to refer to our emotions. **Mt. 22:37**
 - 3. Can be used to refer to will. **Rom. 6:17-18**
 - 4. Can refer to our memory. **Psa. 119:11**
- B. The heart is the mainstream of life. **Pro. 4:23**
- C. The heart of man can be deceptive. **Jer. 17:9**
- D. God knows our heart. **1 Sam. 16:7; Acts 1:24**

III. THERE ARE FOUR KINDS OF HEARTS.

- A. Wayside soil.
 - 1. There were no fences and the fields were separated by paths.
 - 2. These paths would be as hard as a rock because of the passing of human feet and hoofs of animals.
 - 3. Some seed would fall on the paths and the birds would come and devour the seed.
 - 4. The birds in verse 5 represent satan. V. 12
 - He plants prejudice in the heart.
 - He plants indifference in the heart.
 - He plants resistance to the seed in the heart.
 - 5. Satan can close the heart.

B. Rocky soil.

1. There is a thin layer of soil and no place to take root.
2. This represents the heart with no depth.
 - A heart with shallow convictions.
 - A heart with a lack of deep roots.
3. Need roots deep in:
 - We need Bible study.
 - We need prayer
 - We need worship.
 - We need commitment.
4. ILL. Trees during hurricanes. Pine trees have deep roots and stand the test. Pecan trees are not as deeply rooted and are easily uprooted.

C. Thorny soil.

1. This is the crowded heart.
2. There were two problems in the early church.
 - They faced persecution.
 - They struggled with worldliness.
3. Some have rival plants in their hearts.
 - They have to go in order to obey the gospel. **LK. 13:3**
 - Besetting sins must be rooted out. **Heb. 12:1-2**
4. The thorns of sin choke the word out of our hearts.

D. The good ground.

1. This is the good heart. **Psa. 37:23**
2. This is honest heart. Honest with the truth.
3. A good example of this kind of heart is the eunuch. **Acts 8:26-40**

CONCLUSION:

- A. Each of us is represented by one of these soils.
- B. We should say, "I'm going to become a CHRISTIAN and make Christ mean something in my life."
- C. The condition of the heart is the decisive factor.
- D. You must open your heart. **Rev. 3:20**
- E. What do you need to do?
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LESSON THIRTEEN: BURDENS ARE LIFTED AT CALVARY

TEXT: **Matthew 11:28-20**

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Burdens are common to humankind. **Job 5:7; 14:1; 2 Cor. 5:2-4**
- B. Spanish proverb: every house will sooner or later have its hush.
- C. Why do we have burdens?
 - 1. It is a way we can honor God. **Job 1:20-21**
 - 2. So we can be equipped to help others. **2 Cor. 1:3-4**
 - 3. To refine our character. **Psa. 119:67,71**
 - 4. To strengthen our faith. **2 Cor. 4:16-18; Jas. 1:3**
- D. Jesus came to lift our burdens. **Psa. 55:22**

DISCUSSION:

I. SOME OF LIFE'S BURDENS

- A. Guilt.
 - 1. When we violate God's law, we have feelings of guilt. **Rom. 3:10; 3:23; Isa. 53:6**
 - 2. David felt guilty for his sin. **Psa. 51:1-3,10**
 - 3. The prodigal son felt guilty. **Lk 15:21**
- B. Despair.
 - 1. Many have a feeling of despair.
 - 2. They have no hope. **Eph. 2:12**
- C. Sorrow.
 - 1. There are many sources of sorrow.
 - grieve over sin of others. **1 Cor. 5:1-2; Psa. 126:5-6**
 - grieve over loss. **1 Thess. 4:13-15; Jn. 11:35**
 - grieve over our own sins. **Psa. 51:3**
 - grieve over world conditions. **Jer. 9:1; Mt. 23:37**
 - 2. The world is bathed in the tears of sorrow.
- D. Fear.
 - 1. People fear failure. **Mt. 25:25**
 - 2. Some fear people. **Pro. 29:25**
 - 3. Some fear criticism.
 - 4. Some fear old age.
 - 5. Some fear the future. **Pro. 27:1**
- E. Loneliness. **Gen. 2:18**
- F. Death. **Heb. 9:27; 1 Sam. 20:3**

II. BURDENS ARE LIFTED AT CALVARY

A. In the place of guilt we can have forgiveness.

Isa. 1:18; Jer. 3:34; Heb. 8:12; 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9; Psalms 103:12; Mic. 7:19; Isa. 44:22; Jn. 1:12; Acts 17:30; Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 2:38

B. In the place of despair we can have hope.

1 Tim. 1:1; Col. 1:27; 1 Pet. 3:15; Rom. 8:24; 12:12; 15:4.

C. In the place of sorrow we can have comfort.

2 Cor. 1:3-4; Jn. 14:1-6; 1 Thess. 4:13-18

D. In the place of fear we can have assurance.

Heb. 10:22; 1 Jn. 2:3; 2 Pet. 1:5-11; Psalms 23:4-6

E. In the place of loneliness we can have the Lord's presence.

Heb. 13:5; Josh. 1:5-7

F. In the place of death we can have the resurrection.

1 Cor. 15:50-57; Jn. 5:28-29

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6. Then you must live a faithful life and keep yourself from sin and be ready for when Jesus comes again. **Revelation 2:10** says, *"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."*

B. Perhaps you have a heavy burden you are bearing.

C. You don't have to carry it alone. **1 Pet. 5:7; Psalm 55:22**

D. **Matt. 11:28-30.** The Lord wants to lift your burden.

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LESSON FOURTEEN: A GODLY PERSON

TEXT: Psalm 1:1-6

INTRODUCTION:

- A. What is the greatest thing one can be? Handsome, beautiful, strong, wealthy, decisive, a leader, generous, knowledgeable.
- B. The greatest thing a person can be is to be a godly person.
- C. Godly persons are needed:
 - 1. On the job in the workplace.
 - 2. In the home. **Acts 10:2; Josh. 24:15; Gen. 18:19**
 - 3. In places of civic responsibility.
- D. Note some marks of a godly person
- E. Don't listen to the wicked, don't go with sinners, and don't do evil things.
- F. There is a big difference between the godly and the ungodly.

DISCUSSION:

I. HE OR SHE LIVES CLOSE TO JESUS EACH DAY **Acts 4:13. Psal. 1:1**

- A. This is the foundation of godliness.
- B. Till we are born again we cannot be like him. **Jn.3:1-7; 1 Pet. 1:23; 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:18**
- C. A person may be good but not be godly. **1 Tim. 6:11**
- D. To live close to Jesus each day:
 - 1. Is to be a partaker of the divine nature. **2 Pet. 1:3-5**
 - 2. Is to be filled with the fruit of the spirit. **Gal. 5:22-23; Jn. 15:8**
 - 3. Is to love all people without strings attached. **Rom. 5:6-9; Mt. 22:39; Heb. 13:1; 1 Pet. 1:22; Jn. 15:13; Eph. 5:25**
- E. We must desire to be close to him. **Jas. 4:7-8; Psal. 73:28**
- F. On a scale of 1 to 10 how close are you to him now?

II. HE OR SHE ORDERS THEIR LIFE AFTER THE COUNSEL OF GOD **Psal. 1:1-2**

- A. They seek advice from godly people.
 - B. They are known for what they don't do:
 - 1. Walk in the counsel of the ungodly.
 - 2. Stand in the way of the sinner.
 - 3. Sit in the seat of the scornful.
 - C. They seek companionship with the right kind of people. **1 Cor. 15:33; Pro. 1:10**
 - D. Never make a crucial decision based on the counsel of an ungodly person.
- ILL. HAVING TROUBLE WITH MARRIAGE. TAKE ADVICE FROM SOMEONE WHO FAILED IN THEIR MARRIAGE RATHER THOSE WHO LIVED TOGETHER SUCCESSFULLY FOR YEARS.

- E. The best advice if from God's word. **Psa. 1:3-4; Mt. 4:4**
 - 1. Be excited about His word. **Jer. 10:23**
 - 2. Everything we need to know about life now and hereafter is revealed in the Bible. **2 Pet. 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:16-17**
- F. God has the edge over man. **Isa. 55:8-9** Listen to him.

III. HE IS A HAPPY MAN **Psa. 1:1** "Blessed"

- A. There are plenty of unhappy people in the world.
 - 1. They seek it where it cannot be found.
 - 2. He found that THINGS cannot secure happiness.
 - 3. Solomon - It is not found "under the sun".
 - 4. It is found above the sun.
- B. No person can be happy who rejects the counsel of God. **Psa. 1:5-6**
- C. The godly person:
 - 1. Seeks God. **Isa. 55:6-7; Heb. 11:6; Rom. 3:18**
 - 2. Obeys God. **Rev. 22:14**
 - 3. Obeys the gospel. **1 Pet. 4:17; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rom. 6:1-7; 6:17-18**
 - 3. Loves God. **Mt. 22:37; 1 Jn. 5:3**
 - 4. Dies serving God. **Rev. 14:13; 2 Tim. 4:6-8**
- D. The future of the godly person is bright indeed.

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 - 6. Then you must live a faithful life and keep yourself from sin and be ready for when Jesus comes again. **Revelation 2:10** says, *"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."*
- B. Do you align yourself with the godly or the ungodly?

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LESSON FIFTEEN: ISAIAH SPEAKS TO MODERN MAN

TEXT: **Isaiah 5:20**

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Isaiah would never have been voted one of the top ten most popular men in town.
- B. He laid bare the sins of the people. **Isa. 1:2-6**
- C. They were outwardly flourishing, but inwardly they were under the eye of God and He was displeased.
- D. He exposed them to God's complaints against them.

DISCUSSION:

I. THEY WERE MATERIALISTIC *Isa. 5:8*

- A. They were motivated by material prosperity.
- B. They lived for self.
- C. Often we do the same.
 - 1. Want to be left alone to add to our possessions.
 - 2. No time for God. **Deut. 32:15**
- D. You will find time to die. **Lk. 12:15-21**
- E. "There are two tragedies in life: one is to get your heart's desire and the other is not to get it."
- F. Wife of famous actor: "I thought money could bring happiness. I have been terribly disillusioned."

II. THEY PURSUED PLEASURE *Isa. 5:11-12*

- A. They lived for self.
- B. They had no time for God. **Isa. 5:12**
- C. Nothing destroys our spiritual health more than the pursuit of pleasure. **2 Tim. 3:5**

III. THEY BECAME REBELLIOUS *Isa. 5:18-19*

- A. They did not try to hide sin.
- B. They were not ashamed of their sin. **Jer. 6:15**
- C. Men now have no sense of shame.

IV. THEY HAD A TWISTED SENSE OF RIGHT AND WRONG *Isa. 5:20*

- A. They scoffed at the values of God.
- B. Today, things once condemned are now condoned.
- C. Values are now looked at through rose colored glasses and right become wrong.
- D. Wrong has become right.

V. THEY WERE BLIND TO THEIR OWN CONDITION **Isa. 5:21**

- A. We're puffed up. **Rom. 1:22**
- B. Now days some think they have the answer to everything.
- C. Many of them have not learned to live.
- D. But, they don't want others to know how they really feel.
 - 1. They don't have it all together.
 - 2. Their walk with God is very shallow.
 - 3. They can't control their anger, impatience or criticisms.
- E. They were a preview of the church in Laodicea. **Rev. 3:14-20**

VI. THEY PERVERTED JUSTICE **ISA. 5:23**

- A. Greed and personal gain became a way of life.
- B. Corruption was accepted as a way of life.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Their way of life did not go unnoticed by the Lord. **Isa. 5:24-25**
- B. But, God was still merciful. **Isa. 1:10, 16, 18**
- C. God still cares.
- D. Remember the plan of salvation.
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- E. Do you want to be saved?

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LESSON SIXTEEN: WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED

TEXT: **Isaiah 53:1-6**

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The prophet with the pen of inspiration painted a graphic picture of the suffering Savior.
 - 1. Wounded
 - 2. Bruised
 - 3. Rejected
 - 4. Crucified
- B. All of this was to satisfy the wrath of a holy God. **Rom. 5:9; Isa. 53:10-11**
- C. It took a perfect sacrifice to atone for sin. **1 Pet. 1:18-19**
- D. What does His suffering mean to you?
- E. We can know what it meant to the apostles.
 - 1. Paul. **Gal. 6:14; 1 Cor. 1:17-18; 2:2**
 - 2. Peter. **1 Pet. 2:24**

DISCUSSION:

I. WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED **Isa. 53:5**

- A. Does that mean, as some allege, that physical healing comes through the suffering of Christ?
 - 1. It is true that Jesus healed people while on earth. Acts 2:22; Jn. 3:2
 - 2. Why did He perform miracles? Jn. 20:30-31
 - 3. Miracles did happen throughout the Bible
 - a. The sun stood still.
 - b. The waters of the Red Sea dried up.
 - c. There was the raising of the Shunnamites son.
 - d. There was the resurrection of Christ.
 - 4. There is a huge distinction to be made between healing that occurs in the realm of God's providence and miraculous divine healing that occurred in the supernatural realm.
 - 5. All healing is divine but not all is miraculous divine healing.
 - 6. If all healing was miraculous then men could duplicate what Jesus did such as causing the blind to see, the lame to walk, the deaf to hear, the dead to rise.
 - 7. The age of miracles passed with the giving of full, complete revelation of inspired truth. **1 Cor. 13:8-11; Jas. 1:25; Jn. 14:26; 16:13; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21**
- B. The word "healed" in **Isaiah 53:5** does not refer to physical healing.
 - 1. The context will not allow for such an interpretation.
 - 2. He was "wounded" for our "transgressions".
 - 3. Peter did not have physical healing in mind. **1 Pet. 2:24**
 - 4. Jesus used the word "healed" (**Mt. 13:15**) but the parallel passage clarifies what He had in mind (**Mk. 4:11**).
 - 5. Healed equals forgiveness.

- C. There is spiritual healing (forgiveness) because of His death. **Eph. 1:7; Mt. 26:28**
 - 1. His death was vicarious.
 - 2. "Wounded for our transgressions". **2 Cor. 5:21**
 - 3. If our sins are forgiven it will be because of His death. **Heb. 9:12-22**

II. OUR WORLD NEEDS SPIRITUAL HEALING. **II Chron. 7:14**

- A. Some have needed physical healing.
 - 1. Naaman **Lk. 4:27**
 - 2. The blind man. **Jn. 9:11**
 - 3. Those snake bitten. **Jn. 3:14; Num. 21**
- B. But, the world needs healing from sin. **Isa. 1:4-6**
 - 1. It is worse than any physical disease: polio, cancer, etc.
 - 2. It destroys everything and everyone in its path. **Rom. 6:24; Pro. 13:15**
 - 3. The entire world is infested with sin. **Rom. 3:10, 23; 1 Jn. 5:17-19**
- C. Jesus is the only one who can heal one of sin. **Jer. 8:20; Lk. 5:31-32**
 - 1. His blood can heal all our soul's diseases. **Col. 1:14**
 - 2. Nothing but the blood can save. **Heb. 9:22**
 - a. Heals from the guilt of sin. **Rom. 4:8**
 - b. Heals from the penalty of sin. **Rom. 6:26**
 - c. Heals from the slavery of sin. **Jn. 8:32-36**
- D. By his stripe we are healed.

III. WHAT KEEPS MEN FROM THE GREAT PHYSICIAN?

- A. Some do not think they are sick.
- B. Some not think sin is serious.
- C. Some refuse the cure.
- D. Some try remedies made by men.
- E. Some wait until it is too late to go to the PHYSICIAN.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Remember the plan of salvation.
 - 1. You must hear the gospel in order to be saved. **Romans 10:17**
 - 2. You must believe in Jesus Christ in order to be saved. **John 8:24**
 - 3. You must repent of sins in order to be saved. **Luke 13:3**
 - 4. You must confess faith in Jesus Christ in order to be saved. **Matthew 10:**
 - 5. You must be baptized for the remission of sins in order to be saved. **Mark 16:16**
 - 6. You must live a faithful life and keep yourself from sin and be ready for when Jesus comes again. **Revelation 2:10**
- B. Do you want to be saved?

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LESSON SEVENTEEN: A RIVERSIDE REVIVAL

TEXT: Acts 16:11-15

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Phillipi was chief city of Macedonia.
- B. Gateway to Europe.
- C. Named after Philip of Macedonia.
- D. Paul on second journey.
- E. First European city evangelized.
- F. First convert by riverside.
- G. Note three things about Lydia.

DISCUSSION:

I. HER HEARING WAS OPENED **Acts 16:14**

- A. Was business woman from Thyatira.
- B. Was seeking the Lord in sinful world.
- C. Paul came to a prayer meeting down by the riverside.
- D. She was a good listener. "Heard me"
- E. Need our ears open. **Rev. 2:7; Jas. 1:19; Mk. 4:24; Rom. 13-17**
- F. Some are closed. **Mt. 13:15**
 - 1. Hear what want to hear.
 - 2. Closed by prejudice.
 - 3. Selective hearing.
 - 4. Closed by indifference.
- G. The seed can only come up in the right soil. **Lk. 8:4-15**

II. HER HEART WAS OPENED **Acts 16:14**

- A. Man's heart can be closed to God. **Jer. 17:9; Rom. 3:18; Psal. 10:4**
- B. When you seek him you will find him. **Jer. 29:13; Heb. 11:6**
- C. Lydia's heart was receptive to the gospel. **Lk. 8:15**
- D. She was a searching woman and she found Christ. **Isa. 55:6-7**
- E. Some hearts are not open to the gospel message.
 - 1. Some have become hard and calloused. **Eph. 4:19; 1 Tim. 4:1-4; Jer. 5:3**
 - 2. Some have divided hearts. **Hos. 10:2**
 - 3. Some have evil hearts. **Heb. 3:19**
 - 4. Some have deceived hearts. **Jer. 17:9**
- F. Lydia had a good heart. A receptive heart. **Acts 2:41**
- G. When the word of God is planted in a good heart, it can produce good fruit.
Psal. 126:5-6; 119:11

III. HER HOME WAS OPENED **Acts 16:15**

- A. Opened her home to entertain the missionaries.
- B. Was like:
 - 1. Woman from Shunem. **2 Kgs. 4:8-10**
 - 2. Gaius. **3 John 5-6**
 - 3. Mary and Martha. **Lk. 10:38-42**
- C. Was a hospitable woman. **Heb. 13:2; 1 Pet. 4:9**. Grows out of love.
- D. Wanted family and friends to hear the gospel.
- E. After Paul and Silas were released from prison she opened her home to the church.

CONCLUSION:

- A. What an example to women of any day.
- B. A business woman who made it her business to hear the gospel and obey it.
- C. Is your heart open? Will you listen to the gospel truth?
- D. Will you, as a believer in Christ, submit to Bible baptism just like Lydia?
- E. She did not repeat a sinners prayer.
- F. What must we do to be saved?
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- G. As a believer she was baptized into Christ and then the church met in her home.

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LESSON EIGHTEEN: THE GOSPEL TRUTH

TEXT: Colossians 1:3-8

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Give background of text.
- B. The church had a strong faith in Jesus Christ.
- C. All around the earth people were hearing the good news.

DISCUSSION:

I. DESCRIPTIONS OF THE GOSPEL

- A. The gospel of the grace of God. **Acts 20:24**
- B. The gospel of his son. **Rom. 1:9**
- C. The gospel of Christ. **1 Cor. 9:12**
- D. The gospel of God. **Rom. 15:16**
- E. The gospel of the glory of Christ. **2 Cor. 4:4**
- F. The gospel of peace. **Eph. 6:15**
- G. The everlasting gospel. **Rev. 14:6**

II. THE GOSPEL TRUTH

- A. The word of truth. **Col. 1:5**
- B. The message of truth. **Eph. 1:13**
- C. Hence, the truth of the gospel or GOSPEL TRUTH.

III. MEANING OF 'GOSPEL'

- A. Greek (evangel ion) from which get evangelize or literally "good news".
- B. Derived from use age in Classical Greek to speak of the report of victory brought back from battle.
- C. It is the good news of Jesus' victory over satan, sin and death. Rev. 1:18; 1 Jn. 3:8; 1 Cor. 15:57; Jn. 8:32-36
- D. There are three depictions of the gospel in the New Testament.
 - 1. A news story. **1 Cor. 15:1-4**
 - old news. **Gen. 3:15**
 - new news. **2 Cor. 5:17**
 - universal. **Jn. 12:32**
 - personal news. **Gal. 2:20**
 - 2. A will to obey. **Heb. 9:15-17**
 - 3. A way of life. **Phil. 1:27**

IV. WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE GOSPEL?

- A. Preach the gospel. **Mk. 16:15**
- B. Defend the gospel. **Phil. 1:17**
- C. Advance the gospel. **Phil. 1:27**
- D. Suffer for the gospel. **2 Tim. 1:8**
- E. Do not hinder the gospel. **1 Cor. 9:22**
- F. Do not be ashamed of the gospel. **Rom. 1:16**
- G. Obey the gospel. **2 Thess. 1:7-9; 1 Pet. 4:17; Acts 18:8**

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 - 6. Then you must live a faithful life and keep yourself from sin and be ready for when Jesus comes again. **Revelation 2:10** says, *"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."*
- C. After we obey the gospel we must go and teach it to others (**Matt. 28:18-19**).

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LESSON NINETEEN: THE ALL SUFFICIENCY OF THE GOSPEL

TEXT: **Romans 1:16**

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Emphasis on "The Power of God Unto Salvation." (Has Power enough)
- B. **II Peter 1:3** - Gospel, all men need to be released from sin and enjoy heaven.
- C. Many try to alter God's plan and preach social reform. (Dangers)
- D. Many in Paul's day tried to change the gospel. (**Gal. 1:6-9**)
- E. In lesson we show WHY it is all-sufficient.
- F. Perversion = Denial
- G. Substitution – (Social Reform – Gimmicks – additions – creeds - translations – modernists)

DISCUSSION:

I. PERFECT – **James 1:25**

- A. Something perfect can't be improved on by addition to or subtraction
 - 1. Warning in front middle & last. **Deut. 4:2**
 - 2. Add not to his word. **Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18-19**
 - 3. Jesus was perfect and could not be improved on.
- B. Law of Moses could not ring perfect (**Heb. 7:19**)
 - 1. Only a shadow. **Heb. 10:1**
 - 2. Eternal life known only by degree. **Heb. 11:26-27; 1 Pet. 1:10-12**
 - 3. The Holiest of Holies made possible with Christ. **Heb. 9:6-12**

II. POWERFUL - **Romans 1:15**

- A. Power came from Greek word DUNAMIS
 - 1. Origin of word dynamic – Dynamo – Dynamite
 - 2. God has creative power – nature power – can control what he chooses
 - 3. Gospel is his method and it has his power unto salvation
 - 4. What is we preach another gospel? **Gal 1:6-9**
- B. What the Word Will Do
 - 1. Produce faith. **Rom. 10:17**
 - 2. Begotten and saved by word. **1 Pet 1:23; James 1:21**
 - 3. It quickens and causes us to want to obey. **Heb. 4:12**
 - 4. Demands obedience. **John 12:42-43**
 - 5. Why resort to: Emotionalism; Gimmicks, Social Reform, Etc.?

III. COMPLETE – **II Timothy 3:16-17**

A. Bible is al-sufficient, adequate and adaptable to every human need.

1. We have been given all things that pertain to life and Godliness (**II Pet. 1:3**)
2. This is why we say, "Speak where Bible speaks and be silent where Bible is silent." (**1 Pet 4:11**)
3. If we accept ritual-handbook, catechism, manual, discipline, confession of faith or prayer book, this makes void our faith in all sufficiency of scriptures.
4. If Bible thoroughly furnishes to every good work, why have a supplementary book?

B. Some things taught in **II Timothy 3:16-17**

1. Give by inspiration (God breathed) **Gal. 1:11-12**
2. Profitable for doctrine (Teaching) **II John 9**
3. Reproof – **Eph.5:11 – II Timothy 4:2** – God anticipated every error
4. Correction – (Amend life) only thing to cause us to want to correct our life.
Rom. 12:1-2
5. Instruction in righteousness (Guidelines)
6. Mature in every good work
7. Why have supplementary book? (Always changing)

IV. ENDURING – **Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:24-25**

A. Word is unmoved, fixed and permanent.

1. Kingdoms rise and fall but word abides (19 civilizations risen & fallen)
2. Men have tried to destroy Bible.
3. Men have and do pervert the Bible but don't change what it says

B. Because it endures, it will judge – **John 12:48; Romans 2:16; Rev. 20:12**

CONCLUSION:

A. If Gospel is powerful-perfect-complete and enduring, why aren't all men saved?

B. Not God's fault – Extends grace – Not willing that any should perish.

C. Man is free moral agent – if not saved is because he will not obey – **John 5:40**

D. If you are not a Christian, let power of Gospel operate on your heart.

E. What do you need to do?

1. You must hear the gospel in order to be saved. **Romans 10:17**
2. You must believe in Jesus Christ in order to be saved. **John 8:24**
3. You must repent of sins in order to be saved. **Luke 13:3**
4. You must confess faith in Jesus Christ in order to be saved. **Matthew 10:**
5. You must be baptized for the remission of sins in order to be saved. **Mark 16:16**
6. You must live a faithful life and keep yourself from sin and be ready for when Jesus comes again. **Revelation 2:10**

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LESSON TWENTY: BEWARE LEST THOU FORGET

TEXT: **Deut. 6:12; Heb. 10:23-31; 2 Pet. 1:12-14**

Introduction

- A. Man is prone to remember the things he ought to forget and forget the things he ought to remember.
- B. We should forget: Evil, wrongs we have suffered and our old sins (**Phil. 3:13-14**).
- C. However, the warning comes ringing across the centuries, "Beware lest thou forget."
- D. Some of life's greatest things are often forgotten.

DISCUSSION:

I. THE ROOT OF THE MATTER: "BEWARE LEST THOU FORGET GOD"

- A. **Ecccl. 12:1** – God is worthy of being remembered.
 - 1. Because of His omnipotence (**Amos 4:13**).
 - 2. Because of His omniscience (**Prov. 15:3; Psalms 139:1-4**).
 - 3. Because of His omnipresence (**Job 23:9-10**).
 - 4. Because of His infinite goodness to man (**Rom. 11:22**).
- B. Yet, many have forgotten God (**Jer. 2:32**).
 - 1. A maid cannot forget her ornaments.
 - 2. A bride does not forget her wedding gown.
 - 3. But multitudes have forgotten God.
- C. The basic mistake of the rich farmer was forgetting God (**Lk. 12:26-21**).
 - 1. He talked of his goods, his fruits, his barns, etc.
 - 2. Not once did he take God into account.
- D. As in the care of Israel and the rich farmer, prosperity can cause a people to forget God (**Deut. 32:15; Rom. 3:18**).

II. THINGS WE OUGHT NEVER TO FORGET

- A. Beware lest thou forget the word of God (**Jas. 1:25; Heb. 2:1-3**).
 - 1. One of the main duties of faithful preacher is to remind men of what they have been taught (**2 Pet. 1:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:6**).
 - 2. We need to remember the word of the Lord (**Lk. 24:8**).
 - a. We need to remember the Words of Christ on creation (**Mt. 19:4**).
 - b. We need to remember the words of Christ on His deity, "Before Abraham was" (**Micah 5:2**).
 - c. We need to remember the word of Christ on His mission (**Lk. 19:10; Jn. 17:4**).
 - d. We need to remember the words of Christ on his authority (**Mt. 28:18; Jn. 12:45**).
 - e. We need to remember the words of Christ on heaven (**Jn. 14:1-3**).
 - 3. The man is foolish, who forgets the words of Christ (**Mt. 7:21-27**).

B. Beware lest thou forget the benefits of God. (**Psa. 103:2**).

1. Think of the blessings we have received (**Jas. 1:17; 1 Chron. 29:11-12; Deut. 8:18**).
2. "Count your blessings name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."
3. The most benighted soul the world has to offer is the man who has forgotten what God has done for him (**Lk. 17:11-17**).
4. There is not a clearer manifestation of ingratitude than a failure to give as God has blessed us (**Acts 20:35; 2 Cor. 9:6-7**).

C. Beware lest thou forget the consequences of sin (**Lk. 17:32**).

1. In fleeing Sodom Mrs. Lot looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt – a monument to remind us of the consequences of sin (**Num. 32:23; Gal. 6:7-8; Heb. 10:26-31**).
2. Pay day is coming (**Rom. 14:12**).

D. Beware lest thou forget to assemble to worship.

1. One of the clearest signs a man has forgotten God is failure to worship God.
2. "Why should we attend the services of the church", one might ask.
 - a. To show the proof of our love (**Jn. 14:14**).
 - b. To show our faith (**Jas. 2:18**).
 - c. To increase our knowledge (**2 Pet. 1:5**).
 - e. Meet with the Lord (**Mt. 18:20**).
 - f. To become more like the God we serve.
3. The seriousness of this is seen in the words of **Heb. 10:24-26**.
 - a. We do not know why there may have been negligent.
 - b. It may have been a fear of persecution.
 - c. Maybe they lacked interest.
 - d. Perhaps they were not well taught.

E. Beware lest thou forget what Jesus has done for us (**2 Pet. 1:9**).

1. Jesus instituted the Lord's supper as a memorial of His work (**1 Cor. 11:28-30**).
2. The Lord's supper is a looking back (to His death) a looking in (each examine himself) a looking forward (till he come).

F. Beware lest thou forget your first love (**Rev. 2:5**).

1. Many are in a backslider state (**Gal. 6:1; Jas. 5:19-20; 1 Cor. 10:12; 2 Pet. 2:20-22**).
2. Do you recall the place that prayer once played in your life?
3. Do you recall how you once read and studied the Bible?
4. Do you recall how you once were very sensitive to sin?
5. There are many like the prodigal who need to return home (**Lk. 15:11-24**).

III. RESULTS OF FORGETTING GOD

A. Forgetting God is a devastating force that can weaken and destroy nations (**Ps. 9:17**).

B. If we forget God in this life, memory will haunt us throughout eternity (**Lk. 16:19-31**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. Have you been leaving God out of your life?
- B. Remember God now... while there is time!
- C. Remember the plan of Salvation.