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**A STUDY OF BASICS FOR THE NEWLY SAVED,
A WONDERFUL STUDY FOR THOSE WHO NEED TO
GROW IN THEIR WALK, AND
BUILDING CHRIST-LIKE BELIEVERS WHO WILL BE REPRODUCERS**

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Preface

The study of these basic truths will give you a firm foundation for your new life in Christ. This study is not only for the new convert, but for all who are young in the faith and want to build their life in Christ. You will receive help as you learn more about the Lord, about salvation, and about the Christian walk and life. This study is especially for adults and youth.

Study each lesson well. It would be wise to use a red lead pencil and underline in your Bible each verse or portion of verses you study. This will help you remember your study of each new truth. Also work at **memorizing** each portion that is suggested, or another that would help you in your walk with the Lord.

Note: You will want to find the main phrase or truth in each reference given and write down *only that part* unless the question calls for the whole verse. At times you will want to write the answer in your own words. Make your answers short, concise and to the point.

Make your Bible the constant companion for your life. Build a *love walk* with the Lord and with His Word. We will be praying for you as you live your life for Christ. (Philippians 1:21; Matthew 4:4; I Peter 2:2)

Warmly, in Christ,

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Our Concerns

We ought to be concerned about discipling our own children and youth! Their future does depend upon our consistency in molding their lives for Christ. In Matthew 28:18-20, we are commanded to win people to Christ, and that they are to be baptized. But also we are under command to instruct them or to teach them all things. This is the Greek word which means "to teach, or disciple them!"

Paul taught much about discipling others as he also practiced such a labor in the lives of converts. (Read and study II Timothy 2:2; Colossians 1:28-29; I Thessalonians 2:7-12; Galatians 4:17; II Thessalonians 3:8.) This is for us today!

Why is Discipling Others So Needed Today?

Young people today are lacking stability. Christian youth need something solid and stable to build their lives upon. Many things contribute to the instability of their lives, such as:

- **A lack of trust.** We have taught our young people not to trust anyone or anything. They basically do not trust the establishment, government, adults, or institutions about them. Government has made grandiose promises that it cannot fulfill. Parents make pledges that they do not keep. Our youth are often disappointed and sometimes distrust almost everyone.

- **A lack of commitment.** All around them, our youth see parents and people in every walk of life quitting when the going gets tough. Instead of weathering the storm, finding answers, and doing right out of commitment, our young people see adults taking the path of least resistance and least demand upon themselves.

- **A lack of submission to authority.** Students often rebel against teachers, parents, and law enforcement. Often men do not submit to authority. Wives do not wish to submit to their husbands. Liberty, without restraints, has become the goal of many.

Many people (including parents) are engaged in every activity imaginable as they seek their own fulfillment. In this state of affairs youth are seeking someone who cares, someone whom they can trust and respect.

Why it must begin at home.

Many Churches have discipleship programs today, and in some cases have full-time assistant pastors who labor in this ministry. Often the burden for the outsider or new convert is very evident while we neglect our own children who are growing up in the Church. Before we go looking for people to disciple, we need to start with our own families. We have them but a few short years; we cannot depend upon the Christian School, and the local Church to fulfill the task that God has given us as parents. We must obey God's commands to disciple our children. (See Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 6:20-23; 22:6; 4:1-2; 4:10-13; 6:20-23; 7:1-4.)

To disciple our own children means much more than completing a course of study. ***It means sharing, and living the life together of dedication, love and***

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application of biblical truths. (See John 3:30).

Discipleship is designed by God with our best interest in mind. Discipleship is our commitment to the Person of Christ. We do God no favor by committing ourselves to Him. It is He who does us the favor by offering us discipleship. It is the only way to have the blessed, overflowing life that He wants us to have. (John 10:10)

In the process of discipling others, the discipler and disciple are bonded together in a mutual love and fellowship found in Christ. It is an allegiance together to the Lord that brings strength in the relationship between the two which makes possible the molding of the life of the disciple. This is a basic key to success in the work of discipling another person.

The parent discipling his own child is confronted with the task of fulfilling his obligation as a parent as well as commitment to the person of Christ in such a task. May God help each parent to faithfully disciple his or her own.

***This book is dedicated to help you build up
the new convert, those who are young
in the faith, and those of your
own youth and children.***

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I Learn About My Bible

1. What is the proper way to carry a Bible according to Psalm 119:11?

2. What is the very heart of the message of the Bible? (I Peter 2:24)

3. What are the four purposes for which the Bible was given to us? (*Why was it written?*)
John 20:31 _____
John 5:39 _____
Romans 15:4 _____
I John 1:4 _____

This is what we need to do with our Bibles:

- **Study** it through -- Joshua 1:8
- **Pray** it in -- Psalm 119:18
- **Put** it down -- Psalm 119:103
- **Work** it out in life -- Psalm 119:15
- **Pass** it on -- Psalm 119:27, 46

Someone has said, “Never mind how many times you’ve been through the Bible; the question is, how many times has the Bible been through you?”

4. What does the Bible claim for itself in II Timothy 3:16-17? _____
5. What was the method God used to give His Word to mankind? (II Peter 1:21)

6. How long is the Bible to endure? (Isaiah 40:8) _____
7. What are the words of Christ like? (John 6:63) _____
8. What did Jesus say in Matthew 24:35? _____
9. Is it safe for anyone to add to or subtract from the Word of God? (Look at Deuteronomy 4:2 _____
Proverbs 30:5,6 _____)

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10. If I am to grow spiritually, what should I do according to Psalm 1:2? _____

11. If I want God's approval, what must I do according to I Timothy 2:15?

12. What should the Bible be to me in *my* daily life? (Psalm 119:105)

13. If a Christian is to grow spiritually, what does he need to do? (I Peter 2:2)

14. How did Jesus answer Satan when He was tempted? How did He faced temptation? Read Matthew 4:1-10 carefully. (See vs. 4, 7, 10) _____

15. Who alone can bring into man's mind and heart the deep things of God? (I Corinthians 2:10-11) _____

Thy Word is like a garden, Lord
With flowers bright and fair;
And everyone who seeks may pluck
A lovely cluster there.
Thy Word is like a deep, deep mine,
And jewels rich and rare
Are hidden in its mighty depths
For every searcher there.

Memorize: Psalm 1:2 (possible also verse 3)

When we become Christians, we enter into a personal and private relationship with Christ. It is like being married. (See Romans 7:4.) In marriage there is a wonderful mutual exchange of thoughts, words, and activities between the husband and wife. So after salvation there must be a close fellowship between the saved person and his Lord. This is accomplished by:

1. **Reading the Word of God** which is God's message to our hearts. We let Him speak to us through His Word.
2. **Praying** -- talking to the Lord each day.
3. **Meditating** -- thinking about His Word and how it relates to our lives and about the Lord and our fellowship with Him.

Try to have your devotional time in the morning, after the night's rest and in preparation for the day.

- In this quiet time, first let the Lord speak to you from His Word; then

LESSON 2

I Learn About Salvation

1. What is said about the gospel of Christ in Romans 1:16? _____
_____ (See I Cor. 15:1-4.)
2. Why are people lost? (John 1:11) _____
Or according to John 5:38 _____
3. Is it possible that a way seems right to a person, and yet that way is wrong?
(Proverbs 14:12) _____ Why? _____
4. **What is the only way** to be saved according to the following verses?
(Consider the exact words, write a phrase from each or condense the thought.)
Acts 4:12 _____
John 3:36 _____
John 1:12 _____
Acts 16:31 _____
John 14:6 _____

5. What is the **only thing** that will keep a person out of heaven? (John 3:18) _____

6. What must a person **do** to pass from spiritual death into eternal life according to
John 5:24? _____

7. **List exact facts about the need or condition of lost people** as you find
them in the following verses.
Ephesians 2:1 _____
Romans 3:23 _____
Romans 3:9 _____
Romans 3:12 _____
Romans 5:6 _____
8. What is the **remedy that God has provided for sin** to be forgiven and put
away? (Write a phrase from each, study carefully.)
I Peter 2:24 _____
II Cor. 5:21 _____
Ephesians 1:7 _____
Romans 5:8 _____
Matthew 20:28 _____

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9. **What are we, as sinners, required to do** in order to be saved? Rom. 10:9-10

Romans 10:13 _____

Romans 6:23b _____

John 1:12 _____

10. What further public confession is asked by the Lord according to Matthew 10:32-33? _____

11. What was the great price paid for our sins as seen in I Peter 1:18-20?

12. **When** should we consider coming to Christ as seen in the following verses? (A phrase from each verse.)

II Cor. 6:2 _____

Isaiah 55:6 _____

Proverbs 27:1 _____

Hebrews 3:13 _____

13. Can I be saved by my works or efforts?

Ephesians 2:8-9 _____

_____ According to Titus 3:5 _____

14. Is there such a thing as personal righteousness that will merit my salvation?

Isaiah 64:6 _____

Romans 3:10 _____

Romans 10:3-4 _____

15. What is my **condition** without Christ according to Isaiah 53:6? _____

16. What did Paul say was a truthful statement and **worthy** for everyone to accept according to I Timothy 1:15? _____

17. To what extent can Christ save? (Hebrews 7:25) _____

Salvation includes the following:

Salvation from the *penalty* of sin forever -- Romans 5:1, 8, 9; John 5:24; 6:37

Salvation from the *power* of sin daily -- Romans 6:11-14; Galatians 1:4

Salvation from the *presence* of sin for eternity -- I Thessalonians 4:13-18;
I John 3:1-3; John 14:1-3

Memorize John 1:12

I Learn About Assurance

1. Is God able to keep us after we accept Jesus as our Savior? (Jude 24) _____

2. What does Christ promise in John 10:27-30? _____

- Promise of I Peter 1:5? _____
 Of Philippians 1:6? _____
3. Consider the words of Paul in II Timothy 1:12: *“for I _____ whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is _____ to _____ that which I have committed _____ Him against that day.”* Is this for us too? _____
4. What blessed assurance should be ours as stated in I John 5:13? _____

5. List three things which belong to those who are saved, or who accept Christ, as seen in John 5:24.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
6. Can we ever be cast out of the family of God? (John 6:37) _____ Who gave this promise? _____
7. What kind of life do we receive when we are saved? (John 3:15-17) _____

8. What great promise did Jesus give to Lazarus that is for us also? (John 11:25,26) _____

9. When a person is saved, what does he become? (John 1:12) _____
Who give this ability to him? _____
10. Three times Jesus said a certain thing found in John 6:39,40 and 44, what was it? *“ . . . I should lose nothing, but _____ them up at the _____ day.”* (vs 40) *“every one which seeth the Son and believeth on him, may have everlasting life; and I will _____ him up at the last day.”* (and see verse 44)
11. Write in what God says about His **forgiveness** and removal of sins in the following verses.

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Ephesians 1:7 _____

Psalm 103:3 _____

Isaiah 44:22 _____

(Read Isaiah 43:25.)

12. What two things do we have in Christ according to Romans 5:1? *“Therefore being _____ by faith, we have _____ . . .”*

13. If we are God’s children, then what else are we? Romans 8:17 _____

14. What awaits the Christian in the day to come? I Peter 1:4 _____

15. What special promise has God given in Hebrews 13:5? _____

16. By whom are the believers sealed?

II Cor. 1:22 _____

Ephesians 1:13 _____

Ephesians 4:30 _____

Assurance is the believer’s full conviction that through the work of Christ alone, received by faith, he is in possession of a salvation in which he will be eternally kept by the power of God. This assurance rests only upon the promises of God to the person who believes. Don’t look for assurance, however, before you thoroughly believe God’s Word. Don’t wait for some kind of feeling. The word *feeling* does not occur once in the Bible in connection with salvation; but faith in Christ is mentioned over 300 times as that by which we know we are saved.

The Holy Spirit seals into God’s family those who are saved, and he witnesses to them that they are God’s.

Memorize John 5:24

In summary we could say: **Feelings** may change, **Facts** of God’s Word never change, **Faith** must rest completely upon the facts of God’s Word. **Faith is taking God at His Word!**

Faith is:

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We are not saved because we walked an aisle in a church or because we prayer certain perfect words, or because someone else says we are saved. We are saved only by one thing! We are saved by putting faith in the finished work of Christ on the Cross, **plus nothing!** **Be sure Christ is yours!**

LESSON 4

I Learn About Baptism

1. According to Matthew 3:13-17, who was baptized as a pattern for us?_____
2. In Matthew 28:18-20, what did Christ say that commands our baptism?____

3. Write a brief account of the early church's **practice** of baptism from the following verses. (Read carefully.)
Acts 2:41_____
- Acts 8:12_____
- Acts 8:35-39_____
- Acts 10:48_____
- Acts 16:31-33_____
4. How soon after salvation were people baptized according to the following verses?
Acts 2:38, 41_____
- Acts 8:12_____
- Acts 16:30-34_____
5. Why did John the Baptist baptize in a certain place? John 3:23_____
6. Where was Christ baptized according to Matthew 3:13-17._____
7. Are we to be baptized *with* water or *in* water? _____
8. What does baptism picture according to Romans 6:3-5? (Read this carefully and thoughtfully.)
a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
9. What was the one requirement that Philip gave the Ethiopian eunuch for him to qualify to be baptized? Acts 8:35-37_____
10. What evidences are in the following verses that a person must be saved before being baptized? (This would teach us that baptism does not take away sin!)
Acts 2:41_____
- Acts 8:12_____
- Acts 8:13_____

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Acts 8:35-37 _____

11. What kind of life does baptism picture which is ours in Christ because we are saved by His blood? Romans 6:3-5 _____

12. Peter gave them answer as to what they should do after hearing about Christ and salvation. What was it? Acts 2:38 _____

In Conclusion: (Also read the very last page of the book.)

- Baptism is a **symbol** that we belong to God.
- Baptism is a **testimony** that we are saved and have a new life in Christ. Our baptism pictures that new life we have in Christ -- **buried in the likeness of His death, and raised to newness of life.**
- Baptism is a **picture** of Christ's death, burial and resurrection.
(See I Corinthians 15:1-4.)

Memorize Acts 2:41-42

I Learn About the Importance of the Local Church

The local church is very important. Our relationship to the church is directly influenced by our understanding of the church.

Why go to church? Why do we have a church? Is this just man's idea? Why is it so important?

God makes much of the church in this age. It did not exist in the Old Testament time. But now, in this church age, the local church is God's institution for worship, service, evangelism, missions, and all other God-given spiritual ministries. Nothing can substitute for the local church. God has a goal, aim, purpose, and place for the church; we need to understand its ministry.

The meaning of the word "church"

To understand its importance we must also know how the word is used in the Word of God. The word "church" comes from the Greek word "ecclesia," which means "to call out." The church is literally made up of *called out ones*, or those who are saved and belong to the Lord. It means to "bring together" and to "call out from among." *We are called out from sin to serve God.*

The word **Church** is used over a hundred times in the New Testament and most of those times it has to do with the local church in a local place. ***This is where God puts the emphasis for this age.***

Confusion about the word "church"

Generally, when people are speaking about the church, they are talking about a building or a meeting place, a religious group, or a denomination, or a sect.

It is not used in any of these ways in the Word of God. God speaks of the church as a group of His people, or a local church of a certain city or place, or the **body or bride of Christ** that will be caught up into heaven.

What is the Purpose of the Church According to the Following Portions?

1. Ephesians 3:21 "Unto Him be glory in the _____ by Christ Jesus." We are to bring glory to _____.
2. In Acts 20:28-32, Paul admonished the leaders from Ephesus to "**feed the** _____ of God, which He hath _____ with his own blood."
3. In Acts 11:22-26 we read the church in Jerusalem heard about many being saved in Antioch. They sent Barnabas, who "**exhorted them all, that with** _____ of **heart they would** _____ unto the Lord."
(We are to be fed the Word of God.)
4. In I Timothy 3:15 we see the church **is to be** "**the pillar and** _____ of the truth. (For it is the _____ of God, the **church** of the _____ God.)
5. What did the early saved people **do** as stated in Acts 2:42? "**And they continued**

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steadfastly in the _____, _____, and fellowship, and in breaking of _____, and in _____."

6. What was God doing according to Acts 2:47? _____

7. What is the purpose based on Christ's commission given to the apostles who were to build the church? Mark 16:15 _____

Various Facts About the Church:

1. Who founded the church according to Matthew 16:16-18? _____
2. According to Ephesians 4:11, God planned for certain types of Christian workers. One of these is the **pastor**. Verse 12 expresses the reason for his work. What is his purpose? _____

3. Some of the early believers in the New Testament times had a certain problem. What were they told not to neglect in Hebrews 10:25? _____

4. As we attend church, in what should we delight?
Psalm 112:1 _____

As We Go To Church We Will Be Greatly Blessed:

1. By entering into four things as found in Acts 2:42: *doc* _____, *fell* _____, *breaking of* _____ (or communion service), and _____ *with others.* (Make church going a consistent habit.)
2. I John 1:3-4 states: ". . . *that ye also _____ have fellowship with _____: and truly our _____ is with the Father, and with His Son, _____.*
3. The local church is blessed as we consider that we "*being many, are _____ in Christ, and every one _____ one of another.*" (See Romans 12:5; Consider: I John 3:16-18.)

How Can the Local church Help Us Guard Our Lives From *Backsliding Away From the Lord*?

1. According to Hebrews 10:24, there we are to "*. . . consider one _____ to _____ unto love and to _____ works.*" (We need this!)
2. At Thessalonica "*. . . ye turned to God from _____ to serve the living and true God.*" (I Thess. 1:9-10)
(Consistently serving the Lord will help keep us from sin!)

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In What Ways Can the Local Church Enlarge Your Service For the Lord?

(See what you can find in these portions.)

1. In Acts 6:1-8 we read of many being saved (v. 7) and they needed the church (v. 3) "to look ye out among you seven _____ of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit, and _____, whom we may _____ over this business." (This is the first record of deacons, meaning one who serves.)
2. Acts 11:19-26: With many being saved in Antioch, new ministry was needed. Who began to serve? _____ & _____ What were they doing? _____

3. A new thing happened in Acts 13:1-4! Is God calling out people today to go and plant churches? _____ What three things do we need to do?
G____, **P**_____, **G**_____! (Read Matthew 9:36-38.)

Consider This:

1. What attitude should we have toward the pastor and other spiritual leaders?
I Thess. 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:7, 17 _____

2. What are we to set aside for the ministry of the local church according to I Corinthians 16:1-2? _____ When are we to give?

3. What kind of church should we attend? Acts 5:42 "*Where they ceased not*"
"_____
Jude 3, Where they "*earnestly contended*" _____"
Acts 20:28-32 _____

The book of Ephesians speaks more of the local church than any other epistle. What do you find in the following verses? (Match the verse and phrase.)

habitation of God through the Spirit	Eph. 3:21
household of God	Eph. 2:20
His body, fullness of him that filleth	Eph. 2:22
Christ, the chief corner stone	Eph. 5:25
glory in the church	Eph. 2:19
Christ died for the church	Eph. 1:23

God has established the church for the purpose of our growth, service and ministry. A local church is of Him. The Holy Spirit led Paul to establish churches, which was his total purpose in the three missionary journeys. Then the Epistles he wrote were letters sent to minister to those churches he had started.

Today some neglect meeting together in an organized fashion. It is true that some churches have nothing to offer the believer who is seeking to be fed from God's Word. But God has not abandoned this institution. God raises up men to begin new churches when that is needed in order to meet needs.

Memorize: I Timothy 3:15

I Learn About Blessing We Have In Christ

Provision for Sin and Failure:

1. According to I John 1:9 what should the saved person do when he sins? _____

2. What two things does God promise to do when we confess the sin we are convicted about? I John 1:9
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
3. Is there something that I can do to help keep from sinning? I see in I John 1:7 that I need to walk in the _____. In Psalm 119:11 I am told to _____ that I might not sin against God.
4. According to I John 2:1, what should we seek to do? _____
5. What is Christ to us when we do sin or fail? I John 2:1-2 _____

6. How does God deal with His children when they backslide, sin, or disobey? Hebrews 12:5-9 _____

7. Why does God sometimes chasten us as seen in I Corinthians 11:31-32? _____

8. What can we **claim**, in Christ, in order to have victory over sin and its power?
Romans 8:37 _____
Romans 6:14 _____
Ephesians 6:10 _____
Philippians 4:13 _____
II Cor. 2:14 _____

Provision of Grace and Guidance

1. What does God promise to do in I Peter 5:10? _____

2. As you read II Corinthians 12:9, what does God promise us in every trial?

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3. Proverbs 3:5-6 gives us three ways to be sure of God's guidance. What are the three things we should do?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
4. What does God promise in Psalm 32:8? _____
What is our part? _____
5. What assurance can a Christian have at all times? Look at Romans 8:38-39.

6. Do we need to worry about material things? According to . . .
Philippians 4:19 _____
7. What similar phrase do you find in Matthew 6:25, 27, 28, 31, 34? _____

8. I am to first seek _____ (6:33)
9. According to Matthew 6:25, Christ said we are to have no thought (*anxious care*) "for _____, what ye shall _____, or what ye shall _____, no yet for you body, what ye shall _____."
10. Do we need to carry our own burdens? I Peter 5:7 _____ What is my part?
_____ What is God's part? _____
What is God's part? _____
11. Psalm 37:4-5 gives us some things that we need to do, what are they?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
12. Also in Psalm 37:4-5 we see two things God promises to do, what are they?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

God Is Able

To **make** us stand --- Romans 14:4
To **do above** what we ask or think -- Ephesians 3:20
To **perform** all His promises -- Romans 4:21
To **build up** His own -- Acts 20:32
To **meet** our every need -- Jeremiah 32:17, 27
To **answer** every prayer -- Jeremiah 33:3

Memorize I John 1:9

I Learn About The Consecrated Life

To grow in grace is the first duty and privilege of the born-again person. Those who stop growing intellectually soon die intellectually. The same holds true in the Christian life. If we stop growing spiritually we will actually go backwards.

Our grow is the proof of life. To grow spiritually one must be surrendered to the Lord. If we wish enter into spiritual blessing, we must have victory over the things of the flesh, the world, and the devil. The greatest joy in life will come when we allow Christ to become LORD of our lives.

1. Why did Christ die and rise again? Romans 14:9

2. What did Peter say in Acts 2:36 that shows Christ is to be Lord? _____

3. Will everyone finally admit that Christ is Lord? _____ Where and how?

Philippians 2:9-11 _____

(Even the lost will have to admit this although the end up in hell.)

4. What is the most reasonable thing for a Christian to do? Romans 12:1

5. What two things should every Christian know according to I Corinthians 6:19?

a. _____

b. _____

6. Unto what purposes should our lives be yielded? I Corinthians 6:20

7. Unto whom should our eyes be turned as seen in Hebrew 12:2?

8. If we are saved we have a new life in Christ, what should be our innermost desires? Colossians 3:1-2

a. _____

b. _____

9. List the things we should add to our faith according to II Peter 1:5-8.

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10. If we hear the Word of God preached but we do not obey it or adjust our life to its teaching -- to what are we compared? James 1:22-24 _____

11. What is the chief aim of the consecrated life? John 15:4-5 _____

12. What should be our constant desire? Colossian 3:17 _____

13. What spiritual diet will be necessary every day, if we are to grow spiritually?
Psalm 1:2-3 _____
14. What does God want us to do with our bodies? Romans 6:13 _____

15. Who will give you the **power** to live the yielded or consecrated life?
Ephesians 6:10 _____
16. How do we experience the power of God for living the yielded life?
Colossians 2:6,7 _____

The Christian walk is a walk by faith. By faith, we are to experience the daily victory which is to be ours. We must trust the LORD and walk in the victory He already has made for us by His death on the cross. Here He had victory over the devil, the world, sin, and even death itself. I John 5:1-4; James 4:7

Memorize Romans 12:1

LESSON 8

I Learn To Meet Temptation

We never escape temptation by becoming a Christian. In fact, some will say **they have known more tests, trials, and temptations since they have been saved.** Normally temptation is to be solicited to sin, to do wrong, to deliberately transgress the known Word and will of God.

As long as we live in this world of corruption we will be faced with many temptations. Because of the sinful, wicked nature with which we were born, and because of the work of Satan, we will constantly face the temptation to sin. We must know how to conquer our temptations in the name of our Wonderful Savior.

1. What exhortation is given the Christian in I Cor. 10:12? _____

2. Can any child of God safely say he has attained sin-less perfection, that he no longer sins? I John 1:8, 10 See verse 8 _____
vs. 8 _____
vs. 10 _____

The fact that a Christian cannot altogether escape temptation shows that God has some purpose in allowing it. God has a purpose in not taking away our sinful nature or in not taking us immediately to heaven when we are saved. Let us see if we can discover why He allows us to be tempted.

3. What may be accomplished in us by the occasional trying of our faith?
James 1:2-4 _____
Romans 5:3 _____

4. What limit does God set upon temptations He permits us to face?
I Corinthians 10:13 _____

5. What promise is given us which should make us victorious over temptations?
I Corinthians 10:13 _____

6. Will God give a reward to those who stand against temptations and seek victory over them? James 1:12 _____ What is that reward? _____

Just as exercise is necessary for all of us, temptation is necessary to make us strong Christians. *Temptation is harmless until we give it cooperation by entering into the temptation.* Then we also give Satan an advantage, a foot-hold or toe-hold in our lives. Temptation itself is not sin, the yielding to temptation is sin.

7. What are the sources of the temptations we face?

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James 1:14 _____

Mark 7:21-23 _____

Matthew 4:1, 8-9 _____

8. When we experience temptation, what should we do?

I Timothy 6:10-11 _____

II Timothy 2:22 _____

9. When the temptation is especially from Satan, what should we do?

James 4:7 _____

10. When we wonder what to do when tempted, what can we claim?

II Peter 2:9 _____

11. Does God ever tempt us? James 1:13 _____

12. What are two great sources of power for overcoming our temptations?

Revelation 12:11 (Read 9-12)

a. _____

b. _____

13. What is the sure way to keep the right path? Psalm 119:9-11

14. Why must we always be watchful, vigilant? I Peter 5:18 _____

15. Why should we do about the fleshly, sinful desires we so often face? I Peter 2:11

16. Is it possible to be both spiritual and worldly at the same time? James 4:4

17. What is our great comfort as a tempted Christian?

Hebrews 2:18 _____

Hebrews 4:15-16 _____

In Christ we can have victory over our temptations to sin. We don't have to practice sin. We don't have to continue in failure. In Paul's explanation of how we have victory over temptation and the flesh, we see these important facts?

1. What we are to **know** -- Romans 6:6

2. What we are to **reckon** to be sure -- Romans 6:11

3. What we are to **yield** -- Romans 6:13-14; 12:1-2

4. What we are to **experience** -- Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:16-24

Memorize: I Corinthians 10:13

I Learn How to Pray

We must pray:

- Because there is a devil who seeks the downfall of God's child (Ephesians 6:12-13, 18),
- because it is the appointed way to receive blessings from God (James 4:2; Matthew 7:7),
- because our Lord Himself prayed (Mark 1:35),
- and because it leads to fullness of joy and sweet fellowship with the Lord. (John 16:23, 24).

As we must have the Word of God abiding in our hearts and lives, so also nothing is so important to the Christian as to learn how to pray.

1. On what basis are we to approach God in prayer? John 16:23 _____

2. As we come to God on the merits of His Son, what else should prompt our asking? John 14:13,14 _____

3. List some conditions to having answers to our prayers.
James 1:6,7 _____
Matthew 21:22 _____
Mark 11:24 _____
I Peter 3:12 _____
I Timothy 2:8 _____
4. What should be our daily petition before God?
Psalm 139:23-24 _____

If we don't have a heart that is right and with pray with right motives, will God hear and answer us? _____ Why not? _____

5. What two conditions of successful prayer did Jesus lay down in John 15:7?
a. _____
b. _____
6. What did John give as essentials of effective prayer?
I John 3:22 _____
7. Can a person expect God to answer prayer when he has a bitter spirit in his heart? Mark 11:24-26 _____ Why? _____
8. How should we draw near to God according to Hebrews 10:22 _____

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9. What attitude do we need as we come to God in prayer? Psalm 34:18

What is the opposite? _____

10. Why are some prayers lost and not answered? Jeremiah 29:13 _____

11. What kind of prayer do we need to practice? Matthew 6:6 _____

12. What attitude should accompany all our praying according to the following verses? Ephesians 5:20 _____

I Thessalonians 5:18 _____

Philippians 4:6 _____

13. When should we pray? (These verses give you ideas about why, or when to pray, answer in your own words.) Psalm 5:3 _____

Psalm 55:17 _____

Matthew 26:41 _____

Ephesians 6:18 _____

Hebrews 4:16 _____

Romans 12:12 _____

14. For what should we pray?

I Timothy 2:2 _____

II Thessalonians 3:1-2 _____

Philippians 4:6 _____

James 1:5 _____ Psalm 119:12 _____

Revelation 22:20 _____

15. What often robs prayer of its power and keeps us from having positive answers?

James 4:3,4 _____

Psalm 66:18 _____

Ezekiel 14:3 _____

Proverbs 21:13 _____

Are we to have faith in prayer? A lot of people talk about having faith in prayer and that there is great power in prayer. They talk as if it is prayer that has power! **There isn't power in prayer**, but the power is **from** the **ONE** and **in** the **ONE who answers prayer**. There isn't some magical power in prayer. Even the heathen, or the one who worships false Gods, has a belief in the power of prayer. It seems that many people almost worship prayer as some magical cure-all. But at the same time they do not look to the Heavenly Father or do they know Christ the Son as Savior and Lord of their lives. This is sad to say the least.

The object of our faith is what is important. Faith in and of itself means little. The question is: In whom do you trust? To whom do you yield yourself? And do you walk in self-willed living or does God have *right of way* in your life? **Faith is taking God at His Word!** For what God says, God means!

Memorize Luke 11:9-10

LESSON 10

I Learn To Build My Christian Character

As we study the Word of God, it is very evident that God wants us to grow in Him. It is His will that we build a life that is pleasing to Him. The Holy Spirit was given not only to indwell us, but also to fill and control our lives that we might be full-grown, mature Christians.

It is our duty to build the character traits into our lives that are God-honoring and beneficial to others. We must live so as to **edify or build up** the lives of the saved around us and maintain a good testimony by our what we live from day to day.

1. What is one of the first evidences of a real salvation? John 13:34,35 _____

2. According to I John 2:3-4, what is a basic proof that we are truly saved?

3. What is the promise in Philippians 2:13 which we can claim? _____

4. List some things we must have in our lives as good examples of a believer. Look at I Timothy 4:12. _____

5. Are the commands of Christ hard to practice? I John 5:2-3 _____ Why not?

6. What is Peter's exhortation concerning love as seen in I Peter 1:22? _____

7. Pick out some qualities or character traits as seen in the following portion: Find and list from Romans 12
vs 9 _____
vs 10 _____
vs. 11 "*not _____ in business: _____ in spirit;*
the Lord."
vs. 12 _____
vs. 13 _____
vs. 14 _____
vs. 15 _____

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8. By what rules should our conduct be in dealing with others?

Matthew 7:12 _____

Romans 12:21 _____

Luke 17:4 _____

9. What is Paul's exhortation in Romans 12:16?

10. What is the mark of true greatness before God? Matthew 18:4 _____

11. What should the Christian strive to maintain? I Peter 3:16 _____

12. Why did Christ give Himself for us? Titus 2:14 _____

13. Since we are bought with a price, what should we do according to I Corinthians 6:20? _____

14. What should be our daily prayer? Psalm 51:10 _____

God cannot use us if we are indifferent to the claims of purity and are careless about sin. God calls us to be holy as He is holy. (I Peter 1:14-16) We are called to a life of separation from the sin of the world. (See II Corinthians 6:14 -- 7:1.) God is always merciful to those who seek to be pure and determine to have victory in their lives. Nothing can compensate for a thoughtless and careless life in which the soul shows no burden to keep itself pure.

When we are saved we are given a new nature. ***It is God's nature given to us which cannot sin and hates sin.*** The very fact that He puts His nature within us should give us a driving desire within to be holy and live pleasing to Him.

15. What is the example set before us as stated in I John 2:6? _____

16. Under all circumstances, what should be the *desire* of our hearts? I Corinthians 10:31 _____

Why should we have this desire according to verse 32? _____

17. Under all circumstances what should be the ***rule*** in our hearts according to Colossians 3:15 _____

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Make a list of the things that you have found missing in our life from the previous study? **Work at putting these character traits into your life.**

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Now turn to Colossians 3:12-14 and make a list of things from that portion that you need to ***put on!***

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Building a God-honoring life is work, but it is worth it all. **You will find that you will be much happier with the changes you will see as you *put on these traits!***

Memorize Colossians 3:17

LESSON 11

I Learn About My Stewardship Responsibilities

We are called to be stewards of all that God has given to us (I Corinthians 4:2). God owns everything; we are but the stewards of what He has entrusted unto us. In **all** this we will give an account some day. (See Romans 14:10; II Corinthians 5:10.)

1. *"It is more blessed to _____ than to _____."* Acts 20:35
2. Since we have received freely from God, what should we do? Matthew 10:8

3. What proportion of the Israelites' income did God require of them for His house? Malachi 3:10 _____
4. If they were faithful in giving, what did God promise them? Malachi 3:10

5. In II Corinthians 9:6 what vital principle do we find about giving? _____

6. What does the Lord promise in Luke 6:38? _____

7. What does God never forget? Hebrews 6:10 _____

8. When the believers in Macedonia were used as an example of giving, what did they give **first** according to II Corinthians 8:1-5? _____
9. If the believer does not give at least a tithe (10%) of what will he be guilty? Malachi 3:8 _____

Consider the principles found in Luke 6:38 and II Corinthians 9:6-8. God has not changed this; it is still true. The Christian who disobeys will find to his own hurt and shame that God's Word is true.

10. What direction does Paul give all New Testament believers concerning giving in I Corinthians 16:1-3? _____

11. What two attitudes in our giving does not please God? II Corinthians 9:7
_____ / _____

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12. According to II Corinthians 9:8, what does God promise if we give cheerfully and obediently. _____

13. How do we honor the Lord according to Proverbs 3:9? _____

14. What does the Lord promise in Proverbs 3:10? _____

15. What should be the motive in all our giving? I Corinthians 10:31 _____

16. What is the warning from the Lord in Luke 12:15? _____

17. What does Christ say about what **does not make up life** as found in Luke 12:15? _____

Read and think through Matthew 6:24-34. What is it that Christ promises? What are our basic needs? Do we have needs or is our problem desires and wants? Maybe we need to allow the Lord to change our wants. Maybe the problem Christians have with materialism is that we have not given our lives over to Christ to serve Him with our whole heart! Possibly we don't know what true discipleship is!

God's claim on our time, talent, and income is for our good. He makes the tithe (a tenth of our increase) the minimum of what is reasonable, not because He is in need, but because we need to learn to give for our own good. We will give account of the whole, or all 100% of what we handle as God's stewards. We need to learn to give sacrificially for His glory. (Read II Corinthians 8.)

Memorize II Corinthians 9:7

LESSON 12

I Learn To Witness To Others

Our open confession of Christ to others is one of the commands of Christ. (See Romans 10:9-13; Matthew 10:32-33.) Such confession before men is an essential results of salvation and an evidence that we are saved. Saving faith is bound to express itself, not only through the life but also through the lips. For Christ said, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." (See Matthew 12:34).

Our speaking boldly for Christ is one of the great means of spiritual growth in the Christian life. There is a **great trio of things we need to do daily** -- Bible reading and study, prayer, and witnessing. If we engage in these daily we will experience abundant blessing and abounding growth.

Too many Christians are like the Dead Sea, always taking in and receiving but never giving out. Thus they become stagnant and useless.

1. What should we show forth from day to day according to Psalm 96:2? _____

2. Before one can effectively bear witness for Christ, of what must he be sure?
I John 5:13 _____

3. If we deny Christ, what will He do? II Timothy 2:12 _____

4. Who will be named before the Father? Matthew 10:32 _____

5. Of what was Paul not ashamed? Romans 1:16 _____

6. What did Paul say about his responsibility in Romans 1:14? _____

7. What was Paul's attitude about sharing the message of the gospel as stated in
Romans 1:15? _____

8. How did Paul relate his concern to share the story of salvation?
I Corinthians 9:16 _____

9. What does Christ say about our **going** to others and **sharing** the plan of
salvation with them? John 15:16 _____

10. When we go forth to tell others, what does He promise about fruit in John
15:16? _____

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11. What two things should the Christian do as stated in I Peter 3:15?
a. _____
b. _____
12. To whom should we go, and what should our message be according to Mark 5:19? _____

13. Do we need to be afraid, or have fear in talking to others about about Christ? II Timothy 1:7 _____ Why? _____
What has He given us? _____
14. What does Christ say about our being sent to share the gospel story? John 20:21 (See what the gospel story is in I Corinthians 15:1-3.) _____

15. What was Peter and John answer to those who told them not to speak about Jesus, or talk of His Name? (Read the story in Acts 4:1-20 and find the answer in Acts 4:20.) _____

- What does this mean to us? What did they do as a result according to Acts 4:23-33? The end result is seen in Acts 4:31, and 33. **They witnessed boldly.**
16. What great power do we need to be used of God in reaching others with the message of salvation? Acts 1:8 _____
Where are we to witness? _____

17. By whom are we sent to take the gospel to others? Acts 13:1-4 _____
_____ and the _____
18. Read and think slowly about what God says to our hearts in Psalm 126:5,6. Then write what you see there that challenges your life. _____

- How would you apply these two verses personally? _____

Considering the Message We Should Share!

If you'd like special insight and challenge to your heart then read Acts, chapters 1-5 and notice how many times they spoke about Christ and His resurrection and how we are saved! We need to share the following with the lost:

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A simple outline -- Using the Romans Road:

- A. The Condition of the Lost -- Romans 3:9-12, 23
- B. The Remedy -- Christ paid for our sins -- Romans 5:8; 5:6;
- C. God offers us eternal life -- Romans 6:23 (The wages of sin brings death (Romans 5:12, 19; God offers us eternal life as a gift through Jesus, because of His death for our sins.)
- D. Our part -- we must respond -- Romans 10:10-13
We receive Jesus as Savior by our confessing with the mouth that we need Him. (Repentance is involved here -- see below.) We trust Him with our hearts thus receiving Him as Savior and Lord.

Give the Gospel Story -- not your personal opinions

1. In simplicity, without argument
 2. In power and conviction of the Holy Spirit
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Another outline -- more detailed:

A. Giving the Story Itself -- I Corinthians 15:3-4

1. The FACT of sin -- Romans 3:9-12, 23
2. The PENALTY of sin -- Death -- Romans 6:23; Romans 5:12 and 5:19
 - a. God hates sin because it robs us of life. Sin in its essence is our will pitted against God's will.
 - b. God decreed the penalty of sin to be death.
 - c. Either you must pay the penalty or someone must pay it for you.
3. The PAYMENT of sin -- Romans 5:6,8; 3:19-24; I Peter 2:24; II Corinthians 5:21
 - a. **Only** CHRIST could pay for sin -- Acts 4:12
 - (1). He had no sin of His own -- I Cor. 5:21
 - (2). He paid the infinite price of His own blood. Heb. 9:22, 26-28; 10:14
 - b. Christ PAID for **all** our sins -- I Peter 2:24; Revelation 1:5

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4. Our SALVATION FROM SIN -- we must accept.

a. We must know the facts and then receive Him.

b. We must take HIM for our own Savior.

(1). To *“believe on Him... receive Him,”* (John 1:12, Acts 16:31) means more than a mere intellectual assent.

(2). Salvation involves **receiving** what Christ did on the cross as payment for our sins. It involves a heart trust. (Romans 10:9-13)

(3). Receiving Him also involves **repentance**. One cannot be saved without repenting. To repent means to change one’s mind about our sin, about God, and to turn from our sin to God by faith in Christ. (Acts 17:30; 20:21; 2:37-47)

(4). Acceptance means being *“born again,”* a spiritual birth from or of God. John 1:12, 13; 3:3, 7.

B. What the Gospel GIVES us.

1. Forgiveness and redemption -- Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14

2. Make us born-again sons of God -- John 1:11-13

3. Give us eternal life, a gift to be received -- Romans 6:23

4. Give us assurance of eternal life -- I John 5:10-13; John 10:27-29

5. Give us a new life -- II Corinthians 5:17

6. Give us a new fellowship of prayer -- Matt. 7:7-8; Luke 11

7. Give us the joy of answers to prayer -- John 15:7

8. Give us the thrill of growing spiritually -- I Peter 2:2; Colossians 2:6,7

9. Give us a new relationship -- the Holy Spirit indwelling in our lives.
-- I Corinthians 6:19, 20

Memorize: Romans 1:16

LESSON 13

I Learn To Know and Walk With the Holy Spirit

Spiritually is available for every saved person. Just as salvation is for *whosoever will*, so a spiritual life is available for all who are saved.

We are saved on the basis of Christ being our personal Savior; we are a spiritual Christian on the basis of our being yielded to the Holy Spirit. ***Too many Christians are living on a carnal plane.*** They have not made a personal response to the Person and work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. We must appropriate His ministry for our lives.

We must understand these things about the trinity. God the Father is in Heaven for us. Christ, the Son, who paid for our sins, is in heaven ministry for us as the High Priest. The Holy Spirit is presently in the world, carrying out the work of the God-head Three. He is ministering in our lives as the indwelling Comforter. You will want to study all of these verses carefully.

The Holy Spirit is God, the Father's, gift:

1. What did Jesus promise in John 14:16? _____

2. Why did Jesus say it was expedient (necessary) for Him to go away? John 16:7 _____

3. Who will bring the "rivers of living water" into the life of the believer? John 7:37-39 _____

4. List some of the Names of the Holy Spirit.
John 14:16 _____
John 14:17 _____
Romans 8:2 _____
Romans 8:16 _____
Romans 8:9 _____

The Holy Spirit is to be recognized in our lives:

5. Who confessed to the Holy Spirit's leadership and about what? Acts 15: 40 and 16:6-7 _____ / _____

6. According to the following verses, what credit of ministry and work was given to the Holy Spirit?

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Micah 3:8 _____

Luke 4:18 _____

Acts 13:2 _____

Acts 8:29,20 _____

John 16:13 _____

We must treat the Holy Spirit as a Person who has rights, authority, and power to act. He is as much God as the Father or the Son. ***He is the agent for the trinity to carry out the will and the work of plans on earth in this church age.***

The Holy Spirit wants the **right** to work in our lives now. Our responsibility is to give Him **right of way to work in our lives.**

7. Find an aspect of the Holy Spirit's ministry or work in the following verses:

John 14:26 _____

Romans 15:30 _____

Acts 13:1-4 _____

The Holy Spirit can use us in a wonderful way when we give Him the credit for His work and we look to Him for leadership and power. (Look at Acts 4:23-33.)

8. What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives, or for us, according to the following?

Romans 8:14 _____

Romans 8:16 _____

9. What are we to do about the Holy Spirit's speaking to us (in the Church)?

Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22 _____

10. According to Acts 20:28, what ministry does the Holy Spirit have toward the leaders in the local church? (Read Acts 20:17-34; He spoke to the elders (or pastors.) _____

The Holy Spirit wants to be LORD in our lives. He wants to fill us and control us, bless, lead, teach, and comfort us.

The Holy Spirit indwells and fill us.

11. What wonderful truth did Paul related in I Corinthians 3:16?

What was his warning in 3:17? _____

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12. What command is for us today? Ephesians 5:18 _____

(The alcohol controlled person will find that he is controlled -- in thought, in word, attitude, and deed.)

13. What part of our lives does the Spirit want to control? _____

14. List the names (or groups) of people of whom the Bible states they were filled with the Holy Spirit?

Luke 1:41 _____

Luke 1:67 _____

Luke 1:15 _____

Acts 1: 14; 2:1-4 _____

Acts 4:23-31 _____

15. Unto whom are we to yield our bodies? Who desires to fill or control them? (See Romans 12:1; 6:13; Ephesians 5:18.) _____

16. If we allow the Holy Spirit to control us, what will be some of the results according to these verses in Ephesians 5:17-21?

vs. 17 _____

vs. 19 _____

vs. 20 _____

vs. 21 _____

16. List the nine-fold fruit of the Spirit that He will produce in our lives IF we surrender to His control and power in our lives. Galatians 5:22-23

Just as a drunk person is controlled by his drink, so the saved person should desire to be under the control of the Holy Spirit. This can only take place as we surrender to His leadership and direction.

To be filled with the Holy Spirit we must:

- Confess every known sin -- Psalm 32:1-5
- Yield our all -- Romans 12:1,2
- Claim His fullness -- Acts 6:3-6; Eph. 5:18
- Walk by faith in His control and direction -- Colossians 2:6; John 7:37-39

Memorize: John 14:16

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Supplement Thoughts:

About baptism:

Baptism is similar to a wedding ring. A wedding ring does not make us married. It is simply a symbol to the world that we are married. It is a symbol that the person married belongs to someone. Baptism is a symbol that we belong to Someone-- that we belong to the Lord.

Baptism is a step of obedience to God's direct command. It is a public testimony of salvation in the blood of Christ as we trust in His death, burial and resurrection. (I Corinthians 15:1-4.)

Baptism does not save. The water did not die for us. Salvation is only through Christ's finished work on the cross. Baptism is the outward symbol of an inner work which has already taken place in the life of the one who is being baptized.

The scriptural mode of baptism is only by immersion. It can't be any other. The very word translated *baptism* is the Greek word, *baptizo* meaning to "*dip, to plunge under, or to submerge.*" The scriptural expressions such as *much water* (John 3:23) *down ... into the water*" (Acts 8:38), and *coming up out of the water*" (Mark 1:10) give further proof that baptism is by immersion.

Only immersion can picture the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. (Romans 6:1-5) There is a different word for sprinkling. John the Baptist was not called John the sprinkler!

Baptism is a step of identification with Christ. In the early church age, to be baptized was to also suffer persecution. The saved were a despised group and people did not readily follow Christ in baptism unless they were truly saved.

Our Baptist Heritage

Many are not aware of the fact that the baptist movement existed long before the reformation. In fact Baptist people did not come out of the Roman church. They existed in the anabaptist movement long before and were greatly persecuted by the Roman Catholic Church along with others who would not accept Rome's baptism. Many are also not aware that baptism is a step of identification whereby we accept the doctrines of the movement into which we are baptized. Baptism to the Roman Church was and is the means by which original sin are washed away. All this doctrine is false. And the sad truth is that most of the churches which came out of the reformation never turned away from Rome's method of baptism. And still today there are many who think they partake of God's salvation by their act of baptism.

Many men laid down their lives in order to have religious freedom and to worship and obey Him according to His written Word. To the Roman mind the Church is the source of truth and not the Word of God. Many protestant churches are no different today. For them their traditions dictate what they do! How Sad!