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Module 1: The Preparation of the Soul-Winner

Lesson 5: Salvation

Memory Verse:

A. Salvation

1. Assurance of Salvation

- a. A Christian that is constantly doubting their own personal salvation must have full assurance from the Lord, or else they will not be a good witness for the Lord. Make sure you are saved, and that you are not doubting your own Salvation. Make sure you are saved, and that you are not doubting your own Salvation.

***1 Corinthians 15:1-2** “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; (2) By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.”*

- b. I preached ... ye received ... ye stand. The Corinthians had heard the gospel Paul preached to them, they heard of the resurrection, they accepted it and believed in it, but some began to doubt.
- c. By this confronting statement, Paul is acknowledging and bringing to their attention the fact that some people in the church may have had a faithless profession.

Matthew Henry: “The faith of those that are sincere, may yet be very weak and wavering.”

- d. Some of the early disciples doubted and were slow to believe.

***Matthew 28:16-17** “Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. (17) And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.”*

Vernon McGee said, "Some worshiped and some doubted—that is how it has been for over nineteen hundred years! And, my friend, you are in one category or the other."

e. Exhortation to examine self

2 Corinthians 13:5 "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

- **Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith** = Are you truly a Christian, and have you truly believed in the Gospel?
- **Prove your own selves** = Put yourself under a thorough test.

Barnes: "The word used here "prove" is stronger than that before used, and rendered "examine". This word, prove, refers to assaying or trying metals by the powerful action of heat; and the idea here is, that they should make the most thorough trial of their religion, to see whether it would stand the test;"

- **Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you** = The inner witness is the greatest witness of a true Christian.

1 John 5:9-13 "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. (10) He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. (11) And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (12) He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. (13) These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Romans 8:8-10 "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (9) But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. (10) And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness."

- **Except ye be reprobates** = Rejected, counterfeit, and a fruitless professor.

Warren Weirsbe: "No doubt many of the problems in the church at Corinth were caused by people who professed to be saved, but who had never repented and trusted Jesus Christ. Our churches are filled with such people today. Paul called such people reprobate, which means "counterfeit, discredited after a test."

2. Before you can be a testimony, you must have a testimony.

2 Corinthians 13:6 *"But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates."*

A man of God once said, "Sinners are often quick to point out any hypocrisy or inconsistency in the life of those who are trying to win them to Christ."

1 Thessalonians 1:5 *"For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake."*

Acts 24:16 *"And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men."*

1 Corinthians 10:31-33 *"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. (32) Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: (33) Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved."*

Revelation 12:11 *"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."*

3. Salvation involves the following:

- a. **Grace** is God's gift of salvation. People do not deserve God's forgiveness, but God in His grace offers it to them.

***Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

- b. **Forgiveness** can only be given through Christ alone. No one can be forgiven outside of Christ.

***Colossians 1:14** "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."*

- c. **Repentance** means to turn from your sinful and rebellious way, and to turn to God through Christ.

***Isaiah 55:6-7** "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: (7) Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."*

- d. **Faith** is trusting Jesus Christ as the only one that can save from sin – Trusting in the finished work of Christ – His death, burial and resurrection."

***Ephesians 2:8** "For by grace are ye saved through faith..."*

***Romans 10:13** "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

- e. **Justification** refers to the believer's position in Christ having been made right with God by faith.

***Romans 5:1** "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"*

4. Marks of a true believer

a. **Regeneration** = Am I a new Creature? Have I been born again?

- Note: Jesus said to Nicodemus, “*Ye must be born again to see the Kingdom of God.*”
- A second birth needs to take place in order for a person to be with the Father in Heaven; they need to have a Spiritual Birth. **John 3:1-16**

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 “*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. vs.18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;*”

Galatians 6:14-15 “*But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. (15) For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.*”

Before & After

Titus 3:3 “For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.”

Colossians 3:5-6 “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: (6) For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Colossians 3:7 “In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.”

Titus 3:4-5 “But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, vs 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he **saved us**, by the washing of regeneration, and **renewing** of the Holy Ghost;”

Colossians 3:8 “But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.”

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, vs 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Peter 2:9 “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: vs 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

1 Peter 2:24 “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”

1 Peter 2:25 “For ye were as sheep going astray...”

1 Peter 4:3-4 “For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: vs 4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

Ephesians 5:8 “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.”

1 Corinthians 6:11 “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”

1 Peter 2:10 “Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

1 Peter 2:11 “Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;”

1 Peter 2:25 “For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.”

1 Peter 4:1-2 “Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; vs 2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.”

Ephesians 5:8 “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.”

b. **Relationship =** Do I have a true relationship with the Lord?

- Sensitive to the Spirit

Romans 8:15-16 “For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. vs. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:”

1 John 4:13 “Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.”

Galatians 5:25 “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

Colossians 2:6 “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:”

Ephesians 4:30 “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

1 Thessalonians 5:19 “Quench not the Spirit.”

- Sensitive to the Saviour

1 John 2:3-5 “And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.”

John 15:14-16 “Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. (15) Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. (16) Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.”