

# **FUNDAMENTAL FACTS FOR FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS**

## *Lesson One*

*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*

**Galatians 1:8**

What kind of man would dare make a statement such as the Apostle Paul made in Galatians 1:8? It is extremely important that we understand the truth that the Word of God teaches.

As a class, read Ephesians 4:11-16.

Let us put aside opinions and ideas which do not agree with the Word of God.

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

**II Timothy 2:15**

Can any subject be more precious to the redeemed child of God than his or her personal salvation?

The Apostle Paul has so much to teach us. Many Christians, all over the world, use his writings as a guide and pattern to witness to unbelievers to lead them to salvation. Consider what is commonly called "The Romans Road."

1. Recognize that all have sinned:

*As it is written, There is **NONE** righteous, **NO, NOT ONE**:  
For **ALL** have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

**Romans 3:10**

**Romans 3:23**

2. Realize there is a penalty for sin:

*For the **WAGES** of sin is **DEATH**; but the **GIFT OF GOD** is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Romans 6:23**

3. Understand that God has made a way:

*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

**Romans 5:8**

4. Believe and confess unto salvation:

*That if thou shalt **CONFESS WITH THY MOUTH** the Lord Jesus, and shalt **BELIEVE IN THINE HEART** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

*For with the **HEART** man believeth unto righteousness; and with the **MOUTH** confession is made unto salvation.*

*For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*

*For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.*

*For **WHOSOEVER** shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. **Romans 10:9-13***

That is simple gospel, or good news of God's plan for man.

For the **PROUD**, it is too much to think that they cannot contribute to their own salvation. Salvation **CANNOT** be **EARNED** by good works.

*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that **NOT OF YOURSELVES**: it is the gift of God:*

*Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

Salvation cannot be **PURCHASED** by the **WEALTHY**. It is **FREE** to whosoever will come.

*Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk **WITHOUT MONEY** and **WITHOUT PRICE**.*

**Isaiah 55:1**

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*Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;*

*But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

**1 Peter 1:18-19**

Regardless of a person's **POSITION** or station in life, salvation is available. Many an individual has had to put aside his **TALENTS**, or his **EDUCATION**, and humble himself realizing that Christ, and Christ alone, could save.

To the **BELIEVER**, the hope of some day being with Christ, and out of this sinful world, **IS ALL IMPORTANT**.

*Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

**Titus 2:13**

Notice that Paul calls the appearing of Jesus Christ the "**BLESSED HOPE**" of the Christian.

The hope of some day meeting Him—the One who suffered, bled, and died for us and took our place that we could be counted righteous enough to inherit eternal life (II Corinthians 5:21)—is the hope that makes acceptable any suffering a Christian goes through.

Without the **HOPE OF SOMEDAY** seeing Christ and being with Him, the Christian life would lose its motivating force.

*If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.*

**1 Corinthians 15:19**

Is it enough to be religious? Do all religious **PATHS** lead to the **SAME PLACE**? Will just being **SINCERE** in your beliefs be enough to please God? **NO**, A THOUSAND TIMES **NO**!

If there is to be a mistake made in any of our doctrine, **LET IT NOT** be in the area of **SALVATION**.

*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

**Acts 4:12**

We need to **GUARD AGAINST** taking our experience of salvation for granted. Some of the **MOST POWERFUL** Christians are those who keep themselves in a constant attitude of thanksgiving for their salvation.

*And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.*

*And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.*

*Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

*Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; **BUT RATHER** rejoice, **BECAUSE YOUR NAMES** are written in heaven.*

**Luke 10:17-20**

Let us not get so caught up in working for God that we lose our joy and rejoicing over what He has done for us.

Many **CHRISTIANS** have become so busy **WORKING FOR GOD** they forget to tend to their own spiritual condition and they lose out with God.