"HE LEFT JUDEA, AND DEPARTED AGAIN INTO GALILEE, AND HE MUST NEEDS GO THROUGH SAMARIA. THEN COMETH HE TO A CITY OF SAMARIA, WHICH IS CALLED SYCHAR, NEAR TO THE PARCEL OF GROUND THAT JACOB GAVE HIS SON JOSEPH, NOW JACOB'S WELL WAS THERE. JESUS THEREFORE BEING WEARIED WITH HIS JOURNEY, SAT THUS ON THE WELL: AND IT WAS ABOUT THE SIXTH HOUR. THERE COMETH A WOMAN OF SAMARIA TO DRAW WATER: JESUS SAITH UNTO HER, GIVE ME TO DRINK. (FOR HIS DISCIPLES WERE GONE AWAY UNTO THE CITY TO BUY MEAT.) THEN SAITH THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA UNTO HIM, HOW IS IT THAT THOU, BEING A JEW, ASKETH DRINK OF ME, WHICH AM A WOMAN OF SAMARIA? FOR THE JEW HAVEN NO DEALINGS WITH THE SAMARITANS. JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO HER, IF THOU KNEWEST THE GIFT OF GOD, AND WHO IT IS THAT SAITH TO THEE, GIVE ME TO DRINK; THOU WOULDEST HAVE ASKED OF HIM, AND HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN THEE LIVING WATER." JOHN 4:3-10

As we examine the Life of Jesus, we see a seeking and searching Saviour. Jesus went to the people. He talked with the individual and He talked to the multitudes. He loved people and He wanted to meet their needs. His life reflected a heart full of love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, and grace. Peter wrote of our Lord, "CASTING ALL CARE UPON HIM FOR HE CARETH FOR YOU." 1 PETER 5:7 Jesus lived His life first for God and second for others. Living for God involves helping others. Jesus is the supreme example of living for God. He said, "MY MEAT IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME, AND TO FINISH HIS WORK." JOHN 4:34 We see Him as the obedient servant in PHIL. 2:5-8.

Let us notice when our Lord wants to be there and help us.

I. WHEN A MAN WANTED TO BE SAVED, JESUS WAS THERE.

Jesus is the Saviour. His name is Jesus, "...FOR HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS." MATTHEW 1:21 Jesus is the only Saviour of all men. ACTS 4:12 Jesus is the only mediator between God and man. I TIMOTHY 2:5 Jesus is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world and our advocate. JOHN 2:1, 2 Jesus saves to the uttermost. "WHEREFORE HE IS ABLE ALSO TO SAVE THEM TO THE UTTERMOST THAT COME UNTO GOD BY HIM, SEEING HE EVER LIVETH TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THEM." HEBREWS 7:25 Jesus is always there. Nicodemus came to Jesus by night. Jesus spoke to him of his need of being born again. JOHN 3: "The thief on the cross wanted to be saved. Our Lord even in His dying hour saved the thief on the cross. Jesus must needs go through Samaria. He talked with the woman at the well about the living water."
Jesus is our shelter. We are to cast all of our cares upon Him. I Peter 5:7 Jesus is our refuge. "GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE." Psalms 46:1 David said the Lord was his rock, fortress, and deliverer. II Sam. 22:2 Jesus is the anchor to our souls. Hebrews 6:19 We have the promise that He will never leave us or forsake us. Hebrews 13:5

Jesus was there. A storm came upon the disciples in Matthew 8:23-27. Jesus was there. Troubles and problems in life are like storms. Job reminds us that life is full of troubles. Job 14:1 We may cause some of the storms. Others may cause the storms. The storms may just occur. Jesus wants to be with us in the storm. He can calm the storm or He can calm you in the storm. His grace will always be sufficient. II Corinthians 12:9 As He ministers to us, He is still saying, "...PEACE BE STILL." Mark 4:39

Jesus uses others. The Lord's people can comfort and help others. Paul told the Thessalonians "WHEREFORE COMFORT ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS." I Thessalonians 4:18 The Lord has used His people to help and encourage me. Words of encouragement, cards, and just being near helps us to keep going. Sometimes just telling the Lord's people "I love you" or "I am praying for you" will be a great encouragement. Jesus sent His disciples out by two's. Let the Lord use you to help others when the storm of life is raging.

III. WHEN A FAMILY WAS IN SORROW, JESUS WAS THERE.

Jesus is life. He sustains physical life. "I LAID ME DOWN AND SLEPT; I AWAKED, FOR THE LORD SUSTAINED ME." Psalms 3:5 He gives unto those who believe or trust in Him eternal life. John 10:28-31 Jesus came to give eternal life to man. "...I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY." John 10:10 Paul wrote, "WHEN CHRIST, WHO IS OUR LIFE, SHALL APPEAR..." Colossians 3:4

Jesus is the life giver. Jesus was there. Jesus went to Mary and Martha when Lazarus died. John 11:14-44 In verses 33 and 38 it is recorded Jesus groaned in His spirit and was troubled. He raised Lazarus from the dead. John 11:43-44 He raised Jairus daughter from the dead. Mark 5:39-41 He raised the widow's son as they were carrying him to the graveyard. Luke 7:14 He wants to comfort everyone who loves a loved one in death. He wants you to have the assurance of John 11:25,26.

Jesus uses others. Mary and Martha were surrounded by people who loved them and mourned with them. We are to comfort one another with the message of the resurrection. I Thessalonians 4:18 He wants you to use you to comfort the brokenhearted.

IV. WHEN A DISCIPLE NEEDED STRENGTH, JESUS WAS THERE.

Jesus is our strength. Paul wrote, "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME." Philippians 4:13 Peter wrote about Jesus' ability to establish and strengthen us. I Peter 5:10 Jesus is a reservoir of strength.

Jesus was there. Paul felt his weakness. He asked the Lord three times to remove the thorn in His flesh. II Corinthians 12:8 Paul was given the message that the grace of the Lord was sufficient for Him. II Corinthians 12:9 Jesus was with Paul and Silas in the jail house. Jesus wants the words He spoke in John 14:1 to be accepted. "LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED." John 14:1 The hardest thing to do when trouble comes is to accept it and depend upon the Lord during it. Jesus is our strength and He wants to make us strong. We must accept His strength on His terms. II Corinthians 12:9

Jesus uses others. The Lord told Peter, "...WHEN THOU ART CONVERTED, STRENGTHEN THY BRETHREN." Luke 22:32 Let others know you are praying for them, ask others to pray for you. I Thessalonians 5:25 When the Jews were fighting Amalek, as long as Moses held his hands up the Jews prevailed. Exodus 17:10,11 When Moses became tired Aaron and Hur helped support Moses and caused his hands to be steady. Numbers 12:12 The Lord uses His people to strengthen one another.

V. WHEN A WOMAN SINNED, JESUS WAS THERE.

Jesus forgives of sin. We have forgiveness of sins in Jesus. Ephesians 1:7 Jesus said, "FOR WHITHER IS EASIER, TO SAY, THY SINS BE FORGIVEN THEE, OR TO SAY, ARISE, AND WALK? BUT THAT YE MAY KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HATH POWER ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS...." Matthew 9:5,6 Those who believe in Jesus shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10:43 He removes our sins away from us as far as the east is from the west. Psalms 103:12 He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins as we confess them. I John 1:9

Jesus was there. Jesus forgave the sinful woman in Simon's house. "WHEREFORE I SAY UNTO THEE, HER SINS, WHICH ARE MANY, ARE FORGIVEN..." Luke 7:47 Jesus told the woman caught in the very act of adultery, "...NEITHER DO I CONDEMN THEE:GO, AND SIN NO MORE." John 8:11 He wasn't approving of her sin, but He was saying there is forgiveness. Isaiah told the Israelites their scarlett sins could be forgiven. Isaiah 1:18 We need the Lord's forgiveness. Sin corrupts. We feel unclean and dirty and filthy. Jesus can cleanse us of our sins. I John 1:9 Peter denied the Lord three times. Matthew 26:69-75 He failed the Lord. He didn't pass the test. When Jesus looked at him, Peter was convicted. He went out and wept bitterly. The young man clothed in white told the women to go tell the disciples and Peter they would see Jesus in Galilee. Mark 16:7 Jesus had a special message of victory to this humiliated disciple. He forgave the dying thief on the cross and gave him assurance of a home in
Jesus used others. He wants us to use the word to declare the message of forgiveness of sins. Luke 10:43 He uses us to represent Him and intreat others to be reconciled to God. II Cor. 5:20 We are to be examples of God's forgiveness by forgiving others. Matt. 6:9-15 He wants us to spread the word about His wonderful healing forgiveness of our sins.

EPHESUS-THE FORGETTING CHURCH

Text: Revelation 2:1-7
INTRODUCTION:
In this series on the Seven Churches of Asia there are three things important to remember. (1) Each letter has a Primary Association a direct bearing upon the church to which it was written. (2) Each letter has a Personal Application the message applies to individual Christians who make up today's churches. (3) Each letter has a Prophetic Anticipation outlining the history of the church on Earth.
I. THE CHURCH, V 1
A. The City
1. A seacoast town capital of proconsular Asia, and was one of the great religious, political, and commercial centers.
2. The famous Temple of Diana, one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world was located there.
B. The Church
1. Paul went there and stayed 3 yrs. Acts 19:20
2. His famous farewell address was given to the elders of this church.
II. THE COMMENDATION, V 2-3
A. Their Service - "Thy Works"
B. Their Sacrifice - "Thy Labor" Gk. word is "kopos" and means "working for God at a cost." They toiled, it took something out of them.
C. Their Steadfastness - "Thy Patience" Gk word is "hupomone" and means "triumphant fortitude."
D. Their Supplication of Evil - "Canst not bear them which are evil"
E. Their Spiritual Discernment - "Traded them which say they are apostles, and are not, and found them liars."
F. Their Stickability. V 3 Staying with it no matter what the cost and not giving up.
G. Their Stand - V 6. "Nicolaitans" were

and early heretical sect. The name was taken from two words "nikao" meaning "to conquer" and "loas" meaning "the people" or "laity."

III. THE COMPLAINT. V 4 "Left thy first love" (Honeymoon Love)
A. No enthusiasm for the work of God. They were trilly regular, and splendidly dull.
B. No emotion for the Works of God. They were pleased with the mechanical, the routine, the ritualistic.
C. No evidence of God's will being done. Waining Tove.
D. Examples of losing your first love.
1. Preferring to talk about things, events, or persons, rather than Jesus.
2. Desire to read novels and News more than the Bible.
3. Lack of interest in the Church.
4. Avoiding the responsibility of service to God.
5. Worldliness and Carnality in Actions and Attitudes.
7. Lack of concern over Personal sins.

IV. THE COUNSEL. V 5a
A. Remember - Go back and remember what you did, and what you said and what you promised when you were first saved.
B. Repent - Turn you life around and start doing them again.

V. THE CONSEQUENCES, V 5b
A. I will declare you a non-church. B. I will declare you of no use to God.

A GOOD SOLDIER

Text: II Tim. 2:1-4
E.R. Reynolds

I. A GOOD SOLDIER MUST LEAVE THE WORLD HE HAS KNOWN BEHIND.
A. Must Leave father and mother. Matt. 10:37-38
B. Many times must leave his home state.

II. A GOOD SOLDIER MUST CHANGE HIS CLOTHES.
A. We need to take off the Old World and put on Jesus. Rom. 13:14
B. We need to let others see Jesus in us by the way we dress.
C. God's Word teaches you are not your own you are bought with a price.

III. A GOOD SOLDIER MUST LEARN A SPECIAL WAY TO WALK. Eph. 4:1-3
A. Some are out of step with God's Word.
B. We sang the song, "I WILL FOLLOW JESUS". Do we mean it?
THE WORK OF THE LORD

Randy Cloud

Text: I Corinthians 15:57-58

INTRODUCTION:

Paul is the inspired writer to the church at Corinth. I Corinthians 15 is the Resurrection Chapter of the Bible. This great chapter in God's Word defines the gospel. I Cor. 15:1-4

The gospel is the good news, glad tidings of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ according to the scriptures. In this chapter, the inspired writer, relates the importance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead I Cor. 15:12-20 and informs the believer of victory over death I Cor. 15:51-57.

In view of the glorious gospel of Christ, the Apostle Paul gives us some important Biblical principles to remember in "The Work of The Lord."

1. BE YE STEDFAST.

A. The word "stedfast" means "firmly fixed." It has the meaning of not halting between two opinions; not of one mind today and of another tomorrow. A soldier is not worth much if he has loyalty today and no loyalty tomorrow. A church member must be stedfast in the work of God.

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THE BENEFICIAL TEACHINGS OF CHRIST (Part 6)

The lesson for our consideration today is the sixth lesson on "The Beneficial Teachings of Christ" as seen from the general theme entitled, "The Life of Christ." The focus of this lesson is Matt. 5:8 "BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART; FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD." For one to really make an intense study of the teachings of Christ will cause them to realize that the teachings of Christ were aimed at the heart. We must realize that all actions as well as motives must be pure to make them all right with God. God looks at the heart. 1 Sam. 16:7 Possibly, at this point, it would do all of us well to read the following verses:

Prov. 4:23 "KEEP THY HEART WITH ALL DILIGENCE; FOR OUT OF IT ARE THE ISSUES OF LIFE." Matt. 6:21 "FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO." Rom. 10:10 "FOR WITH THE HEART MAN BELIEVETH UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND WITH THE MOUTH CONFessions IS MADE UNTO SALVATION." Jer. 17:9 "THE HEART IS DECIEFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS, AND DESPERATELY WICKED: WHO CAN KNOW IT?"

"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." In the development of this lesson we'll notice three main truths.

I. THE CAUSE OF SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS - IMPURITY OF HEART.

II. THE CURE FOR SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS - A DIVINE WORK.

III. THE CONCEPTION INVOLVED IN SPIRITUAL ILLUMINATION.

I. THE CAUSE OF SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS - IMPURITY OF HEART.

There are moral beauties and immoral horrors which certain individuals cannot see because they are impure in heart. This is also true in the spiritual realm. Notice 2 Cor. 4:21 "BUT THE NATURAL MAN RECEIVETH NOT THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD: FOR THEY ARE FOOLISHNESS UNTO HIM: NEITHER CAN HE KNOW THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED." Many say that they cannot understand the gospel, why? The answer is given in 2 Cor. 4:3-4. "BUT IF OUR GOSPEL BE HID, IT IS HID TO THEM THAT ARE LOST: IN WHOM THE GOD OF THIS WORLD HATH BLINDED THE MINDS OF THEM WHICH BELIEVE NOT, LEAST THE LIGHT OF THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL OF CHRIST, WHO IS THE IMAGE OF GOD, SHOULd SHINE UNTO THEM." Blinded men cannot see the horribleness of their condition nor the glorious character of Jesus Christ. They think it very foolish to attend church and to witness for Christ. This impurity of heart also leads one to do things that are impure and ungodly. This included impure thoughts, impure tongues, and impure traits.

Involved in the impure thought area are the following:

1. SINFUL THOUGHTS - Gen. 6:5 "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." 2. SMUG THOUGHTS - Rom. 1:21 "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." They were very smug and thought they didn't need God.

3. SATANIC THOUGHTS - Prov. 6:18 "An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief."

4. SENSUAL THOUGHTS - Matt. 15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." Included in the impure tongue area are the following:

1. GOSPEL - I Tim. 5:13 "And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not." 2. JUDGING - Matt. 7:1-3 "Judge not; that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" 3. LYING - John 8:44 "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is not truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." 4. SLANDER - Prov. 10:18 "He that hideth hatred with lying lips and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool." 5. PROFANITY - James 3:10 "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be." Notice also James 3:6-9. 6. COMPLAINING - Jude 16 "These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, hating men's persons in admiration because of advantage." What does the impure traits mean and include? This
simply means that their lives become full of wickedness and sin, of greed, hate, envy, murder, fighting, lying, bitterness, and gossip. They become braggarts, always thinking of new ways to sinning and continually disobedient to parents. They break their promises and are heartless without pity. These impure traits are seen in their affection, attitudes, and appetites.

II. THE CURE FOR SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS - A DIVINE WORK.

It is a necessary work because of what we are. Notice Rom. 3:23. This needed work cannot be performed by any ceremony. No application of water will make your heart pure. No outward ceremonies can effect the heart. The heart cannot be purified by any process of outward reformation.

The heart can only be purified by and through the Spirit based upon the finished work of Jesus Christ. Notice how this works.

1. The Spirit CONVICTS us of sin.
2. The Spirit CONVINCES us we can't save ourselves.
3. The Spirit COMPELS us to come to Christ.
4. The Spirit CONVERTS all who come to Christ.
5. The Spirit COMFORTS. (6) The Spirit seeks to CON-

TROL and CONFORM us to the Image of Christ.

(7) The Spirit will CONSUMMATE the complete job at the Second Coming of Christ.

III. THE CONCEPTION INVOLVED IN SPIRITUAL ILLUMINATION

The man whose heart is pure will be able to see the Lord in nature. Psa. 19:1 The pure in heart: (1) see the Lord in the scriptures. Hebs. 11:6; (2) see the Lord in the church; (3) begin to discern something of God's true character; and (4) shall be admitted into His intimate fellowship. Psa. 91:1

"BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART: FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD."

"MY SON, GIVE ME THINE HEART, AND LET THINE EYES OBSERVE MY WAYS." Prov. 23:26

THE FISH FRY JESUS IS STILL THERE!

c. After the "FLING" in the "PLEASURES OF SIN FOR A SEASON". The Lord is still there!

d. AFTER THE FALL the Lord, OUR FOUNDATION IS STILL STANDING SOLID AND HOLDING US IN HIS HAND! Psa. 37:24

e. AFTER THE FIRES OF JUDGMENT that will come upon the world and the last thereof...will be waiting those ON THE RIGHT FOUNDATION!

CONSIDER PRAYERFULLY WITH ME SOME WRONG FOUNDATIONS.

A. One's Own "Goodness."
1. Many think as one who came to Jesus.
   Matt. 19:16
2. Romans 3:12
3. Romans 3:23
4. Isaiah 53:6

B. One's Own "Thinking."
1. Remember Prov. 14:12
2. Eve's downfall ---
   a. Sounded right;
   b. Looked right;
   c. Felt right;
3. LISTEN TO GOD. Prov. 3:5

C. One's Own Sufficiency!
1. Rom. 12:3
2. I Cor. 10:12
3. Jeremiah 17:5;7
4. Paul's Testimony
   a. II Cor. 3:5
   b. I Cor. 15:10
   c. Phil. 4:13

D. One's Own Religious Activity (works)
Not A Right Foundation!
1. David's acknowledgement. Psa. 51:16-17
2. Titus 3:5
3. Eph. 2:8-9
4. SOME THINGS NOT FOR SALE!
II. THE RIGHT FOUNDATIONS.

A. The Word Of God.
   1. Matt. 24:25 - Those who build their "HOPE" and "LIFE" ON IT are as the one who built on the ROCK that withstood the storms of life!
   a. In the darkness - LIGHT! Psa. 119:105
   b. After the suffering. Romans 8:28
   c. After the "DEPARTURE". II Cor. 5:8

B. The Lord Of The Word!
   1. He is our "righteousness!" II Cor. 5:21
   2. He is our "PEACE!" Rom. 5:1
   3. He LIVES "IN" Gal. 2:20; "ABOVE" Rom. 3:34; "BEFORE" John 10:4; "BESIDE" Heb. 13:5; us!
   4. HE IS OUR ROCK! Psalm 40:2
      a. David: "MY ROCK". Psa. 28:1
      b. Job: "MY REDEEMER:" Job 19:25
      c. Mary Magdalene - Thomas: "MY LORD".
   5. HE IS THE ONE AND ONLY ROCK! I Cor. 3:11

C. The Grace Of God!
   1. Titus 2:11
   2. Romans 5:20
   3. Eph. 2:8
   4. I Cor. 15:10
   5. Heb. 4:16
   6. II Cor. 12:9

D. Faith In The Lord.
   1. Heb. 11:6
   2. Luke 7:50
   3. Faith to WALK WITH THE LORD AS Enoch:
   4. Faith to BUILD as Noah:
   5. Faith to LIVE BY:
   6. Faith to STAND IN THE TIME OF STORM:
   7. Faith to SUFFER AND STILL BELIEVE!
   Job
   8. FAITH TO LOOK UP AT THE TIME OF CROSSING OVER!
      a. Paul
      b. Stephen

WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN HURT YOU

TEXT: II Peter 3:5, 8

INTRODUCTION:
A. Many have adopted the adage "What you don't know can't hurt you" to their life's philosophy.
B. To be honest there are times when ignorance is bliss however, ignorance of spiritual matters can be very harmful.
C. Peter warns against being willfully ignorant.
D. There are many today who would rather live in ignorance and not consider the consequences.

I. IGNORANCE ABOUT GOD.
A. About His Will - The reason people won't come to God's house is because they feel as long as they are in ignorance they are not subject to His will. Psa. 40:8; 143:10; John 7:17
B. About His Work - Many are ignorant about the joy and the excitement in doing the work of God. As a result they miss out on life's best. Eph. 2:10
C. About the Wrath - "God is Love" is the theme of our day. Many remain in ignorance as to the truth concerning the nature of God. John 3:36

II. IGNORANCE ABOUT SIN.
A. David's sin cost him plenty. II Sam. 11
   1. He loafed.
   2. He lusted.
   3. He lied.
   4. He lost.
B. Achan's sin affected others. Joshua 7
   1. He saw it.
   2. He took it.
   3. He hid it.
   4. God found it.
C. Ananias' sin was quickly judged. Acts 5
   1. He sold it.
   2. He kept back a part.
   3. He lied about it.
   4. He died because of it.
D. Let's not forget to let the world know what God's attitude toward sin is. If we don't tell them then it won't get told.

E. Gal. 6:7

III. IGNORANCE ABOUT DEATH.
A. Ignorance in this area is seen in such doctrines as re-incarnation, soul-sleeping and other far out philosophies.
B. "Let's change the subject" is proclaimed when the subject of death is brought up. There are many college courses on life but few on death.
C. The Bible deals with death.
   1. Rom. 5:12
   2. Heb. 9:27
   3. Eccl. 12:1-7
D. Death for the child of God not an end but a glorious beginning.
   1. I Cor. 15
   2. Acts 6
E. Death for the lost ends all opportunities. Eccl. 11:3

IV. IGNORANCE ABOUT JUDGMENT.
A. Text
B. Judgment upon Noah's generation demonstrates the gravity of His judgment.
C. Judgment upon Lot's hometown reveals the finality of His judgment.
D. The lost will appear before the Great
White Throne and be judged.
1. Rev. 20:11-15
2. Matt. 7:21-23

E. The saved will stand at the judgment seat of Christ and be judged for their service.
1. Rom. 14:9
2. II Cor. 5:10

V. IGNORANCE ABOUT JESUS.
A. Who is He? If He is not God then Christianity self-destructs.
B. If you ask people today they would say: "A great teacher, the founder of Christianity, a Nazarene carpenter's son, a Jew who claimed to be the Messiah, or a first century martyr who died for a noble cause." Some would say "The Son of God" not knowing what they were talking about.
1. Many have rejected Him as the Son of God that have never read the evidence in the Bible.
2. Most people's opinion concerning who Jesus is was given to them by someone else.
C. Facts About Jesus Christ.
   1. He is Real - Not just a historical figure.
   2. He is Right - He never lied.
   3. He is Righteous - He qualified to be the spotless Lamb of God.
   4. He is Ready.
      a. To save you
      b. To serve you.
      c. To separate you.

Danny Chappell

DEACONS, SERVANTS OF THE LORD

TEXT: I Tim. 3:8-13

I. THE FRUIT OF THE DEACON.
A. Full of the Holy Spirit. Acts 6:3; Eph. 5:18; I Thess. 5:14
B. Full of Wisdom. Acts 6:3; Matt. 7:24; James 1:5
C. Have a honest report.
D. Be grave.
E. Proved.
F. Blameless.

II. THE FAITH OF THE DEACON.
A. He trusts the Lord.
B. He stands for the truth. Acts 6,7,8; Jude 3
C. He tells the truth.
D. He triumphs. I Tim. 3:9; I Tim. 3:13

III. THE FAMILY OF THE DEACON.
A. He is to have one wife.

B. His wife is to have certain qualities.
C. He is to rule his children and household.

IV. THE FUNCTION OF THE DEACON.
A. To help with the problems.
B. To bring honor in position.
C. To have heartiness in purpose. Col.3:23
D. To be humble in power.

ABSOLUTELY, NO DIFFERENCE

Text: Romans 3

Maxie Haynes

INTRODUCTION:
A. Religious objections. Rom. 3:1-8
1. Those who argued that right was wrong. Rom. 3:1-2
2. Those who argued that right was right. Rom. 3:3-8
   a. Unbelief actually enhances God's faithfulness and should therefore be encouraged.
   b. Unrighteousness actually enhances God's forgiveness and therefore it is commendable to sin.

I. UNDER SIN. Rom. 3:9-18
A. The character of man under sin.
   Rom. 3:10-12
   1. Unrighteous
   2. Unreasonable
   3. Unresponsive
   4. Unrepentent
B. The Communication of Man under sin.
   Rom. 3:13-14
   1. The Viliness of the sepulcher.
   2. The Venom of the serpent.
C. The conduct of man under sin. Rom. 3:15-17
   1. Murder
   2. Misery
   3. Mutiny

II. UNDER LAW: Rom. 3:19
A. Brings conviction.
   1. Reality of sin.
   2. Responsibility for sin.
B. Brings condemnation.
   1. John 3:17-18

III. UNDER LOVE: John 3:16

A COMPLAINING PERSON IS NEVER THANKFUL, AND A THANKFUL PERSON NEVER COMPLAINS.