I WANT TO KNOW JESUS


Paul was an outstanding man of God. He was saved, a preacher, an apostle, a minister, and a very special vessel of the Lord. Paul had a desire to know Jesus Christ. This saved man wanted to know Jesus more fully. He wanted a closer walk. He wanted a deeper relationship. He wanted more than a surface relationship and identification. He wanted a heart-felt intimacy with Jesus that only comes by experiencing something that Christ went thru.

God's people have a great need of knowing the Lord Jesus more intimately. Our own personal happiness and joy comes from a deeper relationship with our precious Lord. A closer relationship with Jesus results in a greater service to Him and to others. May we desire to know Jesus more fully and intimately.

I. THE REVELATION OF CHRIST.

V 8

Paul counted all things loss for Christ. Before he was saved he was a lost zealous Pharisee. He had power and position in this religion, but he didn't know Jesus as His personal Saviour. Listen to his testimony. "FOR YE HAVE HEARD OF MY CONVERSATION IN TIME PAST IN THE JEWS' RELIGION, HOW THAT BEYOND MEASURE I PERSECUTED THE CHURCH OF GOD, AND WASTED IT: AND PROFITED IN THE JEWS' RELIGION ABOVE MANY MY EQUALS IN MINE OWN NATION, BEING MORE EXCEEDINGLY ZEALOUS OF THE TRADITIONS OF MY FATHERS." GAL. 1:13, 14 Paul had been blinded by the god of this world. II COR. 4:4 He had accepted religion, but hadn't been born again or from above.

After his salvation on the road to Damascus, he became a bold minister of Christ. Acts 9 He counted all things unimportant and non-essential before Christ. He testified that he had suffered the loss of all things for Christ. Read II Cor. 11:22-28 and you will see how Paul was whipped and stoned for the sake of Christ. He truly sought the kingdom of God and His righteousness first. Matt. 6:33 Paul considered to live was Christ to die was gain. Phil. 1:21 He set his affection of things above. Col. 3:2 He was daily pressing and pursuing the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:14

Paul considered the knowledge of Christ of great value. He counted all things loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, My Lord. The American Standard Version reads, "BECAUSE OF THE SURPASSING WORTH OF KNOWING CHRIST JESUS MY LORD." V 8 Paul wanted...
a greater knowledge of Jesus. The intimate knowledge he wanted to gain was much more than mere facts which he could memorize. Paul wanted to know more about Jesus. The knowledge he desired was a heart knowledge that comes from experiences you have with the Lord.

The knowledge of Jesus Christ far excels the knowledge of anything and everything else. The wise man wrote "KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY IS UNDERSTANDING..." Prov.9:10 Peter admonishes us to grow in grace and in knowledge of Jesus. II Pet.3:18 Paul had acquired a lot of knowledge about the Pharisees and their religion, but the new life in Christ was so different that he wanted to know more about his precious Lord. He was willing to give up everything else for this excellent knowledge of Jesus.

Paul confessed the Lordship of Christ. Paul wanted a greater knowledge of Christ which means the anointed one, and Jesus which means Saviour, and Lord which means Master. He confessed Jesus his Saviour was also his Lord. Paul acknowledged Him as Saviour of all of his life. The ministry of Jesus is a saving ministry. He seeks to save not only the soul, but all of our lives. Paul made Jesus his Lord. He wanted Jesus to be Lord of his thoughts, speech, action, of all. Jesus is Lord in all or He is not Lord at all. He wanted to experience the Lordship of Jesus Christ. He wanted the Lord to be in charge and in control of his life.

II. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST. V 9

The Finding. Paul wanted to be found in Christ. He wrote, "THEREFORE IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE: OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, ALL THINGS BECOME NEW." II Cor. 5:17 Jesus pointed out the great need of being in Him, the true vine in John 15:1-5 We are in Christ by personal faith.

The Fake. Paul didn't want to have self-righteousness, he wanted to have Son-righteousness. Paul knew by experience that many of the Jews were self-righteous but knew nothing of Son-righteousness. This placed a great burden on his heart. Rom. 10:1-3 Self-righteousness is fake, counterfeit, and human substitute for the real righteousness of God imputed to those who trust Him as their dear Son. Rom. 4:5

The Fact. Paul wrote of the true and real righteousness. "THAT WHICH IS" denotes the real and fact of righteousness in Christ. Paul wrote, "I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED." II Tim. 1:12 John wrote about what he knew or recognized as a fact. I John 5:11,12 Paul was writing about the difference between truth and error. Paul preached to people about settling for nothing less than the righteousness of Christ.

The Faith. Paul labored to point out the simple plain truth about the righteousness of God. This righteousness, "IS THROUGH FAITH OF CHRIST" V 9 This righteousness is experienced by faith in Christ. Rom. 3:22 "BUT TO HIM THAT WORKETH NOT, BUT BELIEVETH ON HIM THAT JUSTIFIETH THE UNGODLY, HIS FAITH IS COUNTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS." Rom. 4:5

The Father Righteousness. Paul wrote about the righteousness which is of God the Father. This righteousness is without the law. Rom. 3:21 It is God's righteousness, not man's or self. Tit. 3:5 Paul wrote, "FOR HE HATH MADE HIM TO BE SIN FOR US, WHO KEPT NO SIN; THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM." II Cor. 5:21 Paul wrote of the Jews, "FOR THEY BEING IGNORANT OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND GOING ABOUT TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS, HAVE NOT SUBMITTED THEMSELVES UNTO THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD." Rom. 10:3 Lost men today are guilty of trying to do the same thing. The Father continues to make righteous those who believe in Jesus. "FOR WITH THE HEART MAN BELIEVETH UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND WITH THE MOUTH CONFESSION IS MADE UNTO SALVATION." Rom. 10:10

III. THE RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST. V 10


Paul yearned for a more personal intimacy with Christ. A man and woman fall in love and marry, but through living with one another they get to really know each other because the experience they share together. Paul went through some trying experiences with the Lord. You can know members of your church by sight, but you get to know them more fully by the experiences you share with them.

The power of the resurrection. Paul wanted to know and experience resurrection power. This power is life giving power. It is the kind of power that gave life to the lifeless body of Jesus. In order to experience resurrection power, a death must take place.

Paul said he was crucified with Christ. Gal. 2:20 In Colossians Paul admonished his brethren to mortify his members of something. Col.3:5 Mortify means to kill. Jesus taught us to follow Him. He tells us that we will have to deny self and take up his cross in order to follow Him. Mark 8:34 When we realize and confess our weaknesses, Christ can make us strong. After this the power of Christ rests upon us. II Cor. 12:9

The Flesh must be crucified. We are powerless as Christians because we do not crucify the flesh and it's lustful desires. We must present our bodies as sacrifices unto the Lord before we will experience the power of the
ARE YOU ENJOYING BEING SAVED?

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TEXT: I Peter 1:1-11; Key verse V8; Isa. 12:3; Psalm 30:5

INTRODUCTION:
A. There are people with excellent health who do not enjoy it for one reason or another.
B. There are those with jobs with easy working conditions who do not enjoy it.
C. There are people with nice homes who are not enjoying them and take very little interest in their upkeep.
D. There are millionaires who are not enjoying their money.
E. The Bible reveals there are those who are saved but not enjoying being saved.

I. "JOY" IS A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT BY WHOM THE SAVED ARE BORN INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD!
A. What must one do to be saved? Acts 16:31
B. How does one become a child of God? Gal. 3:26 + John 3:6
C. The Saved or Child of God is indwelt by the Spirit of God. 1. Romans 8:9 2. The Spirit produces joy. Gal. 5:22

II. JESUS BRANDS THIS INWARD JOY AS "MY JOY!"
A. John 15:11

1. This joy is Jesus in the soul!
2. This joy is sustained by HIS PRESENCE, HIS WORD!
B. Note the "position" of this joy, "IN YOU."
   1. This is an INWARD POSESSION!
   2. Jesus is the "source" of this joy.
   3. The WORDS OF PROMISE AND ASSURANCE given us by Jesus bring this joy "Jesus' Joy" to our souls.

III. SOME WHO WERE SAVED...YET FOR A TIME...DID NOT ENJOY BEING SAVED:
A. Some individuals:
   1. Hymenaeus and Alexander: 1 Timothy 1:19-20
   2. The great Apostle Peter was not enjoying being saved while he was cursing and denying his Saviour!
      a. Peter was BOLD AND OUTSPOKEN in his declaration of faith. Matt. 16:15-17
      b. Peter was READY TO FIGHT his own way! Matt. 26:51-52
      c. Peter had been forewarned by Jesus! Luke 22:31-32
   3. King David got himself into a predicament where he was not enjoying being saved!
      a. He knew the joy of being saved.
      b. He experienced much of the PROTECTIVE POWER OF THE LORD IN HIS LIFE.
      c. He weakened and sold out to the drive of the "carnal part" of his being.
      d. He finds himself NOT ENJOYING HIS SALVATION. 1 John 1:9; Ps. 51:12
B. I read of CHURCHES, made up of individual saved people, not enjoying being

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THE BENEFICIAL TEACHINGS
OF CHRIST (Part 8)

This lesson concludes the section of the Sermon On The Mount, commonly referred to as
The Beatitudes. The theme of this particular lesson for our consideration today is the
BLESSEDNESS OF PERSECUTION.

The text is Matt. 5:10-12.

"BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE
PERSECUTED FOR THE RIGHTEOUSNESS
SAKE: FOR THEIR'S IS THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN. BLESSED ARE YE, WHEN
MEN SHALL REVILE YOU, AND PERSECUTE
YOU, AND SHALL SAY ALL MANNER OF EVIL
AGAINST YOU FALSELY, FOR MY SAKE, REJOICE,
AND BE EXCEEDINGLY GLAD; FOR GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN
HEAVEN: FOR SO PERSECUTED THEY
THE PROPHETS WHICH WERE BEFORE
YOU."

It is important to realize why you're suffering. Sufferings come at times for various
reasons. The sufferings He has reference to in this text comes as a result of our stand
for Christ and what is right. There are currently other reasons why sufferings come. Some
come simply because we are a part of the human race. Job 14:1 Some come because of our
improper actions and attitudes. We can even be involved in religious activities and bring
sufferings upon ourself due to prideful ambitions and Pharisaic attitudes. A lot of
our sufferings therefore come to us or upon us because of our own mistakes. Don't be
guilty of thinking just because you are suffering that you can apply the passage to
your experience. The key for analyzing "why" you're experiencing suffering can be seen
in the following expressions in the text: "FOR THE RIGHTEOUSNESS
SAKE" and "FOR MY (CHRIST'S)
SAKE."

IV. The Rewards For Persecutions.

I. THE REALITY OF PERSECUTION.

One needs to be realistic. To refuse to do this will cause you to become baffled
and bewildered and could lead to failure in your endeavors for Christ. Remember, all
Christians will suffer persecution. Notice the verification of this truth in the follow-
ing verses of scripture.

II Tim. 3:12 "YEA, AND ALL THAT
WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST
JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION."

I Thess. 3:3 "THAT NO MAN
SHOULD BE MOVED BY THESE
AFFLICTIONS: FOR YOURSELVES KNOW
THAT YE ARE APPOINTED THERE-UNTO."

John 15:18 "IF THE WORLD
HATE YOU, YE KNOW THAT IT HATED
ME BEFORE IT HATED YOU."

There are many scriptural examples that prove this reality. Christ was persecuted.
Cain killed Abel. Moses was persecuted by the Egyptians as well as his own people. Ish-
muel persecuted Isaac. The prophets were persecuted- Acts 7:52. Stephen, John, and Paul
were persecuted. Many more examples could be given.

II. THE REASON FOR THESE
PERSECUTIONS:

One reason for these persecutions is that to a lost man, the saved man is differ-
et. The lifestyle of a real Christian will cause the lost man to realize his sinfulness
and if the lost man will not yield to Christ, he will, in many instances, do things or
say things that will cause the Christian to experience suffering. This suffering can be
inward as well as outward.

Another reason for these sufferings is that history reveals that evil has always de-
spised righteousness and therefore persecutes it. Why
did Cain kill his brother

"NOT AS CAIN, WHO WAS OF THAT
WICKED ONE, AND SLEW HIS BROTHER-
ER, AND WHEREFORE SLEW HE HIM?
BECAUSE HIS OWN WORKS WERE
EVIL, AND HIS BROTHER'S RIGHT-
EOUS." Why did Ishmael persecute
Isaac? The answer is
found in Gal. 4:22-23,29. "FOR
IT IS WRITTEN THAT ABRAHAM HAD
TWO SONS, THE ONE BY A BOND-
WOMAN, THE OTHER BY A FREEMO-
MAN. BUT HE WHO WAS OF THE
BONDWOMAN WAS BORN AFTER THE
FLESH; BUT HE OF THE FREEWOMAN
WAS PROMISED, BUT AS THEN HE
WAS BORN AFTER THE FLESH PER-
SECUTED HIM THAT WAS BORN AF-
TER THE SPIRIT, EVEN SO IT IS NOW."

Persecutions come in different forms. It may come through the reviling tongue,
evil speech, or the persecuting hand.

III. THE REACTION TO THESE
PERSECUTIONS.

After we have analyzed the reason why the persecution has come upon us and have come
to the conclusion that it has come because of "RIGHTEOUSNESS
SAKE" of "CHRIST'S SAKE", then we
should rejoice. Notice verse 12 of the text.

We should rejoice because we are persecuted for righteousness sake. "MY BRETHREN,
COUNT IT ALL JOY WHEN YE FALL
INTO DIVERS TEMPTATIONS. James
1:2 We should rejoice if we are
persecuted for Christ's sake. Notice verse 11 of the text.

We should rejoice if we are persecuted for righteousness sake or Christ's sake because
this means we are identified or associated with the best company; the prophets, the a-
postles, the martyrs, and above
all — with Christ.

IV. THE REWARD FOR SUFFERING PERSECUTION. Verse 12

If we have suffered for "righteousness sake" or "Christ's sake" there are many things we can look forward to. They are as follows:
(1) A wonderful inheritance in the Kingdom of Heaven.
(2) Rewards - I Cor. 3:8
(3) The Blessedness of hearing our Master say to us, "WELL DONE."

Remember these verses of scripture:
Rom. 8:17-19 "AND IF CHILDREN, THEN HEIRS; HEIRS OF GOD, AND JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST; IF SO BE THAT WE SUFFER WITH HIM, THAT WE MAY ALSO BE GLORIFIED TOGETHER. FOR I RECKON THAT THE SUFFERINGS OF THIS PRESENT TIME ARE NOT WORTHY TO BE COMPARED WITH THE GLORY WHICH SHALL BE REVEALED IN US."

II Tim. 2:12 "IF WE SUFFER WE SHALL ALSO REIGN WITH HIM, IF WE DENY HIM, HE ALSO WILL DENY US."

May the Lord help us to be willing to suffer persecution. May the Lord help and enable all of us to allow the experiences of life to make us "better" and not "bitter."

THE WAY

JESUS

TROD

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TEXT: Col. 1:10-20

INTRODUCTION:
From Eternity to Eternity, Jesus walks for the redemption of man's soul. Sometime we forget what the road He walked was like:

I. IT WAS A LIVING WAY. John 1:3-5
A. He created all things...
B. He breathed into them the breath of life.
C. If you have eternal life, it came through him.

II. IT WAS A LOVING WAY. John 3:16
A. John 15:13
B. Jesus expressed His love, that while we were yet His sinful foes, He died for us.
C. While He walked through history, watching the rebellion and wickedness of those who He died to redeem, it was love that kept driving Him toward the Cross.
D. As He walked as man, and was rejected personally day after day, it was love that made Him go on to the Cross.

III. IT WAS A LONGING WAY. Matt. 23:37-39
A. Matt. 23:37
B. We see Jesus longing for those he died for to come to him through faith.
C. It was the same with Adam, Cain, and each generation down through the years.
D. Now He is on the right hand of God, and still longing for you to trust Him.

IV. THE LONELY WAY. Matt 8:20
A. There were no friends upon who He could depend.
   1. Even Peter his closest friend, denied knowing Him.

2. Judas, betrayed Him.
3. All the Disciples fled at His arrest.

V. IT WAS A LASTING WAY.
A. When Jesus walked up Calvary's Hill, it was once for all.
B. In His sacrifice, every sin of man was paid for.
C. Man cannot work to keep salvation, or get it.
D. Neither can they fail and lose it after they have it.
E. For the way Jesus trod opened the door forever to them that would believe in Him.

SMYRNA - THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

TEXT: Revelation 2:8-11

INTRODUCTION:
Remember each letter has three means or applications. (1) Primary - the church to which it was written, (2) Personal - those who make up the Lord's churches today, and (3) Prophetic - outlining church history.

I. THE CHURCH.
A. The City - Today called Izmir (Turkish)
   Pop. 275,000
   1. The name "smyrna" is spelled "smurra" in the Greek, and is of Hebrew origin, its Hebrew root meaning "bitter".
   2. It refers to a gum resin that was taken from a shrubby tree and it had a bitter taste. It was the principle product of that city.
   3. Elsewhere in the New Testament it is translated "myrrh" and it appears in
three important places.
  a. In the Gospel of Matt. 2 the Wise Men from the east brought three 
gifts of "Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh." V 11
  b. In the Gospel of Mark 15 at the crucifixion of our Lord when He 
as offered "wine mixed with myrrh" translated in the KJV "syrup" as 
an anesthetic against pain.
  c. In the Gospel of John 19:39-40, 
when Nicodemus came with Joseph of Arimathea and wrapped the body 
of our Lord in a linen cloth in the folds of which they placed a 
hundred pound weight of myrrh and aloes.

B. The Congregation- one of two churches which received no condemnation.
  1. Stood in the sight of a continuous display of Paganism.
     a. Gold street- ran the entire length of the city and was filled with 
temples of Greek gods.
     b. Held a monument to "Homer" the Greek poet. Was his birth place.
  2. Smyrna was the great center of Caesar Worship of all the eastern part of 
the Roman empire.
  3. Claimed to be the most beautiful Greek city in the world.

II. THE COMMENDATION.
A. The Person Speaking- "HE WHO IS THE FIRST 
AND THE LAST, WHICH WAS DEAD AND IS A-
IVE."
  1. "WAS DEAD" is in the aorist tense in 
the Greek which describes something 
definite, complete act in the past. 
Should be literally translated "be-
come dead". (Egeneto Neiros)
  2. "Now Alive" (Ezezon) is the literal 
translation of "is alive." It is in 
the present tense.
  3. "I know" V 9 is "odia" in the greek 
and means "I know from experience."
B. The Persecution- Word "tribulation" is 
"thelipsis" which means "pressure". Like 
a stone grinds wheat into flour or a man 
being crushed to death.
C. The Poverty- There are two Greek words 
for poverty.
  1. "Pncas" which means "works for a liv-
ing but barely makes it."
  2. "Ptocheia" (the word used in this 
verse) which means "begarry". Abso-
lute utter destitution. Part of the 
persecution was people of the city 
would not give Christians a job.
D. The Propagation of Lies- "Blasphemy" is 
the greek work "blasphemia" which means 
"slander." Most authorities believe 
the phrase "Jew which are not" refers to 
those who Profess Christ but don't 
Possess Christ. Possibly the church it-
self.

E. Persistance-"Thy Words". Amist all this 
they still worked for God. They didn't 
care about the Persecution, Poverty, or 
Slanted. That's why they were called 
"poor but rich."

III. THE CHALLENGE.
A. Fear Not-
  1. Prison that waits for you or
  2. Ten days of tribulation (Christians 
were persecuted under 12 Cesar's of 
Rome)
B. Faithful Unto Death-
  1. "Faithful" comes from the greek root 
word which means "have confidence."
  2. Crown of life- the martyr's crown. 
James 1:12

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LIFTING UP

HOLY

HANDS

Text: I Tim. 2:8

INTRODUCTION:
A. If we really believe in the priviledge, 
importance and value of prayer, we should 
want to pray in a manner acceptable to 
God,
B. Scripture teaching about prayer is much 
more extensive than one message can re-
veal. Bible speaks of both the exter-
als and the internals of prayer.
  1. Externals;outward posture; internals, 
spirit of prayer and quality of life 
accompanying it.
  2. Clear from the Scripture that the 
internals are infinitely more im-
portant than the external.
C. Our text: both the posture of prayer and 
the quality of life, conduct, that should 
accompany it.

I. THE POSTURE OF PRAYER.

"...LIFTING UP... HANS UNTO THE LORD."
A. A Posture Common in Bible Times.
  1. Ezra had the people. Neh. 8:6a
  2. Common also today among Christians 
in Asia and Africa where people are 
generally more expressive in their 
religions than here in the western 
world.
Pentecostal, Charismatic, Christ for 
the Nations Institute, writers con-
ference. Everyone encouraged to lift 
hands. Marjorie Holmes didn't know
whether to do it or not; lifted hers only about halfway up. Gaithers concert and Dallas Holm concert: many raised one hand or both in prayer or during music as they praised the Lord.

4. Nothing wrong with this... unless we are made to feel that we are less spiritual, or less Christian, or that God will not hear us if we do not do it, or if it becomes merely a ritual.

5. Lifting up hands may make you feel uncomfortable because it has become something of a symbol of Pentecostal type of Christianity, and you may not wish to be identified with that. If it doesn’t fit you, don’t do it!

6. Like any other external of religion, this can become a mere show of piety not sincere. Like the loud long prayers of the Pharisees... or like syrupy, unctuous tones some people assume... or like the display of big words and flowery phrases you can often hear in churches, Baptist included.

7. Right reason for lifting hands; asking imploring, beseeching.

B. Other postures of prayer are equally acceptable to God.

1. Ezra and the people also bowed. Neh. 8:6b
2. Solomon stood. I Kings 8:22, 23a
3. David sat. I Chron. 17:16
4. Jehoshaphat and the people bowed. II Chron. 20:18
6. Jesus prayed... standing before the tomb of Lazarus... kneeling and falling on his face in the Garden of Gethsemane... and hanging upon the cross.

II. THE REQUIREMENT OF ACCEPTABLE PRAYER.

"LIFTING UP HOLY HANDS UNTO THE LORD"

A. What is Paul stressing here? Not the lifting of the hands but the lifting of holy hands; not the lifting but the holiness of the hands.

1. Hands in Scripture speak of conduct of your life, Prov. 6:160-19; Micah 7:3
2. Hands (in text) speak of condition of the heart.

B. God requires holiness, righteousness of those who would approach Him in prayer.

Ps. 24:3, 4; 66:18; Isa. 1:15-18; I Jn. 3:22

1. How, then, can we be made fit to come into God’s presence in prayer? By confession, repentance, and putting away our sin. James 4:8-10

CONCLUSION:

Is it any wonder that our prayers have so little power with God? We come before him with stained hands and hearts filled with sinful attitudes for which we have not repented and sought forgiveness. If we want power with God in prayer and power from God through prayer, we must pay the price for it.

WHO THE LORD IS

Text: Psalms 98

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Contemplation on the Lord is fascinating, enriching, fulfilling and a very thrilling endeavor and experience.

B. Consideration of Him can be a very profitable encounter.

C. Consider - An alphabetical presentation - The letter "A" He’s the...

I. ALMIGHTY ONE!

A. The proof - Rev. 1:8

1. Almighty in His person.
2. Almighty in His power.
3. Almighty in His performance.

II. ANOINTED ONE!

A. The SUBSTANTIATION of this declaration. Acts 10:38

B. The SIMPLE meaning - God consecrated or selected Christ to do a particular job.

III. APPROVED ONE!

A. The verification. Acts 2:22

1. Approved of God by miracles.
2. Approved of God by wonders.
3. Approved of God by signs.

IV. ABLE ONE!

A. The declaration. Rom. 4:21

1. Able to save. Heb. 7:25
2. Able to secure. Heb. 7:25
3. Able to satisfy. John 10:10
4. Able to supply. Phil. 4:19
5. Able to succour. Heb. 2:18

V. ASCENDED ONE!

A. The illumination. Acts 1:11

B. The insight.
1. Ascended to resume His glory and its position. John 17:5
2. Ascended to become our High Priest.
3. Ascended to prepare us a place.

VI. ADVOCATE!

A. The message. I John 2:1

B. The meaning - Advocate is one who pleads another’s cause. The reason why we need one is seen in Rev. 12:10

VII. AVENGER!

A. The scriptural verification.

1. Thess. 4:6

B. The saint - in the will of God, doesn’t have to worry or take up for himself.
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a church or enjoying maintaining church services.
1. Ephesus. Rev. 2:4
2. Laodicea SELF-CONFIDENT AND SELF-SATISFIED with Jesus on the outside. Rev. 3:17:20
3. The "CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH"
   Division - Corruption - Incest

IV. EXAMPLES OF SOME WHO WERE ENJOYING BEING SAVED.
A. The Christian Experience begins in JOY!
   Zacchaeus.."RECEIVED HIM JOYFULLY." Luke 19:6
B. The Ethiopian:"WENT ON HIS WAY REJOICING."
C. The Samaritans Acts 8:8
D. King David Psalm 40:1-3
E. The people to whom Peter wrote in our Scripture reading:
   1. Circumstances: 1 Pet. 1:1; Heb. 10:34
   2. THE JOY THEY ENJOYED..."BELIEVING. YE REJOICE WITH JOY UNSPEAKABLE AND FULL OF GLORY"

V. THE SECRET TO ENJOYING BEING SAVED:
A. Possession of a PERSON in your soul
   1 John 5:12; Col. 1:27; John 14:18;16:22
B. JOY IN COMMUNION WITH JESUS!
   1. Psalm 16:11; Rom. 14:17
C. JOY IN KNOWING PROMISES!!
D. JOY IN FUTURE "PROSPECT": Heb. 10:34;
   II Cor. 4:16

E. JOY IN TAKING OTHERS TO HEAVEN WITH US.
   Psalm 126:5-6
F. JOY IN A PRACTICE! Rom. 15:13

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