Sounding Out the Word

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

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THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Text: John 16:7-15
Intro: These verses are very important to a church and to individual believers. We believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Without the Spirit's activity, all is vain and useless. The Spirit convicts people as the truth of God is being preached. He convicts the lost sinner. He convicts the lingering saint. The Holy Spirit is the Comforter. He is the one called along side of. He is the One that gives aid and assistance to the people of God.

I. THE CONVOLUTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. He convicts concerning truth.
2. In John 16:7-11 we are told He convicts or reproves of sin, judgment, and righteousness. He convives us concerning the truth of these three subjects. We may argue with Him, but we will not be successful.
3. By convicing, He makes us own up to the truth regardless of our response to the conviction. In our hearts we acknowledge the truth that He convives us about. The truth will be responded to.

B. He convicts concerning the trouble.
1. Troubles are a part of life, Job 14:1. Troubles give people a lot of trouble. Every person and every family will have its share of troubles. This is only a natural part of life.
2. Why do troubles come to the saved? Should the saved have troubles? What is the purpose of troubles? We often will ask a lot of questions during times of trouble. God doesn't mind us asking. When we ask why, we start seeking answers and God is able to minister to us.
3. The psalmist said it was good to be afflicted, Psalm 119:71. He learned the statutes of the Lord in his affliction. You will learn more during times of trouble.

C. He convives concerning the trust.
1. We can and should trust the Lord with the whole or complete heart, Proverbs 3:5. The wise man was quick to point out that we shouldn't lean to our own understanding.
2. Faith is vital in the life of the saved. We cannot please God if we do not have faith in Him or trust Him, Hebrews 11:6. There are times we think we have faith. There are times when we know we have it. Faith is turning something over to God and being willing to accept what He sees fit to do about it.
3. It is through faith that we understand, Hebrews 11:3. We will understand a lot of things through faith.

II. THE CHANGING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. He indwells us.
1. He witnesses with our spirits that we are the children of God, Romans 8:16. This is where we get our assurance from God. The Spirit of God does a work in and on our hearts. He witnesses or gives testimony to.
2. Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, I Corinthians 6:19,20. He indwells us and therefore the body becomes His temple. He is a permanent resident, not a temporary guest.
3. The Holy Spirit seeks to change us from the inside out, not from the outside in. He seeks...
to transform us. His action and activity is evidenced by the fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22, 23.

B. He illumines us.
1. The Holy Spirit teaches us, I Corinthians 2:13. He helps us to understand the truth and accept it. The Devil blinds us, but the Holy Spirit penetrates the darkness and illumines the understanding.
2. The Devil is in the blinding business. II Corinthians 4:3-4 teaches us that he blinds the lost sinner. He also blinds the saved to the truth of God’s Word. The Devil works continually on the mind of man.
3. The Holy Spirit is able to penetrate the blindness and enables us to see the truth. We do understand. We then make a decision about the truth. We can accept it and alter our lives or we can reject it and remain the same.

C. He inspires us.
1. He creates holy desires and longing to conform to the image of Christ. Study what Paul wrote in Romans 9:1-3 and 10:1-3. The Spirit of God creates this kind of desire and longing within us.
2. The inner man delights in the law of the Lord, Romans 7:22. We must be striving to have the mind of Christ to take delight in the law of God, Romans 2:5. It is a joy to accept and apply the truth to our lives.
3. Paul wanted to know Christ in a more intimate way. He wanted to experience the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering, Philippians 3:10. He was willing to go through what Christ went through to do so.

III. THE CALLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
A. He calls to salvation.
1. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come..." Revelation 22:17. The Holy Spirit convicts or convinces of the truth and draws all people unto the Lord and salvation, John 6:44.
2. The Father draws people to the Lord, John 6:44. He draws people to the Lord by His Holy Spirit. Without the drawing we would not come to the Lord at all.
3. He draws through the conviction of the Holy Spirit. The lost want to be saved. The saved want to serve the Lord.
4. Many are drawn, but do not respond to the Holy Spirit’s conviction in the way God wants them to. We can resist His conviction.

B. He calls to service.
1. He calls men into the ministry of preaching the Word of God, Romans 10:14-17. This is a high spiritual calling that God gives to certain men.

2. He calls all the saved to use their talents for the Lord. He implants the desire to serve the Lord full time.
3. He creates holy longings to use our talents, possessions, and influence for the Lord. There are times when we are touched in a special way to do something for the Lord.
4. God calls on every saved person to use his working and interest skills to the honor and glory of the Lord.

C. He calls to separation.
1. The Word teaches us to come out from among the sinful, II Corinthians 6:17. God cannot use dirty vessels. We are living in a time when you can live wicked and ungodly lives and no one says anything.
2. The Holy Spirit creates the desire and longing to live for the Lord in the heart. We can live a sanctified life for the Lord. We do not have to live like the world. We can live a holy life.
3. You will never meet a happy backslider in your life. When the saved do not serve the Lord, there will always be guilt and regret. There will be great conviction about living a holy life.

IV. THE COUNSEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
A. He reveals the Word.
1. Jesus said He would take of His and show it to us. We cannot understand the Word of God apart from the work of the Holy Spirit of God. The Spirit teaches us the truth.
2. The Holy Spirit will always convict us of the truth. He will reveal truth to us. He will always reveal the same truth to everyone. He doesn’t reveal something to me and something different to you about the same truth.
3. He may reveal truth to us in preaching and teaching services, troubles, situations, or as we think on life. He can teach us any time under any circumstances and in any place.

B. He relates the way.
1. Paul teaches the Ephesians some practical truth in Ephesians 4:22-32. This truth is about every day living. Truth about our speech, attitudes, dealings and feelings for and with others.
2. The Spirit will relate the truth to your life. As a worker, preacher, teacher, leader, boss etc., He will relate how truth applies to you in life. He is the Spirit of Truth and that is what He does.
3. Truth is always up-to-date, applicable, in season, and for the present generation. The Word of God applies to us today in our situation and circumstances. The times may change, but the principle remains the same.

C. He reforms to the will.
1. Jesus is our example. He prayed for the Father’s will to be done in Luke 22:42. He has given us a pattern to live by. Seek and do the will of the Father first. We are to test or prove His will, Romans 12:2.

2. The Holy Spirit works on our will to transform it to God’s will, Romans 12:2. We are not to be conformed, but transformed by the minister of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

3. There is a great struggle between the flesh and the inner man. The Holy Spirit makes the difference in reforming us. Study Romans 7:14-25 for this great truth about the struggle.

V. THE COMFORT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. He comforts with the Scriptures.

1. The Word of God should be a vital part of our lives each day. The soul of man needs food just like the body needs it. Lack of physical food causes weakness. Lack of spiritual food causes spiritual weakness.

2. The Holy Spirit will call to our minds the truth found in the Bible as we need it. A daily diet on the Word of God will help us to grow and be strengthened. We are to desire this food, I Peter 2:2.

3. Even in death, we can take comfort from the Word of God, I Thessalonians 4:18. The last thing a family needs to hear at the grave of a loved one is the Word of God that gives comfort.

4. The Word of God gives the truth and examples of the truth to comfort us by. Job is a book that deals with one man of God enduring and working through a lot of troubles and problems caused by the Devil.

B. He comforts with strength.

1. He teaches us the way to strength. Jesus told Paul that His strength was made perfect in weakness, II Corinthians 12:9. The Lord cannot make us strong until we realize that we are weak.

2. We are weak and needy creatures. Jesus said the flesh is weak, Matthew 26:41. We know by experience that we want to quit, give up, stop, and yes even die in our circumstances.

3. Jesus is our strength. There is great strength to be received as we trust and depend upon Him. He is our everlasting source and supply of strength. Depend upon Him for the strength to live your life.

C. He comforts with satisfaction.

1. The Lord satisfies the longing soul, Psalm 107:9. Life is meaningless without the Lord. All of life holds no meaning without Jesus. The poor find that out; the rich do too.

2. There is great joy and peace and satisfaction in serving the Lord. It is wonderful to be at peace with God and enjoy peace of mind and with others around you. This relationship with Christ brings the satisfaction we long for.

3. The Holy Spirit seeks to teach us that we need the Lord and His Word. He is busy teaching us this in all of our experiences. The Lord loves us so much He will allow us to try it without Him.

4. There is hope and help in the Lord. Hebrews tell us we have a strong consolation and a sure and steadfast hope in Jesus, Hebrews 6:18,19. Jesus has promised never to leave us or forsake us, Hebrews 13:5,6.

5. We may experience the storms of life, but He will go through every storm with His people. He can calm you in the storm or calm the storm in your life, Matthew 8:23-27.

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WALKING IN NEWNESS OF LIFE

Text: Romans 6:1-13

Introduction:
A. Many a person on death row wished they had another chance at life.
B. Those who are living on the other side of the grave in a barren eternity wish they also had a new life to walk in.
C. Some today have messed up their lives and wish for a second chance.
D. God has given us this life and in spite of our sinful condition we can have a new life. It is named after Jesus Christ and those who live it are called Christians.

I. THE DEFINITION OF A CHRISTIAN
A. "They were first called Christians at Antioch"- Acts 11:26.
B. There is a difference in just being a child of God and a Christian.
C. How to become a Christian.
   1. R.A. Torrey, "A Christian is anyone who (1) comes to God as a lost sinner, (2) takes Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, (3) surrenders to Him as Lord and Master, (4) confesses Him as such publicly before the world, and (5) strives to please Him in everything from day to day."
D. Remember you must be born before you can walk.
   1. "Ye must be born again"- John 3:3.
   2. II Corinthians 5:17.

II. THE DUTIES OF A CHRISTIAN
A. Baptism is the first duty after salvation-
   Text.
   1. Remember Jesus calls us to be His disciples or followers.
   2. When He started His public service He went to John the Baptist and was baptized.
   3. Baptism is an outward expression of an inward experience.
   4. Jesus wasn’t baptized to become the Son of God, but to outwardly express that He was the Son of God.
   5. Baptism is the badge of the Christian.
   6. Baptism must be immersion to be scriptural.
   7. The Greek word BAPTIZO means to dip, immerse or plunge under.
   8. There are many examples of people being immersed in the New Testament.
      a. Jesus was immersed- Matt. 3:16.
B. Faithfulness is another requirement of a Christian.

II. THE DELIGHTS OF BEING A CHRISTIAN
A. Blessings (the joys we receive in this life).
   1. Peace, love, purpose, and spiritual power make this life a joy to live. Lost people don’t live, they just exist from one week to another or one payday to another.
   2. The newness of life in Christ Jesus is an abundant life- John 10:10.
B. Rewards (those crowns we will receive at the Judgment Seat of Christ), Revelation 22:12; II Corinthians 5:10.

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LEARN TO BE PATIENT ALONG THE WAY
Text: James 5:7,8.

Introduction: One of the most difficult lessons God insists upon teaching is that of patience. In a world of urgency and in the face of such need, one cannot help wondering what God is waiting for. From the deepest regions of the human heart comes the agonizing cry, "O God, why dost thou tarry?" The hushed answer, "Patience, my child, patience."

I. THE OBSERVATION OF PATIENCE
A. Patience is not passive: on the contrary it is active; it is concentrated strength.
B. Never think that God’s delays are God’s denials. Hold on; hold fast; hold out. "Patience is genius." -- Buffon
C. There is no such thing as preaching patience into people unless the sermon is so long that they have to practice it while they hear. No man can learn patience except by going out into the hurly-burly world, and taking life just as it blows. "Patience is but laying to and riding out the gale." -- H.W. Beecher
D. Be patient in little things. Learn to bear the everyday trials and annoyances of life quietly and calmly, and then, when unforeseen trouble or calamity comes, your strength will not forsake you.

II. THE INVESTIGATION OF PATIENCE
A. Patience, Gr. n. HYPOMONE (hoop-om-on-ay)
   1. Renderings in AV - patience 29, enduring 1, patient continuance 1, patient waiting 1; total 32.
2. Definition 1) Steadfastness, constancy, endurance, 1a) in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings, 1b) patiently, and steadfastly, 2) a patient, steadfast waiting for, 3) a patient enduring, sustaining, perseverance.

3. Example: II Corinthians 12:12- "Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds."

B. Patience, Gr. n. MAKROTHUMIA (mak-roth-o-mee'-ah)
1. Rendering in AV - long-suffering 12, patience 2; total 14
2. Definition: 1) patience, endurance, constancy of steadfastness, perseverance; 2) patience, forbearance, long-suffering, slowness in avenging wrongs.
3. Example: Heb. 6:12- "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

C. Patience, Gr. V. MAKROTHUMEO (mak-roth-o-meh'-o)
1. Rendering in AV - be patient 3, be used twice. 2, have long patience 1, bear long 1, suffer long 1, be long-suffering 1, patiently endure 1; total 10.
2. Definition: 1) to be of a long spirit, not to lose heart; 1a) to persevere patiently and bravely in enduring misfortunes and troubles; 1b) to be patient in bearing the offenses and injuries of others; 1b1) to be mild and slow in avenging; 1b2) to be long-suffering, slow to anger, slow to punish.
3. Example: (text)

III. THE FRUSTRATION OF PATIENCE
A. Unlike most Biblical mandates, patience is not the product of effort, but of the frustration of effort.
B. The new convert wants to change the world overnight, in his frustration patience is to be learned.
C. The sophomoric Christian wants to be dogmatic on everything, in his frustration patience is to be learned.
D. The young pastor wants to accomplish great things for God, in his frustration patience is to be learned.
E. The worldly Christian wants God to grant his selfish requests, in his frustration patience is to be learned.
F. The suffering one wants the pain to stop, in his frustration patience is to be learned.
G. The dedicated pastor wants his church to grow, in his frustration patience is to be learned.

H. God's methods are many, but when the lesson is patience the choice schoolmaster is frustration.

IV. THE ILLUSTRATION OF PATIENCE
A. Joseph - sold into slavery by brothers; later in prison 2 years.
B. Moses - 40 years in Egypt; 40 years in Midian; 40 + years in wilderness.
C. David - 20+ years from anointing to becoming king.

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Introduction:

A. Good causes are successful because they are linked with determined people. (Illus. Jesus - Paul - Etc.)

B. Determined people are those who get their sights set on goals and pursue them relentlessly.

C. Have you ever wondered what this church could be and do if we, who are members of it would get------
   1. Involved
   2. Determined
   3. Dedicated

D. Good church members will be:

I. OBEDIENT!
   A. Their MEANINGFUL relationship with the living Christ.
      1. FAITH which is POSITIVE.
      2. FELLOWSHIP which is a PREREQUISITE to PRODUCTIVITY.
      3. FERVOR which causes them to be PERSISTENT.
   B. Their MOTIVATION for obedience is linked to ------
      1. A Gratitude Attitude
      2. The Fear of the Lord
      3. The Love of Christ
   C. Their MANIFESTATION - obedience
      1. To the WORD of God
      2. To the WILL of God
   D. The MUSINGS - This is what God is looking for.
      1. To obey is better than to sacrifice.
      2. Illus. - Saul - O.T. Characters

II. OFFERORS!
   A. They offer THEMSELVES.
      1. This is paramount.
      2. Romans 12:1,2.
   B. They offer their TIME.
      1. How much of your time do you invest in spiritual matters?
      2. We are told to redeem the time - take advantage of the opportunities to serve the Lord.
   C. They offer their TALENTS.
      1. Utilizing their talents by offering them up as a sacrifice of praise.


D. They offer their TREASURE.
   1. We are stewards of everything that we possess.
   2. We are to Tithe.

III. OVERCOMERS!
   A. The INSIGHT - 1 John 5:4b.
   B. The ILLUSTRATIONS.
      2. Daniel.
      3. The 3 Hebrew children.

IV. ORDERLY!
   A. They take godly pride in their service for the Lord.
   B. They do things decently and in order.

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HOW TO ENJOY VICTORY OVER SATAN

Text: I John 1:5-9; James 4:6-10

Intro:
A. Satan attacks us in many forms.
1. To Eve as a snake.
2. To Adam through Eve.
3. To Peter through fear.
B. Satan uses many appeals.
1. The lust of the flesh, I John 2:16; Matt. 4:3.
2. The lust of the eyes, Matt. 4:8,9.
3. The pride of life, Matt. 4:5,6.
C. Satan has but one great aim, to devour and destroy you, Matthew 10:28; I Peter 5:8.
D. Satan is after both saved and unsaved.
1. He wants to keep the unsaved blinded to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, II Cor. 4:3,4; Luke 8:11,12.
2. Divert and destroy the influence of the saved.

I. BELIEVE GOD AND RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS INTO YOUR HEART.

II. HUMBLE YOURSELF IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD.
A. Peter’s downfall was in thinking “I can do it.”
1. He said though all others should betray Jesus I WILL NOT.
2. He said, “I am ready to go with thee unto death.”
B. This was the downfall of King Saul, I Samuel 15:17.
C. Proverbs 18:18.
D. Matthew 18:8.
E. God gives sustaining grace to the humble. V6

III. SUBMIT TO GOD! GIVE HIM COMPLETE CONTROL IN YOUR LIFE!
A. As David prayed, “Lead me in a plain path.”
B. As Isaiah said, “Here am I.”
C. As the churches of Macedonia, “First gave themselves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of the Lord.”
D. As He asks! Matthew 10:24.

IV. LIVE CLOSE TO GOD!
THE RESULTS OF SALVATION

Text: Ruth 1:11-22.

Introduction: Many things accompany salvation, a new heart, new hope, happiness, favor, family, home, friends, fellowship, and future.

I. RUTH FOUND A NEW PATH FOR HER FEET. V16 "whither thou goest I will go."
   A. Salvation brings about a new direction, new day, delight, desires, dwellings, and determination.
   B. Matthew 2-Wise men walked a new road.
   D. Luke 15-The prodigal son found a new path to follow.

II. RUTH FOUND A NEW PLACE FOR HER FAMILY. V16 "Where thou lodge, I will lodge."
   A. Bethlehem-House of bread.
   B. People of God-Place of God.
   C. Salvation brings a new place to praise your family-around the cross, church, and with Christ.

III. RUTH FOUND NEW PEOPLE FOR HER FRIENDS.
   A. Salvation brings new friends.
   B. Salvation brings new people to walk with, worship with, work with, and witness with.
   C. Ephesians 2:1-3.

IV. RUTH FOUND NEW POWER FOR HER FAITH. V16 "thy God, my God."
   A. Her faith had been in the gods of Moab.
   B. Ruth denounced the gods of Moab when she left.
   C. Ruth found new power to live by, love by, and labor by.

V. RUTH FOUND NEW PROSPECTS FOR HER FUTURE. V17 "Where thou diest, will I die."
   A. She died in a new land, a new Lord, a new love, and in a new lineage. Matt. 1:5.

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THREE TYPES OF MEN

Text: I Corinthians 2:12-3:3

Introduction: This passage of Scripture presents three classes of men that live on planet earth. All of us fall into one of these classes.

I. THE NATURAL MAN - I Cor. 2:14.
   A. Born into the natural world, Romans 5:12.
      1. Dead
      2. Depraved
      3. Darkened
   B. Blind to the spiritual Word, I Cor. 2:14; II Peter 2:20-22.

   1. No appreciation for spiritual things. II Cor. 2:14a
      a. The food of the family - God's Word.
      b. The furtherance of the family - witnessing.
      c. The fellowship of the family - "kiononia" - to have things common.

   2. No apprehension of spiritual things. II Cor. 2:14b

II. THE SPIRITUAL MAN - I Cor. 1:12, 13, 15, 16.
   A. Lives by the Spirit, V12a.
      1. He has received a "new spirit" not "just been improved."
      2. He has a "new life" not turned over a "new leaf."

   B. Learns from the Spirit, I Cor. 1:12b, 13.
      1. There are some things known only by the Spirit's illumination.

   C. Liberated through the Spirit - V15,16.
      1. He is no longer chained to the world's system.
      2. He is no longer motivated by the world's desires.
      He marches to the beat of a different drummer.

III. THE CARNAL CHRISTIAN - I Cor. 3:1-3.
   A. Deformed- V1
      1. A big baby is a sad sight.
      2. Usually because of stubbornness and laziness.

   B. Dependant- V2
      1. Expect the pastor to bottle feed them Sunday, then "burp" them through the week.
      2. In theology never got passed, "Hell is hot, Heaven is sweet, and Jesus saves." Even need to be spoon-fed.

   C. Divisive- V3
      1. Petty squabbles over personality clashes.
      2. Favorite - Preacher syndrome

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"WHAT THE WORK OF JESUS DOES FOR US"

TEXT: Hebrews 7:22-28

1. Jesus is the real Hope of fallen humanity. (Hebrews 6:19,20).
2. He was typified in the Old Testament by the King, Priest of Salem.
3. The preeminent Christ is the believer’s Surety.
4. For this theme, "WHAT THE WORK OF JESUS DOES FOR US" is the subject for discussion.

I. THE BLOOD OF JESUS SAVES US AND KEEPS US SAFE.

A. After the sin of Adam and Eve, His shed blood was typified, Genesis 3:21.

B. The pronouncement for sin's penalty is death, Genesis 2:17; Romans 5:2; 8:23.

C. Since the source of life is in the blood, it is required for the remission of sin guilt, Genesis 9:4; Hebrews 9:22.

D. The blood of Christ is from the better Sacrifice, Hebrews 9:23-28.

E. The blood of Jesus saves us, by the grace of God.

1. Redemption from sins is through His blood, I Peter 1:18,19; Revelation 5:9.

2. The remission of sins is by His blood, Matthew 26:28.

3. We are justified by His blood, Romans 5:9.

4. Peace is made through the blood of His cross, Colossians 1:20.

5. The white robe of His righteousness is available to all, through His blood, Revelation 7:13-17.

F. The blood of Jesus keeps us safe.

1. All who fully trust the Lord are safe, Proverbs 29:25.

2. The one offering, which Jesus made, keeps us safe, Hebrews 10:3-14,18.

II. THE CONCERN OF JESUS COMFORTS AND STRENGTHENS US.

A. His concern resulted in compassion.

1. For wandering religious people, Matthew 9:35-38.

2. For his friends who suffered loss, John 11:30-36.

3. For all of God's children in times of needs, Hebrews 4:15,16.

B. Understanding His great concern, comforts His people, who have learned to fully rely upon Him. (Proverbs 3:5,6).

C. Knowing His concern leads to spiritual strength, Psalm 18:6; 118:5,6; Nehemiah 8:10.

III. THE PROMISES OF JESUS CHALLENGE AND PROVOKE US.

A. The promises of Jesus are certain, I Corinthians 1:20.

B. The promises of Jesus are valuable.

1. Because of what they include, II Corinthians 12:9.


C. Sincere children of God are challenged and provoked by His promises. (Philippians 2:13).

1. To be challenged is to be summoned or called forth, by an act of the will; determination is needed, II Cor. 8:10-12.

2. To be provoked is to be stirred or incited to action (and to do); action is also needed, James 1:22; 4:17.

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THE TREATMENT OF JESUS

Text: John 19:16-22

I. WITHOUT RESPECT V16
   A. As if He were the servant
      1. Sold for 30 pieces of silver
      2. Discarded as if worthless
   B. As if He were the child
      1. Put under the authority of others
      2. His course dictated by others
   C. As if He were the guilty one
      1. Doer of evil
      2. One to be disdained, hated, removed

II. WITHOUT REGARD (CARE) V17,18
   A. Unjustly accused
      1. Lied about
      2. Made the blame
   B. Unfairly burdened
      1. Higher expectation
      2. Greater ability/results
   C. Unrighteously punished V18
      1. Absence of justice
      2. Given more than deserved.

III. WITHOUT RECOGNITION V19-22
   A. As the True King V19; Phil. 2:9-11
      1. Ruler over all
      2. Authority above all
   B. As the True High Priest V21; Hebrews 9:11,12
      1. Messenger of God’s love
      2. Mediator between God and mankind I Timothy 2:5,6
   C. As the True Savior I Peter 2:21-25
      1. Redeemer of all who will believe.
      2. Deliverer of the redeemed to eternal heaven

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THE SUFFICIENCY OF GOD’S WORD

Text: II Timothy 3:16,17

I. SUFFICIENT BECAUSE OF ITS INSPIRATION.
   A. Inspiration extended to “All scripture.”
      1. Not just the words of the prophets or apostles,
         the old or new, but all.
      2. Without exception, every verse has been
         breathed of God.I know it because...
         a. They are all infallible.
         b. They are all in agreement.
         c. They are all powerful- Hebrews 4:12; I Cor. 2:9-14.
   B. Inspiration extended to all its authors.
      1. II Peter 1:20,21
      2. Forty different writers, from all walks of life,
         over a period of 1,500 years, recorded a book
         with all parts fitting together perfectly.

II. SUFFICIENT BECAUSE OF ITS INSTIGATION.
   A. It instigates confirmation.
      1. "Profitable for Doctrine.”
      2. Confirms the teachings of Christ and His church.

B. It instigates condemnation.
   1. "Profitable...for reproof."
      a. Condemns our natural state: "dead in trespasses and sin.”
      b. Condemns our retirement from right living.
      c. Condemns our departure from truth.

C. It instigates contemplation.
   1. "Profitable...for correction."
      a. Causes us to contemplate the correct path.
         1. Salvation
         2. Service
         3. Surrender
         4. Sanctification

D. It instigates continuation.
   1. "Profitable...for instruction in righteousness.”
      a. Inspires us to continue...
         1. To learn
         2. To grow
         3. To submit
         4. To yield
         5. To live righteous lives.

III. SUFFICIENT BECAUSE OF ITS INSTILLATION.
   A. It instills within us the ingredients to make
      us fully mature.
      1. II Timothy 3:17a
      2. It takes the child and makes him a man.
   B. It instills within us the ingredients to make
      us fully equipped.
      1. II Timothy 3:17b
      2. It takes the saint and makes him a servant.

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OUR SALVATION

Text: John 3:16

Introduction:
A. The greatest possession a person can have is salvation.
   1. It is a present possession.
   2. It is great because of its source.
   3. It is great because of its consequences.
B. The words "saved" or "salvation" have insightful and helpful meanings.
   1. Salvation (soteria) deliverance, preservation, safety, salvation.
C. Today let us notice salvation.
   1. The salvation of the spirit of man
   2. It is God's work in behalf of man.
   3. This is the most comprehensive one doctrine of the Bible.

I. THE CAUSE OF OUR SALVATION V16a
A. The love of God
   1. "For God so loved."
   2. "In the beginning God created..."
   3. He is not a Being who is not interested in humanity.
   4. "Loved" (agapao) to be full of good will and exhibit the same. (Thayer)
      a. Speaks of love which is awakened by a sense of value in an object. (Wuest)
      b. God's love for a sinful and lost race springs from His heart in response to the high value He places upon each human soul.
      c. This is God's attitude toward humanity.
   5. There is nothing we do to merit the love of God, Romans 5:8.
B. The objects of His love
   1. The world
   2. The human race, mankind
   3. This includes all of us.
C. The manifestation of His love
   1. "That He gave His only begotten Son".
   2. "Gave" to give to someone to care for his interests (Thayer)
   3. "Begotten Son" unique, only one of its kind (Lk)

II. THE CONDITION OF OUR SALVATION V16b
A. The scope
   1. "That whosoever"
   2. Race, sex, financial status, etc., plays no factor in who can be saved.
B. The requirement
   1. "Believeth" to have a faith directed unto, believing or in faith to give one's self up to (Thayer).
      a. Amplified: "Trusts, clings to, relies on."
   b. Belief and repentance are two halves of the faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ...
   2. This is the message of the Bible. Acts 16:30,31; John 3:36; Acts 10:43

III. THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR SALVATION V16
A. Shall not perish...
   1. "Perish" to incur the loss of true or eternal life; to be delivered up to eternal misery (Thayer).
   2. Perish is the opposite of salvation.
   3. All one has to do to perish is nothing.
   4. To perish does not mean to cease to exist.
B. Everlasting life...
   1. Only God can give this.
   2. Refers to the duration of existence.
   3. It can never be exhausted in any measurable span of time.
   4. The believer is imperishable.

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CAN WE STAND A REVIVAL?

Text: Psalm 85:1-13
Intro: To expect the full support for a complete week of "REVIVAL" is asking entirely too much for most members. "I'll try and make it one night." Is the attitude of the average, but don't expect me to give up all of my nightly pleasures.

I. PARDON FROM THE SAVIOUR - I John 1:7
   A. Confess all sin to Christ.
   B. Complete pardon from all sin.
   C. Cleansed by faith in the finished work of Christ.

II. PREACHING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES - II Timothy 4:1-3
   A. Preaching the Lordship of the Saviour.
   B. Preaching repent and leave your sin.
   C. Preaching that will instruct you to grow as a saint.

III. POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - Acts 1:8
   A. Power to cleanse your heart.
   B. Power to change your habits.
   C. Power to call you to a place of honor.

IV. PLAN TO BE IN EVERY SERVICE - Hebrews 10:25
   A. There to worship
   B. There to work
   C. There to witness

V. PART OF SOUL WINNING - Acts 4:32
   A. Burden for the lost.
   B. Bring a friend to the service.
   C. Believe that you can be a soul winner.

VI. PROMOTE AND HELP THE SINGING - Ephesians 5:19
A. Faithful to your place of responsibility
B. Friendly to the people around you.
C. Fervently, joyfully expressing your faith.

VII. PRAY FOR THE SALVATION OF SINNERS - Acts 13:3
A. Praying the New Testament plan
B. Faith and practice, the Christian way
C. Forgiveness and praise, the results of revival.

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SALVATION IS (E) By Charles Swilling

Text: Romans 10:9-13

I. SALVATION IS EASY.
A. Recognize your sinfulness. Rom. 3:23
C. Receive the Saviour. Acts 16:31

II. SALVATION IS EVERLASTING.
A. We are saved eternally. John 3:16
B. We are saved to never die. John 11:26
C. We are saved to live forever. John 6:58

III. SALVATION IS ENJOYABLE.
A. It is a joy to be at peace with God. Romans 5:1
B. It is a joy to have your sins forgiven. Eph. 1:7
C. It is a joy to know Jesus. John 8:32, 36

IV. SALVATION IS EXALTING.
A. Sinners are made sons. I John 3:1
B. Enemies are made friends. Romans 5:10
C. Rebels are made servants. I Thess. 1:9
D. Haters become lovers. Romans 5:5

V. SALVATION IS EXPECTATION.
A. We expect to go to heaven. I Peter 1:3,4
B. We expect to see Jesus. II Cor. 5:8,9
C. We expect to see the new Jerusalem. Rev. 21:10
D. We expect to join our saved loved ones.
E. We expect to live in a place ruled by righteousness and peace.
F. We expect to be rewarded. Rev. 22:12
G. We expect a new body like His glorious body. Phil. 3:21

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For our Lord is good,
His loving kindness is everlasting,
Oh, praise Him if you would.

Give thanks in the morning
For your bed so soft and warm.
For the roof over your head,
Name your blessings one by one.

Thank Him every day, all day long,
Not just on Thanksgiving day.
Our God wants to hear from us,
He is happy when He hears us pray.

Thanksgiving is an attitude of the heart
In everything give thanks with care.
Remembering God’s promise to us,
Draw on His promise, through His word and prayer.

Give thanks for your family,
Together working hard.
Give thanks for God’s people,
Faithful ones who love the Lord.

Keeping our heart in a thankful mode,
Oh, God help us in our living.
May we be one of the redeemed who gives thanks,
Help us have an attitude of Thanksgiving.

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