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SECTION # 1

BASICS OF CHRISTIANITY

LESSON # 3

SALVATION

As a Pastor, the cry of my heart is to see men, women, boys and girls come to know Jesus Christ, and to accept him as their Savior. I have seen many come and pray the prayer of repentance, only to see them fall away a short time later. This is very disturbing to my spirit, to know that the life of serving God is so much more wonderful, so much fuller, then living a life outside of Christ. There is no comparison, how can you compare death to life, cursing to blessings, Hell to Heaven? So in my heart I searched and questioned why? God in his most wonderful way drew my attention to

Matthew 13:18-23; “Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower). 19. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side). 20. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receive it; 21. Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while; for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. 22. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.”

So I learned that the reason why many people fall away is: 1) A lack of understanding of the Word. 2) They have no root or depth in the Word. 3) The Word is choked, or because of the person’s inability to apply the Word to their life. So basically, it comes down to the fact that people need to be able to understand the Word so they can receive the knowledge of how to apply it to life’s situations. That is when God spoke to my heart and said that the people need to get rooted and grounded in his Word.

Out here in the desert there grows a tree called the Palo Verde tree. I have seen many of these trees that have fallen over when a hard wind blew, because of the lack of depth of their roots. The Bible refers to us as trees, planted by the rivers of Living Waters.

We as the children of God have to get our roots deep into the Word of God, if we are going to be able to stand in these last days. Being rooted and grounded in the Word is what's going to get you through the trials and tribulations.

When I was in school I loved recess, but recess was not what caused me to pass, it was going back into the classroom and getting into the books. We have to be taught the Word if we are going to stand for Christ.

The purpose of this Bible Study is to teach the basics of Christian faith, and by no means do I claim that it contains all of the information that you will need on this subject. This is just a small portion of knowledge that you will find helpful in your walk with Jesus Christ.

The first thing we want to look at is salvation. To do this we must go back to the very beginning.

Genesis 1:26; "And God said, Let us make man in our image, In the very beginning God made man." Now let us look at ***Genesis 2:7; "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breath into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."***

It is very clear that our very existence, everything that we are and every thing we will be, depends on God.

Without God, man is nothing, and without the breath that God has given us, we have no life.

When God created man and breathed life into him, he also gave him power and dominion over everything.

Everything that God created he gave to man. But in all that God gave to man, he also gave him one commandment,

Genesis 3: 3 "But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die."

And the very thing that God told them not to do, they did. They broke the only commandment that God had given them. They sinned against God by breaking his commandment. Before they sinned, God and man had fellowship with each other, but as soon as man sinned, that bond of fellowship was broken.

Genesis 3: 8, "And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden."

So it is clearly illustrated that God came and walked in the garden, and that they knew the sound of his voice. So, it is apparent that God walked in the garden often, for them to know his voice. God and man had fellowship with each other. But when man sinned, it separated man from God. As long as man had fellowship with God, man was in harmony with nature, but as soon as that relationship was broken, the harmony with nature was broken also. So because of sin man was separated from God, and no longer did the earth produce its' abundance to man. Because of that sin, man was driven out of the presence of God, and the fellowship that man had with God was broken.

That was the worst day in the history of mankind. Some may say that their sins effect no one but themselves. Your sins' effect more than just you, they effect everyone around you

Adam sinned once and look at the affect it has had on the world we live in. Don't kid yourself and think that you will not reap what you have sown. Parents, your sins will effect your children's lives for many generations. Because of the sin of Adam every person born is born with a sinful nature.

Romans 5: 12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world".

Because of sin, man lost fellowship with God.

Romans 5: 19; "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners."

Because of one man's sin, we all are born with a sinful nature.

Psalms 51: 5; "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me."

We are not born with sin in us, because the spirit that God gives to each person is Holy, and without sin. We are born with a sinful nature, but we are not born with

sin in us. Sin comes when we learn right from wrong, and if we choose to do wrong it will separate us from God. This is the struggle that takes place inside every person, whether to be good or bad. So when we are born, it is natural to eventually do things that will separate us from God. In

Ephesians 2: 2,12; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. "That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:"

These scriptures describe man in his sinful state, totally separated from God, having no hope without God in the world.

2 Corinthians 5: 18-19; "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Salvation is God reconciling us to him, because of mans sinful nature we are separated from him, because all have sinned. God wants to bring man back into a relationship with him, being united with God in a one on one relationship. God made all of this possible by the death of his son Jesus Christ.

In the beginning man and God had fellowship, they walked and talked together. Salvation is being one with God again.

When you get saved you are united in a relationship with God. No longer are you without hope, without peace, joy, and happiness. But when you get God back in your life you gain these gifts. Adam was made in the image of God he was like God until he sinned. When you are reconciled to God you become like God's image. Some may say that they thought salvation meant being saved from hell, but that is only a part of it. The best part about salvation is having a fellowship with God, enjoying his presence, and experiencing his love.

Now you might ask how man is to be reconciled to God.

Man was separated from God, without any hope, lost. But God loved mankind, he did not want to be separated from man, he longed for fellowship with man. He did not want man to perish, and he knew they would because of their sin.

So God came up with a plan, a plan to save mankind. The plan of salvation, the bible said, was from the foundation of the world. To explain the plan of salvation we have to go back to when man fell. Before the fall of man, Adam and Eve were naked, and didn't have any shame, but as soon as they sinned their eyes were opened, and they were ashamed.

Genesis 3: 7 "And the eyes of them both were open, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."

So man tried to cover up his sin. Isn't this the way we still are today? Always trying to cover up and making excuses.

Genesis 3:12-13; "And the man said, the women whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me and I did eat."

Isn't that the way we are, always blaming someone else for our sins and mistakes?

But God had a plan, man was naked and ashamed because of their sins.

Genesis 3:21 "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them." God spilled the blood of animals and took their skins to cover mans naked body. Thus setting the pattern for animal sacrifices to atone for man sins.

Later, God would establish the law of animal sacrifices through Moses. Man would bring an animal to the Priest, and the animal would be killed as a sin offering for a man and his family. Once a year they would have to do this, year after year.

All this would do is cover their sins, not purge their hearts from sin.

Hebrews 10:1-5 "For the Law having a shadow of good thing to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comer thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because that the worshipper once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the

world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:"

So God provided himself as a sacrifice because of mans sin, and that sacrifice was his son Jesus Christ.

Revelation 13: 8 "The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

So God had a plan to offer up a sacrifice to himself for the sins of mankind from the beginning, so we could be reconciled to him.

Hebrews 10:10, 12, 14. 10. "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

12. "But this man after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God."

14. "For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified."

Jesus was the perfect sacrifice, because he was without sin.

Jesus was the body that was prepared; he came to do the will of the father, to lay down his life for the sins of many.

Hebrews 10: 9; "Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second."

Because Jesus was the perfect sacrifice, there was no more need of the animal sacrifices; he took the place of the law of animal sacrifices.

Jesus did not come to take away the first covenant, but he came to add to the old covenant and to establish a new covenant. The first covenant was a shadow.

Matthew 5: 17; "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

Jesus came and fulfilled and completed the law, he paid the price for man's sin. There is no need for any more sacrifices. Jesus was the perfect Lamb of God.

John 1: 29; "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

It could only take a perfect sacrifice, to bring man back into a relationship with God. Only by being perfected through the offering of the body of Jesus can we be united to God.

Romans 5:6,8-10 "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 8. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

When we were separated from God without the ability to come to him and be excepted, Jesus died and gave us the ability to become the sons of God.

John 1: 12; "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"

Because of the love that God has for us, he gave his Son, and now we are able to be acceptable unto God by the blood of his Son Jesus Christ.

HOMEWORK ISAIAH 53:1-12

These scriptures describe what he went through, so that we could be reconciled with God. Don't ever forget what Jesus went through for you. We live in a world where many have forgotten the suffering, the many who despised him, and the rejection that he went through for us. If Jesus gave his all for us, why can't we give our all for him? Only through Jesus can we be saved.

Acts 4: 12; "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Now we come to the question, Who may obtain salvation?

John 3: 16; "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Who may obtain salvation? those that believe on the Son of God.

Revelation 22: 17; "And whosoever will let him take the water of life freely."

Salvation is available to all of mankind. Jesus has paid the price for us all.

2 Peter 3: 9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

God does not want any to perish, but that all will be reconciled to him, and be saved.

Titus 2: 11; "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men

God loves everyone. They are his creation and he does not want any to perish. It was never intended for man to be separated from God. We were created to fellowship with God.

1 John 1-3; "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

One of the weapons that the devil uses against people is to tell them that they cannot be saved. Just the simple fact that he is telling them they cannot be saved means that they can, because he is a liar and is trying to keep them from being saved. Jesus can and will save those who come to him.

Choosing to follow him with their whole heart.

Let's move now to the next step, salvation. What must a person do to be saved? The first thing you must do to be saved is to realize that you are a sinner, that you are lost and separated from God.

Romans 3:23; "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Everyone has sinned, we are all in need of a Savior.

The second step to salvation is that we must realize we need help to change. We cannot do it on our own, we need help, and that help only comes through Jesus Christ.

HOMEWORK JOHN 3:1-8

The first thing that Jesus pointed out to Nicodemus, was that there must be a change in his life, he must be born again. Then Jesus clearly said it must be by the Spirit of God. If you rely on your flesh, relying on your own abilities, it will not happen, the change must happen on the inward man, the spirit.

We do not have the ability in ourselves to change. I have seen many who have tried to change but have fallen right back away. You must realize that you need help, and Jesus Christ is the answer. You must rely totally on him, and only then will you be changed by his power and be transformed completely. Jesus said in

John 10:9; "I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."
Also in ***Matthew 28:18; "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."***

So Jesus Christ is the only way to obtain a relationship with God.

Which leads us to the third step, how to come to Christ.

Matthew 18:2-4; "And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him a the midst of them. 3. And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

You must humble your self. If you come to Jesus with an attitude of pridefulness and boastfulness, you will get nowhere.

You must submit yourself to Jesus in humility.

Humility comes from a broken repentant heart,

Realizing that you are nothing without him. Look to him, for who he is, is the King of Glory. If you have problems in your life, and you don't know what to do, run to Jesus. Fall at his feet, submit yourself to him and he will lift you up. Only when you come to him with a meek and lowly humble spirit, will he receive you.

Psalms 34:18; "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit."

So once we come to Jesus, we must accept this gift of salvation.

Ephesians 3:8; "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourself; it is the gift of God."

If I came to you and told you that you just won a 1,000,000 dollars, and all you had to do was sign your name, and if you refused, you would lose the money, what would you do? Well, salvation is a gift from God, and you have to accept the forgiveness that God has for you through his son Jesus Christ. You must accept it by believing,

Romans 10:9-10; "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. 10, For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

If Jesus said he would forgive you of your sins he will.

1 John 1: 9; "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Once you come to Jesus and ask him to forgive you of your sins, it says in

Psalm 103:12; "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions (sins) from us."

The Devil will try to condemn you and tell you that Jesus has not forgiven you, and try to bring up your past. You have to know that Christ has forgiven you.

The one thing you must understand is that when you accept Jesus as your Savior,

the Devil is going to do everything he can to get you to give up, and fall away.

Put your trust in Jesus and look to him. Cling to him, as He understands everything you are going through. Jesus gave us the answer in his Word as to what we need to do to stand for him.

HOMEWORK JOHN 15:1-10

He told us in his word "abide" nine times. Jesus stressed the importance of abiding in him, now look at verse 5, "*...for without me ye can do nothing.*"

If we are going to stand and not fall, we must stay in Jesus.

You must realize you can not do it on your own, you need him. As we abide in Jesus, this gives us fellowship with God, and we draw strength from the Almighty. How do we abide in him, with prayer?

Ephesians 6:10,18; "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit."

We are strengthened as we fellowship with him in prayer, and we gain strength by the Word. Not just by reading, but by studying it so we can receive knowledge, understanding, and revelation. Only then, can we apply it to our lives. So it can guide and lead us down the right paths.

Jesus said many times, "...he that hath an ear, let him hear," meaning let him understand. Spend time in prayer and study the Word every day.

Jesus said in: *John 8:31 "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed."*

Abide in Jesus so you can stand for him, talk to him, walk with him, and spend time with him every day.

Many think that when you come to Christ, and receive him as their Savior, that they will only receive a reward when they get to heaven. This is true, but there are rewards that come by living for Jesus here. We will receive the riches of the Kingdom of God in this life also.

John 10:10; "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

When the riches of the Kingdom of God come to you, riches such as joy, peace, love, contentment, happiness, and hope are given to you here on this earth. These riches bring fullness to your life that you cannot experience outside of God. You no longer have to guess what your life is all about, and why you exist. You find the reason for living is Jesus Christ. **With Jesus you find purpose, fulfillment, and commitment, the very reasons for living.** Being unhappy and feeling unloved, having no peace, no joy, being depressed and miserable, is not living life to the fullest. The only way to live life to the fullest is through Jesus Christ. God wants to bless you in every area of your life, he wants to bless everything you put your hand to.

3 John 2; "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

And that's only the beginning, for when this life is over, the best is yet to come.

Homework, read the following scriptures

Isaiah 53:1-12

John 3:1-8

John 15:1-10

Read and memorize these scriptures

Romans 5:19

John 1:29

John 1:12

Acts 4:12

John 3:16

Romans 3:23

Romans 10:9-10

John 10:10

The answers to the self-test is contained in the lesson or the homework scriptures. Write the answers below the question and where the answers are found in the scriptures.

TEST LESSON THREE

1, As Gods people we are to get our roots deep into the?

2, Salvation is being reconciled to?

3, This was made possible by the death of Gods?

4, This man was the perfect sacrifice, because he was without sin?

5, What is the only thing that can bring man back into a relation with God?

6, Every person is given the choice to?

7, We don't have the ability in ourselves to?

8, Humility comes from?

9, The Devil will do everything he can to?

10, If you are going to stand and not fall you must?

11, Through Jesus you will find purpose, fulfillment and commitment?

12, He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrow, and acquainted with grief, who was he?

13, The Lord hath laid on him the?

14, He poured out his soul unto?

15, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the ?

16, A man must be born of the?

17, What elements of nature is used to describe the Spirit ?

18, Every branch that beareth fruit, the Father?

19, He that abideth in Christ?

20, If a man abide not in Christ?
