Section III

Chapter 7

All About Hell

This is a study that both the born again Christian and those who are unsaved should pay close attention to. It will serve to educate the saved about Hell so they can teach others, and it will give the unsaved an accurate Biblical account of the facts and nature of Hell that hopefully will bring them to salvation. Naturally, the unsaved must first believe.

It is amazing that so many people do not believe in Hell. Past surveys indicate that up to 90% of Americans don’t believe that Hell applies to them, while most Europeans profess a belief in Heaven but not in Hell!! When it comes to religious matters it seems that folks often forget to use common sense! The same Bible that assures us of Heaven, also assures us there is a Hell. How could anyone with an honest heart accept one and deny the other? The same Bible that has had about 300 of it’s prophecies come true also prophecies that those who die in their sins will suffer an eternal punishment in a place called Hell. Knowing the 300 prophecies have already come true exactly as the Bible predicted, how can anyone doubt the prophecy on Hell is true?

Try this. Along with the facts, just apply some common sense. If there is a North and South, East and West, hot and cold, full and empty, positive and negative, straight and crooked, high and low, big and small, tall and short, up and down, then if there is a Heaven there has to be a Hell! Everything has an opposite!

So believing that the Bible is true, let’s examine what it says about the nature of Hell starting in Luke chapter 16. Begin in verse 19 and read through verse 31. As you can see, this chapter is loaded with information on Hell. First, notice that the rich man does not have a name, while Lazarus over in Paradise does. It appears that people in Hell do not have an identity! Notice too, that the soul body in Hell has eyes, fingers, a tongue, can feel pain, and has emotion. What kind of a place is this?? Let’s look to the Scripture for our answers and a short lesson on Hell. We will begin the study by asking some questions.
What Is Hell?

Luke 16:23 tells us that it is a place of torment. “And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.” This is not a place where all the lost go for some big eternal party to socialize and have fun! Hell is a place of sorrows and a place of eternal punishment; “The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;” (2 Sam. 22:6)

Now from these descriptions we know “what” Hell is. It’s a place of torment, a place of sorrows, and a place so bad the rich man did not want his brothers to go there! Can you imagine? Hell was so bad that the rich man would rather never see his brothers again than have them come to such a place!

Where Is Hell?

According to the Bible, Hell is in the heart of the earth. We know this from these verses: “He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.” (Acts 2:31) So Christ went to Hell to get rid of the sins of the world. Now look at Matthew 12:40. “For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” Where is Hell? It’s in the heart of the earth, not in the grave as some would have you believe. It’s often spoken of in the Bible as the “pit,” or as being in a “down” direction.

Something else: Hell is a place where there is fire; “... whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.” Mat. 5:22 Here is another one; “... it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.” (Mk. 9:43-44)

Since there is no fire in the grave, the grave can’t be Hell. Besides, we are all headed for the grave at some point in time. Therefore, to say Hell is the grave, is to say everyone goes to Hell!! You see how easy it is to get confused when you try to make God’s Word say something it doesn’t say?

Check this out. The Helsinki, Finland newspaper, Aammenusastia, reported this comment from a scientist who was among a group drilling into the earth: “As a communist I don't believe in heaven or the Bible but as a scientist I now believe in hell,” said Dr. Azzacove, “Needless to say we were shocked to make such a
discovery. But we know what we saw and we know what we heard. And we are absolutely convinced that we drilled through THE GATES OF HELL!”

Dr. Azzacove continued, “...the drill suddenly began to rotate wildly, indicating that we had reached a large empty pocket or cavern. Temperature sensors showed a dramatic increase in heat to 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. We lowered a microphone, designed to detect the sounds of plate movement down the shaft. But instead of plate movements we heard A HUMAN VOICE SCREAMING IN PAIN!

At first we thought the sound was coming from our own equipment. But when we made adjustments our worst suspicions were confirmed. The screams weren’t those of a single human, THEY WERE THE SCREAMS OF MILLIONS OF HUMANS!” Is this really true? Who knows? But it doesn't contradict Scripture.

**Different Levels?**

Have you ever thought how unfair it seemed for those who sin very little to go to the same Hell as the murderers, rapists, and the really wicked people of this world? Well there is just enough Scripture to make you really wonder if there is more punishment for some than for others. For example; Deut. 32:22 **“For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.”**

Another verse implying a difference is: **“For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.”** (Ps. 86:13) It follows that if there is a lower Hell there must be a higher Hell, which implies different levels of suffering.

Although different levels do not necessarily mean that the punishment is different, Matthew 23:14 appears to support that concept when it speaks of a “greater damnation.” So it would appear that there is a difference in levels of punishment in Hell. However, you have to be careful not to try and build a doctrinal truth on two or three verses that are not totally clear. In this case, it is best to just say it is a strong possibility.

**How Large Is Hell?**

Even with all the lost souls going there every day the Bible says that; **“Hell and destruction are never full;......”** (Prov. 27:20) Maybe it’s never full because it grows to accommodate the new occupants coming in daily! **“Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure;......”** (Isa. 5:14) It
does grow larger!!

There are some who say that when volcanoes erupt or we have an earthquake, that Hell is getting bigger. Others believe that since the Bible speaks of Hell being a place where “the fire is not quenched and the worm dieth not...,” that the soul body of a lost man takes on the shape of his father the devil (who is a serpent or type of worm Jn. 8:44). If this were true then the soul body would evolve backwards to the physical shape and size of a worm and you could pack a lot worms in the heart of the earth! Evolution backwards! What a wild thought and a real joke on Darwin and his theory of man’s evolution! Is any of this wild stuff true? Who knows? But, scientists have discovered giant tub worms near cracks in the ocean floor where fire is seeping out! The one thing we do know is that the saved will get a new body fashioned like that of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Phil. 3:21, 1Jn. 3:2, Ps. 17:15) So it’s OK with me if the lost people get a body like their father the devil! Amen?

Who Is Hell For?
Hell was not prepared for man and God does not want any of us to go there. “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (II Pet.3:9) God wants all men to repent and trust Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour so they will not go to Hell. It was prepared for others anyway. “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.” (Mat. 25:41) Notice the fire is “everlasting”!!

Now we know who Hell was prepared for and we know God does not want us to go there. The choice is ours. God, in his infinite mercy, has provided a way out for us although we are all sinners and deserve to be separated from God for eternity in Hell. What’s so great is that salvation is free for all those who will accept it. Be sure you take care of that!

The Gates of Hell?
Since the Bible describes Heaven as having gates it is natural to assume that it’s counterpart, Hell, will also have gates. New Jerusalem is described in Revelation 21 as having twelve gates and it may well be that Hell has an equal number, although we have no way of knowing that for sure. “And I say also unto thee, That
thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Mat. 16:18) Some believe that the so called “devil’s triangle” is one of the gates to Hell and that others are at the North and South Poles, but we have no Scripture for this.

Keys To Hell?

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.” (Rev. 1:18) This verse says there are keys to Hell, however, many would say, that in view of the context of this statement, that these were figurative and not literal keys. There are always those who would like to spiritualize the book of Revelation rather than take it literally. However, you will fare better overall if you take every thing literal that is possible and spiritualize what little is left.

Those wanting to make the keys “spiritual keys,” may be right but others could counter with, “if the gates are real, then the keys must be real!” It would not serve any sensible purpose to have gates and not have a way to lock them! This is good logic and we will find out one day if it is really true. The most important thing here is; do you know the One who holds the keys of death and Hell? This is the only question here that is critical. If the answer is “no,” then take care of it!

Is Hell Forever?

Everyone that is saved will inherit eternal life. Eternal means forever. So we know that we will spend the rest of eternity with our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. As long as God lives, and we know He is from everlasting to everlasting with no beginning and no end, we will live with Him! Likewise, God’s punishment is forever. God has condemned those who rejected Jesus Christ and the free gift of salvation to a second death of eternal fire. However, Hell itself will not last forever in its present form: “And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.” (Rev. 20:14)

The Lake of Fire is the final and eternal resting place of the unsaved. This is the separation from God that those people wanted who would not seek Him

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out in this life. Heaven will be at the top of the universe while this Lake of Fire is at the bottom ..... as far away from God as possible. All the lost who did not have time for God. All those who said, “don’t talk to me about God or Jesus,” or “my religion’s personal,” or “you got your religion and I’ve got mine.” or “I’ll get saved one day but not now” etc. What a sad, sad thing it is for a person to put off doing what they know they should do until it’s too late and they end up in Hell. Forever!

We have looked at several things about Hell: What it is, where it is, how big it is, if it has different levels, who it’s for, does it have gates and keys, and if it is forever. After what we have looked at in the Bible in this short study it would be hard for an honest person to deny that Hell was real. Jesus Himself spoke of Hell while He was here on earth and actually went there to deposit the sins of the world. (See Acts 2:31)

Thank God you and I don’t have to go to that place. This life, here on earth, is the nearest a saved person will ever come to Hell, but on the other hand this earth is the nearest to Heaven the unsaved will ever get! What a blessing it is that we can know for sure where we are going! (1 Jn. 5:12-13)
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This is a true or false quiz. Mark “T” for true or a “F” for false in the space provided.

1. Most people in Europe believe there is a heaven, but not a hell.
2. According to Luke 16:23, hell is a fun place where folks can party and visit each other.
3. If Sam. 22:6 shows you can really be happy in hell.
4. Acts. 2:31 says Jesus took all of our sins and left them in hell.
5. Hell is already full and there’s no room left! (Isa. 5:14).
6. There is a strong possibility, there are different levels of hell. (Mt. 23:14)
7. Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels, but it’s also for those who are lost. (Mt. 25:41)
8. Hell is a real place, and it even has gates! (Mt. 16:18)
9. There are keys to the gates of hell and Jesus has them! (Rev 1:18)
10. Ps. 86:13 leads us to believe there are some who will suffer more than others in hell.
11. You can work your way out of hell.
12. Hell may mean “the grave”.
13. Some people feel they suffer so much now that they are actually in “Hell on earth” and the Bible agrees with this.
14. Rev. 21 says heaven has 12 gates.
15. The soul body of a lost person in Hell never burns up.
16. People who die and go to hell may have a body like their father Satan’s. (a serpent or a worm)
17. You have to work hard to be saved.
18. Hell & the Lake of Fire lasts forever, just like Heaven is forever.
19. The Lake of Fire is the final and eternal place of the unsaved.
20. Everyone needs to be sure they’re saved NOW before it’s too late!
Section III

Chapter 8

Facts About Tongues

The purpose and use of "Tongues" is a source of great controversy today among Christians. People reading the same Scripture come up with totally different views on the purpose, use, and results of speaking in tongues. Since the differences are so great, it is not possible that both are right. So, how do we determine for ourselves which is the correct teaching?

Since it doesn’t matter what any of us think, but rather what God said in His Book, we will turn to the Bible for our answers. We will not take sides with either group but rather will simply compare Scripture with Scripture in an unbiased attempt to find the truth on this subject. No matter what you believe now, are you really interested in the truth? Even if it is contrary to your present beliefs? This lesson may very well test your heart on this subject before you finish.

If speaking in tongues is “okay,” then the Holy Spirit will back that action up with Scripture and make it plain to us what is right and what is wrong. Amen? Amen! One thing all Christians will agree on is that the Holy Spirit would never have anyone do anything contrary to the Word of God. So, let’s find out what God says in the Bible about tongues.

What Are Tongues? “Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not:...” (1 Cor. 14:22) Since tongues are for a sign we need to find out just who signs are for. Are they for everyone or a special group of people?

Who Are Signs For? “For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:” (1 Cor. 1:22) Now we’ve learned that the Jews require signs and tongues are a sign, and that the Greek, who is a Gentile, does not require a sign but rather seeks after wisdom. Since everyone who is not a Jew is a Gentile, we certainly have an indication here that the sign of tongues is not for everyone! However, let’s look a little further into the subject of signs and see if the Bible will give us some more light for our study.
Where Did Signs Begin? In Exodus chapter 4:1-9 God gave Moses signs to use in dealing with Pharaoh. In the first one the Lord turned a rod into a serpent and in the second He made Moses’ hand leperous and then healed it again. The miracle and the first act of healing were called signs. We already know that signs are for a non-believing Jew, and now we know that signs began with the Jew. Miracles, healing, and tongues are signs for unbelieving Jews. That is something we need to remember as it will shed light on some other points later in the lesson.

Tongues In The Bible? There are only three places in the Bible where anyone ever spoke in tongues. The first time was in Acts 2. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language." (Acts 2:1-6) (underline emphasis ours)

Did you notice who was actually speaking? Don’t feel bad if you missed it. Most do. Are you ready for a shock? Read chapters one and two. Notice that in the latter part of chapter one it is talking about the 12 Apostles and continues referring to the twelve as “they,” or “them,” on up until chapter 2:4 where they were the ones who spoke in tongues. There is no evidence to prove anyone else did!! Now, check out what we have learned from the Scripture we have just read.

1) The initial evidence of the Holy Ghost showing up was a rushing mighty wind. It was not someone speaking in tongues as we have all heard some people say.

2) Although there were some 3,000 people there and 120 disciples, it appears from Scripture that the only ones who spoke in other tongues were the twelve Apostles.

3) Men from all nations heard them in their own language. Tongues are described in the dictionary as languages!
4) There were no unknown tongues spoken and no interpreters at all.

5) The tongues were a sign for the unbelieving Jews from all nations that were present. (I Cor. 1:22)

The second time tongues are used was in Acts 10:46 “For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.” Again these were languages that were understood or they would not have known that they magnified God! The Third time is in Acts 19:6 “........and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.” These also were understood because it was known that while speaking in the other languages that they were prophesying.

You say “what is the significance of all this?” Well, the most significant thing is that every time anyone ever spoke in tongues in the Bible it was other languages that the other people understood. This is a common thing anywhere in the world today. But not unknown tongues! What is surprising is that speaking in tongues as it is practiced in modern times, does not even remotely resemble what went on in Acts although those who believe in tongues today cite Acts chapter two as their authority for doing so! Maybe they have other Scripture to use for that authority that will show up later in the lesson. Let’s see.

The Bible On Tongues. Paul was designated the Apostle to the Gentiles by God. Therefore the Pauline epistles (Romans to Philemon) are our doctrinal guide in the New Testament “Church Age” we now live in. This gives what he says on tongues in I Corinthians 14 God’s blessing, so let’s examine it.

“Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. 2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. (The first mention of unknown tongues and he says prophecying is better!) 3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. 4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. 5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying. (notice not unknown tongues) 6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you
either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine? 7 And there is a distinction in the sounds, whether pipe or harp, except they give a 8 For the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? 9 So wise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air. 10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. 11 Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me. 12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. 13 Therefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. (ever seen anyone do that?) 14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. (no unknown) 16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? 17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified. 18 I thank my God, that I speak with tongues more than ye all: (Paul spoke several languages, not unknown tongues) 19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. 20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men. 21 In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. 22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe. 23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? 24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: 25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth. 26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. (Everybody trying to run the show?) 27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by
course; and let one interpret. 28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. 29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. 30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. 32 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. 33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. 34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. 35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. 36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? 37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. 38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant. 39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. 40 Let all things be done decently and in order."

Before we examine the Scripture we have just read, there are some things about the Church of Corinth that will help you better understand Chapter 14. The Church of Corinth was a worldly church (3:3) with problems of envy, strife and divisions. They had a lackadaisical attitude toward sin (C5), were suing their brothers in Christ (C6), fooling with idols (C8), slow in offerings for the poor (C16), and support for the ministry (C9). There was fornication reported among them (C5), and they were so desirous of Spiritual gifts that they were abusing the use of tongues. This church was out of the will of God and Paul was chastising them in his letter.

Therefore, if you read Chapter 14 very carefully, you notice Paul was also chastising them for their use of tongues. He was certainly not exhorting them to speak in tongues (as some say) but rather to prophesy! Look at this break-down of verses for and against speaking in tongues. AGAINST: Verses 1-26 & 30-38, (which is 35 against)! FOR: Verses 27-30 & 39-40, which is 5 for. Note that the 5 for are even conditional and must meet certain requirements. (Have an interpreter, no women doing it, two or three by course etc.) Basically there are not to be any unknown tongues, only those interpreted under the circumstances given.
This chapter is the only one in the Bible to mention unknown tongues, which is simply some gibberish that no one can understand. Paul spoke several different languages (tongues) and did not have a problem with Christians speaking any language that could be interpreted, but said over and over that unknown tongues did not help anyone! So it should be obvious to the reader that Paul is chastising the Church of Corinth for speaking in unknown tongues.

How does all this fit in with the way tongues are used today? To tell the truth it doesn’t. What Paul is talking about in 1 Corinthians 14 has nothing to do with what happened in Acts chapter 2. The Holy Spirit gave a sign to the unbelieving Jews in Acts 2, and everyone understood. In Corinthians, Paul is criticizing them for talking in tongues that no one can understand. Is it possible that this church was trying to duplicate what happened in Acts because they desired spiritual gifts (V12) and the Holy Spirit was not cooperating?

To get a good look at what many (not all) churches who believe in speaking in tongues practice, 100 people were polled who attended or had visited those churches and witnessed others speaking in tongues. Along with what can be witnessed regularly on TV, these are the findings of the present day use of tongues.

Speaks in tongues in church? Men 10%, Women 90% ....... Has an interpreter? Yes 2%. No 98%. Has this been your experience? From what we have read we know that any woman speaking in tongues in a church setting is contrary to the Commandments of God! (1 Cor. 14:34) Remember, the Church is not any building, but rather the body of Christ. So any gathering of Christians qualifies as a gathering of the Church. Since the context of Chapter 14 is “tongues” the verse about a woman not being allowed to speak in church may refer only to tongues. Otherwise she could not speak at all! Either way, it is wrong for them to do it, yet the poll indicates the vast majority of tongues is done by women! Of course, anyone speaking in tongues without an interpreter is also forbidden.

These are the two most common misuses of the use of tongues. Even those who sincerely believe tongues are for this Age cannot deny that there is a problem with this departure from Scripture today. Also, isn’t it strange that the only people who speak in tongues are those in an environment that promotes it? Could some of this be counterfeit signs?
In Conclusion. The obvious misuse of tongues distracts from any legitimate use of the real gift that may apply today, if any. We will let you decide that for yourself. However to make an accurate decision you must seriously consider certain aspects of our lesson. We noted earlier that the Holy Spirit gave the gift of tongues in Acts as a sign to unbelieving Jews who required a sign. (I Cor. 1:22) If you are not an unbelieving Jew you do not require a sign! We also said that the Holy Spirit would not have you do anything contrary to God’s Word. Where does that leave us? Unfortunately, it leaves us with a sad situation. It appears many of God’s people have either been deceived, or they are pulling our leg! What do we mean by that?

If it was not the Holy Spirit having people violate God’s Commandments all the time, what spirit is it?? Interesting question isn’t it? You are right! It has to be an unclean spirit or the spirit of the devil! Have some of our brothers and sisters in Christ been deceived by those taking Scripture out of context? Or, maybe in some of the cases, it’s not a spirit at all but the flesh and some folks are faking it to look more Spiritual than others! Either way, it’s wrong, and God is no where around it, much less in it!

There are gifts of the Spirit (I Cor. 12:7-11) and “many kinds of tongues” (languages) is one of those gifts. It is interesting that it is listed next to last on the list and not given any more importance than the others. It seems however, that some people place much importance on tongues although God did not. We have not said it is wrong to speak in tongues. But it must be done in accordance with Scripture for the right purpose. That is not what is being done today. Tongues are being abused like they were in the Church of Corinth.

Remember These Things

* The only time God used tongues in the Bible was as a sign to an unbelieving Jew. This was in Acts which is a transitional book between the Old and New Covenant (works VS faith).

* Speaking in tongues is not the initial evidence of the Holy Ghost. If it was, only the 12 Apostles out of 3,000 at Pentecost were saved!

* Speaking in tongues is not necessary for salvation as some say. Those saved in Acts 4:31 spoke the Word of God with boldness. No tongues!
* If tongues are a gift it’s not necessary to practice or have classes on how to learn to speak in tongues. Some do.

* Don’t argue about the Bible. Pray God will open eyes that need to be opened. (Including yours, if necessary).

This has been a short study, however the remaining material does not alter the conclusion we have already reached. God’s people need to be extremely careful with anything the Devil can counterfeit. If he can get us sidetracked, he can hurt our work for our Saviour. Brothers and sisters, be careful!!

Remember. Tongues are languages, not some incomprehensible gibberish uttered by someone without an interpreter, trying to make you think they are more spiritual than you!
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1. 1 Cor. 14:22 says tongues (speaking in a different language) is a sign for the Jews and the lost.

2. Most people today think speaking in tongues is a "secret heavenly language" but that is NOT what the Bible teaches.

3. Most people who claim to "speak in this secret language" want to glorify themselves.

4. The Holy spirit glorifies Jesus, not us.

5. "Signs" began in Ex. 4:1-9 when Moses used "signs" in dealing with Pharaoh.

6. The devil helped Pharaoh's people perform "signs" also!

7. There is no evidence in the Bible that anyone except the Apostles spoke in tongues in Acts 2.

8. Speaking in tongues is necessary for salvation.

9. Give them the truth, but don't argue with people about the Bible. Pray for them.

10. Many people use certain verses in the Bible the wrong way.

11. Signs were for Jews in the Bible.

12. 1 Cor. 14:37 says women are to be silent in church.

13. Polls show that in churches that "speak in tongues," 90% of those are women.

14. Paul could speak in "tongues" as he spoke several languages, but he said he'd rather prophecy.

15. Every time anyone spoke in tongues in the Bible it was languages that other people understood.

16. People who can speak many different languages, may be gifted (smart) but we glorify Jesus by telling others in words they can understand.

17. Those saved in Acts 4:31 spoke with BOLDNESS, not in babblings.

18. It is not wrong to speak in tongues if it is done according to the Bible—(men speaking, an interpreter, not babbling, but a foreign language).

19. Today, the gift of tongues is being abused as it was in the Church of Corinth.

20. If you do something against what God tells you, you are helping Satan, not Christ.
Section III

Chapter 9

Separation

One of the greatest challenges for Christians, especially new Christians, is the Bible doctrine of separation. It is one of the most important doctrines of the New Testament. It is a characteristic of a holy and righteous God who is not tolerant of any degree of sin. Nor does He expect us to be! As His children, we are expected to stay away from sinful and ungodly people, places, and things. The Bible says in 1 Peter 1:15-16, “But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” That should be our goal.

Our spiritual condition, our fellowship with God, and our usefulness to Him are contingent on, and can be measured by, our separation from the world. So, we are given clear instructions on where to place our love and affections: “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. [2] Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. [3] For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.” (Col. 3:1-3)

It seems that in today’s times most Christians are unconcerned about separation and few really practice it. It must grieve God’s heart to see this disobedience in His people and the damage it is doing to their spiritual condition. Every child of God should take time to examine each fellowship and association with others in light of God’s Word on this subject. Then the necessary changes should be made to mend the broken fellowship with Him.

In this chapter we will show different aspects of separation in the Bible and point out the dangers of not being obedient to God in this doctrine. You will notice as we progress in the subject that God is firm in His instructions on separation from ungodliness. Ungodliness can be found almost anywhere. Among unbelievers, believers, and Christian organizations or ministries that are disobedient to the Word of God!

Separate from False Teachers

Our Lord has warned us about false teachers and those who would spread false
doctrine in 2 Peter 2:1. “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. [2] And many shall follow their pernicious ways: ....V17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever.”

A well without water is a worthless well!! Therefore, a false teacher or prophet, is worthless to all, and a hindrance to the Christian’s Spiritual growth. Actually, false teachers are non-believers since they have ignore or perverted the true Gospel of Christ! The Apostle Paul, the greatest Christian who ever lived, had some strong words to say to those who would pervert the Gospel of Christ. “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: [7] Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. [8] But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. [9] As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. [10] For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.” (Gal. 1:6-10)

Notice that the Apostle Paul repeated the same statement twice so you would not miss it! It was a rather strong statement too! Now you can see that God considers it an awful thing for anyone to reject Bible truth. The world today is full of those who change, pervert, twist the Scripture, and take it out of context to try to make it say what they want it to. One way to spot a false teaching is that it invariability makes the Bible contradict itself, whereas rightly dividing The Word (II Timothy 2:15) never will. You must remember to always interpret unclear verses in light of the verses that are clear and plain….not the other way around!

What should we do if someone is teaching false doctrine? First, know that it is the Holy Spirit that must show him, not you. Therefore, if he is willing to sit down and search the Scriptures in the proper context with you he may see the Light. If he is not willing to listen or see the truth we are instructed to leave him alone. Titus 3:9 says: “But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. [10] A man that is an
heretick after the first and second admonition reject; [11] Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.” (Titus 3:9-11)

As a Christian you should never join together with any man, group, or organization that has rejected the plain Bible teachings on the Gospel of Jesus Christ under the New Testament Covenant. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 says: “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? [15] And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? [16] And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [17] Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, [18] And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”

Is that plain enough?? If you want fellowship with God, you simply cannot ignore the wickedness of unbelief and false teaching. If you are in any way connected with either, get away from it, confess your past association as sin, and ask God’s forgiveness. Don’t let the peer pressure of man keep you unequally yoked together with someone or some thing that will separate you from fellowship with God.

**Separation From Worldliness**

The biggest enemies a Christian has are the world, the flesh, and the devil. If we separate ourselves as much as possible from worldliness, then, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can deal with the flesh and the devil successfully. As mentioned earlier, God has specific instructions concerning your affections. “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [16] For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.” (1 John 2:15-16)

You see? If you are still majoring on satisfying the flesh and holding on to worldly things and associations, then you are not committed to Christ! You are still tied to the world system and are more worried about pleasing yourself and people than you are in pleasing God! As the verse says, the love of God is not in you!
What do we mean by worldliness? Simply put, we are talking about the sinful places, people, and things of this world and all the ungodliness we see every day in the society we live in. There are worldly places like bars, wild parties, most TV shows, and movies. Anywhere sex is the main theme, anywhere people are consuming alcohol or gathered for events of pleasure where the flesh is promoted, etc. Then there are worldly people. Those who smoke, drink, curse, party, dress to exploit the flesh, hang out with unsaved and ungodly people, and are generally more concerned with pleasure than with seeking God.

Finally, there are worldly things that can derail the Christian from his pursuit of spiritual growth. There are some things that are a sin for a Christian to mess with, and there are some things that are not bad in themselves, but can be made sin by excess or use. “Things” is a broad category since almost anything carried to excess can become a false god in a Christian’s life. However, some examples would be: ungodly books and magazines, excessive jewelry or flashy boats, cars and any instrument of pleasure that makes us “...lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.” (II Tim. 3:4)

No, we are not saying these things are all bad. There is nothing wrong with having nice things, however, anything (but godliness) that is excessive is worldly because it is for “show” to please and impress the flesh. So, separate yourself from any and all worldly places or people, and be careful not to overdo it with the things of this world.

Separating From Wayward Brethren
This is the tough one! Most Christians don’t find it that hard to avoid fellowship with false teachers when they recognize them, and most also understand the necessity to avoid a worldly lifestyle. However, it is much more difficult sometimes to separate from disobedient brethren. The backslid and disobedient one may in fact be a close friend or family member. Nevertheless, we are told not to walk in fellowship with them. “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. [7] For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; (2 Thes. 3:6-7) ……V11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. …. V14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and
have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. [15] Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

Here we are told to separate from those who are disorderly and busybodies. You admonish him in love as a brother, but you must break any fellowship with him until he straightens up. If you don’t spend time with him, then the bad habits and wrong-doing won’t rub off on you! God is serious about separation. Read on.

"Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? [7] Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: ....[9] I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: [10] Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. [11] But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. .... [13] But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.”

(1 Cor. 5:6-13)

Like leaven, a “little” sin goes a long way. If you subject yourself to any degree of it, even just being around a person or a place that puts you in temptation’s way, you too will fall!!! Then there is your Christian testimony. “You are known by the company you keep.” Do not be foolish enough to think you may be the exception to the rule and you can handle the situation. Many have learned the hard way about the necessity of separation. Just avoid these people, places, and things that will tempt you and God will bless your effort! Remember, you are “blood bought” and belong to HIM if you are saved.
This is a true or false quiz. Mark “T” for true or a “F” for false in the space provided.

1. Col 3:2 says to set our affections on things above, not on things of this earth.  
2. God wants us to be holy.  
3. We are saved by grace so we can live anyway we want to and God won’t care.  
4. People (teacher’s, friends, pastor’s, etc.) that teach a false Gospel are accursed.  
5. 1 John 2:15 tells us not to love the world or the things in the world.  
6. If we live to satisfy the lusts of our flesh, we are not committed to Christ.  
7. If our Christian friend or family is living in sin, we should admonish them. If they continue in sin, we are not to fellowship with them.  
8. We are to avoid people, places and things that will tempt us to sin.  
9. It’s okay to join or visit churches that teach false doctrine.  
10. The Holy Spirit is the only one who can convict a person and show them the truth.  
11. 2 Cor. 6:14 says we are not to be joined with an unbeliever after we’re saved.  
12. Most people prefer to please themselves and not God.  
13. It’s not a sin if we just watch something bad at a movie or on T.V.  
14. We should not be around people who dress to exploit the flesh.  
15. 2 Thess 3:6 says if a sinful person is a brother, we can still hang around with them.  
16. If we stay around people with bad habits, we too can get caught up in their sinful lifestyle.  
17. If you are saved, you should NEVER join any group that rejects the Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
18. “You are known by the company that you keep.”  
19. We are to love God first, and above everything else.  
20. A Christian’s worst enemies are the world, the flesh, and the devil.
Section III

Chapter 10

Soul Winning

Our Lord gave us specific instructions in the Bible on what He expects of us after we are saved. In fact the Great Commandments He gave were “…Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” And “…Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.” (Mat. 22:37-39) He then gave the great commission to the Apostles just before He left this earth; “…ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) Now knowing the Great Commandments and the Great Commission, it follows that if we really love the Lord Jesus and others, we will tell people about Jesus Christ. The Bible says “…he that winneth souls is wise.” (Prov. 11:30) This chapter will give the Christian some suggestions that will be helpful in bringing others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Getting Started

Most of us were so excited about our own salvation early on that we wanted to lead all our friends and loved ones to Jesus Christ. However, few know enough at that point or have the confidence to do so. Here are some basics that will help you get started.

1) First of all people must see a change in your life as a testimony. In other words you must be living right or the lost will laugh at you and your new faith. But don’t be afraid to let people know you are saved! (Rom. 1:16) You are not called to be a “secret agent” but a living, witnessing testimony for Jesus Christ! You should also be an active part of a Bible believing church for your own spiritual growth and Christian fellowship.

2) Pray for the person! Ask others to pray for them also. This is always the first step. Soul winning in never as successful from the efforts of the flesh is it is from the energy of the Spirit. Those prayers will put the Holy Spirit to work preparing the person’s heart for the Gospel. “…The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” (James 5:16)
3) **Take the person to a Bible believing church** so they can see the fellowship of the Saints and meet others who care about their soul. Also, the preacher will have more credibility with the person than you do, especially until you prove yourself as a Christian. *“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; …..”* (Hebrews 10:25)

4) **Acquire some Gospel tracts** that give the plan of salvation in a plain, short, and accurate manner. It is **absolutely imperative** that a soul-winning Christian have an assortment of tracts, books, and sound Christian literature to pass on to lost people. There are good tracts for the salvation message, false religions, and heresies etc. available. You will learn from them too!

Tracts that prove the Bible is true and could not have been written by man alone, and those that make Hell real to the lost sinner are invaluable to the soul winner. **Remember, it doesn't matter what the Bible says if the person you are dealing with does not believe it is accurate.** On the other hand, if you can prove the Bible to be true and God’s Word, then you can use the Scripture to show the **need for**, and the **way to**, salvation. Since there are many different kind of tracts, some consideration should be given as to which one to use in each case. Tracts are free from many ministries, so be sure to make an effort to get some.

Many people are saved from tracts. The one you hand it to may throw it down and someone else may pick it up and get saved. **You can leave them in restrooms, in magazines at doctor’s and dentist’s offices, on airliners, trains, buses, in telephone booths, restaurants, and a multitude of places. You can pass them out in person on the street, at fast food drive-in windows, in parking lots……the list is endless. So just put them out and let the Holy Spirit do the work!!**

5) **Learn the "Romans Road" to salvation.** You need to know and understand the **need for**, and **way to** salvation so you can show it to others. Romans Road is six verses, all in the book of Romans, that you can use to lead a person to Christ. 
1) Verses 3:10, 3:23, & 5:12 explain about sin. Verse 6:23 gives the price a lost sinner must pay for his sin. And 5:8-9 gives the remedy for sin, while 10:9-10 tells how to actually be saved.

Always remember that the Word of God is “quick and powerful.” It holds a
Spiritual power that is far beyond any earthly power. Once a lost person has read or heard the Word of God, that power is released. The Holy Spirit can then convict the lost one of sin and judgment to come.

All Christians should memorize these verses and be ready to recite and explain them to the lost when the opportunity arises. It is a good idea to "chain reference" them in your Bible until they are committed to memory. For example, at first you only have to remember the first verse, 3:10. In the margin of your Bible next to that verse write the next reference, 3:23. At 3:23 write 5:12 and so forth until you finish. There is nothing wrong with writing references and personal notes in the margin of your Bible to help you remember things. You are not changing the Word of God or what the Scripture says by doing this. However you should always make your notes with pencil or waterproof ink so they won’t smear if it gets damp. You can find very fine point drafting pens in any blueprint store or some Christian supply stores.

One of the most important things to remember is that you must be patient in soul winning. You cannot rush people into getting saved. Oh, you may talk them into saying the sinner’s prayer to get you off their back, but without a “heart repentance” they are not saved! What you wind up with is your convert and not God’s convert. Unfortunately, this is all too common in these modern times.

As a new Christian, I preached to one young man three hours before he finally gave up and went through the motions of getting saved. Was he really saved? Only God knows. He may have just been hungry and wanted to go home!! That kind of pressure seldom works and I learned better later. So don’t over do it!! Plant the seed and let the Holy Spirit work.

Another friend took 10 years of working and praying before he finally got saved. During this entire time the man’s whole family and their church were also praying for him. The prayers and seeds sown by all eventually brought him to Christ. Thank God he was spared until he did get saved! The moral to this story is, don’t give up! It will happen in God’s time. Pray, sow some seed and back off, then do it again, and again........!

Different Approaches!
There are many different reasons why people are not saved. So, if you are going
to be a “fisher of men” you must realize that different fish require different bait!! Successful soul winners check out the person and the situation and are careful to use the proper approach. For example, you would deal with an atheist differently than someone who professed to believe in God, and believed the Bible was His Book, but yet was unsaved.

An atheist will likely need some proof that the Bible is really God’s Book before you can interest him in what it says regarding salvation, heaven, hell, etc. This one will take more prayer and time than the other one mentioned. But the second person would probably only need someone to show them Romans Road and convince them of the urgency of salvation. However, understand that the main reason people don’t get saved is simply because they are not willing to give up their sin!

There are also different reasons why people do get saved! Many get saved from the “Love Gospel,” simply that Jesus loved them enough to die for them (John 3:16), while others are saved because they fear Hell! This was the case with the writer. I was saved because of my fear of God and the eternal Hell that awaits the lost. So while I needed “hell fire and brimstone” preaching (God’s wrath), another may respond to the love of God.

Naturally, there are all kinds in between these two examples and the soul winner simply needs to be aware of this and seek help from the Holy Spirit on the best approach.

Check Them Out
If you are not sure if someone is saved it is important to ask the question in the right way because many who say they are saved or born again are not really saved! They often just repeat what they have heard others say. In fact most don’t even know how to be saved! A good way to ask the question is “has there ever been a time in your life when you prayed and received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?” This will give you some indication if the person has ever gone through the proper motions of being saved and you can work from there. Never assume anything in soul winning.

One thing is for sure. If a person is really saved, you will see a definite change in their life. People who say they are saved, have never changed, and still live like
the devil, have never repented and do not have the Spirit of Christ in them!!! Occasionally you may want to check out those who say they are born again! If you ask the question right you will find many of these don’t even know the true plan of salvation! If you doubt this ask someone you are not sure of “what are you trusting to get you to Heaven?”

You will be amazed at some of the answers you will get: “The Ten Commandments, the Church, water baptism, living clean, doing good works, sacraments, etc.” None of these will do it!! The correct answer of course, is that they are trusting in the “shed blood of Jesus Christ, and his death on the cross as full payment for their sins.” (That plus nothing else!) They may not use these exact words, but you can tell if they are trusting Jesus Christ plus something else or just His finished work on the cross. God’s blood is enough!! “... church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)

A few other good verses to prove that the true Gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-4) and way to salvation is by grace through faith and not works are: Acts 16:31, John 3:16, I Peter 1:18-19, Ephesians 2:8, Titus 3:5, and Romans 4:5. Also, check out what the Bible says about other gospels in Galatians 1:8-9!

Other Religions
There are literally hundreds of known religions today. All except one (1) teach that you go to heaven by some sort of “works.” They just differ on what “kind” of works. The one religion in the world that teaches that you cannot do enough good works to get to heaven is Christianity. In fact you have to be as righteous as God to go to Heaven and dwell in His presence. Since you can’t become that good on your own, you must have someone else’s righteousness given to you! Of course that is what happens when a person is saved. Jesus’ righteousness is imputed to you, making you righteous in God’s sight! (Rom 5:17) This is where other religions fail. Not one of their leaders has died for them, and no one has paid for their sins. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin! (Heb. 9:22)

The way to make someone of a different religion really think is to point out these facts:

1) No one has paid for their sins and they can’t do it themselves (outside of Hell) or any way other than through Jesus Christ. (Jn. 14:6, Acts 4:12, I Jn. 5:12)
2) The Christian has a live book. With over 300 prophecies that have already came true exactly as the Book said, no one in their right mind would doubt the next one. They have a dead book since no other religious book in the world can make this claim of prophecy. Other religious books sometimes list prophecies they stole from the Bible.

3) We have a Live Savior whom God raised up from the dead. Over 500 people saw Him and it is a matter of history. They have a dead savior and you can visit his grave!

4) Our Savior has over 400 songs written about Him, and His life, death, and resurrection that has changed the course of the world. They lose again! Usually I tell them I have studied their religion and chose Christianity for four reasons (above). If you stop at this point they will ask you what those reasons are and you can then explain them. Do not do this in a hostile manner! Be sincere and let them see the love of Christ in you. Don’t be too pushy but suggest they check out your Savior and give God a chance to show them the truth. Give them a good Gospel tract and pray for them. Their blood is now off your hands. (Ez. 3:18)

After Salvation
Finally, there is more to being a Christian soldier than just leading one to Jesus Christ. We are to “feed the sheep.” (Jn. 21:15-17) The newborn babe in Christ needs to be “hand fed” and for someone to disciple them so they can grow Spiritually and become a soldier themselves. Right after someone is saved take them to Colossians 2:8-14 and show them what happened when they were saved. (See Bread Of Life lesson on Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Spiritual circumcision.) Get them started on the Bread Of Life Spiritual Series Bible Studies or some other Bible Believer’s courses. While you are working on this new Christian go find another to lead to Christ. (And another, and another and another!!!) Get the idea?

Do It for Jesus!
And do it for the poor lost sinner! Remember the Great Commandment and Great Commission at the beginning of the lesson? Jesus said: “if you love me, keep my commandments.” (Jn. 14:15) Do you love Him? Do you love your lost family and friends? Then get busy! You don’t have to be a preacher to lead folks to Christ. Pass out tracts! The Bible says; “Let him know, that he which converteth the
sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." (James 5:20)

In conclusion, there is much, much more that could be said on this subject but space is limited. We all know that practice makes perfect, so the more prayer and experience you have in bringing others to Christ the better you will become. What is hard at first will become easy as you get the “Holy Ghost boldness” (Acts 4:31) and develop your own style. The Lord will help you and bless your efforts for Him. Remember, the greater the labor now, the more awesome the rewards will be in Glory! Hopefully, this chapter has helped you get started bringing others into the family of God! There is no better “high” or greater feeling in this life than to see some lost soul saved because of your efforts. Try it, and may our Lord richly reward your efforts and bring much fruit to your account!!

Remember......
“...... he that winneth souls is wise.” (Prov. 11:30 KJV)
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SOUL WINNING

Lesson 10

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1. God’s Word tells us what to do after we are saved.

2. Mt. 22:37-39 commands us to love the Lord, our God, with all our heart, soul and mind and to love our neighbor as our self.

3. Some people who say they are saved, don’t seem to care if their friends, family, and neighbors go to hell.

4. Your life should reflect Christ so lost people will want Him in their life.

5. We need to pray and ask the Lord to save our lost friends.

6. Prov. 11:30 says we shouldn’t tell people how to be saved unless they ask us.

7. We can all get gospel tracts to give to lost people.

8. God’s Word is powerful and the more scriptures you can give to a lost person, the more the Holy Spirit can work in their hearts.

9. We can’t save anyone. The Holy Spirit must convict the lost of their need to be saved.

10. There are six verses in Romans that you can use in soul winning, (they tell the remedy for sin and how to be saved).

11. You should pray with all your heart for the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of the people you are in contact with.

12. People must be kind and obey the Ten Commandments if they want to go to heaven.

13. Some people pray the sinner’s prayer but they really don’t mean it, so they’re still lost!

14. Some people believe there is a God and that is enough to save them.

15. A lot of people don’t believe what the Bible says anyway, so they don’t care what the verses say.

16. You may have to witness for years before some people are saved.

17. Prov. 11:30 says if you win souls for Jesus you are wise.

18. We only need to witness to our own families and close friends.

19. God commands us to witness and if we truly love God and others we will witness!

20. You can earn a Crown at the Judgement Seat of Christ for winning souls.
Section III
Chapter 11

What About Tithing?

Is a New Testament Christian in the Church Age required to tithe? If you ask two different preachers this question you will likely receive two different answers as this is one of those controversial doctrines that many disagree on. Since there are many verses in both the Old and New Testaments dealing with tithing and giving, it will be necessary to determine if they all apply equally to Old and New Testament Saints alike, or if the Lord makes a distinction between the different Ages. Let’s look first at some Old Testament Scripture to learn what tithing is all about.

The Tithe

The first time “tithe” (meaning a tenth part of something, Num. 18:26) shows up in the Bible is in Genesis 28:22, and it is to one individual. Abram is tithing the spoils of victory to another individual, Melchizedec, the King of Salem. Then beginning in Leviticus 27:30 and throughout Deuteronomy and Numbers, the tithe shows up as part of the Old Testament Jewish Law.

Read Malachi 3:8 which indicates that those Old Testament Jews who did not tithe were stealing from God and therefore under a curse! “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.” Tithing in those days was giving a tenth part (Num. 18:26) of what a person gained, such as money, fruit, corn, wine, honey, cattle, the spoils of battle, etc. (Duet. 12:17, Lev. 27:30)

The Scripture is plain, so there is no question about tithing being required in the Old Testament times under the Jewish Law. However, does the same law apply to us now in the “Church Age”? Many preachers say it does, and that we are required to tithe just as the Old Testament Jew. Most who teach this doctrine also teach that while the tithe is required, the Christian should give “offerings” in addition to the tithe! They say this is necessary to receive a blessing from God! Is this true? Does this requirement apply to us in this present day under the new covenant? We certainly need to determine if it does, since I am sure no Christian wants to be placed under a curse!!
As always, in such situations, we will apply instructions given in II Timothy 2:15 (KJV). “Rightly dividing” the Word of God is simply comparing Scripture for Scripture in the proper context, to see who God is talking to and in what Age the instructions apply. So now let’s compare the Old and New covenant to see the difference.

**Age Of Grace**

We live in what is called the “Church Age,” or the “Age of Grace”. We are saved by grace through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ and not from the works of the Law. God deals differently with us in this present time than He did with the Old Testament Jews under the Law. It would benefit the student to read the requirements of the Law beginning in Exodus 20 and read Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. After reading these books of the Bible, the “Law” will take on a whole new meaning. Now the student can more fully appreciate the following verse from Gal. 3:11-13. *“But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. [12] And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. [13] Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:”*

If you have been redeemed from something, you are free from it! It does not apply to you (doctrinally)! The Law was a temporary requirement, leading to something better! And that something is faith in Jesus Christ!! *“But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. [23] But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. [24] Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. [25] But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.”* (Gal. 3:22-25)

How about that! None of the works of the Law are necessary to justify the “Church Age” Christian! He is justified by faith alone! (Eph. 2:8, Titus 3:5) But before you start jumping for joy because you are not required to tithe, hold on! I never said you should not do it, just that you were not required to! Actually, the more you give the better off you are. **You can’t out give God!**
However, from the Scripture we see that anyone who teaches that Christians must obey the Law on tithing or be under a curse is teaching false doctrine. This teaching puts Christians back under the bondage of the Law that we were set free of! (Rom. 8:15, 11:6, Gal 2:2) Naturally, there are moral laws that a Christian should keep to please God and maintain fellowship, but the “Church Age” Saint is given the liberty to choose, knowing that he will surely “reap what he sows.” (Gal. 6:7)

Church Age Giving

The word “tithe” is never mentioned in connection with a Church Age Saint anywhere in the New Testament. However, God is in the “giving business”. He gives to us twenty four hours a day and does it out of His never-ending love for us. So, it follows that if we are to be “Christ-like” we should also give out of the abundance of our own heart! He expects you to give and if you don’t, you will never have an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

And remember, giving is not always money. There are many other ways to give including your time, love, labor, sympathy, wisdom, knowledge, etc. God has promised to give to us as we give. We are expected to respond to that promise so He can multiply our giving and return it to us so He can give again with increase. Do you get the picture? “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.” (Lk. 6:38)

Now, let’s look at some verses under the New Covenant to see how the early Church gave. A good place to start is in the Book of Acts where we find the early Christians selling what they had to help the poor brethren. “Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, [35] And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.” (Acts 4:34-35) Again in Romans 15:26 we find Christians helping their needy brothers in Christ: “For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.”

Then in I Corinthians 16:1-2 we find Paul instructing Church Age Saints to give
as God had prospered them. Notice that no mention is made of giving a tithe, or “tenth,” only to give as God had prospered them. “Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. [2] Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.” (1 Cor. 16:1-3)

Yet another example of giving is recommended by Paul in II Corinthians 8. In this case it is about people giving back and forth to each other according to the need. “[8] I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. …… [13] For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: [14] But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:” (2 Cor. 8:8, and 13-14) Notice Paul said this is not a commandment but an act proving the sincerity of your love! Now, more verses on the concept of giving in our day:

**Give To Receive**

“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. [7] Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor. 9:6-7) We have all been taught to give and expect nothing in return, but this teaching is not Scriptural! God has not only promised to give back if you give, He even promised to return more the more you give! So, you should expect something in return for your giving the same as God expects you to return His giving.

"Like Kind" Reaping

Another principal in giving and receiving is “like kind” reaping. Most of the time you will reap the same manner of seed you sow. “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Gal. 6:7) Although the context of this verse is primarily dealing with sin, the principle holds true with giving. If you sow corn you reap corn, sow cucumbers you reap cucumbers. So it follows that if you sow money you will reap money, if you sow time you will reap time in return, if you sow love you will reap love, if you sow the Word of God you will reap souls etc. Although there are always exceptions to the rule, this is God’s Universal Law. Like the verse says, "you reap what you sow."
Where Do You Give?
Paul told the Church of Corinth to “lay in store” on the first day of the week when the Church met. (I Cor. 16:2) The principle here is giving to the church or ministry where you are being fed the Word of God. The Pastor or Elders are then responsible for using it for God’s work as they are led by the Spirit. This is where the bulk of your offerings should go but not necessarily all of it. There are children’s homes, ministries to those incarcerated, rescue missions, missionaries, and the poor and needy in your community. With prayer, God will lead you where to place your offerings!

Remember
Although, as a Christian in the “Church Age” you are not under the bondage of the Jewish Law doctrinally, you are instructed to give from the heart as God has prospered you. God loves a cheerful giver and will return and even multiply your reward. Or, you can give nothing and receive nothing in return! It’s your responsibility. You will surely reap what you sow!

One last thought on giving. Jesus praised the poor woman who had little, but gave all she had, and indicated her reward was far greater than those who gave more but without sacrifice. There is always a bigger blessing and reward to give when you can least afford to give it!!
TITHING

This is a true or false quiz - place "T" for true or a "F" for false in the space provided

1. "Tithe" means 1/10 or one-tenth. 
2. If you make $500, a week, your tithe (1/10) would be $50.00.
3. You must tithe if you're saved.
4. Under the Old Testament Law, God's people were commanded to tithe.
5. A "tithe" applies only to money, this doesn't include giving God of your time and talents.
6. Christ redeemed us from "the curse of the law" so we are free in Christ, and not required to tithe but we should give freely.
7. God gives us everything, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We should desire to give our all to him.
8. You can't "out-give" God!
9. If you have a loving heart, you will have a giving heart.
10. Giving includes love, labor, sympathy, wisdom, knowledge, etc.
11. If you give a little, you will receive a little.
12. God is God. He doesn't need our things or our money. He knows we need to give to become more like our Savior, who gave us everything.
13. We should give God our best, not our "left overs".
14. We should pray and ask God where and how much he wants us to give and serve.
15. Gal. 6:7 says we sow what we reap and reap what we sow.
16. You must only give money to your local church.
17. If you give more than you think you can afford, you will likely receive a greater blessing.
18. God doesn't just bless with money, he blesses with health (so we can make money) with jobs, homes, cars, families, clothes etc.
19. When we give our tithes, we should give them as if they went directly to Jesus.
20. We are not saved by "works" (like tithing). We are saved by the blood of Jesus.
Section III

Chapter 12

Healing

Once again we set course on a journey through the Holy Scriptures in pursuit of God’s truth on yet another controversial subject. This time we will deal with the power of healing in today’s times. We are not concerned with the claims or opinions of anyone, but are simply in search of truth in this matter. Generally speaking, in these last days of apostasy in the body of Christ, there are two (2) positions with respect to the subject of healing. Briefly:

1) Some contend that many people today have the power, and gift of healing, by simply laying hands on the sick and afflicted and/or praying for them and they will be healed. These usually call themselves “Charismatics,” a word originating from the Greek word charisma, meaning “gifted.” Two of their favorite proof texts are I Corinthians 12:9, and John 14:12.

2) The position of the Bible Believer on this subject is quite contrary to what “Charismatics” believe. Pursuant to rightly dividing the Word of God on this subject, the Believer will take the following position: God can, will, and does heal! Man’s role in this healing is faith and fervent prayer. (James 5:14-16) No man today has the power to heal by simply laying on of hands, or as the Apostles did. To claim this power is to claim the power of the Apostles.

So, who is right? God can certainly give power, including the power to heal to anyone He chooses, any time He chooses. But, has He ever done that? If so, when? To whom? And, for what reason? If He ever did it before does He still do it today? If not, why not? These are the questions that we will seek answers to in search of Light on this subject. Our final authority will be the Word of God. Our method will be to examine the subject matter Scripture for Scripture in the proper context.

Where Healing Began

Let’s begin by doing some quick research on the history of healing and where it began. And the Lord said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow. [7] And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again.
And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh. [8] And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. [9] And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land. (Exodus 4:6-9)

The first mention of healing in the Bible was God Himself healing Moses! This is interesting in that God also called this healing a “sign.” It was a sign to make people see the power of God and therefore believe. Signs began here with the Jew because the Bible says the Jew requires a sign! “For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:” (1 Cor. 1:22) So, now we know that at least initially, healing was a sign for the Jew. Like tongues, it was a sign for the unbelieving! (See 1 Corinthians 14:22)

Who Had The Healing Sign?

Jesus! The four Gospels are full of Jesus’ healing. For instance, after gathering up Peter, Andrew, James and John, Jesus went about displaying the sign of healing so that the Jews would believe who He was by His power. “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. [24] And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.” (Matthew 4:23-24)

Also, when John the Baptist questioned who Jesus was, Jesus gave testimony in His own words: “Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: [5] The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.” (Matthew 11:4-5) And guess what? Jesus never failed one time. See Luke 4:40. That’s more than we can say about the “faith healers” of today! Something else ... many were healed without any faith being mentioned on their part. If Jesus touched you or spoke the words, or if you touched His garment you were healed! Or even raised from the dead! (See Matthew chapters 8,12,14,15, etc.)
The Apostles. Jesus gave the Apostles the gift of signs. “And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” (Mark 16:17-18) Obviously, this is not directed to present day Christians. If it was, all Christians would be able to drink deadly things without harm, and heal all the sick! The student should note the difference between an Apostle and a disciple. The Apostles (originally 12) were handpicked by Jesus Himself. There were hundreds of disciples who did not have the power of healing or other signs.

Again, as with Jesus, the record of healing by the Apostles can be found throughout the four Gospels. People were even seeking to be healed by Peter’s shadow! “Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. [16] There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.” (Acts 5:15-16)

And others sought to be healed by simply touching handkerchiefs or aprons from the Apostle Paul. “And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: [12] So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.” (Acts 19:11-12)

Paul reminded the Church of Corinth of the Apostolic signs they had witnessed. “Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.” (2 Cor. 12:12) Notice he did not tell these Christians they could do these same things or that these were the gifts in 1 Corinthians 12.

So we see that the Apostles had an awesome power and worked many miracles as a result. In many cases it was not even necessary to “lay hands” on some to heal them but by shadows, handkerchiefs, and aprons. The important factor concerning these Apostolic signs however is that they did not last!

Paul, the chosen vessel to bring the Gospel to the Gentiles, lost his powers and could not even heal himself. “And lest I should be exalted above measure
through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. [8] For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. [9] And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” (2 Cor. 12:7-9)

Moreover, Paul could not heal Timothy or Trophimus. He wrote to Timothy: “Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach’s sake and thine often infirmities.” (1 Tim. 5:23) “Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.” (2 Tim. 4:20) In fact Paul said he glori ed in his infirmities! He never mentioned being upset because he had lost the power to heal! He understood that the power was gone until God once again started dealing with the Jew. (This will be in the Tribulation.)

Why did God take away the Apostles’ powers? It is rather simple. The power of healing in the early “Church Age” was a temporary sign for unbelieving Jews!! (I Cor. 14:22) When Christ stopped dealing with the Jews and took the Gospel to the Gentiles, the signs stopped! The Jews rejected Jesus Christ (Matthew 27:25, John 19:12) who was a “stumbling block” to their salvation. “But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;” (1 Cor. 1:23)

What the Jew’s rejected (Christ), the Gentiles received gladly. “For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. [28] Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.” (Acts 28:27-28) So from all this we learn an important lesson in “rightly dividing” the Word of God. Obviously, Acts is a transitional book between the Old Testament Covenant and the New Testament Covenant. With that last verse, God is temporarily through dealing with the Jews. The Apostolistic Signs and powers are gone!!

Get that? The sign of healing (by individuals) is GONE. It was not meant for the Gentile in this Age! I realize some vehemently disagree, but you have to ignore plain Scripture to teach otherwise. If you can handle it, there’s more.
What About “Healers” Today?

Now that we have a brief Biblical history of “healing” under our belt, let’s consider the claims of the “so called” present day healers. Are they truly “gifted?” If not, God tells us what they are like!! “Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain.” (Proverbs 25:14) Just a bunch of “hot air!”

Anyone claiming the power to heal, is in effect claiming the Apostolic power and the signs of healing. Needless to say we have been warned about this crowd. “But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. [13] For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.” (2 Cor. 11:12-13) “I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars.” (Rev. 2:2)

Who do you think God was talking about? According to Scripture there are those who claim to be Apostles who are in fact counterfeits and liars! Now where does all this bring us? Right here. God either stopped the “sign” of healing with the Apostles and later gave it to some in our day or He didn’t. If He did we should be able to compare today’s healers with the real Apostles and find out. Can today’s healers do what the Apostles did? No they cannot! They can’t even come close!! Consider this:

Does everyone get healed at the “healing meetings?” Of course not. Well, if they have the same powers, why can’t they heal them all like Jesus and the Apostles. (Luke 4:40, 6:19, Acts 5:15-16) And in most cases faith was not even a factor! So, try as they may, the “healers” cannot duplicate the Apostle’s ability. Although there is ample record of widespread fraud in the alleged healing of today, there are likely some who are really healed. Remember Judas could heal and he was a devil! Is it possible that some are healed by the Devil to deceive people with this false teaching?

But for those God does heal, the Scriptural answer is simply that the sick person’s faith, and/or that of the one praying, brought it about. Of course you don’t have to go to some “so called healer” to receive God’s healing power. Those healed are healed by their own faith and prayers and that of their church, friends, and loved

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ones.

Think about this: If you had the power to heal by “laying on of hands,” and it worked only thirty percent (30%) of the time what would you do? Would you set up in a tent or in a church and take up a collection before healing? Or, would you go directly to the hospital and start healing people there? Which would glorify God more? Truth is those claiming to have the power to heal are liars and deceivers of the worst kind. If they could really heal, they would empty our hospitals and nursing homes! A preacher friend has the right idea. “If something doesn’t make any sense, there’s a “dollar” in it.” Bible Believing Christians are not deceived by this nonsense for one minute.

The gifts in I Corinthians 12 are real but should not to be misinterpreted. God gives a variety of talents and gifts to people. Some have the gift to easily learn other tongues (languages), while others are gifted to be teachers, and are people of knowledge and wisdom. Others are gifted in healing as doctors and nurses. However the verses do not give the Apostles’ healing sign to anyone. Trust God and have faith in Him, and not man for healing!

But remember, some sickness may be for a reason and the divine will of God and healing may be slow coming or not at all. (John 11:4) The fact remains that good Godly people die every day from one sickness or another. Can God prevent death? Of course He can! But does He do it every time? Emphatically no!

So, in conclusion what have we learned from God’s Word?

1) Healing was a sign and signs began with the nation of Israel. (Ex. 4:6-9)

2) The Jew requires a sign (I Cor. 1:22)

3) The Jewish Apostles were given the signs for the unbelieving Jews. (I Cor 14:22)

4) The Apostles lost the power of signs, including healing when the Jews rejected Christ and the Gospel was taken to the gentiles. (Acts 28:27-28, I Tim 5:23 & II Tim 4:20)
5) The sign powers were never given to all the "Church," therefore healing for the Christian is by faith. (James 5:14-16)

This should give you a better understanding of the subject of healing. The Scriptures plus a little "common sense" make it pretty plain what the truth of this matter is.
Doctrinal Series

Healing

This is a true or false quiz. In the space provided place T for True or F for False.

1. The word “charismatic” originates from the Hebrew word “charisma,” meaning gifted.
2. Some people claim to have the power to heal like the Apostles but are lying.
3. The Jewish Apostles were given the signs for the unbelieving Jews.
4. Healing was one of the signs that were meant for the Jew.
5. Signs began with the nation of Israel.
6. Boasting a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain according to Proverbs 25:14.
7. Judas could not heal because he was a devil.
8. The first person healed in the Bible was Sampson.
9. The Apostle Paul was the greatest Christian that ever lived and never lost the power to heal.
10. The Greeks require a sign and the Jews seek after wisdom.
11. Jesus and the Apostles all had the “sign gifts.”
12. The Apostles could drink deadly things and it would not hurt them.
13. Jesus only failed to heal one person.
14. No one can be healed without faith.
15. Paul told the Corinthians they could have the same “sign gifts” as the Apostles.
16. Paul was the Apostle to the Gentiles and brought them the gospel of Jesus Christ.
17. The Bible says “...prayer of faith...” shall save the sick in James 15.
18. All Christians can eventually grow spiritual enough to have the power to heal.
19. People tried to be healed by being in Peter’s Shadow.
20. The Apostles powers were temporary and not in effect today!
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