

Hope for a Hurting World Bible Studies

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Under the Big Tent!!

Study Lesson 1 – Hope in God

Why is it important to know God?

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Having a Relationship with God determines your Salvation.

Knowing God through 3 Distinct Persons

God is defined as

Creator: Genesis 1:1

**In the beginning
God created the
heaven and the
earth.**

1. There is God the Father: Romans 1:7

*To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from **God our Father**, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

2. God the Son:

1 John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the **Son of God** hath not life.

3. God the Son was Also active in Creation:

Ephesians 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who **created all things by Jesus Christ:**

4. God the Holy Spirit:

Acts 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to **lie to the Holy Ghost**, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Acts 5:4 ... thou hast not **lied unto men, but unto God.**

Note: Ananias had lied when they promised to give a portion of the sale of their property to the early church. Instead, they kept much of the money for themselves. Peter indicts them as lying to God. The Holy Spirit is a Person and not a force or a thing. – You lie to a person not a force.

5. God the Holy Spirit was Active in Creation:

Genesis 1:1. In the **beginning God created the heaven and the earth.** 2. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God moved** upon the face of the waters.

6. We are to be Baptized in the 3-fold Name of God



Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in **the name** of the **Father**, and of the **Son**, and of the **Holy Ghost**:

The Father, Son, & Holy Spirit Work together for our Salvation

7. The Father draws you to Christ.

John 6:44. No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me **draw him** ...

8. The Holy Spirit Convicts of our Sins & the Need of the Savior:

John 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:

9. The Son Shows us the Father & Paid the Price for our Sins

John 10:30 I and my Father are one.

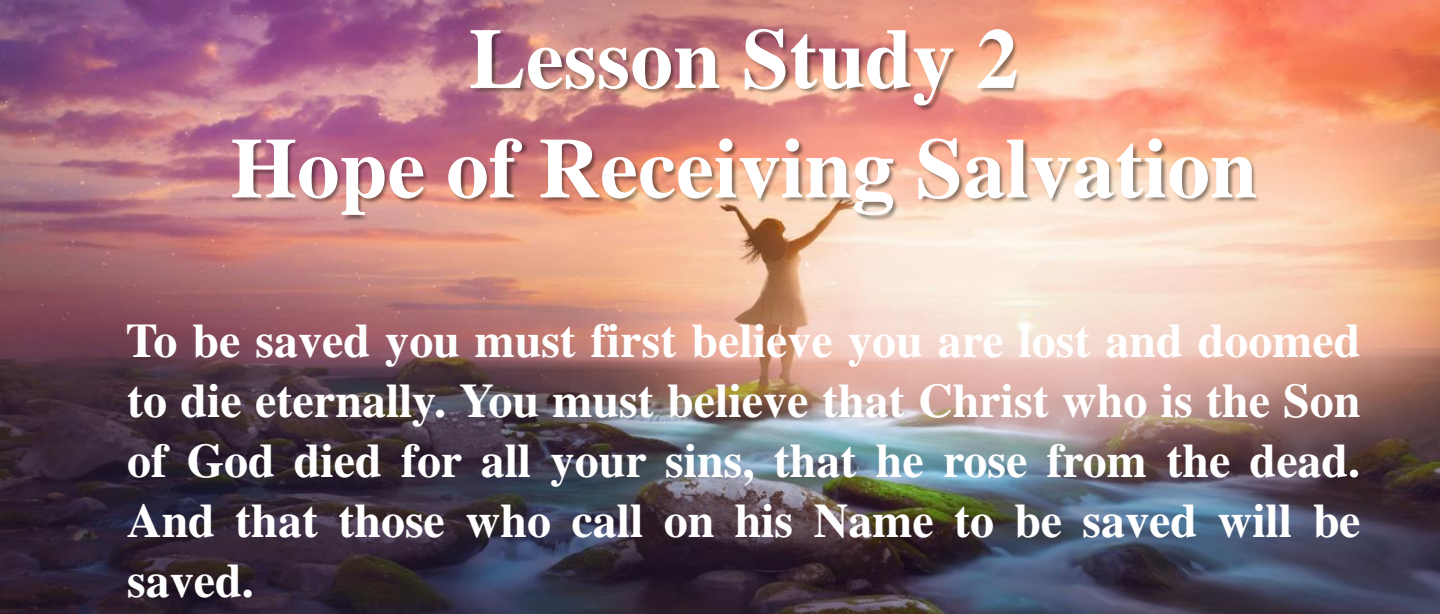
John 14:9 he that hath **seen me hath seen the Father**; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

1Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Do you want to Know the God who Created you and His Son who Paid for your Sins?

Lesson Study 2

Hope of Receiving Salvation



To be saved you must first believe you are lost and doomed to die eternally. You must believe that Christ who is the Son of God died for all your sins, that he rose from the dead. And that those who call on his Name to be saved will be saved.

We are to confess our sins, claim our forgiveness and rest in the belief that God for Christ's sake has forgiven us of our sins, and we are thus saved through Him.

1. You must Accept you are a Sinner Doomed to Eternal Die:

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

Romans 6:23 For the **wages of sin is death...**

2. Christ Died for your Sins:

1Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;**

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.

3. Believe Jesus is the Son of God:

Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, **I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

4. Confess Jesus Christ:

Romans 10:9 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.

5. Saved by Faith not by Works:

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

6. Confess your Sins & Claim your Forgiveness:

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

7. Have Assurance of Forgiveness because of having Jesus:

1John 2:12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

8. Those who have truly accepted Jesus Christ as their Personal Savior have Eternal Life:

1John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Do you understand that you are a sinner and need Salvation?

Do you want to Receive Jesus as your Personal Savior and be Saved?

Let us Pray: Dear Lord, I realize that I am a sinner. I ask that you forgive me and save me. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died that I am be forgiven of all my sins and live forever.

Thank you for forgiving me and taking me to heaven when Jesus Comes again. In the Name of your Blessed Son. Amen.

Lesson Study 3

What are We Saved From?



Saved from – An Eternal Death Penalty – Condemnation – Power & Presence of Sin

1. Saved from Wrath=Judgment = Penalty: Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

2. Saved from being Condemned: Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

3. Saved from Eternal Death: Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

4. Saved from the Presence of sin: Isaiah 25:9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

5. Saved from the Power of Sin: Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

**Do You Want to Be Saved from Sin's Power, Penalty,
and Presence and Go to heaven?**

Lesson Study 4 Hope's New Life by Baptism in Christ



Baptism represents the confession, repentance of our sins, and a resurrection into a new person into a new life. It represents the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every true believer will follow Jesus in being baptized. They will not delay in following Jesus and will surrender all to him through baptism.

1. He that Believes and is Baptized shall be saved:

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

2. One Must be Born Again to Enter Heaven:

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

3. One must be Born of the Water and the Spirit to Enter Heaven:

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

4. Baptism Represents Deliverance from Egypt– a doomed a World:

1Corinthians 10:1-4. Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

5. You must make a Choice to Follow God:

Joshua 24:15 And if it seems evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

6. Baptism Represents Deliverance from Sin:

Romans 6:6. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7. Baptism Represents Repentance for the Forgiveness of Sins:

Mark 1:4 John did baptize in the wilderness and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission (forgiveness) of sins.

8. Baptism represents Confession of Sin:

Matthew 3:6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

9. If we confess our Sins – He will Forgive and Cleanse us:

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

10. Baptism is a Transfer from the Old life to the New Life:

Notice Saul's life Prior to his conversion.

Acts 9:1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

11. Paul's Eyes were Opened:

17 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was **baptized**.

12. Baptism represents the death and resurrection of Jesus:

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ** were **baptized into his death?**

4 Therefore we are **buried with him by baptism** into death: that like as **Christ was raised up** from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life**.

5 For if we have been planted together in the **likeness of his death**, we shall be also in the **likeness of his resurrection:**

13. We are not to Delay to be Baptized:

Acts 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

14. Baptism saves us – It demonstrates our faith:

1Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

15. How should We Be Baptized?

Ephesians 4:5 One Lord, one faith, **one baptism, (immersion).**

Note: The word baptism means immersion.

16. The Ethiopian Treasurer was immersed into the water:

Acts 8:36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, **here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?** 37 And Philip said, If thou **believest with all thine heart**, thou mayest. And he answered and said, **I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.** 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and **he baptized him.** 17. **John the Baptist -baptized where there was much water:**

John 3:23 And John also was **baptizing** in Aenon near to Salim, **because there was much water there:** and they came and were baptized.

18. Jesus was Baptized by Immersion:

Matthew 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. 14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Note: Jesus was baptized. All true followers of Jesus must be baptized.

18. When you receive the Word, you are to be baptized:

Acts 2:41 Then they that **gladly received his word were baptized:** and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

20. When you believe in the Kingdom of God you are to be baptized:

Acts 8:12 But when **they believed** Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were baptized**, both men and women.

21. Nothing should hinder you from being baptized:

Acts 8:36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; **what doth hinder me to be baptized?**

22. Do you believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God?

Acts 8: 37 And Philip said, If **thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.** And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

23. Re-baptism is Biblical when we grow in greater light:

Acts 19:1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, **they were baptized** in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Note: John's disciples were already baptized by the great prophet, but once they learned about a key – important doctrine - the Holy Spirit they were **rebaptized** in the Name of Jesus.



24. Those Believing and Baptized will be saved:

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Note: Those who believe want and will be baptized. They Love God and Jesus and will to follow them through baptism into the kingdom.

Do you Believe in Jesus Christ - the Son of God?

Do you desire to have all your sins washed away through baptism? Do you want to live a better life? Do you want to be saved and go to heaven?



Lesson Study 5

Hope in God's Inspired Word.

The Bible is God's inspired Word. It Provides Hope, Comfort, Cleansing, and Guidance in this World and Shows us the Way to Eternal Life.

1. The Bible was Written that we Might Have Hope:

Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

2. All of the Bible is Inspired and Good for Teaching, Reproof, Correction, and Instruction:

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by **inspiration** of God, and is profitable for doctrine (**Teaching**), for reproof, (**show where you are wrong**), for correction (**How to get right**), for instruction in righteousness (**How to stay Right**):

3. The Holy Spirit Moved Holy men to Write the Bible:

2Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were **moved** by the **Holy Ghost**.

Note: The Bible was inspired by God and is not the work of man. Holy men wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

4. God Created the World by His Spoken Word: Psalms 33:6-9. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth...For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

5. The Bible Testifies of Jesus: John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

6. The Bible Provides Guidance: Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

7. God's Word Sanctifies – Purifies us: John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

8. The Word of God Stands forever: Isaiah 40:8. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand for ever.

9. We are Cleansed Through obeying God's Word: Psalm 119:9.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

10. The Bible Makes Wise to Salvation: 2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

11. We are Born Again by the Word of God: 1 Peter 1:23. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

**Do You Want to Find Guidance, Comfort,
and Salvation as found in the Scriptures?**

Lesson 6. Hope & Help over Temptation

Jesus is our High Priest Praying for us to be Filled with Strength and Power over Sin, Temptation and discouragement.

1. **Christ our Sympathetic High Priest who Prays for us:** Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
2. **Christ is the only Way to God:** John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me

3. We are made Righteous (right) because of His Sacrifice:

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

4. God Empowers us to do His Will: Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

5. He Saves to the uttermost: Hebrew 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to Save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

6. He will Make a way of Escape from Temptation:

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

7. We must listen and take the way out from Temptation:

Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

8. The Son of God Can make You Free from Sinful Habits:

John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

9. If you Make a Mistake God will Still Forgive: 1John 2:1

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

10. Confess your Sin to Receive Forgiveness: 1John 1:9
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

11. Don't Cover Your Sins before God: Proverbs 28:13
He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

12. God can keep you from Falling: Jude 1:24
Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

13. Victory is through Christ: 1Corinthians 15:57
But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

No matter what your habits or addictions are Christ Can Set You Free!

Do you Want Jesus to Set you Free From Bad Habits?

Let's us Pray: "Dear Lord, help me over my temptations. Please forgive me for the times I gave in to the things that are wrong. Please grant me power over my sins. Thank you forgiving me and giving me the victory.



Lesson Study 7

Hope Signaled by the Signs of His Coming and the End of the World

The Soon Coming of Jesus is our Blessed Hope. He is the Solution to all the troubles in this World. The Signs of the Times are everywhere telling us that Jesus is soon to come. The Chaos, Confusion, Crime and Natural Disasters are indicators that this World will soon end, and we will be going home. We are to be Always Ready.

Luke 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

1 The disciples asked Jesus what were the Signs of his Coming and the End of the World.

Matthew 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

2. There will be False Christs and Prophets at the End of Time:

Matthew 24:4,5. And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Matthew 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many.

3. There will be Wars, Earthquakes, Famines, Pestilences:

Matthew 24:7. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

4. Tsunamis at the End of Time:

Luke 21:25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

5. There will be Distress of Nations with Perplexity:

Luke 21:25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring.

6. Persecution Against Followers of Jesus:

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 10. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

7. Many People will become Cold Hearted: Matthew 24:11. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

8. Social Signs indicate that we are Living in Dangerous Times:

2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous (dangerous) times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, (slander) disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent (morally weak), fierce (Harsh - inhuman), despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. (hypocrisy)

9. Gospel will be Proclaimed Worldwide: Matthew 24:24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

10. Jesus counsels us to be always ready: Matthew 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Amid all the Chaos, Confusion and Disasters the Good News of Jesus Christ will be preached all over the World. This Study you are having is a partial fulfillment of that sign. You are among the Last Few that will be Saved at the End of Time.

Do you understand that we are living in the Time of the End and you want to be ready to Meet Jesus when He Comes?



Lesson 8

Hope in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ

1. The Second Coming of Jesus is Called the Blessed Hope:

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

2. At the Second Coming of Jesus the Righteous dead raised:

1Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

3. At the Second Coming of Jesus the Righteous Living Changed: 1 Corinthians 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

4. Both Righteous living and Righteous resurrected ascend to Heaven:

1Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

5. At the Second Coming of Jesus the Wicked destroyed:

2 Thessalonians 2:8. then shall that wicked be revealed who the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth and the brightness of his coming.

Jeremiah 25:33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

6. At the Second Coming of Jesus the Earth destroyed:

Revelation 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Revelation 16:18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

Revelation 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

At the Second Coming of Jesus Christ the righteous dead will be raised, and the righteous living will be clothed with immortality. The wicked flee, but they are slain by the Brightness of His coming. The Righteous will meet the Lord in the air and ascend to heaven.

**Do You Want to be Ready When Jesus Returns
and Go to Heaven with Him?**



Lesson Study 9

Hope Beyond Death

According to the Bible the dead are dead. They are in an unconscious “sleep”. They know and experience nothing. They cannot return to their home and visit anyone. The dead are not in heaven praising God. Those who died saved will be resurrected at the First Resurrection at the Second Coming of Jesus and will go to heaven with Him. Those who are lost will rise later only to be judged and face eternal death.

1. Dead Know Nothing:

Ecclesiastes 9:5 For the living know that they shall die: but the **dead know not any thing**, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

2. The dead praise not the Lord: Psalm. 115:17.

Psalm 115:17 The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.

3. The dead's thoughts perish: Psalm 146:4.

Psalm 146:4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

4 . The grave is the dead's house: Job 17:3.

Job 17:13 If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.

5 . David is in his grave till this day: Acts.2:29, 34.

Acts 2:29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

Acts 2:34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

6 . The dead don't visit their former home: Job 14:21.

Job 7:10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him anymore.

7 . Death is described as sleep: Job 14;12; Ps. 13:3; Ps 76:6; Da 12:2; John 11:12,13; Ac. 13:36; 1Co. 15:51;

Job 7:21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

8 . The Righteous Dead will rise at the sound of Christ's trumpet call: 1 Thess. 4:16.

1Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

9. The Wicked will be Raised at the Resurrection of Damnation:

Joh 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

If you Should die do you Want to be Raised in the First Resurrection at the Second Coming and go to Heaven?



Lesson Study 9.

Hope's Obedience of Love

The Commandments aid the believer from hurting oneself and others. The First four Commandments reveal how to love God and the Second half how to love each other. Though it grants us guidance in what to do and not to do it cannot save us. We are not divested of our choices. The Law reveals sin and thus reveals our need of a Savior from Sin. It leads us to Christ through whom we receive forgiveness for our mistakes. Christ Died because we sinned by breaking God's law. His death saves us from the law's death sentence. Once we are surrendered to Christ – His life within us enables us to obey his law. God's true followers will Keep His commandments and have the faith of Jesus.

1. Love is the Foundation of God's Law:

Mark 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

2. The Commandments demonstrate our Love to God and Love to our neighbor:

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and [love] thy neighbor as thyself.

Note: The First Four commandments demonstrate how to love God and the Last Six commandments shows us how to love each other.

3. Exodus 20 contains the 10 commandments:

- A. **The First Four commandments:** 1. Not to Worship other gods. 2. Not to make idols and bow down before them. 3. Not to use God's Name in vain. 4. To Remember the Sabbath day to Keep it Holy and Rest and Worship God.
- B. **The Last Six Commandments teaches us how to love each other:** 5. To honor our parents. 6. Not to murder. 7. Not to commit adultery. 8. Not to steal. 9. Not to lie on others. 10. Not to covet someone else's spouse or their possessions.

4. On the Commandments of Love to God and to Others Hang all the Law (Scriptures) and the Prophets:

Matthew 22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

5. We demonstrate our Love for God by Keeping His law:

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Better translated: "Since you love me keep my commandments.

6. Keeping God's Commandments shows we know Him:

1John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

7. Keeping his Commandments reveals God is in us and we are in God:

1Jo 3:24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

8. God's Law is Holy, Just and Good: Romans 7:12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

9. The Law defines Sin: Romans 3:20 ... for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

10. Sin is Lawlessness – Living without the Law: 1John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. Literally, “Sin is Lawlessness”

11. Christ fulfills the Law within us: Romans 8:3,4. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the **law might be fulfilled in us**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Note: Christ fulfills the law by living in us. He empowers us to fulfill the law by us following His Spirit.

12. The Law is not a burden to those who Love God: 1John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. (Burden).

13. The True Church at the End of time will Keep the Commandments: Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, [church] and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

14. Keeping God’s Commandments shows we know Him: 1John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

The Law is based on an obedient love relationship with the Creator. The commandments are not a burden to the believer but demonstrates our connection to Him.

Do you want to Keep God’s Law by the Christ’s Power given to us through the Holy Spirit?



Lesson Study 10

Hope of Rest from Stress & Sign of Belonging

The Sabbath demonstrates our Love Relationship with God. It is a sign that we belong to Him. It is our uninterrupted appointment with the Creator – set aside from the distractions of work and secular practices. We are to remember to keep it separate from other days. God's People in the Bible Kept the 7th day of Rest. Jesus Keep the Sabbath as our example. His people will keep the Sabbath here on earth and even when we get to heaven.

1. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy:

Ex 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Note: The 7th day Sabbath in the 4th commandment designed to make God first in our life by setting time aside to worship Him from all distractions.

2. The Sabbath was instituted – began – after the 6 days of Creation:

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

3. The Sabbath is a Sign we belong to God:

Ezekiel 20:20 And hallow my Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.

Note: The sabbath is about a relationship with God. It demonstrates that we belong to Him and that we are His children, and He is our God.

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4. They went to synagogue -church on the Sabbath:

Acts 13:14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down.

Acts 13:42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.

5. Notice the people came out the next Sabbath – weekly event – to hear God's word:

Acts 13:44 And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

Acts 16:13 And on the Sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted *thither*.

6. Paul's Custom – Habit was to keep the Sabbath:

Acts 17:2 And Paul, as his **manner (custom)** was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures,

Acts 18:4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

7. Keep the Sabbath by not doing your own pleasure on it:

Isaiah 58:13 If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

Note: We don't participate in worldly practices or businesses on the Holy Sabbath.

8. In Heaven we will Worship on the Sabbath:

Isaiah 66:23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

9. Scriptures were read in the synagogue every Sabbath:

Ac 13:27 For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.

Ac 15:21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day.

10. We are not to stop going to church:

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Jesus Worshiped on the Sabbath

11. Jesus worshiped on the Sabbath:

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Mark 1:21 And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the Sabbath day he (Jesus) entered into the synagogue, and taught.

Mark 6:2 And when the Sabbath day was come, he (Jesus) began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

12. True Followers of Jesus will follow Jesus and keep the Sabbath:

1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

13. God's People will keep His Commandments and the Faith of Jesus:

Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience (endurance) of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Do you want to follow God and express your love to him by obeying His commandments including keeping the Seventh-day Sabbath?

Lesson Study 11

Sabbath & Time

“Has Time Been Lost?”

1. Sabbath is from Sunset Friday to Sunset Saturday.

Leviticus 23:32 It shall be unto you a Sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath.

Time has Never been Lost concerning the weekly cycle.

A. Scientific Validation for our unchanged weekly cycle. Sunday through Saturday.

Science has validated that our weekly cycle from Sunday to Saturday has never been altered.

The United States naval observatory, Washington D.C. stated:

“We have had occasion to investigate the works of specialists in chronology. And we have not found one of them that ever had the slightest doubt about the continuity of the weekly cycle since into the Christian era. In fact, if you ask the astronomer, Larkin, he says, there was no change in the weekly cycle. Indeed, the cycle of the week has come down to us in unbroken sequences of seven.”

The United States naval observatory, Washington D.C. March 12th. 1932.

B. Jews around the world have meticulously honored the 7th day of the week for centuries.

C. Jesus' Custom was to keep the Sabbath. Luke 4:16.

1. There is absolutely no Biblical Record that Jesus kept any other day.
2. True followers of Jesus will follow Christ's example. 1 Peter 2:21.

D. Christ's crucifixion identifies which day is the Sabbath. Luke 23:50-56.

1. Christ's followers kept the Sabbath even after his death. Luke 23:50-56.
2. The Sabbath follows the preparation day (Friday). Luke 23:54; Mark 15:42;
3. The preparation day is the day before Sabbath. Mark 15: 42.
4. The first day of the week follows the Sabbath. Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1,2.

E. Review.

1. Preparation day -- Friday.
2. Sabbath -- the day after preparation day. (Saturday)
3. First day of the week. -- Sunday.

F. Jesus Kept the Sabbath even during death.

1. The Jews did not want to leave the bodies on the cross on the Sabbath. Jo.19:32, 33.
2. When the soldiers came to break Jesus' legs, He was already dead. John 19:32,35.
3. Christ died on Friday.
 - Christ was buried on Friday. John 19:40-42.
 - He rested on the Sabbath in the tomb.

2. Word for Saturday – is Sabbath in many languages

Italian – sabato
Macedonian - Сабота -Sabota

Spanish- sábado

Belorussian - субота – Sybota
Bulgarian - събота -Sybota

Malay -Sabtu

Norwegian - lørdag (Lord's Day)
Polish - sobota

Catalan – dissabte

Croatian – subota
Czech - sobota

Portuguese -sábado

Romanian – sâmbătă
Russian -суббота-sybbota

Danish – lørdag

esperado -sabato
Filipino - Sabado

Serbian – субота-sybota

Slovak – sobota
Galician - sábado

Sloveniah -sobota

Swedish – Lördag
shabat'i Ukrainian - Субота

Georgian- შაბათი –

Greek -Σάββατο -sabbato
Indonesian - Sabtu

Hungarian – szombat

Conclusion: The Sabbath was instituted from creation. God gave it to man for rest and seek God on that day. The weekly cycle has never changed. The Sabbath stands today as a reminder of God's creative power and a memorial to creation. We will keep it in heaven and on the new earth. It is the day Jesus and the apostles kept, and we will keep it because we are true followers of Jesus.

Lesson Study 12

The Hope of Prophetic Guidance

God has Given Guidance through Biblical Prophets in the Past and will give Guidance in the End of Time through Prophecy. The Gift of Prophecy is one of the identifying marks of God's End Time Church.

1. **We need Guidance from God:** Proverbs 29:18. Where there is no vision, *the people perish*: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
2. **God knows the Future in advance:** Isaiah. 42:9. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and *new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.*
3. **God has spoken through Prophets in Visions, and Dreams:** Deuteronomy 13:1-4. I have also spoken *by the prophets*, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, *by the ministry of the prophets.*
4. **There is a God to reveals Secrets:** Daniel 2:28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

5. God has spoken to Prophets in Visions, and Dreams: Hosea 12:10. I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, (dreams) by the ministry of the prophets.

6. God doesn't do anything Major that Effects the World or His People unless He reveals it to his Prophets: Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord God will do *nothing*, but *He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets*.

7. God will make himself know by a Vision or Dream to a True Prophet: Numbers 12:6.

If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make Myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a *dream*.

8. Holy were moved by the Holy Spirit who Wrote Prophecy: 2 Peter 1:21. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

9. Sometimes Prophets recorded their dreams and visions:

Daniel 7:1. Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. See also Jer. 51:60; Rev. 1:10,11.

10. God has spoken to us in the past through his prophets and now through Christ: Hebrews 1:1,2.

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us *by His Son*.

11. Jesus is THE PROPHET among all Prophets: Deuteronomy 18:15.

The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee *a Prophet* from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto Him ye shall harken.

12. Joel Prophesized that God will pour out his Spirit on both male and female to Prophecy: Joel 2:28. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and *your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.*

13. Joel's prophecy was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost: Acts 2:16,17. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

14. We are not to despise prophesying but to test and see if the Words are True: 1 Thessalonians. 5:20, 21. "*Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*"

15. False Prophecies indicates a False Prophet: Deuteronomy 18:22.

When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, *if the thing follow not, nor come to pass*, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

16. True Prophets produce Good Fruits in their life: Matthew 7:20. *By their fruits ye shall know them.*

Note: What type of Fruits does the prophet produce in their life and Ministry? What results are produced in those who follow their counsel?

17. True Prophets uphold the Law of God and the Scriptures: Isaiah 8:20. *To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*

18. True Prophets Encourage People to Follow the Lord not other gods: Deuteronomy 13:1-4.

"If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and *let us serve them*; thou shalt not harken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. *Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear Him, and keep His commandments, and obey His voice, and ye shall serve Him, and cleave unto Him.*

19. Prophets are a Gift to the Church for Spiritual

Maturity: Ephesians 4:8 Wherefore he saith, when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. 11. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors, and teachers.

20. Those who Follow God's Counsel from a True Prophet will Prosper: 2 Chron. 20:20. Believe in the Lord your God so shall ye be established; *believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper.*

21. The True Church will Keep God's Commandments and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ:

Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The Last Day Church will be Guided by the Gift of Prophecy

22. The Testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy:

Revelation 19:10 I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Note: The Testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy. The Church will have a prophet in its midst.

23. Example of Prophets in the Bible: Enoch, John the Baptist, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Micah, etc.

There are female Prophets as well as male Prophets in the Bible: Exodus 15:20. Miriam. Deborah, Judge 4:4. Isaiah 8:3 Isaiah's wife. Luke 2:36 Anna, Acts 21:9 Philip's daughters

Acts 21:8 And the next *day* we that were of Paul's company departed and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was *one* of the seven; and abode with him. 9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

The End Time Church – is a church that keeps the commandments of God and has the Spirit of Prophecy. Would you like to follow the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy to improve your life?



Lesson Study 13. Hope's Financial Security - The Gift of Giving

God Provides us everything we have including life. As responsible people we return tithes and offerings to further so others will be saved by hearing the Good News. As we exercise unselfishness by giving God will sustain us with His blessings.

1. God is the Greatest Giver: John 3:16.

God so loved the world, that *He gave His only begotten Son*, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

2. We love him because he loved us First: 1John 4:19

We love him, because he first loved us.

3. Even while we were sinners Christ Died for Us: Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

4. Christ became Poor that we Might become Rich: 2Corinthians 8:9.

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, *yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.*

5. Giving by Tithes and Offerings: Malachi 3:8

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

6. Tithe is 10 percent of our Increase: Genesis 28:22.

and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Note: A tenth means 10%. We are to return 10% of our income to God as tithe. This is a set amount. Offerings are what is over the 10% amount.

7. God returns a Blessing to Those who Give: Malachi 3:10

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

8. Giving Sustains the Preaching of the Good News of Salvation: 1Corinthians 9:14

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

9. God Loves a Cheerful Giver: 2Corinthians 9:7

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Note: Offerings are different than tithe: Tithe is a set 10 percent. Offerings are extra over the 10 percent which we are to give the amount that we are able.

10. Give offerings according to what you are able: Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you.

11. Make Getting to Heaven Your Priority: Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

12. God will Provide for all your Needs: Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

13. Give and it will be Given unto You: Luke 6:38

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.



God is the Greatest giver who gave us the Life of His dear Son so we may not be Lost but Live forever in Paradise. He requires us to exercise unselfishness by giving to the gospel so others may hear the Eternal Life Saving Message of Salvation.