

A BIBLE PROPHECY ADVENTURE

REVELATION SEMINARS

RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH



It seems only yesterday we began the Revelation Seminar and suddenly, it is all over. We are now studying our final lesson together.

We have received wonderful new views of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. And how thrilling to be reminded that God, the Father, also loves us more than words express.

In Revelation, Jesus our loving Saviour, has in special kindness and mercy given us the help and information WE MUST HAVE for these last days. Our ONLY HOPE is to obey His counsel and accept His offer of assistance. Jesus stated it clearly: "BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY: BLESSED IS HE THAT KEEPETH THE SAYINGS OF THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK", Revelation 22:7 (1825). The New International Version translates Revelation 1:3 (1800) thus, "BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO READS THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY, AND BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR IT AND TAKE TO HEART WHAT IS WRITTEN IN IT, BECAUSE THE TIME IS NEAR".

In Revelation, Jesus is lovingly calling His sheep to follow Him. He provides the map and promises to lead them safely through the harrowing, confusing crises of the last days. But it is imperative to CHOOSE to follow Him. He will not force the issue. He simply invites us to follow. He says, "WHOSOEVER WILL, LET HIM TAKE OF THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY", Revelation 22:17 (1826).

At this closing Seminar we study "righteousness by faith". Righteousness comes only through faith in Jesus. There is no other source of righteousness and there is no other subject in the Bible so exciting. It is the prize at the end of the race, the dessert of the meal, the icing on the cake.

BEFORE WE PRAYERFULLY TAKE UP A STUDY OF THIS SPLENDID SUBJECT, LET'S REVIEW QUICKLY WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM OUR STUDY OF REVELATION: Look at Exhibit #1.

SALVATION BY FAITH

1. How is righteousness obtained? Romans 3:22 (1651)

Ans: "Even the _____ of God which is by _____ of Jesus _____".

2. Do my works contribute to salvation? Ephesians 2:8,9 (1715)

Ans: "For by grace are ye _____ through _____: and that _____ of yourselves: it is the _____ of God: not of _____, lest any man should _____".

OUR JUSTIFICATION

3. Salvation consists of three parts: JUSTIFICATION, SANCTIFICATION and GLORIFICATION. What does justification accomplish for me? Romans 3:24,25 (1651)

Ans: "Being justified . . . to declare His _____ for the _____ of sins that are _____".

NOTE: Justification removes all the sins of the past.

4. What must I do to receive justification or forgiveness for past sins? I John 1:9 (1790)

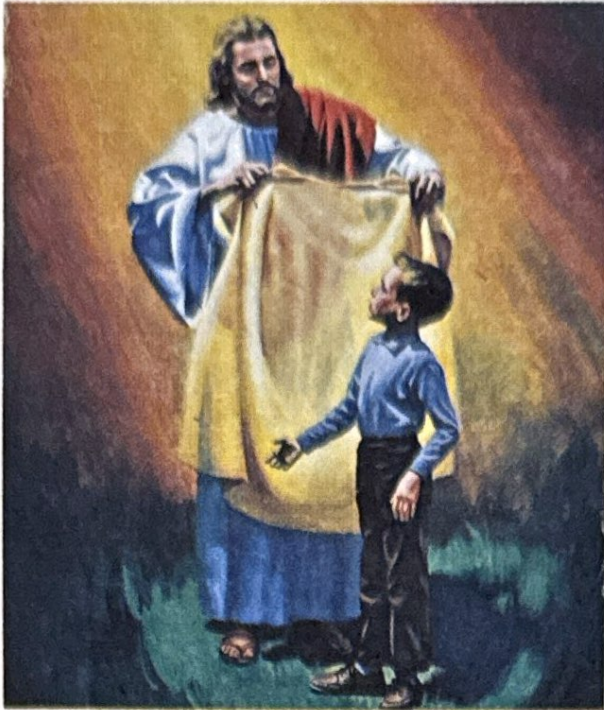
Ans: "If we _____ our sins, He is faithful and just to _____ us our sins, and to cleanse us from all _____".

NOTE: When I confess, He forgives all my sins of the past and cleanses me from all unrighteousness. This miracle takes place instantly. He, at once, COUNTS me righteous. In justification I am delivered from the PENALTY of sin on the spot.

5. What else is justification called? John 3:3 (1549)

Ans: "Except a man be _____, he cannot see the Kingdom of God".

NOTE: It is called the new birth or being born again because when justified I have no past. I start all over again as a newborn babe.



Jesus'
robe of
righteousness
is free.

OUR SANCTIFICATION

6. What is sanctification? I Thessalonians 4:3-12 (1735)

Ans: (vs. 4) — "That everyone of you _____ know how to
_____ his vessel in _____ and _____".

(vs. 7) — "For God hath not _____ us unto
_____ but unto _____".

NOTE: This passage says that sanctification is right living, or holiness.

7. How long does it take for a person to become fully sanctified? Ephesians 4:13 (1717)

Ans: "Till we _____ come in the _____ of the faith, and
of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man,
unto the _____ of the _____
of the _____ of _____".

NOTE: It is the work of a life-time. We keep maturing till we become fully like Christ. GROWTH is another name for sanctification. To be BORN is a wonderful miracle, but it is not enough. We must also GROW. JUSTIFICATION IS BIRTH. SANCTIFICATION IS GROWTH. It is a great tragedy when a baby is born but never grows. It is a great SPIRITUAL tragedy when a person experiences the new birth (justification) but never grows (sanctification).

8. How is sanctification accomplished? John 17:17 (1581)

Ans: " _____ them through thy _____:
thy _____ is truth".

NOTE: Sanctification takes place as we obey the word of God. I Peter 1:14-16,22 (1781) points out that people become "holy" and "purified" by obeying the truth. This holiness is sanctification. Sin is breaking God's law, I John 3:4 (1792). In sanctification, God delivers me from the POWER of sin. Sanctification is VICTORIOUS LIVING, I Corinthians 15:57 (1689); II Corinthians 2:14 (1693). And it is accomplished IN ME, by Jesus, I Corinthians 1:30 (1670).

9. Do I obey the word or does Jesus do it IN me? Romans 8:3,4 (1656)

Ans: "God sending His own Son . . . that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled _____ us".

NOTE: Jesus does it within me by His blessed Holy Spirit, John 14:16,17,18,26 (1567). JUSTIFICATION COUNTS me righteous. SANCTIFICATION actually MAKES me righteous. Both are miracles accomplished by Jesus for me and in me.

10. What does God ultimately accomplish in me through sanctification? Romans 8:29 (1657); Colossians 3:8-10 (1731)

Ans: "To be _____ to the _____ of His _____".

NOTE: We were made in God's image in the beginning, Genesis 1:26,27 (2). God's plan is to impart His righteousness to us until we are restored to that original image in which we were created. Acts 3:20,21 (1595) makes it clear that everything that Adam and Eve lost will be restored to the redeemed, including their holy characters. Sanctification accomplishes this character restoration. Praise God for such a fabulous arrangement.

SALVATION; PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

11. How does the Bible emphasize that salvation involves past, present and future? II Corinthians 1:10 (1691)

Ans: "Who _____ us from so great a death, and doth _____: in whom we trust that he will _____ us".

NOTE: Here is how the Bible presents it:

- a. **JUSTIFICATION** is conversion. It delivers us from sin's **PENALTY**.
- b. **SANCTIFICATION** is victorious living. It delivers daily from sin's **POWER**.
- c. **GLORIFICATION** (entering heaven) will deliver us from sin's **PRESENCE**.

This means that:

- a. God **HAS SAVED** us from sin's **PENALTY**¹ — **JUSTIFICATION**
- b. God **IS SAVING** us from sin's **POWER**² — **SANCTIFICATION**
- c. God **WILL SAVE** us from sin's **PRESENCE**³ — **GLORIFICATION**

Paul tells us that the gospel is the "power of God unto salvation", Romans 1:16 (1647). The gospel includes God's power to save us **PAST**, **PRESENT** and **FUTURE** from sin's **PENALTY**, **POWER** and **PRESENCE**. Any **GOSPEL** which does not include all of these is not the true gospel. And any **SALVATION** offered which ignores any of these is not salvation at all.

12. Is Jesus the sole basis for my salvation? Acts 4:12 (1598)

Ans: " _____ is there _____ in any _____:
for there is none other _____ under _____
given among _____, whereby we _____ be _____".

NOTE: Salvation is by Jesus, alone.

13. What part do I play in salvation? II Corinthians 8:12 (1698)

Ans: "If there be _____ a willing _____, it is
_____ according to that a man _____, and
not _____ to _____ he hath _____".

NOTE: My part is to willingly follow Him. I must crown Him Lord and let Him call signals in my life. He will work the miracles but I must be willing for Him to do it.

1. Romans 8:2-4 (1657)

2. I Corinthians 1:18 (1670); Acts 2:47 (1594) RSV

3. Matthew 24:13 (1439); Revelation 2:10 (1802) last part.



Jesus told Nicodemus
You must
be born
again.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH A NECESSITY

14. What, according to Isaiah, is the big problem of sin? Isaiah 53:6 (1089)

Ans: "We have _____ every one to his _____ way and God hath _____ on him the _____ of us all".

NOTE: Sin consists of me wanting to have my own way — be my own boss or Lord. Isaiah says it was this "sin" that killed Jesus.

15. How hard is it for me, sometimes, to let Jesus rule my life? Matthew 5:30 (1403).

Ans: "If thy _____ hand _____ thee, _____ it off".

NOTE: Giving up my own way and letting Jesus lead is, sometimes, as hard as cutting off my hand.

16. Can I lose salvation once I have received it? John 15:2 (1577)

Ans: "Every _____ in me that _____ not _____ he taketh _____".

NOTE: If I do not permit Jesus to impart sanctification to me (bear fruit) I will lose salvation. Fruit-bearing, or growth, is essential for retaining salvation.

SALVATION AND THE BOOK OF LIFE

17. Can my name be removed from the book of life once it has been written there? Revelation 22:19 (1826)

Ans: _____

NOTE: The names of all God's faithful appear in the book of life, Revelation 13:8 (1814). Those whose names are in the book of life will be the only ones permitted to enter God's new kingdom, Revelation 21:27 (1825). The Bible teaches that a Christian who turns away from God may have his name removed from the book of life and be lost, though he was once saved.

18. Can I be sure of salvation once I accept Jesus? Philipians 1:6 (1722)

NOTE: The promise is that Jesus who converts me, by a great miracle, will give me continued victory by a continued miracle. WE CAN BE SURE OF HIS PERFORMANCE IN US, WHICH GIVES FULL CONFIDENCE! Praise His wonderful name!

19. The Bible says to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling", Philippians 2:12 (1724). How do I accomplish this? Philippians 2:13 (1724)

Ans: "For it is _____ which _____ in you _____ to _____ and to _____ of His good _____".

NOTE: I work out my own salvation by turning my life over to Jesus who makes me desire to do right, and then, miraculously works out right doing within me by His indwelling Holy Spirit.



By beholding
we become
like Him.

JESUS OUR WONDERFUL SAVIOUR

20. What did the angels, the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures say when they reviewed Jesus' matchless plan of salvation? Revelation 5:12 (1806).

Ans: "_____ is the _____ that was _____".

NOTE: "Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share that we might be justified by His righteousness in which we had no share. He suffered the death that was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. With His stripes we are healed . . . It was Satan's purpose to bring about an eternal separation between God and man; but in Christ we become more closely united to God than if we had never fallen".*

NO WONDER THE ANGELS, ELDERS AND LIVING CREATURES SAID, "WORTHY IS THE LAMB!"

*Desire of Ages, p. 25, E. G. White, Pacific Press Publishing-1940

21. What is Jesus saying to all of us? Matthew 11:28-30 (1414)

Ans: " _____ unto _____ and I
will _____ you _____ "

NOTE: He promises peace, release and rest from the stress, heartaches, fears, burdens and guilt of life.

22. Will you accept that blessed peace and rest from His gracious hand today?

Ans: _____

