

## *“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”*

Acts 16:30

### **Learn The Gospel**

John 6:45; Romans 10:17; James 1:22-25

### **Believe On GOD In CHRIST**

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; James 2:14-26

### **Confess CHRIST**

Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33; 7:21

### **Repent Of Sin**

Acts 3:19; Matthew 3:8

### **Be Baptized Into CHRIST**

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:21

## *“Let The Word... Dwell In You Richly”*

Colossians 3:16

The current memory assignment is: *“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you”* (John 15:18).

Commit this to memory by reading it, writing it, listening to it, and reciting it.

# *“Sound Doctrine”*

Titus 2:1

## **HUMILITY**

Joshua Dailey

Many times at the start of a prayer you hear something to the effect “Our God, we humble ourselves before you,” and rightly so.

According to Merriam-Webster, “humble” means 1: not proud or haughty : not arrogant or assertive and 2: reflecting, expressing, or offered in a spirit of deference or submission.

Some things for consideration:

Jesus was humble. Paul and Timothy write in Philippians 2:9 *“And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross”*.

The humble will be rewarded. *“Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for ‘God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble’”* (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:5). We also know that the humble will be exalted while *“whoever exalts himself will be humbled”* (Matthew 23:12). Those who were sick and fell to Jesus' feet were humbling themselves before Him, exalting Him and professing his authority, and were healed (Matthew 15:30, Mark 7:25-29).

The opposite of humility is pride, which is resisted by God (James 4:6). *“For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents,*

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## *“The Assembling Of Ourselves Together”*

Hebrews 10:24-25

### **Sunday**

10:15 am.....Worship

Las Vegas Library

833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

### **Wednesday**

7:00 pm.....Various Studies

Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

### **Friday**

7:00 pm.....Ladies' Study

Alexis Barajas residence

## *“Give Attention To Reading”*

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:13

Sunday.....Galatians 3-5

Monday...Gal. 6-Ephesians 2

Tuesday.....Ephesians 3-5

Wednesday.....Eph. 6-Phil. 2

Thursday.....Phil. 3-Col. 1

Friday.....Colossians 2-4

Saturday.....1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 1-3

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Romans 16:16

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# THE SIMPLICITY OF THE GOSPEL

Robert Hines, adapted

In the early nineteenth century "Raccoon" John Smith, a pioneer American preacher, was speaking of the plainness of the gospel of Christ compared to the many and varied systems of men's religion. He was handed a note from the audience which said, "If the gospel is so plain as you say it is, why do you have to labor so hard to get people to understand it?"

Smith replied, "I have often prepared ground in the wilderness for a turnip patch, and though I had the kindest of soil, and the best seed, and the sowing was easy, I never got top or root till I took my axe and hoe and briar knife and went in and whacked and grubbed and cleared the ground. The Lord knows that I do not esteem it hard to preach the gospel to those who are prepared to receive it, but it is labor indeed to root out prejudice, and cut out systems, and clear away sectarian trash that cumbers the minds and hearts of the people".

God told Jeremiah *"to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant"* (Jeremiah 1:9-10).

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*unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"* (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:2-5). Such are even *"deserving of death"* (Romans 1:28-32).

A practical example of humility is not adding or taking away from God's word. By adding or subtracting from God's word, you are doing an arrogant thing: putting your wisdom over that of God's, *"Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men"* (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:25). *"For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book"* (Revelation 22:18-19).

# "THE PHARISEES WERE OFFENDED"

Bryan Matthew Dockens

Visitors to our assemblies and studies sometimes fault us for what they call "denomination bashing", by which they mean we criticize denominations.

If "denomination bashing" is wrong, Jesus was guilty. He said, *"Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees"* (Matthew 16:6, 11). *"Leaven"* here referred to *"doctrine"* (Matthew 16:12). Since the Pharisees and Sadducees were the prominent religious sects of the day, His remarks are like modern comments warning of the doctrine of the Pentecostals, Baptists, and the Christian Church denomination.

Concern is expressed that visitors to our assemblies from these denominations would be offended by such remarks. **Jesus was told the same thing.** *"Then His disciples came and said to Him, 'Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?' But He answered and said, 'Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch'"* (Matthew 15:12-14). When truth is contrasted with error, those who practice error are likely to take offense, but that does not diminish our responsibility to shine the light and reprove darkness.

Those who truly love the truth will overcome the error they practice. *"There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, 'Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him'"* (John 3:1-2). Despite the Lord "bashing" his "denomination", Nicodemus managed to conclude that Jesus spoke the truth. Methodists, Episcopalians, and Presbyterians who hear the truth presented in contrast to the error they practice can likewise learn and obey the truth.

We intend no unkindness toward those who practice the errors we reprove, but we reprove them nonetheless, for we would rather save souls while wounding feelings than spare feelings at the expense of anyone's salvation.