**2.) Salvation & The Consequences of Sin**

 **Text: I John 5:1-13,**

**What is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**

• Salvation is not only getting man out of the earth into heaven but getting God out of heaven into man through His Spirit.

• To know that every sin is forgiven and buried in God’s grave of forgetfulness.

• Jesus through the Holy Spirit comes to live in man / woman to give peace, power and purpose.

• It means at death, or the return of Christ, we go home to heaven forever.

 **Begins with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Birth I John 5:1, John 3:1-7,**

**•** The new birth will not happen without our **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

• The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**brings conviction and we then **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to Jesus.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is Produced in the New Birth**

• In the natural we receive our natural character from our Parents.

• At the new birth we receive a new being with a divine nature

• We are saved not of works, not of self, but of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Eph. 2:8-9, God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.**

**This is because of The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God:**

• The characteristics of God’s love – His unmerited favor for sinners such as us who deserve judgment. God’s riches at Christ’s expense.

**What is Faith? Forsaking All I Trust Him,**

• Faith is laying hold of God’s grace extending your sin stained hand out to God in need of His grace / salvation.

• Faith is not an intellectual belief it is a commitment.

• Forsaking all I trust Him, forsaking dependence on my good intentions, my good deeds and my own sense of self-worth.

**The Birthmarks of a Believer:**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Test: I John 2:3-6,**

• You are not saved by keeping commandments because you are not saved by works, but if you’re saved you will keep His commandments.

• God’s commandments will guide you because you desire to keep God’s word.

• If you are born again you will not sin. John is talking of habitual sin. He states that a born-again believer doesn’t make it a practice, a lifestyle or a habit to sin.

• This person has no conviction, no contrition, and no disquietude yet says he is a Christian is a liar because you are not.

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Test: I John 3:14-15,**

• Love, the person that doesn’t love his / her brother / sister does not

• Love is the nature of God & should be a characteristic of His children.

• To neglect Jesus is to neglect His church; to love Jesus is to love His church.

**The\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Test: I John 5:10,**

Biblical belief (confidence) is not an intellectual exercise, you do not believe about Jesus you believe **in** Jesus

**Witness of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: I John 5:10,**

* The witness of the spirit is not an emotional feeling. Your emotions are the shallowest part of your nature. #Don’t trust your emotions!
* It is an inner awareness in your spirit with a quiet confidence you belong to Jesus.

**Witness of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: I John 5:11–13,**

**•** The witness of the spirit and the word gives us assurance /certainty that we are saved.

**Questions To Ponder**

* What could be some doubts pertaining to your salvation?
* What would you identify as the main culprits behind your most habitual slip ups?
* How do you intend to keep growing in your Christian walk of faith?

**The Consequences of Sin in a Christian:**

**Sin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Soul: Read Psalms 51**

**Sin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Mind:**

* The Holy Spirit will not let you forget it; his consciousness reverberates through your spirit.
* Sin will show up in your subconscious mind as an irritable temper, inability to concentrate, sleepless nights and lack of joy.
* You will experience two kinds of wounds in your soul: **guilt and sorrow.**

**Sin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord:**

* David sinned against his family, his wife and children, and the nation as king, but David also saw his sin as an affront to Almighty God.
* When he realized God saw his sin and had broken His heart, he cried my God I have sinned against you.
* The most miserable person is not the lost but the person out of fellowship with God. It only takes one sin to take your joy from your heart.

**Sin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Body:**

* Sin without repentance can make your body sick. God will not toss you off; He will squeeze tight until you repent.
* If you feel the squeeze it’s a sign that indicates if you are saved or not. If you feel the squeeze, it means the Holy Spirit is dealing with you. No squeeze you are not born again.

**Sin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit:**

• A critical and judgmental spirit defies the spirit of God in you.

• A backslider has a sour, vile finding fault spirit.

• People out of fellowship are quick to find fault with others.

**Sin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Testimony:**

• A joyful spirit sings unto the Lord.

• A person that has sin in his life doesn’t have joy, isn’t happy, isn’t in fellowship and does not praise.

• Sin in the Christian dirties the soul, dominates the mind, disgraces the body, defiles the spirit and destroys the testimony.

• Is it possible for a Christian to sin and not suffer? No, the most miserable person on earth is the Christian out of fellowship with God.

**Cleansing Of Sin In The Life Of A Christian:** *2 Steps*

**1.** **Have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:** Rom. 5:8;

**2.** **Make** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:** Psalm 51: 2-3; acknowledge your sin / transgression and confess. God will never accept an alibi for sin. Jesus died for sin. **I John 1:9**

 **Know the difference between Accusation and Conviction:**

 **• \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is dredging up sin that has been forgiven** or feeling bad about something without giving it a name.

 **• \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is what the Holy Spirit does and it’ is specific**.

It is what you have done, **calls it by name** and wants you to confess and be cleaned.

 **• The Devil accuses, but the Holy Spirit convicts.**

 **~The devil dredges up and accuses about the sin that has been confessed** and he tries to make you feel guilty (if you let him) for no reason.

 **~ The Holy Spirit will convict you about unconfessed sin in your life.** He does so to bring you to a place of repentance.

**3. Allow the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: I John 1:7,9; Isaiah 1:18; Ps. 51:2,**

God gives you a spiritual bath, He cleanses the inside, the blood of Jesus cleanses us of all sin.

**4. Allow for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:** **Psalm 51:12-15,**

 God restores us and puts us back on the track of service.