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## Lesson 1

### ON PLEASING GOD

1. Genesis 1:1; 26-27; Matthew 25:46; Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14. Does the bible answer the questions: (1) Where did man come from? (2) Is there life after death? and (3) What is man's purpose on earth?
2. Hebrews 11: 6. Can you please God without believing Him and seeking to do His will?

### ON GOD'S COMMUNICATION WITH MAN

3. 2 Peter 1: 21; 2 Timothy 3: 16-17. Did the men who wrote the Bible write simply from their own observation and experience?
4. Hebrews 1: 1-2. Did God at one time speak through the Old Testament prophets? Does God speak to man today through His Son?

### ON DIFFERENT BELIEFS

5. Matthew 28: 18-20; John 14: 6. Does the fact that there are different races nations indicate the He approves of different religions?
6. John 4: 23-25; Matthew 15: 9. Will God accept whatever man chooses to do in worship? Is it possible for our worship to be in vain?
7. I John 3: 4. Can we determine what sin is without some law?

8. John 17: 20-21. Does Jesus want unity among His followers in our age?

### **ON THE GOSPEL**

9. Romans 1: 16. Does the gospel of Christ possess the power to save?

10. Romans 3: 23. Is there a universal need for the saving power of the gospel?

11. Galatians 1: 6-9. Are we free to change the gospel in some particulars?

12. Luke 18: 29-30; I Timothy 4: 8. Besides teaching how to obtain eternal life, does the Bible also teach us how to find fulfillment in this life?

### **ON THE JUDGMENT**

13. Matthew 7: 13-14. Will the majority of the world be saved eternally?

14. Matthew 10: 32-33. When Jesus comes again will he deny anyone before His Father?

15. Matthew 7: 21. Will everyone who accepts Jesus simply by calling Him "Lord" enter into the kingdom of heaven?

16. Philippians 2: 12; Hebrews 9: 27. After death, is it possible for someone to work out your salvation for you?

17. 1 Thessalonians 4: 16 - 5: 3. Can any man prophesy the day and the hour when Jesus will come again?

18. I Corinthians 15: 50-57. Does the Bible show how the fear of death can be changed in a personal victory?

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## Lesson 2

### ON THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW

1. Hebrews 8: 6-8. Did the first covenant have fault? Finding fault with it, did God seek a place for a second?
2. Colossians 2: 14. Were the ordinances of the law taken out of the way when Christ died on the cross?
3. Ephesians 2: 15-16. Did Christ abolish the law of commandments in order to reconcile both Jew and Gentile in His one body?
4. Romans 7: 6-7. Are we now delivered from the law?
5. 1 Corinthians 9: 20-21. If we are not under the law of Moses, does this mean that we are without law to God (that is, not under any law)?
6. Galatians 3: 23-25. Before faith came, were men living under the law of Moses? Is the law called a schoolmaster to lead us to Christ? Are we still under the schoolmaster now that faith has come? Are we still under the Old Testament law?
7. John 12: 48. Will you be judged by the word of Christ in the judgment? Will you be judged by the words of Mohammed, Joseph Smith, Mary Baker Eddy, Martin Luther or any other man in the last day? If we follow the teaching of men, what does this say about our faith in Jesus Christ?

**ON THE VALUE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**

8. Ephesians 3: 3-5. Were the New Testament scriptures written so a person can read and understand what God's will is? Do you think that this is your personal responsibility?
  
9. 2 Timothy 3: 16-17. Are inspired scriptures (or writings) sufficient to furnish man thoroughly and completely to all good works?
  
10. John 16: 13 Did Jesus promise the apostles in the first century that they would be guided into all truth?
  
11. 2 Peter 1: 3. Did the first century Christians lack anything that pertained unto life and godliness?
  
12. 1 Peter 1: 23-25. Was the word of the Lord (the gospel) to pass away after being revealed? If all of God's truth was revealed in the New Testament and abides today, do we need additional revelation today?
  
13. Hebrews 8: 8-13. Is it your understanding that the New Testament is God's complete law to guide us in our age and that you are now living under that law? Does this make the Old Testament any less truthful?

**ON GOD'S GRACE**

14. Romans 3: 21-31. Does anyone merit salvation? Could anyone merit salvation by obedience to the law of Moses? Will anyone be able to claim salvation on the basis of their good deeds?
  
  15. Luke 17: 9-10. Even if we had the heart and mind to do everything that God tells us to do today, could we take credit for that?
  
  16. Titus 3: 4-7. Are we saved by the works that we do ourselves?
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17. Titus 3: 8. Are we to be careful to maintain good works? Should they be the works commanded by God or the works invented by men?

18. Ephesians 2:8-9. Is salvation of ourselves? Is salvation of our works? Is salvation a gift of God?

19. Ephesians 2:10. If we have been created in Christ Jesus, is it for good works? Was it man or God who prepared these works?

20. (?????????????) Is there any scripture in the bible that teaches that man is saved without doing anything? Can you give an example of a biblical character who was saved without doing anything (see Hebrews 11)? Do the scriptures above teach that there are no conditions to our salvation?

21. Joshua 6: 2, 17. Prior to the conquest of Jericho, did God state that he had already given it to them? Was Jericho a free gift of God to the Children of Israel?

22. Joshua 6. If the Children of Israel had not been obedient to the commands of God, would he still have given it to them? Does their obedience make it any less a free gift?

23. Mark 10: 29-30. Is there any service which we can give to God for which we will not receive more than we give? Is there any way that we can earn or justify our salvation?



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## Lesson 3

### ON LOVE AND OBEDIENCE

1. Matthew 22: 37. Must we love God with all our hearts to be saved?
2. 1 John 5: 3-4. Will loving God produce a definite change in our lives?
3. Romans 6: 17-18. Can you be "free from sin" without having "obeyed from the heart" God's form of doctrine."
4. Matthew 7: 21-23. Did Jesus say you could be saved by doing the will of men? Did Jesus say you could be saved by doing the will of God? Will some who have been sincere in their religious practices be lost because the practices were not according to the will of God?
5. Hebrews 5: 8-9. Is Jesus the author of eternal salvation even to those who do not obey Him? Is it your understanding that you must obey Him to be saved?
6. 2 Thessalonians 1: 7-8. Can people obtain salvation who do not obey the gospel?

### ON GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

7. John 6: 44-46. Can a person be saved who refuses to hear, be taught, and learn the word of truth?
8. John 3: 16; John 8: 24. Must you believe in Jesus in order to have everlasting life?
9. Romans 10:17. Can a person believe if he refuses to hear the word of Christ?

10. Luke 13: 3; Acts 17: 30-31. Is repentance the natural result of one's belief?
  
11. 2 Corinthians 7: 10; Matthew 3: 8. Is genuine repentance more than being sorry? Can being truly sorry before God for sin lead to repentance? Should one bear the fruit of a changed life after repentance?
  
12. Matthew 10: 32-33. If you believe and repent but will not confess Jesus before men (that is, be willing to state your belief that He is the Son of God), can you be saved?
  
13. Romans 10: 9-10. Must you confess Jesus with your mouth in order to please God?
  
14. Mark 16: 15-16. Is baptism to result from belief (faith)?
  
15. Acts 2: 38. Is baptism commanded to those who have repented?
  
16. Acts 8: 36-37. Is baptism a natural result and part of confession?
  
17. 1 Peter 3: 21. Does baptism place a person in a saved condition before God?
  
18. Given the biblical definition of these words, does God's word teach that a person must hear, believe, repent, confess and be baptized to be saved?

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## Lesson 4

### ON SIN AND ITS SOLUTION

1. Isaiah 59: 1-2; Romans 3: 23. Does sin separate man from God and His favor? Have all sinned?
2. Luke 19: 10; Romans 1: 16. Did Jesus, the Son of man, come to save man from sin?
3. Mark 16: 15-16. Is the gospel for all nations and races? Does the gospel say man must both believe and be baptized to be saved?

### ON BAPTISM

4. Acts 2: 36-41. Does being "pricked in their hearts" indicate they believed? When these sinners asked what they must do, were they told that there was nothing they could do? Were they commanded to repent and be baptized for the remission of their sins? Did those who gladly received the word refuse to be baptized?
5. Acts 22: 16; 1 Peter 3: 18-21. Was baptism commanded because sin was already washed away? Does baptism have anything to do with saving a person?
6. Acts 8: 36-39. Did this man confess faith in Jesus before being baptized? Was this example of Bible baptism a baptism in water? Did both Philip and the eunuch both go down into the water? Does this indicate that Philip immersed the eunuch?
7. Romans 6: 3-4; Colossians 2: 12. Was Paul buried with Christ in baptism? Would you be pleasing God to be baptized as Paul and the eunuch were? Is it God's will for men to substitute sprinkling or pouring for baptism?

8. Acts 2: 41, 47. Does the Lord immediately add those who are baptized to the saved?
9. James 2: 24; Acts 2: 47. Since "faith only" does not justify, would the Lord add anyone to His church who claims salvation by "faith only?"

### **ON DIVISIONS AND DENOMINATIONS**

10. Ephesians 4: 4-6. Does the Bible teach there are many valid baptisms? Does the Bible teach there is one body, just as there is one Lord and one God?
11. Ephesians 1: 22-23. Is the one body the same as the church?
12. John 17: 20-21. Were God and Jesus divided in any way? Is Jesus concerned when there is division in His church?
13. 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13. Are we permitted to speak different things in religious matters from that which was spoken by the authority of Christ? Was Christ pleased when some called themselves after Paul, Apollos, and Cephas? Is Christ pleased with the division of the denominational system today where some are called after men and others after various doctrines rather than after Christ?

### **ON CORRECT DESIGNATIONS**

14. Acts 11: 26; 26: 28; 1 Peter 4: 16. Were the disciples called Christians in the New Testament? Is it right to be called a Paulite Christian, an Apollosite Christian, or a Cephasite Christian?
15. Matthew 16: 18; Acts 20: 28; Romans 16: 16. Does the church belong to Christ? Have any group of men paid a purchase price for the church so that it belongs to them? Were several congregations called "churches of Christ?"

16. Acts 2: 36-41, 47. When these believed, repented and were baptized, did the Lord save and add them to His church? Did He add them to some man-made denomination? If you believe, repent, confess and are immersed for the remission of sins, will the Lord save and add you to His church? Would he add you to some man-made denomination?

### **ON THE LORD'S SUPPER, GIVING**

17. Matthew 26: 26-29. Does Jesus indicate that the Lord's Supper would be in His kingdom (or church)? Were the disciples to partake of both "the bread" and "the fruit of the vine?"

18. 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26. Will His church proclaim the Lord's death by observing this supper "till he comes" again? If you were in His church, is it God's will that you regularly partake of the Lord's supper?

19. Acts 20: 7. Did the early Christians observe the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week (Sunday)? Should Christians today fail to observe this supper or change it to another day?

20. 1 Corinthians 16: 1-2. Did the church at Corinth meet and give into the treasury on the same day, the first day of the week? Was this a regular day of assembling for the church?



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## Lesson 5

### ON THE CHRISTIAN'S PERSISTENCE

1. Romans 12: 1-2. Should a Christian's life be conformed to this world?
2. Ephesians 4: 22-24; 1 Corinthians 6: 9-11. Should there be a change in life upon becoming a Christian?
3. Acts 2: 42; Matthew 6: 33. Were early Christians characterized by steadfastness in their worship and service to God? Should all Christians have this same steadfastness?
4. Philippians 2: 12. Would Jesus expect you to continue to obey His will?
5. Hebrews 10: 25. Is it right for Christians to forsake assembling together for periods of worship?
6. 2 Timothy 2: 15; 3: 16. Is it God's will that you study and come to a richer knowledge of His truth?
7. Romans 12: 12. Should prayer be a regular part of your life?
8. 1 Peter 2: 1-2. Does the Lord desire for you to grow spiritually?
9. Hebrews 3: 12-14; Revelation 2: 10. After becoming a Christian, must you remain steadfast unto the end to be eternally saved?

**ON WORSHIP AND DOCTRINAL SOUNDNESS**

10. John 4: 23-24. Can you worship God any way you choose and please Him? Must your worship be both "in spirit" (from the inner person or heart) and "in truth" (according to the teaching of God's word)?

11. Ephesians 5: 19; Colossians 3: 16. Does God require that you both sing and make melody in your heart? Do any passages in the New Testament mention a mechanical instrument of music? Are we commanded to speak to, teach, and admonish one another while singing? Can a mechanical instrument of music do these things?

12. Colossians 3: 17; 2 John 9. Is it permissible to do some things that we cannot do in the name of the Lord (by His authority)? If we do not abide in the doctrine of Christ, do we please God? Would you be abiding in the doctrine of Christ if you added: (1) potatoes to the Lord's supper? or (2) a piano to the singing?

13. Revelation 22: 18-19; Deuteronomy 4: 2, 1 Peter 4:11. Does God warn us not to add to or take away from His word?

14. Galatians 1: 6-9. Does it remove (separate) us from God if we follow after an altered gospel? If one preaches a different gospel, is he accursed? Understanding this, would you want to teach anyone that you love anything other than what you can read in the New Testament? Is there any worse thing that you can do to someone than to lead them to believe that they are saved when in fact they are not?

**ON THE PLAN OF SALVATION**

15. Titus 1: 2; 1 Peter 1: 4. Does the Christian's hope pertain only to this present life? Is the inheritance of a Christian reserved for him in heaven?

16. James 1: 22; James 4: 17. Is there any value to hearing the word of God if we do not become a doer of His will?

17. 1 John 5: 3; John 14: 15. If you love God and Jesus, will you obey their commandments.

18. Does Jesus want you to:

Believe on Him? John 3: 16; John 8: 24

Repent of sins? Luke 13: 3; Acts 17: 30

Confess belief in Jesus as the Son of God? Matthew 10: 32; Romans 10: 9-10

Be baptized for the remission of sins? Mark 16: 16; Acts 2: 38

*Have you done these things for Jesus?*

19. Acts 2: 47. If you do these things will the Lord add you to the saved, His church?

20. Acts 16: 25; 30-34. Did the jailor obey the gospel by being baptized immediately?

21. James 4: 13-15. Is there danger in delaying obedience to the Lord?

22. Acts 22: 16. Was Paul admonished not to delay but to be baptized and wash away his sins? Should you also be baptized and wash away your sins now?

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