

LESSON # 3
THE RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH GOD WANTS EVERY
BELIEVER TO FULFILL

I. GOD WANTS THOSE WHO ARE SAVED TO CONFESS CHRIST BEFORE OTHERS.

A. Confessing Christ before others is something we should

not be _____ to do (Rom. 10:11;

Heb. 13,12,13).

B. Confessing Christ before others assures us that Christ

will one day _____ us before the Father

(Matt. 10:32,33).

C. Failure to confess Christ before others is indicative of

those who appear to believe but they are _____

(Jn. 12:42,43).

D. One of the first ways we should confess Christ before

others is to go forward in a church service when an

_____ is given. At this time the

new believer can tell when and where he accepted Christ

as his personal Saviour.

II. GOD WANTS THOSE WHO ARE SAVED TO OBEY THE LORD'S COMMANDS CONCERNING BAPTISM

- A. Baptism is a _____ which the Lord Jesus has given to all those who believe (Matt. 28:19,20; Mark 16:16). When the believer is baptized he is taking the first step of _____ to Christ (Jn. 14:15).
- B. Baptism identifies the believer with _____ in His death, burial, and resurrection. When the believer is immersed in water it pictures to others what has taken place in his heart and life. This says he is dead and buried to his former way of life and is now risen to live a new life in Christ (Rom. 6:4).
- C. Baptism is only for _____. For this reason it is meaningless to baptize babies or those who cannot or do not believe. The Bible always mentions baptism in connection with those who believe and are saved (Acts 2:41; 8:12,37,38).
- D. Baptism can only be carried out in one manner to illustrate the believer's spiritual death, burial, and resurrection with Christ (Rom. 6:4; Acts 8:38,39). This

is by _____ in water.

E. Baptism does not wash away sin and has no saving power.

If baptism saved then salvation would be the results of our own act. The Scriptures teach us that we're saved by _____ (Eph. 2:8.,9) and that only the _____ of Jesus can wash away sin (Heb. 9:22; Rev. 1:5).

III. GOD WANTS THOSE WHO ARE SAVED TO JOIN A LOCAL CHURCH AND BE FAITHFUL IN ATTENDANCE.

A. Joining a local church follows the _____ laid down for believers in the New Testament (Acts 2:41).

B. The church to join should follow certain principles.

1. First it should be involved in carrying out the _____ which Christ gave to the church (Matt. 28:19,20).

2. Secondly it should be preaching and teaching the _____ as the only rule for faith and practice (II Tim. 3:16,17; II Tim. 4:2,3; I Cor. 1:21;

Rom. 10:17).

3. Next it should preach and teach salvation by

_____ through faith in the shed

_____ of Christ (Eph. 2:8,9;

Rom. 3:24-26).

4. The church to join should be an independent autonomous

body of believers who are led and governed by the Lord

as its only _____ (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22,23).

5. A good slogan of preaching which is indicative of a

good church is "preaching the _____, the

_____ and the _____ hope.

Someone has said a good church will be characterized

by preaching in 4 areas - salvation, sanctification,

soul-winning, and the Second Coming of Christ.

C. Attending a local church faithfully is what is

_____ (Heb. 10:25). Faithfulness in

assembling is also the _____ that believers

followed in the early church (Acts 2:46).

IV. GOD WANTS THOSE WHO ARE SAVED TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE LORD'S WORK.

A. Supporting the Lord's work is to be done through the

_____ and _____ of God's people (Mal. 3:10; III Jn. 7).

B. Giving a tithe (ten percent) is the way we _____

the Lord and acknowledge Him as the source of all that we are blessed to receive (Prov. 3:9; I Cor. 4:7; Jas. 1:17).

C. Honoring God by giving a tithe will insure spiritual,

physical, and financial blessings upon your life. Failure to give God a tithe is to _____ Him and to _____ Him (Mal. 3:8; I Sam. 2:30).

D. Supporting the Lord's work is to be done on a _____

basis by giving your tithes in your local church (I Cor. 16:2).

E. Being faithful to tithe on the substance God gives us is

a _____ for God to trust us with spiritual opportunities and stewardships (Lk. 16:10,11).

V. GOD WANTS THOSE WHO ARE SAVED TO REMEMBER WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR THEM THROUGH OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

A. In observance of the Lord's supper the believer is

reminded of the _____ and _____
_____ of Christ by the broken bread and the cup
(I Cor. 11:23-25).

B. In observing the Lord's supper believers are to

_____ themselves and deal with any _____
in their lives to prevent God from chastening them
(I Cor. 11:28,32).

C. Observance of the Lord's supper is for _____

only because it is a memorial of the believer's
redemption (I Cor. 11:26).

VI. GOD WANTS THOSE WHO ARE SAVED TO WITNESS TO OTHERS AND SHARE WITH THEM WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE IN THEIR LIVES.

A. Telling others of what Christ has done is illustrated in

the lives of many _____ in the N.T.

(Jn. 4:28,29; 9:24,25; 1:40-42; Acts 22:4-10; 26:9-20).

B. Telling others of what Christ has done is something that
believers are _____ to do (Acts 5:20;
Mark 5:18-20).

C. Notice God has given believers the _____ to
witness through the Holy Spirit who indwells them
(Acts 1:8; 5:32). When the believer is _____
(or controlled) by the Holy Spirit he will have the
boldness to tell others of what Christ has done
(Acts 4:8-12,31; 7:55,56).