



Global College of Ministry

EXPLAIN

The Christian and Believing

Destination Unknown

“For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you” (Acts 17:23).

Do you know where you are going?

A man named Huxley, having finished another series of public attacks against Christians, was in a hurry to catch a train that would take him to the next city. He left the hotel, jumped into the taxi, settled back, and closed his eyes to rest for a couple of minutes.

He assumed the driver had been told the destination by the hotel doorman so when he got in all he said was, “Hurry...I’m almost late...Drive fast!”

The taxi rushed through the streets of the city. Before long the man glanced out the window and frowned as he realized they were going west away from the sun, not toward it. Leaning forward the man shouted, “Do you know where you are going?”

Without looking back the driver yelled, “No, your honor, but I am going fast!”

This story humorously depicts the situation many people find themselves in; going nowhere, fast, and not realizing it. Peter exhorted in Acts 2:40, “Save yourselves from this untoward generation.” We need to save ourselves from a generation that is going nowhere.

In Athens there were more idols than all the rest of Greece put together. It was estimated that there were more than 30,000 statues in Athens. Here they were seekers of any new doctrine that would come their way. They treated religion like they would a market where they could pick up what they wanted. These people conformed instead of being transformed. They had no burden for souls and played the part of a modern day Pharisee. They sought pleasure only. They were superstitious and religious but still did not know God.

In many countries there is a church on every corner. People use religious terms in their everyday speech. Signboards and bumper stickers on cars proclaim a knowledge and form of godliness but deny the power thereof (2 Timothy 3:5).

While others are looking for some new thing, we need to return to the original. There are those who are sincerely seeking for salvation and we must tell them the truth of Acts 2:38. Their destination must be clear!

A story is told of a terrible storm that was raging across the eastern part of the United States, making the progress of the train difficult. Among the passengers was a woman with a child,

who was concerned lest she get off at the wrong station. A gentleman, seeing her anxiety, said: "Do not worry, I know the road well, and I will tell you when you come to your station."

In due course the train stopped at the station before the one at which the woman wanted to get off.

"The next station will be yours," said the gentleman.

As they went on, in a few minutes the train stopped.

"Now is your turn, Madam. Get out quickly!"

The woman took up the child and thanking the man, she left the train. At the next stop, the brakeman called out the name of the station where the woman had wished to get off.

"You have already stopped at this station," called the man to the brakeman.

"No sir," he replied, "something was wrong with the engine, and we stopped for a few moments to repair it!"

"Oh, no" cried the other man, "I put that woman off in the storm when the train stopped between stations."

As they went back they found the lady dead (frozen to death in the storm) with the child lifeless in her arms. It was the mistake of wrong directions being given.

Still more terrible is the result of misdirecting souls. We must preach the original salvation message given to Peter in Acts 2:38:

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Paul would have understood the situation at Athens for he had also suffered from misguided direction and devotion. He had persecuted the church, held coats while Stephen was stoned, and locked up church members in prison. One day his direction changed while moving fast on the Road to Damascus. The Lord was able to catch his attention by blinding him! His destination became known.

Study Questions

1. What is the major question put forth in this lesson? _____

Believing is Seeing

“And his name, through faith in his name, hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.”
(Acts 3:16)

A man hung a cable across the wide expanse of a large waterfall. He was able to walk across and back without falling into the depths below. Next he walked back and forth pushing a wheelbarrow. To everyone’s surprise he was able to achieve this without any difficulty at all. The watching people burst into applause. The story reveals that a five-year-old boy was standing nearby. The man looked at the boy and asked *“Boy, I’m going to push this wheelbarrow back across the rope. Do you believe that I can do it?”*

“Oh, yes!” said the boy with confidence.

“You mean that you have that type of faith in me? You really believe that I can do it?”

“Oh, yes, I really do!” responded the little boy.

“Okay, son, jump in the wheelbarrow and let me push you across.”

Now that was a different story. The boy refused to get into the wheelbarrow. We also believe that God can do some tremendous miracles until He asks us to get inside the wheelbarrow as He crosses danger zones. It is during these times that we must trust Him to push us to the other side.

This is much like the Bible account of Jesus telling his close friends, “Let us go over unto the other side...” (Luke 8:22). As they were sailing on the lake a great storm came and the disciples were so afraid that they woke Jesus up saying, “Master, we perish.” Jesus rebuked the storm and it became calm. He asked them, “Where is your faith?” Before we can understand where our faith is, we must first understand what faith is.

What is Faith?

The word “faith” is found twice in the Old Testament and two hundred and forty five times in the New Testament.

The Biblical definition of faith is found in Hebrews 11:1. “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” This chapter gives many examples of Biblical faith put into practice by people mentioned throughout the Bible. In fact, Hebrews 11 is commonly

referred to as the “Faith Chapter”, and the characters mentioned in this chapter are sometimes recognized as part of “Faith’s Hall of Fame.” In each example given, faith shaped the way that they looked at their future.

This encourages us to realize that we can be sure of what we hope for, and convinced of what we cannot see. We do not walk by sight, we walk by faith. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

The Bible makes it clear that the just shall live by faith. (Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38)

There are those that say, like doubting Thomas, “I’ll never believe it until I see it.” However, we will never see it until we believe it! God desires for us to believe and have faith, which is the evidence of things not seen.

Many say, “Seeing is believing!” According to the Word of God believing is seeing. Faith does not have to see before it believes. It counts the things done that it asks from God. Through this type of faith we receive all of our needs in life, both physical and spiritual.

L. Oswald Sanders said, “Faith enables the believing soul to treat the future as present, and the invisible as seen.”

Did you know that faith has eyes? “...Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1)

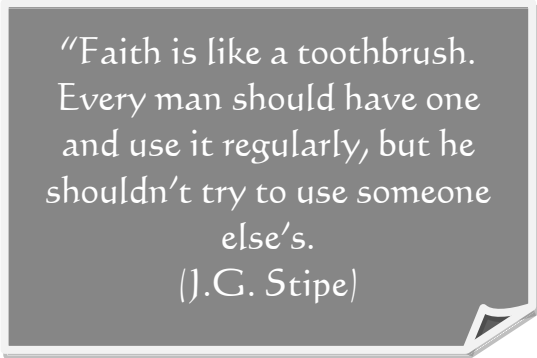
Men of Faith

- ❑ Noah built the ark before he ever saw the rains. It had never rained on the earth before. He built the boat in the middle of dry land. He acted on something he couldn’t see. As a result his family was saved and all others lost.
- ❑ Abraham believed he would be a father way before his wife ever got pregnant at an old age. This was after he had left his homeland, not even knowing where he was going. He just trusted the one who said for him to go.
- ❑ It was by faith that the children of God walked through the Red Sea. When the Egyptians tried it; they drowned. Moses had the people of God sprinkle blood on the doorposts so that the death angel would not touch them. This was by faith.

Faith is confidence or the trust that we have that something is going to happen. It is a life-shaping attitude toward God as the supplier of all our needs.

One day, Jesus came to his disciples walking on the water. Peter requested that the Lord ask him to come and walk on the water also. Jesus said, "Come" and Peter took the step of faith, and started walking on the water. What a tremendous miracle! But when Peter saw that the wind was "boisterous", he became afraid and started to sink. Jesus pulled him up out of the water and said, "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" (Matthew 14:31)

Abraham is an excellent example of faith. In Romans 4 we find that he was never weak in faith. He did not waver through unbelief and did not consider his old age or his wife. He was strong in faith, and was fully persuaded that God had the power to do what he had promised. Sometimes we may not realize how, why, when, or where God will do it, but we can be fully persuaded that God will do what He has promised. Abraham is considered to be the "Father of Faith." Abraham was even called "Father" before he ever became a father. When things looked hopeless, he believed anyway. He decided not to live on the basis of what he saw he couldn't do but what he saw God would do. Therefore, he was made a father of many people. "...You're going to have a big family, Abraham!"



"Abraham didn't focus on his own impotence and say, 'It's hopeless. This one hundred-year-old body could never father a child.' Nor did he survey Sarah's decades of infertility and give up. He didn't tiptoe around God's promise asking cautiously skeptical questions. He plunged into the promise and came up strong, ready for God, sure that God would make good what he had said." (The Message, Eugene Peterson)

Every Christian must have faith in God. The writer of Hebrews states, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

Our faith is in Jesus Christ . . . "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." (Hebrews 12:2)

Study Questions

1. About how many times do we find the word, "faith" in the New Testament? _____
2. According to 1 Corinthians 5:7, how do we walk? _____

3. What is the Biblical definition of "faith?" _____

4. Where is this found? _____

5. What is commonly referred to as the "Faith Chapter"? _____

6. Where do we find these words, "The just shall live by faith?" _____

7. Who is considered to be the "Father of Faith"? _____

8. Why is he called the "Father of Faith"? _____

9. What does Hebrews 11:6 say? _____

10. Who is the author and finisher of our faith? _____

11. How is faith like a toothbrush? _____

11. Give three examples of men of faith. _____

13. What did L. Oswald Sanders say concerning faith? _____

Mushrooms or a Mighty Oak Tree

“For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them.”
(Acts 20:29-30)

The Apostle Paul realized that Satan would raise up false teachers from even within the church who would bring in false teachings, doctrine, pagan practices, worldly ideas, and man-made trends. They are like dangerous animals attacking the church and are difficult to handle. They are like wolves that wish to attack and kill the sheep. We, as leaders, must be very careful to make sure that such wolves will not enter and destroy any of the flock of God. We must guard the truth! These people are motivated by a quest for money and power. They pervert the truth by bringing in such practices as: new age teachings; human ideas and philosophies; current trends from other churches; people-pleasing teachings concerning prosperity and get rich quick doctrines (reported to be faith). Some persuade you to exercise your liberty in Christ through putting aside any restraint of Christian, holy living, reverting to traditional cultural beliefs (in opposition to the teaching of the Bible) and becoming involved involving practices of the occult and spirits. Some will even allow immoral lifestyles to be present in the churches. Newspapers are reporting the permitting of homosexual (same sex) marriages in several church organizations today.

Unfortunately Paul's fears when it came to the future of the churches he established came to pass. The Epistles he wrote to these churches revealed that some rejected Paul's teachings in favor of false ones. Later Paul wrote to the same Ephesian church and said, “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive. But speaking the truth in love may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.” (Ephesians 4:14-15)

He did not want us to be spiritually immature, like children who are unstable and carried about by the winds of false doctrines. We are growing up into oak trees and not mushrooms. Winds will blow down mushroom churches but never the mighty oak.

“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” (Psalm 1:3)

This verse reminds me of the song the saints of God sing, “I shall not be, I shall not be moved. I shall not be, I shall not be moved. Just like the tree that's planted by the waters. I shall not be moved.”

The church of Colosse was one church that Paul admonished to maintain the teachings that he gave. This was one of the churches that he had founded during his three year ministry at Ephesus (Acts 20:31). His ministry during this time was so powerful that all Asia heard the gospel (Acts 19:10). Paul wrote to them from Rome (Acts 25:11-12; Acts 28). In his epistle to the Colossians he was so concerned that they would keep the correct doctrines. This epistle is considered a twin epistle to the one written to the Ephesians.

In many cases Paul's epistles were read out loud to the congregation when they assembled. Then they made a copy and distributed it to the other churches in the area (Col. 4:16).

"If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard..." (Col. 1:23)

"Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught..." (Col. 2:7)

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." (Col. 2:8)

Can you get the picture of a tree; grounded, settled, rooted, and growing up tall?

"False teaching appeared to supplant the centrality and supremacy of Jesus Christ in creation, revelation, redemption and in the church." It seems that there was a mixture of Christian teaching, extrabiblical traditions, and pagan philosophy. (Full Life Study Bible, page 1871)

Who is Jesus Christ?

To combat these false teachings Paul asserted the following concerning Jesus Christ.

- ❑ Jesus is the express image of the invisible God. (Col. 1:15)
- ❑ All the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Jesus bodily. (Col. 2:9)
- ❑ Jesus is the Creator of all things. (Col. 1:16-17)
- ❑ Jesus is the Head of the Church. (Col. 1:18)
- ❑ Jesus is the all Sufficient Source of Salvation. (Col. 1:14, 20-22)
- ❑ Jesus is in us, the hope of glory. (Col. 1:27)
- ❑ We are to be buried with Jesus in baptism. (Col. 2:12)

- ❑ “Whatsoever ye do in word or deed do all in the name of Jesus.” (Col. 3:17)
- ❑ Christ is all, and in all. (Col. 3:11)

Study Questions

1. What do false teachers bring into the church? _____

2. Colossians is a twin epistle to which book? _____

3. What was usually done with the Epistles in order to get the message to the people?

4. What were the false teachings at Colosse trying to accomplish? _____

5. Which Scriptures did Paul use to combat the false teachings? _____

6. Who is Jesus according to the Scriptures used in this lesson? (Support your answers with Scripture.) _____

Contenders of the Faith

“For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.” (Acts 20:29-31)

Men of God invest time, prayers, fasting, tears, preaching and teaching into people in order to build the church. One of their greatest fears is that after they have given their lives for the gospel the fruit of their labors will be spoiled; that wolves will creep in and run away with the sheep. These wolves are influenced by their selfish desires of obtaining riches and making a name for themselves. They “pervert” the gospel message. Some stray from the fundamental and foundational Bible doctrines and lean toward humanistic ideas, manmade teachings, modernistic and materialistic thinking, and become more like a social club than a church.

As you look at the Epistles that the Apostle Paul wrote, you will find that they did stray from the teachings they had received.

The wise man, Solomon, admonishes us to “buy the truth and sell it not.” (Proverbs 23:23) In another lesson we have already mentioned that the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure that is hid in a field. When a man finds it he sells all that he has and buys it. It is also like a merchant who will sell all that he has in order to purchase the “one pearl of great price.” (Matthew 13:44-46)

The truth that we have received is an inheritance that is passed from generation to generation. We should be forever thankful that we have found the truth; possess it carefully; spread it liberally; and “..earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” (Jude 3) In Jude, the writer (considered to be the half brother of Jesus Christ) continues to warn us that we should “...put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.” (Jude 5)

The Book of Jude was written to warn the church about false teachers, ungodly influences, and admonish them to be “contenders of the faith.”

We need to be like the man who was drowning in the ocean. A ship passing by threw out the lifeline to him; he grabbed it and was pulled into the ship (the place of safety). Once on the

vessel the ship's crew encouraged him to let go of the lifeline. He continued to grasp tightly the rope and refused to let it go.

The captain pleaded, "You are now safe. Let go of the rope." The man persistently refused.

Again he pleaded, this time trying to loosen the man's grip on the rope. The man fought back adamantly and said, "I will not let it go. When I grabbed onto this rope I grabbed it for life."

You and I were also sinking in sin (Psalm 40:2) and were brought by the Great Rescuer, Jesus Christ, into the ship. How can we let go of the lifeline now? We must remain in the ship in order to be saved. (Acts 27:31)

In Hebrews 2:1-3 we are warned against drifting away from the faith. As believers allowing the gospel to slip away from us we find ourselves drifting downstream and having no anchor (Hebrews 6:19) to hold us secure. We have, through neglect, let go of the lifeline.

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation..." (Hebrews 2:1,3)

"If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister." (Colossians 1:23)

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: ...and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Galatians 1:6-9) He felt so strongly about the last statement that it is repeated again. "As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." (Verse 9)

The Book of Deuteronomy includes the farewell messages of Moses to the people of God. They had come to the end of wandering in the wilderness and were about to pass into the Promised Land. Numbers records their wandering in the wilderness for over thirty-nine years and Deuteronomy records just one month of time. This book was to be read to the people every seven years. (Deuteronomy 31:10-13) Throughout the book of Deuteronomy, the people are admonished to "remember and forget not." This book is often quoted in the New Testament and was also the

Consider the postage stamp.
Its usefulness consists in the
ability to stick to one thing
till it gets there.
(Josh Billings)

book that Jesus quoted from when He was tempted. The word “forget” is mentioned nine times in

the book of Deuteronomy. Another eight times we are told to “take heed.” Fifty two times we are ordered to “possess” the land. In Luke 17:32 we are told to “remember Lot’s wife.” She was grabbed by grace but still not saved. She was escorted by angels out of Sodom and Gomorrah but still looked back. Remember, “...no man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:62) We must rather “press toward the mark.” (Phil. 3:14) We must do what the early church did. “They continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine...” (Acts 2:42)

“Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.” (Deuteronomy 4:2)

- Read also Revelation 22:18-19

Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons’ sons.” (Deuteronomy 4:9)

“Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget..” (Deuteronomy 4:23)

Study Questions

1. What is one of the greatest fears of men who build congregations? _____

2. How are “wolves” influenced? _____

3. What do “wolves” endeavor to do? _____

4. How do “wolves” pervert the gospel? _____

5. What did Solomon say in Proverbs 23:23? _____

6. What did Jude say we should contend for? _____

7. Why was the book of Jude written? _____

8. What are we warned against in Hebrews 2:1-3? _____

9. What will happen to us if we preach another gospel? _____

10. What amount of time does Deuteronomy cover? _____

11. How often was Deuteronomy to be read to all the people? _____

12. How was Lot's wife grabbed by grace but still not saved? _____

13. What did the early church do with the Apostles' Doctrine according to Acts 2:42?

Keep Believing In What You Know Is True! Stick to it! You're going to make it!

Additional Notes

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Believing Requires Action

“But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.”

(Acts 8:12)

In the Bible there was a definite course of action that was followed when someone believed. Let us take a closer look at this course of action. It is here that we will understand God’s plan for man.

Personal Action Plan for Believers

- 1. Hearing the Gospel.
- 2. Accepting and having faith that Jesus is the Savior.
- 3. Accepting that I am a sinner; hopeless without help.
- 4. Repenting of my evil ways. Turning toward God and away from sin.
- 5. Being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.
- 6. Receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- 7. Continually obeying God’s commandments and Word. I become a “Doer” of the Word.

Believing through... Hearing the Gospel.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...” (Romans 1:16)

“He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said...” (John 7:38)

“...And they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.... Many believed in his name...” (John 2:22-23)

“...Should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us...But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.” (Acts 15:7-8; 11)

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” (James 1:22)

Believing through...

Accepting that Jesus is the Savior.

“The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.” (John 1:7)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16) In John 3:15-18, words with the root word “believe” are used five different times. Prior to these verses you will note that Jesus instructed Nicodemus concerning the necessary action of entering the kingdom of God. “...Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” (John 3:5)

“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.”
(John 11:25)

“...if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.” (John 8:24)

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

Here we see that we not only believe in God, but diligently seek him.

“...Through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.” (Acts 10:43)

It is so important that we believe correctly about Jesus Christ. If we believe wrongly, we reject Him. To reject Jesus Christ is to reject “Truth” itself. (John 14:6)

**Believing by...
Accepting that I am a sinner.**

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
(Romans 6:23)

“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.” (Psalm 51:5)

**Believing by...
Repenting of my evil ways.**

If we believe that Jesus is the Savior and we are a sinner, we will turn from sin towards God. The initial message of both Jesus Christ and John the Baptist was simple; “Repent.” (Matthew 3:2; 4:17) Jesus also said, “...Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:3)

The disciples were instructed to preach repentance. “And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” (Luke 24:47)

The Apostles obeyed this command in the Book of Acts. “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.” (Acts 17:30)

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you.” (Acts 3:19-20)

“And how I kept back nothing...and have taught you...repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Acts 20:20-21)

**Believing by...
Being baptized in the name of Jesus.**

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...” (Mark 16:16)

“But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.” (Acts 8:12) (Did you notice what happened WHEN they believed?)

“And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.” (Acts 18:8) By the way, did you notice what happened when they believed?

The devout man, Cornelius (and others) received the Holy Ghost and immediately commanded to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ by the Apostle Peter. (Acts 10:47-48)

The Philippian jailer believed and was immediately baptized. (Acts 16:31,33)

Paul explained to the believers at Ephesus that the Holy Ghost was promised to them that believe in the name of the Lord Jesus.

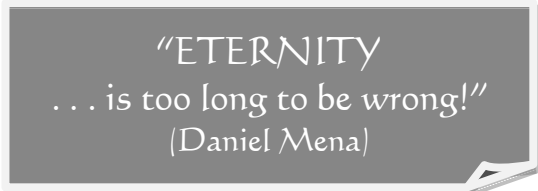
“When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.” (Acts 19:5)

The Apostle Paul (Saul) became a believer on the road to Damascus when he had a blinding encounter with the Lord. Yet, Ananias said, “And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be

baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” (Acts 22:16) It is at water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ that we call on the name of the Lord Jesus.

**Believing by...
Receiving the baptism of the
Holy Ghost.**

“...If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)” (John 7:37-39)



“Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ...” (Acts 11:14-15; 17)

“...Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?...” (Acts 19:2) The literal translation of this question reads, “Having believed, did you receive the Holy Spirit?”

Study Questions

1. List the seven parts of the “Personal Action Plan for Believers.” By taking a close look at the lesson, provide Scriptural references for each.

- 1) _____

- 2) _____

- 3) _____

- 4) _____

- 5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

2. What was the first message of both Jesus Christ and John the Baptist? _____

3. What happened when the Samaritans believed? _____

4. What happened when Saul believed? _____

5. What did Ananias tell Paul (Saul)? _____

6. What did Peter command Cornelius and his household to do after they had received the Holy Ghost? _____

7. What is the literal translation of Acts 19:2? _____

**It is a fearful thing to walk down a dark passage way and to find that there is no door
at the end.**

Jesus said, "I am the door..."

(John 10:9)