

## BECAUSE HE LIVES

He came for a purpose: ***“To seek and to save that which was lost”*** but could not have been qualified if not that He the WORD, as a faithful High Priest, taken from among His brethren and ***“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death”*** since that is the primary reason for His coming, according to John the beloved, ***“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil”*** which actually is the main problem of man who is enslaved by the arch enemy of his soul through deception. He that prowls around looking for whom he may devour lured mankind into disobedience through the love of, and for the world and its allurements which we have been warned to run away from, for ***“the friendship of the world is enmity with God”*** and because he knows that ***“the wages of sin is death”*** he held man captive and in fear all the days of his life till the time appointed of God that the ***“Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law...”*** whom the gods of this world hath blinded. As He applied death to destroy death, He in the same vein has brought life through life so He says, ***“because I live, ye shall live also... For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.”*** Knowing then that No man has anything except it be given Him from above, our General Overseer – the SWEET HOLY GHOST gave us a mandate to call His people to this mountain for those already on the track, running the race to look at our lives in retrospect, examining ourselves whether we are still in the faith. To those that are yet to come in, His arms are wide open to receive every prodigal child returning from the wild for He saith, ***“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”*** We therefore W-E-L-C-O-M-E you to this mountain upon which there will be transformation, transfiguration, restoration and recovery. Don't make haste to go, for the LORD has something exciting for you in every segment.

*Yours in Him,*

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## **PROGRAMME**

	5:20 – 6:10	7:40 – 8:40	8:50 – 9:50	10:45 – 11:45	12:00 – 1:10 FOUNDATION	3:10 – 4:10 SEMINAR	4:45 – 6:00 SPECIAL	6:30 – 8:00 REVIVAL
<b>FRIDAY</b> 15:04:2021	<b>ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION</b>							<b>LOOK AND LIVE</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 16:04:2021	MORNING DEVOTION	FAITH CLINIC	BIBLE STUDY	<b>DENY YOURSELF, FOLLOW ME</b>	<b>QUICKENED IN CHRIST</b>	TENETS OF FAITH	QUESTIONS AND DISCURSIONS	<b>DOMINION THROUGH THE HOLY GHOST</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 17:04:2021				<b>BATTLE CRY :THE CHURCH &amp; THE NATION</b>	<b>LIVING FOR THE LIVING CHRIST</b>	SEMINAR	<b>MYSTERY AND MERCHANDISE OF MARRIAGE</b>	<b>POWER NIGHT / CLOSING CHARGE</b>

**FAMILY LIFE AT RETREAT**

“The Lord thy God walketh in the mist of thy **CAMP**, to deliver thee... **THEREFORE SHALL THY CAMP BE HOLY**: that He see no unclean thing in thee” (Deut. 23:14).

1. Endeavour to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, with all lowliness and meekness. With long-suffering, forbearing one another in **LOVE** (Eph. 4:3,4).
2. Let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing (Phil. 3:16).
3. He that saith he abideth in Christ ought himself also so to walk, even as Christ walked. Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God. Christ also... leaving us an example that ye should follow His steps (I John 2:6; I Peter 2:21).
4. Be thou an example of believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in **PURITY**, walk worthy unto all pleasing. Walk worthy of the vacation wherewith ye are called. Walk worthy of God (I Tim. 4:12; Col.1:10; I Thess. 2:12).
5. Let no filthiness, foolish talking nor **JESTING BE ONCE NAMED AMONG YOU, AS BECOMETH SAINTS WALK WORTHY (Eph.5:3)**.
6. Men ought to PRAY and not to faint, follow His step (Lk. 18:1; I Peter 2:22).
7. Let not thy nakedness be discovered. Thou shall make them... to cover their nakedness. The woman ought to cover her head because of the angels let the women adorn themselves in **MODEST APPAREL** with shamefacedness and sobriety, **NOT** with brioded hair or gold, or pearls, or costly array. He that saith he abideth in Christ ought to walk even as Christ walked (Exo. 20:26; 20:42; I Cor. 11:4, 10; I Timothy 2:9; I John 2:6).
8. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together (Heb. 10:25).
9. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders... and let them pray over him... in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith shall save the sick (James 5:15).
10. Every word of God is pure: thou halt not add thereto, diminish from it. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not. Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine, which ye learn **AND AVOID THEM**. He that bideth such God speed is partner of his evil (prov. 30:5; Deut. 12:32; II John 10; Romans 16:17; II John 11).

**“IF YE KNOW THESE THINGS, HAPPY (BLESSED) ARE YE IF YE DO THEM”** (John 13:17; Heb. 4:12; Jer. 23:29; Rev. 20:3; Eph. 6:10).

**TENETS OF FAITH AND BIBLE DOCTRINE**

“Earnestly content for the **FAITH** which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3). “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the **DOCTRINE**: continue in them for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee” (I Tim. 4). “Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the **DOCTRINE** which ye have learned; and avoid them” (Rom. 16:17).

On the unchanging word of God we stand and by the infallible testimony of the Scriptures we know and believe that:

**THE HOLY BIBLE** is the inspired Word of God and is the final authority in all matters concerning Christian doctrine, conduct and work (II Tim. 3:15-17; Prov.3:5; Rev. 22:18, 19).

**THE GODHEAD** consists of three separate, distinct, and recognizable personalities and qualities, perfectly united in one (I Jn. 5:7; Mt. 3:16, 17; I Cor. 13:14; Mt. 28:19).

**GOD** created heaven and earth and all that are in them with the word of His mouth (Gen. 1:1-25; Ps. 33:6, 9; Is. 40:28; 42:5).

**JESUS** is the **ONLY BEGOTTEN SON** of **GOD**, He was born of a virgin, was crucified, died, was buried and He resurrected bodily. He was not created but rather created all things (Jn. 1:1-3; 14:18; Is. 7:14; Mt. 1:18-25; Rom. 1:4; I Cor. 15:3,4).

Man is **DEPRAVED** and is guilty of sin since the fall of Adam (Rom. 3:23; 5:12-17; Ps. 51:5).

**REPENTANCE** from all sins is required from every sinner before he can believe in Jesus with saving faith (Prov. 28:13; Is. 55:6,7; Lk. 24:46, 47; Acts 2:38; 3:19).

**RESTITUTION**, restoration of stolen things, paying of debts are important so as to have a conscience void of offence" (Gen. 20:1-8, 14-18; Ex. 22:1-7; Acts 23:1-5; 24:16; Js. 4:17).

Justification (**REGENERATION**) is by the grace of God not by works (Jn.3:3-8; Ps. 32:1, 2; Rom. 3:24-30; 5:1,2; Eph. 28:9).

**WATER BAPTISM** is essential to our obedience after salvation. It is one immersion (not three) "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Mt. 28:12; Mk. 16:15, 16; Acts 2:58; Rom. 6:4,5).

The **LORD'S SUPPER** was instituted by Jesus Christ for all believers, to "shew the Lord's death till He come". The emblems used are unleavened bread and unfermented juice of "fruit of the vine" and must not be eaten unworthily (Mt.26:29; Lk. 22:17-20; I Cor. 11:23-30).

**ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION** is subsequent to the New Birth attained by grace by which the believer's heart is purified and made holy. (Lk. 1:74, 75; Jn. 17:15-17; I Thess. 4:3, 7, 8; 5:22-24).

**BAPTISM** in the **HOLY GHOST** is the enduement of power from on High upon sanctified believers (Lk. 4:49; Acts 1:8; 2:1-8; Joel 2:28, 29).

**SPEAKING IN TONGUES** is the utterance given by the Holy Spirit. Interpretation of tongues is also a gift of the Holy Spirit. Gifts of the Spirit are for today (I Cor. 12:1-31; 13:1-40).

**DIVINE HEALING, REDEMPTION** from the curse of the law and continued health is provided by the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ (Is. 53:4, 5; I Pt. 2:24; Gal. 3:13, 14; Ex. 15:26).

**MARRIAGE** is binding for life. There is no room for divorce and remarry while the first companion is still alive. There is no polygamy and Christian marriage is between two born again Christians (Gen. 2:24; Deut. 7:1-4; II Cor. 6:14-18; Mt.19:3 – 9; Mal. 2:13-16; Rom. 7:2, 3).

The **GREAT TRIBULATION** will be a time of terrible suffering on earth (Mt.24: 21, 22, 29; Mk. 13:19; II Thess. 2:3-12).

The **ANTICHRIST** will rule the world and will terrorize people. He is not a system but a supernatural, diabolical person who will proclaim himself to be God (Dan. 8:23-24; II Thess. 2:7-12; Rev. 13:1-10).

**RAPTURE** is the catching away of all Christian saints (Dead or alive) from the earth. They will meet Jesus in the air (I Thess. 4:16-18; Jn. 14:1-3; II Thess. 2:5-7).

There shall be the **MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB**, between Jesus (The Bridegroom) and the raptured saints (The Bride). This is going to be in heaven (Rev. 19:1-10).

There will be the **RESURRECTION** of all the dead, some to honour and glory and others to everlasting shame and contempt. (Ps. 71:20; Is. 26:19; Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:28, 29; I Cor. 15:12-57; I Thess. 4:13-16).

The **SECOND COMING OF CHRIST** to execute judgment on the ungodly and to give the final reward will be as literal and visible as His going away. (Mt. 24:31-46; Mk. 13:24-31; II Thess. 1:7-10; Acts 1:10-11; Jude 14, 15).

The **MILLENNIAL REIGN** is the 1,000 years literal reign of Jesus on earth, (Jude 14, 15; Rev. 20:2, 3).

The **GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT** is God's final judgment on all (the living and the dead, small and great) who have ever lived on the face of the earth, according to their works (Rev. 20:11-15; Jn. 5:24, 25, 29; Dan. 12:2, 3; Mt. 11:21-24).

The **NEW HEAVEN** and the **NEW EARTH** "wherein dwelleth righteousness" will be made by God and the redeemed shall dwell with God forever. This present earth will pass away (Rev. 21:1-7; 22:1-5; II Pt. 3:12, 13; Ps. 102:25, 26; Is. 65:17).

**HELL FIRE** is a literal place of everlasting punishment for the devil and his angels (Mt. 25:41). All sinners (who do not have their names written in Lamb's book of life) will suffer torments therein forever and ever (Ps. 9:17; Rev. 20:10, 12-15; 21:8; Mt. 5:22, 30; Rev. 14:10, 11; Lk. 16:19-31).

### **WEIGHTY WORDS FOR WISE WORSHIPPERS**

*1, Fame is a vapour; popularity is an accident; riches take wings. Only one thing endures, and that is character. Nevertheless, the measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out (Greely & Macaulay).*

*2, Integrity will take a christian farther than any other quality; if you would go far and do much as a christian never compromise your integrity. Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful.*

*3, True evangelism brings people to Christ and also into the body of Christ. Unless the members of the body are trained and mobilized to evangelize, the growth of the church will be limited*

*4, A holy life has a voice, it speaks when the tongue is silent and in either a constant attraction or a perpetual reproof; for people may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do: let others see Jesus in you.*

## **BIBLE STUDY I**

### **PREDESTINATION, GOD'S PREROGATIVE 1**

#### **Ephesians 1:9-11**

On the ordinary, predestination is being misunderstood and misapplied in many quarters. Believing that so long as God has ordained prosperity, I must prosper whether I do something or not, is a fallacy. **"If any would not work, neither should he eat... for (the righteous) shall eat the fruit of their doings"** (II Thes. 3:10b; Isa. 3:10b) so if the righteous does nothing, he eats nothing. Does this jeopardise PREDESTINATION? Looking at this through another angle, we may ask who is in control of the world: God or Satan? Confronting us on every side are confusion and chaos: lawlessness abounds; evil men and seducers are waxing **"worse and worse"** (II Tim. 3:13). Today, everything appears to be out of joint. Thrones are creaking and tottering, ancient dynasties are being overturned, democracies are revolting, civilization is a demonstrated failure.

Worse still, in the church today, Christ Crucified (I Cor. 1:22-24) is proclaimed and magnified in reality by very few. In the majority of modern pulpits He is dishonoured and technically disowned. Despite frantic efforts to attract the crowds, the majority of the churches are being emptied rather than filled with "genuine disciples." In the light of the Scripture we are compelled to believe that the **"many"** are on the broad road that leadeth to destruction, and that only **"few"** are able to find the narrow way that leadeth unto life (Matt. 7:14). Does this stand against the precept of PREDESTINATION? **"God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a**

**liar... a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He"** (Rom. 3:4; Deut. 32:4) The predestined certainty of God's gracious work in Christ was not meant to perplex men, but to encourage and reassure all who trust in His grace. **"For he saith... I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy... So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy"** (Rom. 9:15,16); showing that the absolute sovereignty of God is put in a form whereby election is made to originate in the divine will apart from all human merit, whether actual or foreseen. **"All things"** are subject to His immediate control; **"all things"** are moving in accord with His eternal purpose; and therefore **"all things"** are working **"together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"** (Rom 8:28)

#### **A. THE POSITION OF GOD IN THE PREDESTINATION Isaiah 14:27**

**It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in; that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will** (Isa. 40:22; Dan. 4:25b). By the foregoing of the catastrophic evil along with the misinterpretation and misrepresentation going on in the world, and in the church today, one is tempted to either question the sovereignty or the loving kindness of this faithful God. People seem not to understand again because seemingly, **"all the foundations of the earth are out of course"** (Psa. 82:5b). But no matter the matter, the sovereign **LORD** has destined that **"thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations"** (Isa. 58:12) and because He is the **KING**, **"who will say unto him, What doest thou?"** (Job 9:12b; Ecc. 8:4). Predestination is precisely His prerogative and it is not an accidental accent: **"He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world... Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you"** (Eph. 1:4; I Pet. 1:20 cp. Rom. 9:23-24; II Thess. 2:13-14; Tit. 1:2). Those who do not have the Holy Spirit will not comprehend, since it is a **"mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God... According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord"** (Eph. 3:9,11 cp I Tim. 3:16; Eph. 3:3-5).

#### **B. THE PORTION OF MAN IN THE PREDESTINATION**

Predestination is God's program for man, who by the reason of the fall (Ge. 3:1-19), became depraved (Rom. 3:9-19; 6:19-20; Gal. 3:10,11,22). This God who declares the end from the beginning knew before the fall, hence the predestination in which **"He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world"** (Eph. 1:4). It is this that brought us, Gentile sinners (Gal. 2:9) in, since it is not by the law (Gal. 2:16 cp. Rom. 2:28,29) and even if salvation still goes by the law, we will still be outside **"for salvation is of the Jews"** (John 4:22; Rom. 9:4-5) so it is a mystery in the eyes of the Jews that salvation should be given to Gentiles (Col. 1:27 cp Acts 10:45; 11:1-3). Should we not accept this with joy and hold unto Christ and **"serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life"** (Luk. 1:74b-75)? This is the primary essence of our salvation from sin, sickness and Satan: **"But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness"** (Obad. 17 cp. Isa. 4:3-4; Zech. 14:20,21). It is then imperative to note that Gentile Salvation which is the **"unsearchable riches of Christ... the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God"** (Eph. 3:8-9) must not be trampled or frustrated. Have you received Christ and so made a new creature (II Cor. 5:17 cp. Rom. 11:22-24)?

#### **C. THE POWER OF CHOICE IN THE PREDESTINATION Revelations 22:17**

Truly, God **"Predestinated us unto the adoption of children... according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will"** (Eph. 1:5,11) but did not forget that man is a **"Free Moral Agent"** so it has always been **"as many as received him"** (John 1:12); **"every one that thirsteth"** (Isa. 55:1); **"whosoever will"** (Rev. 22:17); that He is calling **"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool"** (Isa. 1:18). It has never been by force, for He saith, **"My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh"** (Gen. 6:3). The choice is yours to receive



Him and live or reject Him and be doomed to eternal condemnation and everlasting suffering in **"the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death"**(Rev. 21:8 cp John 3:17-18; Rom 8:1). If you willingly reject His invitation to conversion (Acts 3:19); salvation (Isa. 45:22; Luk. 19:10); rest (Matt. 11:28), light and life, you will regret. Those who will willingly resist and reject His will now will unwillingly accept His righteous judgment and unwillingly spend eternity wherever He wills to keep them. **"Do not (therefore) frustrate the grace of God"**(Gal. 2:21) either by rejecting or postponing salvation, or by refusing to tell the Good News to this dying world (Acts 24:25; 26:28; Prov. 1:24-32TLB cp. Acts 16:30-34).

## **BIBLE STUDY II**

### **PREDESTINATION, GOD'S PREROGATIVE 2**

#### **Ephesians 1:4-11**

God does not do anything just for the sake of doing it: He has a purpose for everything He does: **"Because to every purpose there is time and judgment,"** (Ecc 8:6). In His omniscience, He manifests what He purposed **"from the beginning of the world... hid in God... According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord"**(Eph 3:9,11). He has purposed and who has the power to oppose (Isa. 14:26-27)? Not even the ignorance of the people at the time the mind of the LORD was deployed for **"The times of ignorance... God overlooked"**(Acts 17:30ASV) and manifested the mystery of the salvation of the Gentiles (Rom. 11:25; Col. 1:27; I Tim. 3:16). Life is governed by principles and everything worthwhile goes through a process, likewise this predestination in which He first **"Predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself"**(Eph. 1:5) and then we are being transformed because **"He also did predestinate (us) to be conformed to the image of his Son. In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will"**(Rom 8:29; Eph. 1:11). Left for the Jews, we the Gentiles are not qualified (John 4:22; Acts 11:1-10; Rom. 11:15-26), but this mystery shows that God does not call the qualified, He instead qualifies the called (I Cor. 1:26-29). The door is still wide open and **"As many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God..."**(John 1:12). Have you received Jesus as you Lord and Saviour? The time is now (II Cor. 6:2; Heb. 3:7,13 cp. Luk. 19:42-44)!

#### **A. PREDESTINATED UNTO ADOPTION. Ephesians 1:4,5; Jeremiah 3:19; Romans 8:14-17**

God is a relational person so He is looking for sons, and since there is only one begotten Son (John 1:18; 3:16,18; I John 4:9), every other person falls under adoption, Israel being the first, for **"Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: And I say unto thee, Let my son go"**for a singular specific reason: **"that he may serve me"**(Exo. 4:22,23). This is exclusively His **"for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve"**(Luk. 4:8). After **"Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption"**(Rom. 9:4 Deut. 14:1; Jer. 31:9; Hos. 11:1), in response to the scriptural truth that **"Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God"**(Psa. 68:31), the Gentile nations were brought in **"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world"**with an expectation: **"that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself"**not by man's choice or programme but **"according to the good pleasure of his will"**(Eph 1:4-5 cp Luk. 1:74-75; I Pet. 1:15-16) that the LORD is saying, **"Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me"**(Jer. 3:19). This predestination is conditional for though **"the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men"**(Tit. 2:11), salvation is still **"whosoever will... For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty"**(Rev. 22:17; Isa. 44:3a). Today if you will hear His voice, don't begin to look at your position or responsibility in the church but open wide the door for, **"as many as received him, to them gave He power to become (adopted) sons of God."**It is only Jesus **"made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons"**(Gal. 4:4-5).

#### **B. PREDESTINATED UNTO CONFORMITY Romans 8:29,30; 12:2**

The LORD knows that we will live in the world that will press to have influence on us, so He, before He made us has programmed us to comply with the invitation, and the principles of sonship; identify with the person of the Son and internalize His life. We should appreciate that the adoption gave us the citizenship for **"At that time ye were without Christ, being aliens... and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ"**(Eph. 2:12-13). It is then imperative to note that a citizen of any country must possess, preserve and project the culture of his country. Therefore, in order to hold us that we **"be not conformed to this world... he then "did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son"**(Rom. 12:2; 8:29). This is as we put on Christ (Rom. 13:14; Eph. 4:4) and since we are not of this world, we are sanctified as He, our model, is sanctified (I Pet. 2:21-22; John 17; 16,19 cp. Lev. 11:44; I Pet. 1:14-16) as a result of His being in us as the Father is in Him (John 17:23): **"And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father"**(Gal. 4:6). **"Let us (therefore) draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience (by) the washing of water by the word (so that) we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord"**(Heb 10:22; Eph. 5:26b; II Cor. 3:18).

**C. PREDESTINATED UNTO INHERITANCE Ephesians 1:11**

For the fact that **"a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth"**(Luke 12:15b cp. Psa. 37:16; Pro. 15:16; 16:16), someone once said, *"This is all the inheritance I give to my dear family. The religion of Christ (Christianity) will give them one which will make them rich indeed."* Christ is everything to everyone that receives Him: **"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance"**(Eph. 1:11a cp. 1:18; Col. 1:12; 3:24; Heb. 9:15; I Pet. 1:4-5). He is the **"Word... which is able to... give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified"**(Acts 20:32). This did not come by any human or social, or even religious ideology, neither can it be obtained by what we had done but **"Being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will"** and because He paid our debt, we can then **"come boldly unto the throne of grace"** and be ready to receive the teaching of Grace (Tit. 2:11-13) by which we can **"work out (our) own salvation with fear and trembling"**(Phil. 2:12); and be **"accepted in the beloved"**(Eph. 1:6b).

**SEMINAR**

**CHRISTIAN SEPARATION**

**I COR. 6:14 – 18.**

Biblical, spiritual separation is fundamental as it concerns our relationship with God. It has two faces: (1) Separating yourself morally and spiritually from sin and from all things that is contrary to Christ, righteousness and the Word of God; (2) Drawing near to God in a close and intimate fellowship through dedication, worship and service unto Him. This makes for our intimate relationship with God. What are the benefits of Christian separation as are shown in II Cor. 6:16 – 18.

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**A. GOD’S DEMAND FOR SEPARATION IN THE O.T.**

God from the time of Abraham has always called that we separate ourselves from the world – Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 23:24; 19:6; Lev. 11:44; Deut. 7:1-11; Is. 52:11; Jer. 31:1, 9. God is serious with this.

The breaking of this resulted in the exile of the people during the time of the kings. Discuss possible consequences of friendship with the world

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**B. CHRISTIAN SEPARATION IN THE N.T.**

The worldly allurements and amusements constitute a snare which all Christians must avoid. We must be separated from;

1. Corrupt world system and unholy compromise (Jn. 17:15-16; II Tim. 3:1-5; Js. 1:27; 4:4). How does this affect individual Christians? .....
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2. Those who sin in the church and refuse to repent (Mt. 18:15-17; I Cor. 5:9-11; II Thess. 3:6-15). Explain this in the light of Matt. 9:36.....
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3. False teachers, churches and cult who teach theological error and deny biblical truth (Mt.7:15; Rom. 16:17; Gal. 1:2; Tit. 3:9-11; II Pt. 2:17-22; I Jn. 4:1; II Jn. 10-11; Jude 12-13. From the above scriptures explain how this can hinder one from entering into rest.....
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**C. BELIEVERS' ATTITUDE IN THE SEPARATION**

1. Hatred for sin, unrighteousness and the corrupt world system Rom.12:9; Heb.1:9; I Jn. 2:15; Is. 11:5; Ps. 97:10; 101:3. Give three reasons why we should hate the corrupt world system. ....
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2. Opposition toward false doctrine Gal. 1:9; Jude 3. What is the expected attitude of the warrior of faith towards false doctrine? .....
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3. Genuine love for those we separate from Jn. 3:16; I Cor. 5:5; Gal. 6:1; Rom.9:1-3; II Cor. 2:1-8; I Ps. 8:29; Jude 22. What type of love are to show to our brethren? .....
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4. Fear of God as we perfect holiness II Cor. 7:1. From I Pt. 1:15 – 16, why are we expected to be holy? .....

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#### D. THE PURPOSE AND REWARD OF CHRISTIAN SEPARATION

##### I. Purpose:

- a. Perseverance in salvation (I Tim. 4:16; Rev. 2:14-17), faith (I Tim. 1:9; 6:10, 20, 21), and holiness (Jn. 17:14-21; II Cor. 7:1).
- b. Living wholly for God (Mt. 22:37; II Cor. 6:16-18).
- c. Convincing the world of God's love, the truth and blessing of the gospel (Jn.17:21; Phil. 2:15). What are the purposes of Christian separation? .....

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- II. **Reward:** God's protection, provision, blessings, guide, love, and fatherhood II Cor. 6:16-18; Ps. 103:13; Jer. 31:1, 9. Compare and contrast the gains of separation from the world and pains of being separated eternally from the Father.....

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#### WARNING:

Refusal to separate (II Cor. 6:16-18; Rom. 8:15-16) brings loss of fellowship (vs. 16). Mention the benefits of separation from the world as can be seen from vv. 17, 18 .....

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### IN PSALMS & HYMNS

#### IN TIMES LIKE THESE

1. In times like these you need a Saviour, In times like these you need an anchor; Be very sure Be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!	2. In times like these I have a Saviour, In times like these, I have an anchor; I'm very sure, I'm very sure, My anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!
<i><b>This Rock is Jesus, Yes He's the One, This Rock is Jesus, the only One; Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!</b></i>	<i><b>This Rock is Jesus, Yes, He's the One, This Rock is Jesus, the only One, I'm very sure, I'm very sure, My anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!</b></i>
3. In times like these you need the Bible, In times like these, O be not idle; Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!	

### OUR GOD, HE IS ALIVE

1, There is, beyond the azure blue A God, concealed from human sight He tinted skies with heav'nly hue And framed the worlds with His great might	2, There was a long, long time ago A God whose voice the prophets heard He is the God that we should know Who speaks from His inspired word
<b><i>There is a God (There is a God), He is alive (He is alive) In Him we live (In Him we live) and we survive (and we survive) From dust our God (From dust our God) created man (created man) He is our God (He is our God), the great I Am (the great I Am)</i></b>	3, Our God, whose Son upon a tree A life was willing there to give That He from sin might set man free And evermore with Him could live

### IN THE CROSS

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross, There a precious fountain; Free to all, a healing stream, Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.	3 Near the cross! O lamb of God, Bring its scenes before me; Help me walk from day to day With its shadow o'er me. [Refrain]
<b><i>In the cross, in the cross Be my glory ever, Till my ransomed soul shall find Rest beyond the river.</i></b>	
2 Near the cross, a trembling soul, Love and mercy found me; There the Bright and Morning Star Shed His beams around me. [Refrain]	4 Near the cross! I'll watch and wait, Hoping, trusting ever; Till I reach the golden strand, Just beyond the river. [Refrain]

### TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He hath done, So loved He the world that He gave us His son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.	O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly receives That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
<b><i>Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son. And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.</i></b>	Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son: But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

### JESUS PAID IT ALL

1 I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small, Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."	2 Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone, Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone.
<b><i>Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.</i></b>	
3 For nothing good have I Where-by Thy grace to claim; I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.	4 And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.

### FUTURE PROGRAMMES

1. **MAY 6-8, 2022** LIVING SACRIFICE (National Workers' Retreat)
2. **JULY 3, 2022** I SHALL NOT GO EMPTY (Mid-Year/Family Thanksgiving)

4. JULY. 4 – 24, 2021 UNLESS YOU BLESS ME (Jabbok 2022: A 21-Day prayer & Fasting)
5. AUGUST 18 - 21, 2021 LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME (Children's Programme)

**JESUS IS LORD FOREVER**