

TEACHING OUTLINE

I. Introduction

- A. Every true believer in Jesus Christ is a disciple of His (Isaiah 8.16; Acts 9.1, 10, 19, 25-26, 36, 38; 11.26, 29; 13.52; 14.20, 22, 28; 15.10; 16.1; 18.23, 27; 19.1, 9, 30; 20.1, 7, 30; 21.4, 16)
- B. All believers should become teachers of the Bible (Hebrews 5.12)
- C. All believers are commanded to make disciples (Matt. 28.19-20)
- D. All fathers are commanded to disciple their children (Deuteronomy 4.9-10; 6.6-7; 11.18-19; 32.46-47)
- D. Before one can make a disciple he must be disciplined (2 Tim. 2.2)

II. Sin and Judgment

A. The need for salvation

- 1. Everyone is a sinner
 - a. Everyone is conceived and born in sin (Psalm. 51.5)
 - b. Everyone goes astray from birth (Psalm 58.3)
 - c. No one is righteous and no one seeks God (Psalm 14.1-3; 53.1-3; 143.2; Ecclesiastes 3.18; Isaiah 53.6; 64.6; Romans 3.10-12, 23)
- 2. Everyone will die because of sin
 - a. The result of sin is physical death (Proverbs 12.15; 14.12; 16.25; Romans 6.23)
 - b. The result of sin is spiritual death (Ephesians 2.1, 5; Colossians 2.13)
- 3. Everyone will be judged for every sin (Psalm 62.12; Proverbs 24.12; Jeremiah 17.10; 32.19; Matthew 12.36; 16.27; Luke 8.17; Romans 2.6, 16; 1 Peter 1.17; Revelation 2.23; 20.12)

B. Punishment of sin

- 1. Everyone who dies in their sins goes to Hell (Luke 16.19-31).
- 2. Everyone who dies in their sins will be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment for each sin, be found guilty and given a corresponding degree of punishment (Matthew 11.22; Mark 6.11; Luke 12.46-48; 20.47)
- 3. Everyone who dies in their sins will be cast into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20.11-15)
- 4. Punishment will be eternal – it will never end (Matthew 25.41, 46; Revelation 14.11; 20.10)

5. The descriptions of Hell and the Lake of Fire are literal (Psalm 11.6; 140.10; Proverbs 25.22; Luke 16.19-31; Romans 12.20; Revelation 14.9-11; 20.10; 21.8)
6. The location of Hell (Psalm 63.9; Isaiah 44.23; Ezekiel 26.20; Matthew 12.40)
7. The location of the Lake of Fire (Matthew 8.12; 22.13; 25.30; 2 Peter 2.17; Jude 13; Revelation 14.10)

III. Salvation

A. The act of conversion

1. How to be saved (Luke 18.13; 23.42; Acts 16.30-31; Romans 10.9-11, 13)
2. What it means to believe, trust, have faith in and receive Jesus Christ (John. 3.16; 5.24; 20.31; Romans 4.5; John 1.12)
3. The Gospel (1 Corinthians 15.3-5)
 - a. Jesus died for our sins according to the Scriptures (Isaiah 53.4-6, 8, 10-12)
 - b. He was buried according to the Scriptures (Isaiah 53.9)
 - c. He rose from the dead according to the Scriptures (Isaiah 53.10, 12; Matthew 17.22-23; 20.18-19; Mark 8.31; Luke 9.22; 18.32-33; 22.37; John 2.19 and Isaiah 63.1-6; 66.15-16; Habakkuk 3.3-15)

B. There is only one way to be saved

1. Salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and in Him alone (Ephesians 2.8)
2. There is salvation in no one else
 - a. There is no salvation in other religions (John 14.6; 15.23; Acts 4.12)
 - b. Some who die young are saved (2 Samuel 12.23)
 - c. Some who never hear the Gospel are saved (Isaiah 52.10; Romans 1.18-23)
3. We cannot add to the work of Jesus (Romans 4.1-8; Ephesians 2.9; Titus 3.5)
4. No one gets a second chance after death to be saved (Hebrews 9.27)

C. The results of conversion

1. There will be noticeable changes in your life (Romans 6.4; 2 Corinthians 5.17; Colossians 3.10)
 - a. There will be a desire to know Jesus (Jeremiah 9.24; Ephesians 3.14-19; Colossians 1.10)

- b. There will be a desire to fellowship with the brethren (Micah 3.16; Acts 2.46-47; Hebrews 10.24-25)
 - c. There will be a desire to share Jesus with the lost (Psalm 26.7; 119.72; Jeremiah 20.9; Daniel 4.2; Mt. 9.31; Acts 2.4; 4.13-20; 26.22-24; 5.27-32; 2 Corinthians 4.13; 1 Peter 3.15)
 - d. There will be obedience to Jesus (1 Samuel 15.22; Matthew 7.24; 12.50; John 15.10; Acts 5.29; Ephesians 4.24; James.1.25)
 - e. There will be an abandonment of the life of sin (Psalm 34.13-14; Isaiah 1.16; John 8.11; Romans 6.11-12; 1 Corinthians 15.34; 2 Corinthians 5.15; Galatians 5.24; Ephesians 4.22; 2 Timothy 2.19, 22; Titus 2.12; Hebrews 12.1; James 4.4; 1 Peter 1.14; 2.11; 3.11; 4.1-4)
2. No noticeable change means there was no conversion
- a. Reciting a salvation prayer does not save you
 - b. Many can think they are saved when they are not (Matthew 7.21-23; Luke 13.24; 2 Corinthians 13.5)
- D. Eternal life
- 1. Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ is promised eternal life (John 3.16; 5.24; 10.28-29; Romans 6.23; 1 John 5.11-13)
 - 2. A true believer cannot lose, forfeit, give up or walk away from his salvation (John 3.16; 5.24; 6.37-40; 10.28-29; 1 John 5.10-13)
 - 3. If a believer stops abiding in Christ he is in danger of being punished and even being taken home (Proverbs 3.11-12; Hebrews 12.5-6; John 15.1-6; 1 Corinthians 5.5)
 - 4. A believer cannot have his salvation stolen from him by another person or by the forces of darkness (Romans 8.37-39)
 - 5. Eternal life is eternal. It is not a temporal thing that a person can have for a few years and then no longer have it (Matthew 25.46; John 3.16; 5.24; 6.40; 10.28-29; Romans 6.23; 1 John 5.11-13)

IV. Sanctification

- A. Definition of sanctify (*hagiazō*) is “make holy, purify or consecrate.”
- B. It is commanded (Matthew 5.48; 1 Peter 1.15-16; Leviticus 11.44-45; 19.2; 20.7)
- C. We should want to be holy
 - 1. To please God (Hebrews 11.6)

2. To receive rewards (1 Corinthians 3.12-15; 2 Corinthians 5.10; Hebrews 11.6) (God knows every thought and motive – 1 Chron. 28.9; Jeremiah 17.10; Romans 2.16; Hebrews 4.12)
- D. Methods of sanctification (Proverbs 15.9)
1. Scripture (Psalm 25.4-5, 9; Proverbs 8.32-35; 22.17-21; Hosea 4.6, 14; 6.3; John 15.3; 17.17; Micah 4.12; Romans 12.2; 1 Corinthians 3.2; Ephesians 5.26; Hebrews 5.12-14; 1 Peter 2.2)
 - a. Hear (Deuteronomy 4.9-10; Proverbs 8.34; Luke 18.15, 21; 11.28; James 1.22; Revelation 1.3)
 1. Radio, TV, recordings
 2. Sermons/teaching at church (Nehemiah 8.1-8; 1 Timothy 4.13; 2 Timothy 4.2; Titus 1.9; 2.15)
 - b. Read (Deuteronomy 17.19; Revelation 1.5)
 - c. Study (Psalm 1.2)
 1. Personal (Proverbs 8.34; John 5.39; Acts 17.11; Romans 15.4; 2 Timothy 2.15)
 2. Family (Deuteronomy 4.9-10; 6.6-9; 11.19; 32.46-47; Proverbs 1.8; 2.1; 3.1; 4.1; 5.1; 6.20-23; 2 Timothy 3.15)
 3. Church (Nehemiah 8.7-8; 1 Timothy 4.11, 13; 2 Timothy 4.2; Titus 1.9; 2.15)
 - d. Memorize (Deuteronomy 6.6; 11.18; 30.14; Psalm 37.31; 40.8; 119.11; Proverbs 2.1; 3.1, 3; 4.1, 21; 6.21; 22.18; Isaiah 51.7; Ezekiel 3.10; Romans 10.8)
 - e. Meditate (Joshua 1.8; Psalm 1.2; 4.4; 19.14; 63.6; 77.12; 104.34; 119.15, 23, 27, 48, 78, 97, 99, 148; 143.5; 1 Timothy 4.15)
 1. Father teaches us (Psalm 119.64)
 2. Son teaches us (1 Corinthians 2.16)
 3. Holy Spirit teaches us (John 14.26; 1 Cor. 2.13; 1 John 2.20, 27)
 2. Prayer (Proverbs 15.29; 28.9; Revelation 5.8; 8.3)
 - a. Who we should pray to
 1. Father (Matthew 6.8-13; John 14.13; 15.16)
 2. Son (John 14.14)
 - b. Who we should pray with
 1. Spouse (1 Corinthians 7.5; 1 Peter 3.7)
 2. Children (1 Thessalonians 5.17 & Deuteronomy 6.6-7)
 3. Brethren (Isaiah 56.7; Acts 1.14; 4.31)

- c. How often we should pray (1 Chronicles 16.11; Luke 18.1; Ephesians 6.18; 1 Thessalonians 5.17; 1 Timothy 5.5)
- d. What prayer should consist of
 - 1. Praise (Psalm 35.28; 51.15; Hebrews 13.15; 1 Peter 2.9)
 - 2. Thanksgiving
 - a. To God for His blessings (Ephesians 5.20; Colossians 3.17; Philippians 4.6; 1 Thessalonians 5.18)
 - b. To God for people (1 Timothy 2.1)
 - 3. Petitions for the brethren (Daniel 9.20; Ephesians 6.18; Philippians 1.3-4; Colossians 1.9-12; 1 Timothy 2.8)
 - 4. Petitions for the lost (1 Timothy 2.1-2)
 - 5. Petitions for yourself (1 Samuel 1.27; Psalm 25.4-5; Jeremiah 33.3; Matthew 7.7-11; 26.41; John 16.24; Ephesians 3.20; James 5.13)
- e. How often we should pray for a specific thing (Lk. 18.1-8)
 - 1. Things we can pray for ourselves
 - a. Wisdom, knowledge, understanding (Proverbs 2.6; James 1.5)
 - b. Boldness to share the Gospel (Ephesians 6.19)
 - c. People to share the Gospel with (Acts 1.8)
 - d. Others to go with you to share the Gospel (Matthew 9.37-38)
 - e. An accountability partner (2 Timothy 3.16-17)
 - f. A church that has dedicated pastors and that has a dynamic discipleship program (Matthew 28.19-20; 2 Timothy 2.15)
 - g. Brethren to make disciples of (Matthew 28.19-20; 2 Timothy 2.15)
 - f. We should agonize in our prayers (Deuteronomy 9.25; 1 Samuel 15.11; Luke 22.44; Acts 10.30; 1 Corinthians 7.5; Hebrews 5.7; James 5.16)
 - g. How to get our prayers answered yes (Proverbs 28.9; Jer. 29.13; Mark 11.24; John 15.7; 1 John 3.22; 5.14-15)
 - h. Some prayers are answered no (2 Corinthians 12.7-10)
 - i. Keep public prayer brief (Ecc. 5.2; Matthew 6.7; 23.14)
 - j. Examples of prayer
 - 1. Jesus (Luke 22.41-46; 23.34, 46; John 17.1-26)
 - 2. Hannah (1 Samuel 1.27)
 - 3. Solomon (1 Kings 3.7-9)
 - 4. Elijah (1 Kings 18.37-38)

5. Ezra (Ezekiel 8.23)
6. Daniel (Daniel 2.19-23; 9.3-19)
7. Paul (Ephesians 3.14-21)
8. Publican (Luke 18.13)
9. Thief on the cross (Luke 23.42)
10. Stephen (Acts 7.60)
3. Worship (1 Chronicles 16.29; Psalm 27.4; 84.10; 95.6; 96.9; Matthew 4.10; Revelation 14.7)
 - a. Who we should worship with
 1. Private (Psalm 35.28; 51.15; 119.164; Matthew 4.10; John 4.24)
 2. Family (Deuteronomy 6.13)
 3. Corporate (1 Chronicles 16.29; Psalm 95.6; 149.1; Luke 19.37; 24.53; Acts 2.47; 16.25; Ephesians 5.19; Col.16)
 - b. What the worship service consists of
 1. Praise (Psalm 9.11; 33.2; 67.3; Luke 2.13-14; 24.53; John 7.14; Acts 2.46; 3.1; Hebrews 13.15; 1 Peter 2.9)
 2. Adoration (Matthew 2.11)
 3. Thanksgiving (Deuteronomy 8.10; Ps. 100.4; 107.22; Colossians 1.12; Hebrews 13.15)
 4. Giving (Matthew 2.11)
4. Delighting yourself and honoring the Lord one day each week (Isaiah 58.13-14)
5. Fellowship
 - a. Family (Deuteronomy 4.9-10; 6.6-9, 11.18-19; 32.46-47)
 - b. Brethren (Zech. 7.9-10; Heb. 3.13; 10.24-2; 1 Peter 4.7)
 1. Worship (Psalm 122.1)
 2. Prayer (Acts 4.31)
 3. Teaching (1 Tim. 4.13; 2 Timothy 4.2; Titus 1.9; 2.15)
 - c. Avoid fellowship with backsliders (Matthew 18.17; Romans 16.17; 1 Corinthians 5.11; 2 Thess. 3.6, 10, 14)
6. Share the gospel (Matthew 28.19-20; 1 Peter 3.15)
 - A. With your family and relatives
 - B. With your neighbors
 - C. With your friends
 - D. With those at work
 - E. With strangers
7. Walk and Run
 - a. By the Spirit (Galatians 5.16, 18, 25)
 - b. By faith (2 Corinthians 5.7)

- c. As Christ walked (1 John 2.6)
- d. In love (Ephesians 5.2)
- e. In the light (1 John 1.7)
- f. In truth (Psalm 26.3; 86.11; 2 John 4; 3 John 3)
- g. In newness of life (Romans 8.1)
- h. Worthy of our vocation (Ephesians 4.1)
- i. Circumspectly/wisely (Colossians 2.6)
- j. Not in the council of the wicked (Psalm 1.1)
- k. Run with endurance (Hebrews 12.1)
 - 1. Run to win (1 Corinthians 9.24)
- 8. Keep your behavior perfect (Matthew 5.48; Philippians 1.27; 1 Peter 2.12)
- 9. Lead a disciplined life (1 Cor. 9.24-27; Hebrews 12.1-2; 1 Peter 1.13)
- 10. Hate evil and avoid the way of the world (Job 28.28; Psalm 34.13-14; Prov. 4.27; 8.13; 14.16; Gal. 6.14; 1 Thess. 4.3; 2 Timothy 2.19-22; 1 Peter 3.11; 4.1-4; 1 John 2.15-17)
- 11. Have no fellowship with the world (Exodus 23.2; 34.12; Psalm 1.1; Proverbs 4.14; 21.1; 2 Corinthians 6.14-18; Ephesians 5.11; James 4.4-5)
- 12. Resist the Devil (Ephesians 4.26-27; 6.10-18; James 4.7; 1 Peter 5.8-9)
- 13. Kill your carnal desires (Romans 6.1-6, 11-12, 18, 21-22; Galatians 2.20; 5.24)
- 14. Look for the return of the Lord (1 Cor. 1.7; 1 Thess. 4.16-18; 2 Timothy 4.8; Titus 2.13; James 5.7-8; 1 John 2.28; 3.2-3)
- E. Backsliders (Proverbs 14.14; Luke 9.62; Hebrews 10.38)
 - 1. Forms of backsliding
 - a. Not abide in Christ (John 15.1-6)
 - b. Indulge in immoral behavior (1 Corinthians 5.11-13; 2 Thessalonians 3.6)
 - c. Avoid fellowship (Hebrews 10.24-25)
 - d. Become indifferent and without love (Luke 8.13-14; Revelation 2.4)
 - e. Love the world (1 Timothy 6.10; 2 Timothy 4.10)
 - f. Set up idols in one's heart (Ezekiel 14.3-4, 7)
 - g. Associate with cultists (1 Kings 11.4; 2 Chronicles 25.14)
 - 2. The Consequences of backsliding
 - a. Discipline by the Lord (Psalm 39.11; Proverbs 3.11-12; Hebrews 12.5-6; Revelation 3.19)

- b. Physical and spiritual ruin (Luke 15.11-32; 1 Tim. 1.19-20)
 - c. Physical death (John 15.2, 6)
 - 3. Reconciliation (Luke 15.11-32)
- V. Service (Exodus 23.25; Deuteronomy 10.12; Romans 12.1-16; Ephesians 4.11-16; 1 Peter 4.10)
 - A. Equip yourself with the armor of God (Ephesians 6.10-18; Daniel 10.1-21)
 - 1. Gird your loins with truth (Know how to use Scripture defensively – Proverbs 4.5-6, 10-13; 20-22)
 - 2. Shod your feet with the Gospel (Know how to share it – 1 Peter 3.15)
 - 3. Put on the breastplate of righteousness (Live a holy life – 1 Peter 1.15-16)
 - 4. Take up the shield of faith (We strengthen our faith by studying Scripture (Romans 10.17); by prayer (Acts 2.42); and by fellowship (Acts 2.42; 5.42; Hebrews 10.24-25))
 - 5. Put on the helmet of Salvation (Have an assurance of your salvation – John 10.27-30; 1 John 5.11-13)
 - 6. Take up the sword (Know how to use Scripture in an offensive manner – Hebrews 4.12)
 - B. Gird your minds for action (1 Peter 1.13)
 - C. Love (1 Corinthians 13)
 - 1. Love of the brethren (John 13.35; 15.12; Romans 12.9; Galatians 5.14; Ephesians 3.17-19; 5.2; Colossians 3.14; 1 Thess. 3.12; 4.9; Hebrews 13.1; 1 Peter 1.22; 1 John 3.23)
 - 2. Love of all men (Proverbs 25.21; Matthew 5.44-48; Romans 12.20; Galatians 5.6; 1 Thessalonians 3.12; Hebrews 13.2)
 - D. Humility (Proverbs 3.34; Isaiah 66.2; Micah 6.8; Luke 22.26; Romans 12.3, 16; Philippians 2.1-9; James 1.9-11; 4.6, 10; 1 Peter 3.8; 5.5-6)
 - E. Serve God by serving man (Romans 12.1-2; Galatians 5.13)
 - 1. Be a servant to all (Mark 9.35; 10.42-44)
 - 2. Bear each others burdens (Romans 15.1; Galatians 6.2)
 - 3. Do good to all men, especially the brethren (Galatians 6.10; Titus 2.7, 14; 3.8; 1 Peter 2.12)
 - 4. Share with all (1 Tim. 6.18 James 2.15-18; 1 John 3.17-18)
 - 5. Use your spiritual gifts (1 Peter 4.10)
 - a. Prophecy (Romans 12.6)
 - b. Service (Romans 12.7)
 - c. Teaching (Romans 12.7)

- d. Exhortation (Romans 12.8)
 - e. Giving (Romans 12.8)
 - f. Leading (Romans 12.8)
 - g. Show mercy (Romans 12.8)
 - h. Word of wisdom (I Corinthians 12.8)
 - i. Word of knowledge (I Corinthians 12.8)
 - j. Faith (1 Corinthians 12.9)
 - k. Distinguishing of spirits (1 Corinthians 12.10)
- F. Serve for rewards (Psalm 19.11; 58.11; Isaiah 40.10; 62.11; 1 Cor. 9.17; Hebrews 10.35; 11.6; 2 John 8; Revelation 22.12)

VI. Evangelism (1 Chronicles 16.8; Psalm 67.2; 96.2; 105.1-3; Matthew 28.19-20; Acts 1.8)

- A. Learn how to share the Gospel (1 Peter 3.15)
- B. Pray for more soul winners (Matthew 9.37-38)
- C. Pray for the salvation of all kinds of people (1 Timothy 2.1-4)
- D. Follow Jesus (Matthew 4.19; John 12.26)
- E. Start sharing the Gospel (1 Chronicles 16.8; Psalm 9.1; 26.7; 35.28; 71.15; 96.2; 105.1-3; 145.6, 11-12; Proverbs 11.30; Daniel 12.3; Mark 16.15; 1 Corinthians 9.19-20; Jude 23)
- F. Some sow and some reap (John 4.35-36)
- G. Disciple those you lead to the Lord (Matthew 28.19-20)
- H. Disciple your children (Deut. 4.9-10; 6.5-7; 32.46; Psalm 78.3-7)

VII. Maturity (Ephesians 4.11-15)

- A. Grow in the Word and in grace in the knowledge of the Lord (1 Peter 2.2; 2 Peter 3.18)
- B. Seek knowledge, understanding and wisdom (Proverbs 1.1-7, 2.1-11; 3.1-4, 13, 21; 4.1, 5-7; 5.1-2; 7.1-4; 8.11; 9.6, 10-11; 10.14; 12.1; 13.16; 14.33; 15.14; 16.16; 18.15; 19.2, 8, 27; 22.17-19; 23.12, 23; 24.5, 13-14; 28.6; 30.3)
 - 1. Hearing Scripture daily (Deut. 4.9-10; Prov. 8.34; Luke 8.15, 21; 11.28; James 1.22; Revelation 1.3)
 - 2. Reading Scripture daily (Deuteronomy 17.19; Psalm 42.1-2; 63.1; 143.6; Revelation 1.3)
 - 3. Study the Bible (Deut. 8.3; Proverbs 2.1-5; 8.34; 22.17; John 5.39; Matt. 4.4; Acts 17.11; Rom. 15.4; 2 Tim. 2.15; 3.15)
 - 4. Memorize Scripture (Deuteronomy 6.6; 11.18; 30.14; Psalm 37.31; 40.8; 119.11; Proverbs 2.1; 3.1, 3; 4.1, 21; 6.21; 22.18; Isaiah 51.7; Ezekiel 3.10; Romans 10.8)

5. Meditate on Scripture (Joshua 1.8; Job 22.22; 23.12; Psalm 1.2; 4.4; 19.14; 63.6; 77.12; 104.34; 119.15, 23, 27, 48, 78, 97, 99, 148; 143.5; 1 Timothy 4.15)
- C. Be a disciple (Matthew 28.19-20; Acts 11.26)
1. Deny self (Matthew 16.24; John 12.24-26)
 2. Love the Lord more than all else (Luke 14.26)
 3. Follow the Lord (Luke 14.27; John 12.26)
 4. Seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6.33)
 5. Be willing to give up all you have (Luke 14.33; Acts 5.4)
 6. Know Scripture (Psalm 25.4-5; Proverbs 1.5; 2.1-7; 3.1-4; 7.1-4; 8.10-11; 19.2; 22.17-21; Hosea 4.6, 14; 6.32; Acts 17.11; 2 Timothy 2.15; Hebrews 5.11-6.3)
 7. Endure (John 8.31; Galatians 6.6, 9; 1 Corinthians 15.58; Philippians 1.27; 3.14; 4.1; James 5.11; Hebrews 12.1-4; Peter 5.9; 2 Peter 3.17; Revelation 3.11)
 8. Be fruitful (John 15.5, 8, 16; Colossians 1.10)
 9. Make disciples (Matthew 28.19-20; 2 Timothy 2.2)
- D. Be a bond slave (1 Peter 2.16; Revelation 1.1)
1. What a bond slave is
 - a. A slave who can go free but decides to remain a slave for life due to his love for his master
 - b. All Christians should live as a bond slave of Messiah
 2. Examples
 - a. Paul (Romans 1.1; Philippians 1.1; Titus 1.1)
 - b. Timothy (Philippians 1.1)
 - c. James (1.1)
 - d. Peter (2 Peter 1.1)
 - e. Jude (v. 1)
 - f. John (Revelation 1.1)
- E. Suffer and endure persecution (Matthew 5.11; John 15.20; 16.33; Acts 5.40-42; 14.22; Romans 5.3-5; 8.17; 2 Corinthians 1.5; 12.10; Ephesians 2.21; 4.1, 13; Philippians 1.29; 3.10; 1 Thessalonians 3.3; 2 Thessalonians 1.5; 2 Timothy 1.8; 2.3-6, 9, 12; 3.12; James 1.2-4; 1 Peter 2.20-21; 3.9, 14-17; 4.1-2, 12-14, 19; 5.10)
1. Suffering and persecution result in
 - a. Perseverance/endurance (Romans 5.3; James 1.3)
 - b. Proven character (Romans 5.4)
 - c. Hope (Romans 5.4)

- d. Perfection/completion (James 1.4)
- 2. By our experience we can help others (Hebrews 4.15)
- 3. We should be willing to die for the Lord and fellow believers (Dan. 3.17-18; John 15.13; Heb. 12.4; 1 John 3.16)
 - a. Examples of saints who were persecuted and martyred
 - 1. Abel (Genesis 4.4-8) (martyr)
 - 2. Joseph (Genesis 37.18-28; 39.7-20)
 - 3. Moses (Exodus 16.2-3)
 - 4. David was persecuted by Saul for years
 - 5. Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah (Daniel 3.19-27)
 - 6. Daniel (Daniel 6.3-24)
 - 7. Most of the prophets (Hebrews 11.32-40)
 - 8. John the Baptist (Matthew 14.1-12) (martyr)
 - 9. John and Peter (Acts 4.13-22; 5.17-29)
 - 10. Peter (John 21.18-19) (martyr)
 - 11. Paul (Acts 9.16; 2 Corinthians 11.23-33)
 - 12. All of the apostles (John 16.2)
 - 13. Stephen (Acts 7.54-60) (martyr)
 - 14. James (Acts 12.1-2) (martyr)
 - 15. Barnabas (martyr)
 - 16. James, the son of Mary (martyr)
 - 17. Dr. Luke (martyr)
 - 18. Mark (martyr)
 - 19. Antipas (martyr)
 - 20. Polycarp (martyr)
 - 21. Justin Martyr (martyr)
 - 22. John Huss (martyr)
 - 23. William Tyndale (martyr)
 - 24. Hugh Latimer (martyr)
 - 25. Nicholas Ridley (martyr)
 - 26. Thomas Cranmer (martyr)
- F. Increase faith (Luke 17.5)
 - 1. To please God (Hebrews 11.6)
 - 2. To endure and not lose our reward (James 1.12; Rev. 3.11)
 - 3. We increase it by the Word (Romans 10.17), prayer (Acts 2.42) and fellowship (Acts 2.42; 5.42; Heb. 3.13; 10.24-25)
- G. Guard yourself from idols (1 John 5.21).
 - 1. Do not set up idols in your heart (Ezekiel 14.3-4, 7)
 - 2. Repent and turn away from the idols in your heart and turn away from all of your abominations (Ezekiel 14.6)