



# SIN & RIGHTEOUSNESS

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# JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

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# LESSON 1

## SIN AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

### 1. What is sin?

*“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law.**”*

- 1 John 3:4

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### 2. Of what law is sin the transgression?

*“What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, **Thou shalt not covet.**”*

- Romans 7:7

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### 3. What law says, *“Thou shalt not covet”*?

Read Exodus 20:3-17

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4. How much that is not right is sin, or transgression of the law?

*“All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.”*

- 1 John 5:17

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5. With how much of a man's life does the law have to do?

*“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is **the whole duty** of man. For God shall bring **every work** into judgment, with **every secret thing**, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”*

- Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14

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6. How many have sinned?

*“What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved **both Jews and Gentiles**, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. ...*

*For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God;”*

- Romans 3:9-12, 23

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**7. Whence comes the evil that appears in the lives of men?**

*“For **from within, out of the heart** of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come **from within, and defile the man.**”*

- Mark 7:21-23

*“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.”*

- James 1:14

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**8. What is the inevitable result of sin?**

*“Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, **bringeth forth death.**”*

- James 1:15

*“For **the wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

- Romans 6:23

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9. Is it natural for a man to obey the law?

*“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is **not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.**”*

- Romans 8:7

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10. Can a man, then, justify himself?

*“Therefore **by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**”*

- Romans 3:20

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11. What kind of righteousness is that which springs from ourselves?

*“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as **filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”*

- Isaiah 64:6

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12. With all the efforts of the natural man, what is it impossible to do?

*“So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.”*

- Romans 8:8

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13. What is necessary in order to please God?

*“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

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14. In what must we have faith?

*“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through **faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”*

- Romans 3:23-26

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**15. Why must we have faith in the blood of Jesus?**

*“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son **cleanseth us from all sin.**”*

**- 1 John 1:7**

*“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”*

**- Acts 4:12**

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# LESSON 2

## JUSTIFICATION

1. What is the meaning of the word "**justification**"?

Answer - "*A showing to be just, or conformable to law;*" making or declaring righteous.

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2. Who are the just before God?

*"For not the hearers of the law are **just** before God, but **the doers of the law shall be justified.**"*

- Romans 2:13

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3. Then how shall we understand Romans 3:20?

*"Therefore **by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**"*

Answer - Thus: No flesh can be justified by the deeds of the law, because all have violated it (Romans 3:19), and it is impossible for any flesh to keep the law. Romans 8:7, 8

*"Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and **all the world may become guilty before God.**"*

- Romans 3:19

*“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for **it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.** So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.”*

- Romans 8:7, 8

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4. How, then, can we be made righteous?

*“Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through **faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;”*

- Romans 3:25

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5. In what condition are men before they are justified by grace?

*“And you hath he quickened, who were **dead in trespasses and sins;**”*

- Ephesians 2:1

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6. How does God regard sin?

*“Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and **canst not look on iniquity**: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?”*

- Habakkuk 1:13

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7. Yet how does He regard men even while they are sinners?

*“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he **loved us**, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)”*

- Ephesians 2:4, 5

*“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

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8. By what is it, then, that we are justified?

*“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

*Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being **justified by his grace**, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”*

- Titus 3:5-7

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9. Since there is no good thing in man by nature, what may be said of one who trusts in himself?

*“He that trusteth in his own heart **is a fool**: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.”*

- Proverbs 28:26

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10. For whose benefit did Christ once speak a parable?

*“And he spake this parable unto certain which **trusted in themselves** that they were righteous, and despised others:”*

- Luke 18:9

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11. What two men went into the temple to pray?

*“Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.”*

- Luke 18:10

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12. How did the Pharisee pray?

*“I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.”*

- Luke 18:11-12

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13. What was the prayer of the publican?

*“And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, **God be merciful to me a sinner.**”*

- Luke 18:13

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14. What were the two features of his prayer?

Answer - Confession of sin, and asking for mercy.

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15. Which of the two went home justified?

*“I tell you, **this man** [the publican] **went down to his house justified** rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.”*

- Luke 18:14

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16. If one asks mercy from God, what will he receive?

*“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For **every one that asketh receiveth**; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.*



*Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"*

- Matthew 7: 7-11

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**17. What is mercy?**

**Answer** - "Disposition to overlook injuries, or to treat an offender better than he deserves."

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**18. How great is God's mercy?**

*"Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds."*

- Psalms 36:5

*"For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds."*

- Psalms 108:4

*“For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.”*

- Psalms 103:11

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**19. For whose sake does the Lord pardon sin?**

*“I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions **for mine own sake**, and will not remember thy sins.”*

- Isaiah 43:25

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# LESSON 3

## POWER OF FAITH

1. As Jesus was going to the house of a ruler, who came behind Him?

*“And, behold, **a woman, which was diseased** with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:”*

- Matthew 9:20

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2. How firm a hold had the disease upon her?

*“And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, **neither could be healed of any,**”*

- Luke 8:43

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3. What did she now do?

*“And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and **touched the hem of his garment:**”*

- Matthew 9:20

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4. Why did she do this?

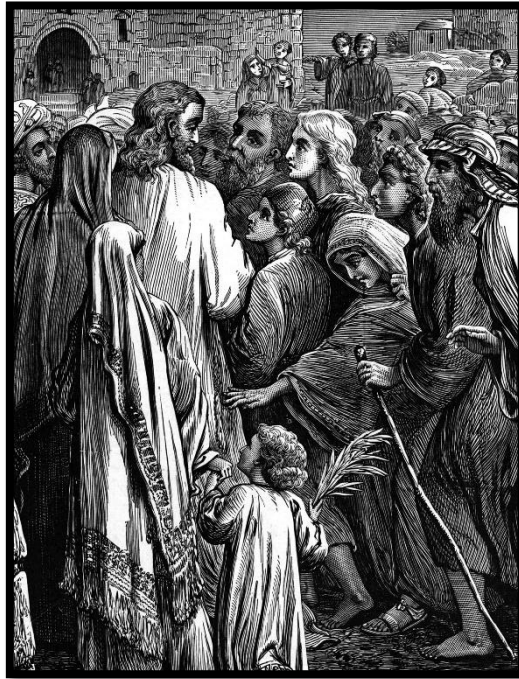
*“For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.”*

- Matthew 9:21

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5. What took place as soon as she touched His garment?

*“Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchèd [stopped].”*

- Luke 8:44

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6. What question did Jesus immediately ask?

*“And Jesus said, **Who touched me?** When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?”*

- Luke 8:45

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7. Why did this question astonish the disciples?

*“And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, **the multitude throng thee and press thee**, and sayest thou, Who touched me?”*

- Luke 8:45

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8. What shows that the woman's touch was different from the accidental touch of persons in the crowd?

*“And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that **virtue** [Divine or miraculous power] **is gone out of me.**”*

- Luke 8:46

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9. What did the woman then do?

*“And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she **came trembling, and falling down before him**, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.”*

- Luke 8:47

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10. What did Jesus say to her?

*“And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: **thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.**”*

- Luke 8:48

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11. What does this miracle show?

Answer - The power of faith.

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12. For what purpose were Christ's miracles recorded?

*“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:*

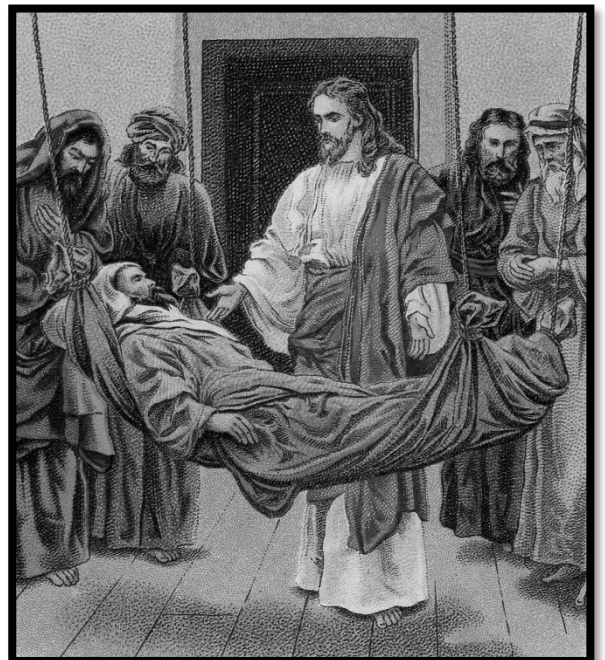
*But **these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.***

- John 20:30-31

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13. What miracle shows plainly that the miracles of healing were to manifest Christ's power to cleanse from sin, in answer to faith?

*“And, behold, they brought to him **a man sick of the palsy**, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; **thy sins be forgiven thee**. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For **whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?** But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house.”*



- Matthew 9:2-7

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14. When Jesus healed the blind man near Jericho, what did He say to him?

*“And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: **thy faith hath saved thee.**”*

- Luke 18:42

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15. What did He also say to the sinful woman who showed great love for Him?

*“And he said unto her, **Thy sins are forgiven....** And he said to the woman, **Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.**”*

- Luke 7:48, 50

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16. Could the afflicted woman mentioned in Luke 8:43-48 have healed herself?

*“And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchd. And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.*



*And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace."*

**- Luke 8:43-48**

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**17. Could the sinful woman mentioned in Luke 7:37-50 any more have cleansed herself from sin?**

*"And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.*

*Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace."*

- Luke 7:37-50

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18. What does Christ say to all who are burdened with sin?

*"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.... For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

- Matthew 11:28, 30

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19. Then how should we respond?

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"Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou hidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

"Just as I am; and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot;  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come."

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## LESSON 4

### DELIVERANCE FROM BONDAGE

#### 1. Who was present as Jesus was talking in a synagogue one Sabbath?

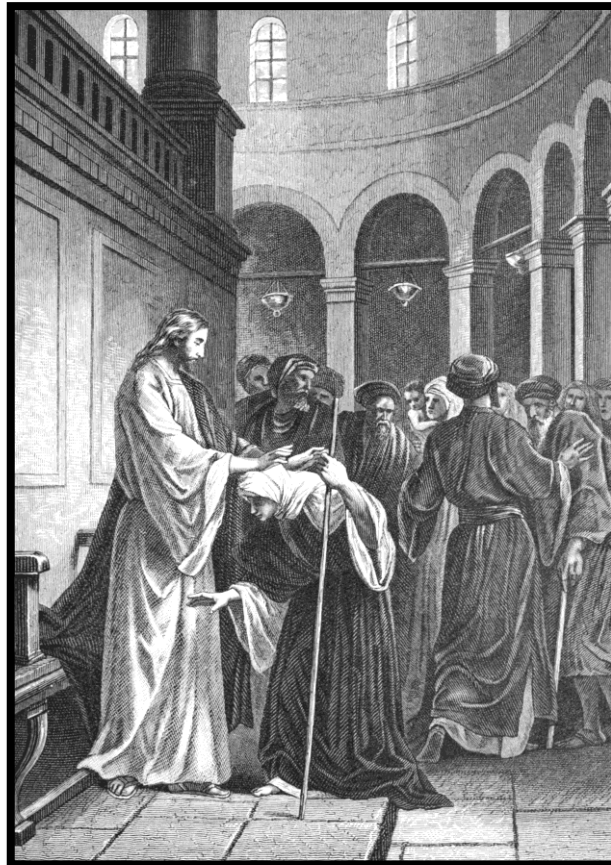
*“And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And, behold, there was **a woman** which **had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years**, and was **bowed together**, and could in no wise lift up herself.”*

- Luke 13:10-11

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**2. What did he say to the afflicted one?**

*“And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.”*

- Luke 13:12

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**3. As soon as He laid His hands on her, what resulted?**

*“And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.”*

- Luke 13:13

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**4. Who accosted [spoke to] Peter and John on a certain occasion, as they were entering the temple?**

*“Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.”*

- Acts 3:1-3

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**5. How long had the man been unable to walk?**

*“And a certain man **lame from his mother's womb** was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;”*

- Acts 3:2

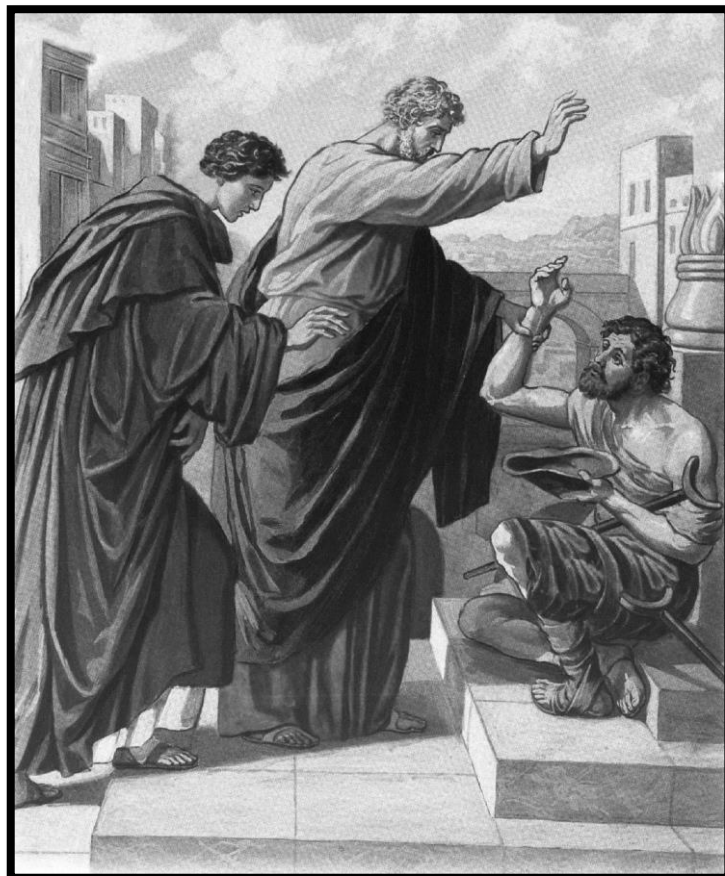
*“For the man was **above forty years old**, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.”*

- Acts 4:22

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6. When the man looked on the disciples, expecting alms, what did Peter say?

*“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.**”*

- Acts 3:6

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7. What was the result?

*“And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and **immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.** And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.”*

- Acts 3:7-8

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8. How were the people who knew the man affected by this miracle?

*“And all the people saw him walking and praising God: And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were **filled with wonder and amazement** at that which had happened unto him. And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, **greatly wondering.**”*

- Acts 3:9-11

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**9. Whom did Peter then begin to preach to the people?**

*“And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? **The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus;** whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied **the Holy One and the Just**, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed **the Prince of life**, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.”*

- Acts 3:12-15

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**10. Speaking of Christ, how did he say the lame man had been healed?**

*“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

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**11. How are sinners like the woman who was bound so that she could not lift herself up?**

*“For innumerable evils have compassed me about: **mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up;** they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.”*

- Psalms 40:12

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**12. What binds them?**

*“His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.”*

**- Proverbs 5:22**

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**13. In what respect are all men in the condition of the man who was impotent [disabled] from birth?**

*“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.”*

**- Romans 7:18**

*“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”*

**- Galatians 5:17**

*“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.”*

**- Psalms 51:5**

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**14. In what condition are all sinners?**

*“Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.”*

**- John 8:34**



*“And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime **subject to bondage.**”*

**- Hebrews 2:15**

*“While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the **servants of corruption:** for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought **in bondage.**”*

**- 2 Peter 2:19**

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**15. How was the crooked woman made straight?**

*“And when **Jesus** saw her, he called her to him, and **said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.** And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.”*

**- Luke 13:12, 13**

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**16. How was the impotent man made strong?**

*“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**

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**17. For what purpose were these miracles recorded?**

*“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.”*

**- John 20:30, 31**

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**18. What is the special work of Christ?**

*“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;”*

**- Isaiah 61:1**

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**19. What power does He exert over sin?**

*“Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.”*

**- Micah 7:18, 19**

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**20. What is necessary in order to gain the blessing of the Spirit?**

*“For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: **how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**”*

**- Luke 11:9-13**

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**21. What can one say who, having asked in simple faith, has received?**

*“... I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. **He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.** And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.”*

**- Psalms 40:1-3**

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# LESSON 5

## THE VICTORY OF FAITH

### 1. Who came against Israel in the days of Jehoshaphat?

*“It came to pass after this also, that the **children of Moab**, and the **children of Ammon**, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a **great multitude** against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they be in Hazazontamar, which is Engedi.”*

- 2 Chronicles 20:1, 2

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### 2. What did the king and the people do?

*“And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek **the LORD**, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together, to **ask help of the LORD**: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.”*

- 2 Chronicles 20:3, 4

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### 3. With what recognition of God's power and goodness did Jehoshaphat begin his prayer?

*“And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and **in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?**”*

*Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?"*

- 2 Chronicles 20:6, 7

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**4. What evidence have we that only by such prayers can we please God?**

*“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

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**5. After recounting God's power and goodness, and the evil designs of the enemy, what acknowledgment and request did Jehoshaphat make?**

*“O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.”*

**- 2 Chronicles 20:12**

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**6. Upon whom did he say the eyes of Israel were fixed?**

*“O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.”*

**- 2 Chronicles 20:12 [last clause.]**

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**7. What does God say to all?**

*“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.”*

**- Isaiah 45:22**

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**8. How did the Lord answer Jehoshaphat's prayer?**

*“Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation; And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, **Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.** ...Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and **see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.**”*

**- 2 Chronicles 20:14, 15, 17**

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**9. As the Israelites went forth early in the morning, what did Jehoshaphat say to them?**

*“And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; **Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.**”*

**- 2 Chronicles 20:20**

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**10. After consulting with the people, what did he do?**

*“And when he had consulted with the people, he **appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness,***

*as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.*”

**- 2 Chronicles 20:21**

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**11. What took place as soon as they began to sing and praise?**

*“And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.”*

**- 2 Chronicles 20:22**

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**12. What did the Israelites show by their singing and praising as they went out to meet the enemy?**

**Answer** - That they believed the promise of the Lord that he would fight for them.

**PERSONAL NOTES**

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**13. Of what scripture, then, was this event an illustration?**

*“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”*

**- 1 John 5:4**

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**14. Have we similar promises that God will fight for us in our battles with sin?**

*“The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.”*

**- Psalms 34:7**

*“Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.”*

**- Psalms 37:4-6**

*“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.”*

**- Psalms 50:15**

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**15. What does the divine power of Christ bring to us?**

*“According as his divine power hath **given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”*

**- 2 Peter 1:3**

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**16. What do these precious promises do for us?**

*“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that **by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”*

**- 2 Peter 1:4**

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**17. But in order for these promises to be of any profit to us, what must we do?**

*“...**Believe in the LORD your God**, so shall ye be established; **believe his prophets**, so shall ye prosper.”*

**- 2 Chronicles 20:20**

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**18. And if we believe God's promises, with what will our prayers be accompanied?**

*“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known unto God.”*

**- Philippians 4:6**

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**19. Who are they who glorify God?**

*“Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.”*

**- Psalms 50:23**

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**20. What two exhortations, then, should we keep if we would always do the will of God?**

*“Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord**, and in the power of his might.”*

**- Ephesians 6:10**

*“**Rejoice in the Lord alway**: and again I say, Rejoice.”*

**- Philippians 4:4**

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**21. If we thus rejoice in the Lord, what will be the result?**

*“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And **the peace of God**, which passeth all understanding, **shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**”*

**- Philippians 4:6, 7**

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# LESSON 6

## THE LOVE OF GOD

### 1. In what does the Lord delight?

*“Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because **he delighteth in mercy.**”*

**- Micah 7:18.**

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### 2. How is His mercy continually manifested?

*“It is of the LORD'S mercies that **we are not consumed**, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”*

**- Lamentations 3:22, 23**

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### 3. Is His mercy limited to any special class?

*“Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing **he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;**”*

**- Acts 17:25**

*“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise **on the evil and on the good**, and sendeth rain on **the just and on the unjust.**”*

**- Matthew 5:44, 45**

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**4. How has mankind repaid him for His love?**

*“For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God;”*

**- Romans 3:23**

*“Ah sinful nation, a people **laden with iniquity**, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have **forsaken the LORD**, they have **provoked the Holy One of Israel** unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.”*

**- Isaiah 1:4-6**

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**5. While all men were in this condition, how did God still further show His love for them?**

*“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**

*“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*

**- Romans 5:8**

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**6. Is there any difference between the, love of the Father and that of the Son?**

*“I and my Father are one.”*

**- John 10:30**

*“Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.”*

**- John 14:11**

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**7. Of what was Christ's earthly ministry a manifestation?**

*“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.”*

**- 2 Corinthians 5:19**

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**8. Into what relationship to God does His love bring us, if we accept it?**

*“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called **the sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.”*

**- 1 John 3:1**

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**9. What is given us to show that we are sons?**

*“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received **the Spirit of adoption**, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:”*

**- Romans 8:14-16**

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**10. What is the witness of the Spirit that God accepts us as His children?**

**Answer** - His word, which his Spirit inspired.

**PERSONAL NOTES**

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**11. What does the Holy Spirit beget in the hearts of those who receive it?**

*“And hope maketh not ashamed; because **the love of God** is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”*

**- Romans 5:5**

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**12. If the love of God is shed abroad in the heart, what effect will it have?**

*“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”*

**- 1 John 3:16**

*“Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.”*

**- 1 John 4:11.**

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**13. How much should Christians love one another?**

*“This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.”*

**- John 15:12**

*“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”*

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**14. What exhortation is based on Christ's love for us?**

*“And **walk in love**, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.”*

**- Ephesians 5:2**

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**15. If we have the love of God, will we love only those who love us?**

*“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”*

**- 1 John 4:10**

*Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, **Love your enemies**, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?*

**- Matthew 5:43-46**

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**16. Why do we love God?**

*“We love him, because **he first loved us**.”*

**- 1 John 4:19**

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**17. Did He first love us because of our goodness?**

*“For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, **Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us**, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;”*

**- Titus 3:3-6**

*“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But **God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:”***

**- Ephesians 2:1-6**

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**18. Why does God thus send His blessing upon us?**

*“Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in **turning away every one of you from his iniquities.**”*

**- Acts 3:26.**

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**19. What may we expect if we are children of God?**

*“For whom the Lord loveth he **chasteneth, and scourgeth** every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.”*

**- Hebrews 12:6-8**

*“As many as I love, **I rebuke and chasten**: be zealous therefore, and repent.”*

**- Revelation 3:19**

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**20. From what God has done for us, of what may we be sure?**

*“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also **freely give us all things?**”*

**- Romans 8:32**

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**21. What is God's love able to do when enemies curse?**

*“Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy God **turned the curse into a blessing** unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee.”*

**- Deuteronomy 23:5**

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**22. How enduring is God's love?**

*“The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.”*

**- Jeremiah 31:3**

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**23. Can anything turn this love aside?**

*“For I am persuaded, that **neither** death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God**, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

**- Romans 8:38, 39**

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**24. Then, trusting in His love, how confident may we be of victory?**

*“Nay, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.**”*

**- Romans 8:37**

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