

WORLD VIDEO BIBLE SCHOOL

Fundamentals of the Faith

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LESSON #42 — OUR OBLIGATION TO THE LORD, PART 3

Let's review briefly those passages of Scripture, we've studied in this last section of lesson two.

First of all, we looked at Ephesians 3:17-19, where we are told to allow Christ to dwell in our hearts by faith, and that we should be rooted and grounded in love. And we should know the love of God, or the love of Christ, which surpasses all knowledge. We ought to be rooted and grounded in the love of God and in His Son.

And then in 2 Corinthians 9, verse 15, we ought to have hearts that are filled with thanksgiving. Thanks be to God for all that He has done for us.

2 Corinthians 5, verse 14, we ought to allow the love of Christ to constrain us. In verse 15, we ought to allow it to constrain us to live for Jesus who died for us.

Then John 14, verse 15, Jesus said if we love Him, we will obey him, we will keep His commandments.

Then in the book of Galatians, chapter 2, verse 20, we ought to be crucified with Christ, and allow Christ to live in us. And we ought to do that by living by the faith, the gospel, of the Son of God.

Ephesians chapter 5, verse 24, we need to be subject unto Christ, submit to Him, to His will, to His authority.

2 Corinthians 10, verse 5, we ought to bring every thought into captivity, exercise control of our mind, with the goal being: obedience to Christ, obedience, in the way that Jesus obeyed.

Then in Philippians, chapter 1, verse 20 and 21, Christ needs to be manifest in my body. He needs to be magnified in my body, and in yours. Whether it be by our life, or by our death, and we need to have in our hearts and minds the thought that to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Mark 5, verse 19. We need to go tell our friends what great things the Lord has done for us, and how He has had compassion on us.

Ephesians 3, verse 18, we need to teach to everyone that we possibly can the unsearchable riches of Christ.

And then in Philippians 3:7-14, we need to count all things loss, that we might gain Christ, that we might be in Him, that we might know Him, and the power of His resurrection, the fellowship of His sufferings, and even being conformed to His death. We need to press on to the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

So those passages of Scripture, then, let us know some of the wonderful obligations that we have to the Lord. Some of the wonderful ways we can express our intense love for the Lord in our lives of service, and obedience to Him, who loved us, and gave Himself for us. And that concludes lesson number 2. That is the last point that we want to study on this particular subject.

Before we move on to the third lesson in our series, we would like to briefly review the major points that we've studied in lesson 2.

First of all, we began studying the subject, sin and the solution for sin. We studied, first of all the definition of sin. We looked at the Greek word, and also looked at God's definition. It is violation of His law, it is not doing what we know is right.

And then secondly, we looked at a brief history of sin to document from the Scriptures, that indeed, man has had a problem with sin from the very beginning, up to this present day.

Then our third point that we looked at, we studied: how to sin work? Our goal here was to prepare ourselves, to be able to deal better with sin. We saw that Satan works through the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. We need to guard those avenues of approach so that we can win the battle over sin.

Then number 4, we talked about the result of sin. Of course, it is separation from God. And, if we die in our sins, we cannot go where Jesus went, that is to heaven.

Then number 5, we studied from the Scriptures, God's answer to Man's problem, Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And what a wonderful answer He is, to our problem with sin.

Then, number 6, we looked at how do we receive the benefits of Jesus' blood, which is the only thing that can wash away, can take away, the sins that we commit against God. And we studied from the Scriptures that it's through faith, but not faith alone, which is taught in the religious world, but of faith, which includes repentance, confession of Jesus as Lord and immersion in water for the forgiveness of our past sins.

Then, point number 7. What if we sin after we baptized? Has God made a means by which we can obtain forgiveness of sins? And we saw God's answer is yes. If we repent, we walk in the light, strive to live a godly life, and confess our sins to God, He is faithful and just to cleanse us of our sins.

And point number 8. What does Jesus mean to the Christian? He is so many things to us? He is God, Lord, Christ, King, He will be our judge. And he is the best friend that we could ever ask for. He is the best friend that we could ever ask for. And we've seen so many reasons. As we've studied these beautiful passages of Scripture, reasons to know that Jesus is the Christian's best friend. By His life, while He was here upon this earth, coming to seek and save that which was lost, coming to save His people from their sins. By His loving sacrifice upon the cross, coming to be the bread of life, the way the truth, the life, the light of the world, the resurrection and the life, and coming to destroy the one who had the power of death, that is Satan. And we've seen that He is our best friend, because of His humiliation, and suffering for us, His willingness to undergo the cruel and cursed treatment that He received on the part of those whom He came to seek and to save. And then we saw that He is our best friend because of His death, and the blood, which he shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

And in this final section, He is our best friend because He was raised from the dead, declared to be the Son of God with power, and gave us such great hope, through that resurrection, a living hope, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled. And He is alive, He is in heaven today. We do not serve one who is still in the tomb. We serve one who is alive, mediating for us, making intercession for us, being our advocate, being our refuge, all the other things that we studied. What a friend we have in Jesus! May we ever show our friendship for him by our willingness to obey His commandments, to do whatever He says in His Word.