Soul Winner's Key Ring



A Medicine Chest of Helps and Aids In Learning To Be A Soul Winner

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METHOD: Privately approach the sin-sick soul, and lovingly ask him to state his case. Having carefully diagnosed it, prescribe the proper medicine from the pages within, turn to the references yourself, and ask the inquirer to read them.

I. QUALIFICATIONS

1. Knowledge of the Scriptures

The Christian Workman is to win his Lord's approval by RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH (2 Tim. 2:15). The Word of God is a "HAMMER" to knock down and build up; a "FIRE" to consume and warm (Jer. 23:29); a "SEED" to furnish seed to the sower and bread to the eater (Luke 8:11, 1 Pet. 1:23); a "SWORD" for destruction and defense (Eph. 6:17 and Heb. 4:16). It is also a "LAMP", a "LIGHT", etc.

2. Enduement of the Holy Spirit

FOR SERVICE and is NECESSARY FOR WITNESSING AND WORK, (Acts 1:8). All do not receive the same gift, (1 Cor. 12:4-11). Some have the gift of song, others of speech, others of teaching, etc.

We know the promise so all we must do is ask. (Luke 11:13).

Then we are to believe that we HAVE IT, (1 John 5:14,15), and GO TO WORK. It is given for service, not for display, and we need a fresh annointing for every service. We should WALK and LIVE IN THE SPIRIT, (Gal. 5:16-18, 25).

3. Follow Christ and abide in Him

Jesus said if we followed Him he would make us fishers of men (Matt. 4:19). Jesus said the prerequisite for bearing fruit is abiding in Him and His word abiding in us (John 15:1-6). Our soul winning is supposed to be a natural product of our walk with Jesus Christ and our yielding to Him. Abiding is dwelling up him with our minds.

4. Wisdom

We are to be as WISE as serpents and HARMLESS as doves (Matt. 10:16). That is, we are to be patient, tactful and courteous. Again, every individual case requires dif-

ferent treatment. How are we to GET this wisdom? (James 1:5). Jesus said that He would give us the words (Matt. 10:20)

II. TOOLS

1. A Bible

It should be a SELF-PRONOUNCING Teacher's or Student's REFERENCE King James Bible, with HELPS. Do not buy rice paper if you wish to mark the Bible. By all means mark your Bible so as to readily turn to passages. If it is not a King James Bible it is taken from bad manuscripts and has 4,000-6,000 words missing.

How To Mark Your Bible

- 1. Use markers, which make a transparent line, to draw over the lines of a verse of scripture. Use scarlet for the "promises", green for "condemnation", brown for death and resurrection", etc. Draw a red ellipse around the word BLOOD all through the Bible and fill it with red.
- 2. Underscore, or draw a circle, ellipse, or rectangle around emphatic words, using liquid India Ink as it is black and will not show through the paper. Mark marginal notes and draw lines from them to the passage. Connect verses or words by lines, for neatness use a ruler. If skilled in the use of a pen, draw in margin opposite Ex. 12:7, a doorway and make red ink marks on sides and lintel; Opposite Num. 21:8, a red serpent on a black pole; opposite Dan. 3:19 draw a fiery furnace. Draw a triangle for Trinity, a circle for Eternity, an anchor for Hope, a little b in large C (little believer in big Christ) for Assurance; a sun for Sonship, etc. These symbols, and others that will suggest themselves, will strike the eye and enable you to quickly find the passage.
- 3. Print in large black block letters over the different books their title. Over Exodus, "Book of Redemption"; over Leviticus, "Book of SACRIFICE"; over Romans, "JUSTIFICATION". Mark chapters in the same way, Jeremiah 3, "Backslider's" chapter; John 6, "Bread" chapter; 1 John 3, "Love" chapter.

2. A Bible Concordance

Take some of the great words of Scripture as "Sin", "Faith", "Redemption", "Love", "Holy Spirit" and turn to the Concordance and look up the Bible reference, making note of the most prominent. Cut the references out of a cheap Bible, classify and arrange them into a Bible-Reading on the topic chosen. Then open your Bible at the

first text and on the margin write the book, chapter, and verse of the second text. Turn to the second text and write the location of the third text and so on through the whole Bible Reading. On a blank page at the end of your Bible, write down a list of your topics and first reference used. By this plan you will have a complete chain of texts on the topics you have worked out, each verse referring to the next, and no loose slips of paper to embarrass you. You will thus never be at a loss for a Bible Reading.

3. A Bible Dictionary

A Bible Dictionary will give you a knowledge of the geography, climate, animals, etc. of Bible lands and of the habits, customs, etc. of the people. Smith's Bible Dictionary is good. Stay away from the Dictionaries that correct the Word of God. One of the best things you can use to study your Bible is a Webster's 1828 Dictionary or the full Oxford English Dictionary. The original Oxford Dictionary is 20 volumes but is also available on CD rom for use on a computer.

How To Treat Inquirers

I. How to Convict of Sin

Show them that ALL have sinned, (Rom. 3:23, Isa. 53:6); that there is no peace for the wicked, (Isa. 57: 21); that they are under the curse, (Gal. 3:10); condemned AL-READY, (John 3:18); that the wrath of God IS abiding on them, (John 3:36); and that the WAGES of sin is death, (Rom. 6:23). Or try another way and show them the LOVE of God, (John 3:16); that Jesus was wounded for THEIR transgressions (Isa. 53:5); and bore THEIR sins in His own body on the tree (1 Pet. 2:24); and that by rejecting him they are committing the most damning sin of all, (Heb.10:28-29).

II. How to Lead to Christ

Turn to Isa. 53:6. There are TWO things that a sinner needs to KNOW, and ONE thing he needs to DO in order to be saved. He needs to KNOW, first, that he is a LOST sinner, and this verse tells him that; second, Christ is an all-sufficient Saviour and this verse tells him that. What he needs to DO is simply accept this all-sufficient Saviour whom God has provided. John 1:12 brings out this thought very clearly, also John 3:16 and John 5:24.

Show from Rom. 1:16 whom it is that the "Gospel" saves - "everyone that believeth". "Believeth what?" "The Gospel." "What is the Gospel?" Answer - 1 Cor. 15:1-4. "What is the promise if you believe?" Answer Rom. 10:9. "Do you believe?" Then

let us kneel and tell God so.

III. I Do Believe But I Don't Feel Saved

Feeling is the "FRUIT", not the "ROOT" of Salvation, (Gal. 5:22, 1 Pet. 1:8). The Bible nowhere says we are to trust in our "feelings" for salvation but in the PROMISES" of God. It does not say he . that "FEELETH" shall be saved, but he that "BELIEVETH." 'What was it that made the slaves free?" "Was it their feeling?" No, it was the proclamation of President Lincoln.

It is AFTER we receive the testimony of God's Word that we are "SEALED with the Holy Spirit" (Eph. 1:13). The Natural order is:

- 1. Resting on God's Word (John 20:30-31).
- 2. Public Confession (Rom. 10:9-10).
- 3. Witness of the Spirit (Rom. 8:16-17).

We cannot reasonably expect the "Witness of the Spirit" from the Father until we are confessed BEFORE the Father, and this Christ tells us he will not do until we have confessed Him BEFORE MEN (Matt. 10:32).

HOW does the Holy Spirit WITNESS? Just the same as others witness, by WORDS.

Can you conceive of a witness called to testify before a jury, stepping up to the jurors and shaking and hugging them in turn without speaking a word; and yet, when called upon to explain the strange action, declaring that he was trying to make them FEEL the prisoner at the bar was innocent? Then why do you imagine that the Holy Spirit witnesses in that manner - by making you FEEL? No, the Holy Spirit witnesses by WORDS, and his testimony is recorded in the Bible. Read his testimony there that you are a child of God and rejoice.

IV. Evidence of Conversion

A new creature, (2 Cor. 5:17); the presence of the Spirit, (Rom. 8:16, 1 John 3:24); Love of the brethren, (1 John 3:14); the peace of God, (Phil. 4:7); Righteousness of Life.

V. How to Give Assurance

Is it possible to KNOW that we are saved? Yes, (1 John 5:13). Turn to John 1:12.

"What does it say they ARE who RECEIVE him?" "A SON OF GOD." "Have YOU received him?" "Yes." "Then what are YOU?! "A SON OF GOD." "What does 1 John 3:2 say?" "NOW are ye the SONS OF GOD? Turn to John 3:36. "Who does this verse say has everlasting Life?" "He that BELIEVETH on the Son". "Do you believe on the Son?" "Yes." "What have you then?" "EVERLASTING LIFE." Use John 5:24 and 1 John 5:12 in the same way. Turn to Acts 13:39. "What does this verse say that all who believe are?" "JUSTIFIED." "Do you believe?" "Yes." "What are you then?" "JUSTIFIED." "What does Rom. 5:1 say?" "They, who have been justified by faith, have PEACE with God." Notice it is not the peace OF God, (Phil. 4:7), but peace WITH God. That is we are NOW, reconciled to God. "Put that in black and white," says the merchant, when a good offer is made to him. God has put His offer in black and white, (1 John 5:1, John 20:31).

VI What Will Become of Our Sins?

- 1. REMITTED Acts 10:43.
- 2. CLEANSED -1 John 1:7-9.
- 3. BLOTTED OUT Isa. 44:22.
- 4. CAST BEHIND GOD'S BACK Isa. 38:17.
- 5. CAST INTO THE SEA Micah 7:19.
- 6. REMOVED AS FAR AS EAST FROM WEST Psa. 103:12.
- 7. FORGOTTEN Heb. 10:17.

VII. How to Treat Special Cases

1. The Moralist

Turn to Isa. 64:6 and show them all their righteousness is but filthy rags. If they say they have NO sin, they "deceive themselves", (1 John 1:8-10). If they keep the whole law and "offend in one point", they are guilty of ALL, (James 2:10). God "Knoweth their HEARTS", (Luke 16:15). They MUST be "born again", (John 3:5-6). The parable of the Pharisee and Publican (Luke 18:9-14) may be used with good effect.

2. Trusting to "Works"

Show them men are not saved BY works (Titus 3:5, Eph. 2:8-9, Rom. 4:5), nor JUS-

TIFIED by "the law" (Rom. 3:19-20). If they quote Phil. 2:12 and say God commands us to "Work OUT our own salvation", show them that that is addressed to Christians (Phil. 1:1) and we must first HAVE this salvation before we can work it out. If we can be saved BY works, then Christ's death was useless (Gal. 2:21).

3. Trusting to the "Mercy" of God

Show them in John 3:18-36, that they are "ALREADY condemned"; that God has "no pleasure in the death of a sinner" (Ex. 33:11); that they are "despising" God's goodness towards them (Rom. 2:4-5); that if they are finally lost it will be because they "WILL NOT come to Him" (John 5:40); and while God IS merciful He exercises that mercy through only one channel, JESUS CHRIST (Acts 4:12).

4. Those Who Doubt the Bible

Show them that to doubt the Bible does not alter the Fact (Rom. 3:3-4); that by doing so they make God a liar (1 John 5:10); that it proves they are not of God (John 8:47); that Satan has blinded their eyes (2 Cor. 4:3-4), and because they receive not the "love of the truth", they are given over to delusion and damnation (2 Thess. 1:10-12); that if the preaching of the cross is foolishness to them, it is because they are PERISHING (1 Cor. 1:18) and the NATURAL man cannot receive it (1 Cor. 2:14) and if they will "DO God's will" they shall know of the doctrine (John 7:17, 5:39; Acts 17:11, 12).

5. Those Who Doubt Future Punishment

Show by Luke 16:23-24 that when the wicked die the soul goes to a place of CON-SCIOUS torment; that the day is coming when the wicked as well as the "righteous" shall RISE FROM THE DEAD (John 5:28, 29). After this the JUDGMENT (Heb. 9:27, 2 Pet. 3:7). Their doom will be to be cast into the "Lake of Fire" (Rev. 20:12-15), where they will be tormented FOREVER AND EVER (Rev. 20:10, Matt. 25:41, 46, Mark 9:44).

6. Those Who Doubt the Divinity of Christ

Show by 1 John 2:22, that he who denies the 'Divinity of Christ" is a liar and an anti-christ and, if he continues to deny, he shall die in his sins (John 8:24). John wrote his Gospel to PROVE that Jesus was the Christ (John 20:30-31). Get them to read it carefully.

Jesus claimed that he was EQUAL WITH GOD (John 5:18, 10:30), and that he was the SON OF GOD (John 4:25-26, 9:35-37, Mark 14:61-62). He proved these claims

by doing the WORKS OF GOD, as CREATION (John 2:6-11, Mark 6:41-44); HEALING (Matt. 4:24); RAISING THE DEAD (Mark 5:35-42, Luke 7:11-16, John 11:33.45). He professed FAULTLESSNESS (John 8:29,46). In the Word of God you have: A Father who is God (Rom 1:7); A Son who is God (Heb. 1:8); A Holy Spirit who is God (Acts 5:3,4). Two very plain verses that teach the deity of Christ are I Timothy 3:16 and I John 5:7. If he was not DIVINE, he was a trickster, imposter, blasphemer, and a BAD man, as well as the greatest EGOTIST that ever lived. There are Two ways of finding out about a person.

1. ASK HIS ENEMIES

- . Officers John 7:46
- . Unclean Spirits Mark 3:11, Luke 4:41
- . Pilate Luke 23:4
- . Pilate's wife Matt. 27:19
- . Judas Matt. 27:4
- . Centurion Mark 15:39

2. ASK HIS FRIENDS

- . JOHN THE BAPTIST John 1: 29
- . GOD Matt. 3:17
- . NATHANAEL John 1:49
- . PETER Matt. 16:16
- . Multitude Matt. 21:9 Thomas John 20:28

Every effect must have an ADEQUATE cause. IT WOULD TAKE A CHRIST TO FORGE A CHRIST.

7. "I am Too Great a Sinner"

Turn to 1 Tim. I:15 and show them Jesus came to save the "CHIEF" of sinners; and though their sins "be as scarlet" (Isa. 1:18), that Jesus is able to save to the "uttermost" (Heb. 7:25) and will not "cast out" any who comes to Him (John 6:37).

8. "I am Afraid I Can't Hold Out"

Show them that God will Not permit us to be tempted above what we are "able to bear" (1 Cor. 10:13). We are not to keep ourselves but are KEPT "by the POWER OF GOD (1 Pet. 1:5). Christ is "ABLE to keep us" (Jude 24) and no man CAN pluck us "out of His hand" (John 10:27-29). He who has begun a good work in us will continue it "unto the END" (Phil. 1:6).

9. "I Will be Persecuted"

Yes, that is the path to glory. All who will live Godly shall suffer persecution (2 Tim. 3:12) and if, for Christ's sake, it is a blessed token (Matt. 5:10-12). Jesus suffered persecution for us (1 Pet. 2:20, 21) and we must not let even those of our own household keep us from Christ (Matt. 10:34.39). It is the "fear of Man" that bringeth a snare (Prov. 29:25.). Show them from Rom. 8:18 that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory which shall be revealed in us.

10. "I am Seeking, but Cannot Find Him"

The reason is you do not search with "all your heart" (Jer. 29:13). As Christ is seeking you (Luke 19:10), if you are really seeking Him, it won't take long for a seeking Saviour and a seeking sinner to find each other.

11. "I am Trying to be a Christian" or "I tried it once and it didn't work."

It is not "trying" but "RECEIVING". It is not "trying" but "TRUSTING" (John 1:12). Never instruct a sinner to pray, or continue to seek, or use the means of grace", or wait for mercy but press him to yield and trust Christ AT ONCE. When the Phillippian Jailor asked what he should DO to be saved, Paul did not say, "Get down and pray, "but, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved", and he believed and was baptized the same hour. (Acts 16:30-34). Zaccheus was converted between the bough of the tree and the ground (Luke 19:6). Claim the promise of His keeping power (John 10:28). Conversion is no tedious process, but is INSTANTANEOUS. Once saved, always saved, if saved.

12. "I Can't Believe"

In most cases the reason is, an unforgiving spirit (Matt. 5:22 & 24, 6:15), some daring sin (Matt. 18:8), love of the world (1 john 2:15), business or social entanglements (Mark 8:36, 2 Cor. 6:14-17) being ashamed (Luke 9:26). Isa. 55:7 will show them what they must DO and Gal. 6:7-8 will show them the consequences if they

don't. Show them how FAITH COMES (Rom. 10:17).

13. "I Haven't Conviction Enough"

The AMOUNT is not essential, if there be enough to make one feel his need of forgiveness. In fact conviction of sin comes largely AFTER conversion, As one's conscience becomes enlightened by the Holy Spirit) things which once were not thought sinful come to appear as sins. A man cannot have "godly sorrow" for sin (2 Cor. 7:10), until there is something "Godly" in him.

14. "It is Too Late"

If they mean they have sinned away "the day of grace", or fear they have committed the "Unpardonable Sin", show them what that is (Matt. 12:31, 32). If they have not blasphemed against the Holy Ghost (and one who has done that is indifferent to the gospel), then show them John 6:37 and 2 Pet. 3:9. If they mean that it is "too late" to think about it, use the 'Dying Thief" (Luke 23:39-43).

15. "I Can't Live It." Romans 4:5

- -Point out to them that you are not saved by living it, but by believing it.
- -My salvation is a belief and not a behavior.
- -They will be able to live better after they get saved. Phil. 4:13

16. "I Am Already A Church Member." Acts 2:41, 47

- -Point out that only those who are saved should join the church.
- -I'm not a car because i walk into a garage.
- -You have no right to join a church until you get saved.

17. "I Am Not Too Bad." Romans 5:12

- -Point out that all are sinners and under the curse of death.
- -No one goes to hell because of too much sin in his life.
- -A fruit tree is never determined by the amount of fruit on it.

18. "I Am A Good Person." Romans 3:12

- -Point out that a person is born a sinner and that it is his nature.
- -If "good" were the measuring device for heaven, how much would we have to do?
- -Ask them if going to church, reading your bible, and praying is good. When they reply "yes" then ask them if they are doing those things.

19. "There Are Too Many Hypocrites In The Church." Matthew 7:1-4

- -Point out to them that a hypocrite is someone who is saved, but not in church.
- -If they found a church with perfect members they couldn't attend it because no one is perfect.
- -Just because your mommy burned the biscuits one time it did not stop you from eating biscuits.
- -If you could have a hypocrite in the church or on the streets, where would you want them?
- -A hypocrite is someone who is trying to be someone he is not. We are all trying to be like Jesus and we fail. You're not a good christian unless you are a hypocrite."

20. "I Am Too Busy." Luke 14:16-24

- -Point out to them that everybody takes time for what they want to do.
- -No one should ever get so busy that he couldn't take time to get saved.
- -Death could come at any moment; we must be ready.

21. "I Don't Want To Become A Jesus Freak." II Corinthians 5:20

- -Point out that the bible does not endorse weird "christians" like the Branch Davidians near Waco.
- -When you're an ambassador you conduct yourself accordingly.
- -Assure them that we don't have purple kool-aid or snakes in a closet.

22. "I Can't Give Up My Sin." I Corinthians 10:13

- -Point out to them that god provides an avenue of escape if you're looking.
- -Continued rejection will make it even harder to get saved.
- -There is no way you can do right until you have right in you.
- -Jesus wants to save you, not your sin.

23. "I'll Lose My Friends." John 15:13-14

- -Point out to them that jesus is the greatest friend they will ever know.
- -If your friends leave you, they were not your friends in the first place.
- -Your salvation may cause your friends to get saved themselves.

24. "I Want To Someday, But Not Now." James 4:14

-Point out to them that putting it off may be eternally fatal.

- -Everyone of us are one heart-beat away from death.
- -No one knows he has a tomorrow. Proverbs 27:1

25. "I Don't Believe In God." Psalm 14:1

- -Point out to them that they are entitled to their opinion.
- -Just because you believe a fall from 100 ft. Will not hurt you, that will not stop the pain when you hit the ground.
- -We must go by what the bible says.

26. "That Sounds Too Easy." Romans 10:13

- -Point out to them it is easy, because Jesus has done the hard part.
- -The opposite of easy is hard, and a father never makes it hard for a son to come home.
- -You wouldn't say it's easy if you would have been on Calvary.

27. "I Am Sincere." Acts 10:1-2

- -Point out that Cornelius and Nicodemus were sincere.
- -You can be sincere and die and go to hell.
- -You can be sincerely wrong. If you take a cyanide pill sincerly thinking

28. "When God Wants Me Saved He Will Let Me Know." II Cor. 6:2

- -Point out to them that god is letting them know right now.
- -God has no other hands but our hands, etc.
- -Ask them how would god let them know?

29. "You Cannot Work Where I Work And Be Saved." Phil. 4:19

- -Point out to them that they should not allow a job to keep them from Heaven.
- -God just may have a better job for you, if your job is that bad.
- -God may use you to make your job a better place to work.

30. "I Believe In God." James 2:19

- -Point out that the devil believes, but he is not going to heaven.
- -Show him that head knowledge is not enough.
- -Salvation is when God knows you, not you knowing about God.

31. "A Good God Would Not Send Anyone To Hell." Matt. 25:41

- -Point out that god is not willing that any should perish.
- -We make the choice to go to hell.
- -If god does not send the lost to hell, then Jesus is lying.
- -If god would let an innocent man be tortured to death so that anyone could be saved; what would god do to a sinner who rejected his son?

32. "I Don't Believe The Bible." Mark 16:16

- -Point out that what they believe never changes truth.
- -You can make the choice to go to hell.
- -If god does not send the lost to hell, then Jesus is lying.

33. "God Doesn't Want Me." Romans 5:8

- -Point out to them that no one is worthy of God's love.
- -God does not care what you have done, he loves you.
- -God has never turned anyone down.

John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

34. "I Have Committed The Unpardonable Sin."

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Matt 12:31-32 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

- -Point out to them that because of this verse they have not.
- -Ask them what they think the unpardonable sin is.
- -If god would save a man like paul, he would save anyone.

35. "I Don't Have To Go To Church To Be Saved."

Acts 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

-Point out to them that the church is not the meeting place.

- -Most folk's idea of the church is wrong.
- -Jesus never took anybody to church to get saved. He went to them.

36. "I Will Get Saved After He Comes."

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

- -Point out to them that it will be too late then.
- -If you go to heaven, there will have to be a reservation made.
- -People only go to heaven from a list that is recorded in there.

37. "No One Knows Whether They Are Saved Or Not."

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

I John 5:12-13 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

- -Point out that the people in the Bible knew they were saved.
- -Give the testimony; I John, 39 times uses the word "know'.
- -Do you know you're a male or female? Do you know you're breathing?

38. "Hell Is Here On Earth."

Mark 9:44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Rev 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

- -Point out to them that hell is a real place with real fire.
- -Jesus taught more about hell than He did Heaven.
- -What people have here on earth is what they have made it.
- -I wouldn't want my worst enemy to go to hell.

39. "I Want To Go To Hell." Luke 16:19-31

- -Point out the testimony of one who is there.
- -There will not be a big party with all your friends.
- -A place where the worm never stops eating your flesh.
- -The second death is eternal dying over and over again.
- -If you go to Hell, you will be an intruder. God made Hell to Satan's torture chamber,

not yours.

40. "I Didn't Feel Anything." John 3:17-18

- -Point out to them that we cannot trust our feelings.
- -You may not feel like you're married, but that changes nothing.
- -Your salvation is based on facts, not feelings.

41. Inconsistencies of Christians

Christ says "What is that to Thee? Follow thou me". (John 21:22). Show them from 2 Cor. 10:12 that it is not WISE to compare ourselves with one another; that we are not to judge one another; that we are not to judge another man's servant (Rom. 14:4), for by so doing we judge ourselves (Rom. 2:1); that every one of us shall give a PERSONAL account to Christ (Rom. 14:10-12); that we should cast the beam out of our own eye FIRST (Matt. 7:1-5); and that Christ says "Let both grow together until the harvest" (Matt. 13:30). Show them that ONLY Christians can be inconsistent. They are trying to follow Christ and Satan is trying to prevent them (Rom. 7:1825).

42. The "Halting" or Undecided

Show them that they cannot serve TWO masters (Matt. 6:24). They should serve either God or Baal (1 Kings 18:21), and if they NEGLECT this salvation there is no escape (Heb. 2:3). If they say, "I neither accept Christ nor reject Him," use Matt, 12:30.

43. The Not Nows

Turn to Isa. 55:6 and ask "WHEN are we to seek the Lord?" "While he may be found."" When is that, tomorrow?" "Would it be safe to put it off for a year?" "Not" "Or six months?" "No". "Or six weeks?", etc. (Prov. 27:1, James 4:13-14) Show them the danger of postponement (Prov. 29:1) Dwell on the word "SUDDENLY"? Ask those who say "I am waiting God's time", if they will accept Him if you show them His time, and then turn to 2 Cor. 6:2.

44. Backsliders

Ask them "What INIQUITY they found in the Lord" (Jer. 2:5), that they forsook Him. Show them that they have forsaken "the fountain of LIVING WATERS" for broken cisterns (Jer. 2:13); that their own backslidings reprove them (Jer. 2:19); that they are NOT FIT for the kingdom of God (Luke 9:62); that God invites them to return to their "first Love" (Rev. 2:4-5); and that, if they will confess their sin, he will forgive them

(1 John 1:9). The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-24) may be used with effect.

45. Worldly Christians

Show them that the FRIENDSHIP OF THE WORLD is enmity with God (Jas. 4:4); that the LOVE OF THE WORLD is proof that the love of the Father is NOT IN THEM (1 John 2:15); that they ARE DEAD while they so live (1 Tim. 5:6); that we are NOT TO ENTANGLE ourselves (2 Tim. 2:4); but COME OUT and BE SEPARATE (2 Cor. 6:14.18), and BE TRANSFORMED (Rom. 12:12).

46. Spiritualists

Show them that intercourse with "Familiar Spirits" is FORBIDDEN in the Scriptures (Lev. 19:31); that they are to TRY the spirits (1 John 4:1,3); that they are in danger of DELUSION (2 Thess. 2:9-12); that such a manifestation will NOT convert them (Luke 16:30-31) and will cause them to be CUT OFF (Lev. 20:6, 1 Chron. 10:13-44).

47. Roman Catholics

Turn to John 3:5-7 and show them the NECESSITY of the "new Birth". Many Roman Catholics understand the "new birth" to be baptism. Show them it is not. In 1 Cor. 4:15, Paul says to the Corinthian Christian, "I have begotten you though the gospel". If the "new birth" is baptism, he must have baptized them, but in 1 Cor. 1:14 he declares he did not. Show them from Section VIII, what the "new birth" is. Acts 8:13-21 will show that a man may be baptized and yet his heart not be right in the sight of God. Show them the evidences of "New birth" (2 Cor. 5:17, 1 John 2:29, 3:9, 14, 15, 5:1, 4, 5). Roman Catholics lack assurance. Show them from Section V, that we may KNOW we are saved and HOW we may know it.

48. Jews

Show them that the Old Testament points to Christ. The most helpful passages to use are Isa. 53; Psa. 22; Zach. 12:10. There are also useful passages in the New Testament; Heb. 9th & 10th chapters and Heb. 7:25-28. The Gospel by Matthew was written for the Jews.

49. Probation After Death or Purgatory

Show them from the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19.26) that there is a "BRIDGELESS GULF" between the righteous and the wicked in the world to come. We are to be rewarded in the next world according to the things done in the

BODY (2 Cor. 5:10). "As a tree falleth so shall it lie" (Ecc. 11:3) and there is such a thing as FIXEDNESS OF CHARACTER (Rev. 22;11).

50. Witnessing To A Muslim

When most Christians go soul winning and someone tells them they are a Muslim, usually they get stuck with what to say next. This section does not show how to lead Muslims to Christ. This pamphlet is to help soul winners smoothly get the Gospel to Muslims. I suggest using a plan of salvation that is familiar to you, but your lead into the Gospel will be slightly different.

As soon as the conversation reveals that they are Islamic, use a compliment, something like, "I wish all Muslims were like you" to remove fears they might have. Then ask, "Do you believe in Shariah (Islamic law) that states that thieves must have their hands cut off, apostates must be killed and men can beat disobedient wives?" Shariah has several brutal laws that will separate the moderate Muslim from their core beliefs. Other brutal laws in Shariah would include:

Rebellion against Muslim leader—Death

Adultery—Death

Fornication—100 lashes

Drinking alcohol—80 lashes

Your object is not to berate Islam, but you must cause the Muslim to admit he doesn't follow the brutal laws. Because Shariah is based on Muhammad's words and actions, to deny Shariah is to deny Muhammad. You have separated the Muslim from Muhammad with out berating him. Again, assure him that you wish all Muslims were like him.

Next, ask him, "Do you believe that Jihad is a struggle within yourself?" If he replies yes, tell him, "God's Word (God's Word is a term that is recognized by the Muslim and therefore will speak to their heart) speaks of Jihad and how I can have victory. Would you let me show you what God's Word says about Jihad and how to win this struggle?" When he replies in the affirmative, you open your Bible to Romans 7:15, 19, 24 and show him Paul's description of the "inner struggle". Then go to Romans 8:1 and show him the solution to the struggle while emphasizing the "in Christ." The next question you would ask is, "Would you like me to show you how you can be 'in Christ' and win the 'Jihad' between your flesh and spirit?" Now go right into the plan of salvation that you use regularly.

At some point, you must emphasize the deity of Christ. When dealing with followers of false religion, I usually put the deity of Christ at Romans 5:8. When witnessing to a Muslim, begin this stage with, "I know you've been taught that I am a 'polytheist', but I want to assure you I am not." A polytheist is a term used in Islam to describe

those who believe in many gods (poly—many; Theo—God). It is vital to cause the prospect to grasp the truth of the Trinity. Without the acceptance of the Trinity, you have denied the deity of Christ, and this will not allow salvation (John 8:24). There are many illustrations of the Trinity: water, sunlight, egg, apple and others, but an effective illustration that can be used at this time is the human. When I explain the Trinity with a human illustration, I tell the prospect, "God showed us the trinity in every human being. Did you know that you were created in the image of God? (Genesis 1:26). Just like God is a 3-part being, you also are a 3-part being. First you have a body that communicates with nature. You taste, see, hear, feel and smell things. Second you have a mind that communicates with other men. You think of ideas and express them. Thirdly, you have a spirit that communicates with God in prayer and Bible reading. Your body, mind and spirit are all 3 separate, yet are all 3 in 1." Do not proceed if they reject the deity of Christ (John 8:24). You can show them passages that teach this truth (I John 5:7; John 1:1; Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:16 with Genesis 1:1; John 20:27,28; Revelation 1:8; Isaiah 9:6 and many others", but they must accept the fact of the Trinity before you proceed.

If they reject the deity of Christ, challenge them to study the passages above, along with the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5, 6, 7), and let the Holy Spirit work with them. Those that acknowledge the fact that Jesus is God can be helped as you would any other prospect.

Another illustration that can be very useful in winning the Muslim is to remind them that according to Mohammed's teaching, the most sure way for a Muslim to enter Paradise (Paradise is a term that is familiar to the Muslim and is a Bible term, Luke 23:43) is to die in jihad (Sura 61:10-12). In other words, Allah wants his followers to die for him. Then show the prospect in Romans 5:8 how God has died for His followers so they could come to Paradise with Him.

When witnessing to Muslims, as with all unsaved people, you cannot humanly reach them. They must be reached by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:32). Seek His guidance before, during, and after your presentation and realize that a "scratch" lovingly placed in the Muslim's heart may later be used by another soul winner to bring a harvest (I Corinthians 3:6).

VIII. THE STEPS IN SALVATION

- 1. CONVICTION (Acts 2:37).
- 2. REPENTANCE (Acts 2:38).
- 3. FAITH (John 3:36).
- 4. REGENERATION (John 3:3,5).
- 5. JUSTIFICATION (Acts 13:39).

- 6. CONFESSION (Rom. 10:9-10).
- 7. CONVERSION (Matthew 18:3).
- 8. SANCTIFICATION (1 Thess. 4:3).
- 9. RESURRECTION (Rom. 8:23).
- 10. GLORIFICATION (Rom. 8:17).

DEFINITION OF TERMS

- "Repentance" is a change of MIND.
- "Faith" is a PERSONAL TRUST in Jesus as YOUR Saviour.
- "Regeneration" is a change of DISPOSITION or NATURE. At your physical birth you were given "genes" which contain your DNA and makes you what you are. When you get saved you get RE-GENED or regenerated with God's genes.
- "Justification" is the result of Christ's work FOR us. When I was saved, God declared me righteous "just-as-if-I'd" never sinned.
- "Conversion" is a change of PURPOSE.
- "Sanctification" is the Holy Spirit's work IN us. It is an ongoing work until we go to Heaven.

The New Birth

Men are NOT by nature the "Sons of God" (Eph. 2:1-3). They are ALREADY CON-DEMNED (John 3:18-36). There is a RESTRICTED or CONDITIONAL Fatherhood of God (John 1:12-13, 8:38-44, 2 Cor. 6:17-18, 1 John 3:10). We are all God's creation but we are His children only as we are born-again. They MUST be born again (John 3:3-5) to become GOD'S sons.

What IS this "new birth"? It is the BIRTHING of a "New Life" and the IMPLANTATION of a "new nature" BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

HOW is it communicated: How was the "Son of God" BORN? (Luke 1:30-35). The Holy Ghost was his FATHER, and as the WOMB OF THE VIRGIN was his birthplace, so the HUMAN HEART is the womb in which is conceived by the agency of the Holy Spirit, the "new Life". The "SEED" which contains the germinating power, and which is deposited in the womb of the human heart by the Holy Spirit, is THE WORD OF GOD (1 Pet. 1:23, James 1:18, Luke 8:11). Born of WATER (John 3:5) is NOT Baptism, but water stands for the WORD of God (John 15:3, Eph. 5:26, I Pet. 1:23). Unless the SEED (the word) be VITALIZED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, it is BARREN (John 6:63). Similarly SIN is generated in the heart by SATAN, the "Father of Lies" (Acts 5:3-4).

How We May know We Are Born Again:

1. A new CREATURE (2 Cor. 5:17). We get a new NATURE and a NEW or FRESH

- START.
- 2. A new TONGUE. Not swear or blaspheme, and love to talk of the things of the kingdom.
- 3. New FOOD. Trashy literature, etc., will not satisfy. Read the Bible and good books.
- 4. New SONG. Sacred song will take the place of worldly music.
- 5. New SOCIETY. Will love God's house and God's people (1 John 3:14).

How The World May Know It

By the FRUIT of our lives (James 2:18) and by its EFFECT on our conduct. We know when the wind is blowing y its effect on the trees, etc. and so it is with the "new life" (John 3:8).

Eternal Security or Knowing That Once You Are Saved, You Can Never Be Lost

People who don't understand Eternal security don't understand that Happiness is because of OBEDIENCE and Salvation is because of FAITH in Christ. Salvation and Happiness are to separate states. I know Christians who aren't happy because they are disobedient to the Word of God. I have also know lost people who have observed God's principles on giving and are happy.

<u>Isaiah 32:17</u> And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and <u>assurance</u> for ever.

<u>Isaiah 51:6 & 8</u> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but **my salvation shall be** <u>for ever</u>, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

- 8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but **my righteousness shall be <u>for ever</u>**, and my salvation from generation to generation.
- God's righteousness was given to you at salvation.
- God says His righteousness and His salvation are both forever.

<u>Ecclessiastes 3:14</u> I know that, whatsoever God doeth, **it shall be <u>for ever</u>**: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

- God's salvation is just that His.
- We had nothing to do with it. If we did, we would have messed up our part.
- Salvation is a work of God to man, not a work of man to God.

<u>John 10:2830</u> And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater

than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.

If it was my job to hold on to God, then when I fell, I would lose God.

I'm not holding on to God; God is holding on to me.

<u>I Peter 1:5</u> Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

You are kept by the power of God.

You are not kept by your power.

Romans 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Jesus Christ reconciled, or brought us together in friendship to God, by His death. He keeps us saved because of His resurrection.

<u>Psalm 32:12</u> Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

If Jesus' death saved us, how much more does his resurrection keep us saved.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Romans 4:68 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed is the man to whom **the Lord will not impute sin.**

God says that he will not impute any sin on my record.

How can I go to Hell when nothing bad can be put on my record?

God describes our Position as ADOPTED and NATURAL BORN CHILDREN.

<u>Romans 8:15-16</u> 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.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

NATURAL BORN SONS

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

John 3:35 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (4) Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? (5) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

As a child of God, you have two things:

- 1. The love and affection of a naturally born son.
- 2. The security of an adopted son. An adopted son could never be disowned or cast out of the family.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

At salvation, you become God's son.

Your relationship to God will never change. You will always be His child if you are saved.

Your fellowship with God, as His child, is dependant upon your lifestyle and obedience.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RELATIONSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP.

My name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life and it isn't written in pencil.

<u>Romans 8:3739</u> Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

- 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
- 39 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.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Salvation and all that is covered in God's plan was the greatest expression of His love toward us.

Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Conclusion: nothing you do or ever have done has anything at all to do with your salvation.

Question: If you couldn't do anything good to change your position with God before you were saved, how can anything you do bad ever affect your relationship with God after you're saved?

2 Peter 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath **forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.**

It is possible for a person to actually forget He was saved because of II Timothy 2:13.

<u>I John 4:1819</u> There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

Eternal security is essential because it allows one to serve God because of His un-

- conditional love for them.
- One who thinks he can lose his salvation, serves God out of **fear** of losing it; not because of God's unconditional love for him.
- This is bondage. The best way you grow spiritually is when you become acquainted with God's unconditional love for you.
- There is nothing you can do that would make God love you any more and there is nothing you can do that would make God love you any less.
- Your obedience allows you to feel and experience God's love but does not increase God's love for you.
- Eternal security is a distinctly **Baptist doctrine**.
- Any denomination that holds to it learned it from the Baptists.
- Other religions won't teach this because they want people to be manipulated into staying with that particular religion.
- I still have yet to see the doctrine that you can lose your salvation promote holiness in the lives of those who hold to it.

God says that He loves us and draws us with an everlasting love.

<u>Jeremiah 31:3</u> 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.

IX. INSTRUCTIONS TO CONVERTS

Insist upon the convert confessing Christ with the MOUTH (Rom. 10:9-10); being baptized (Matt. 28:19-20); becoming faithful to church (Hebrews 10:25); and partaking regularly of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:24-26); daily prayer and Bible Study (1 Thess. 5:17, Acts 17:11); putting away the smallest sins; doing nothing that they doubt the propriety of; going nowhere that Jesus would not go; avoiding evil associates; faithful attendance to soul winning.

Show them that the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT is the WORD OF GOD (Eph. 6:17), and they must read and study the Bible TO GROW (1 Pet. 2:2), to be BUILT UP (Acts 20:32), and to CLEANSE THEIR WAY (Psa. 119:9, 11and130).

To prevent discouragement, the new convert should be shown that he now has a "DUAL NATURE" (Rom. 7:18-25). While his "STANDING" is that of a "SON" (1 John 3:2), and he is no longer under condemnation (John 5:24), yet his STATE will be variable, and he must not be disheartened and think he is not converted if he fails and sins, but must confess his sin (1 John 1:9) and be more careful.

The New Testament speaks of THREE ways in which we may rid ourselves of our FLESHLY appetites and tendencies.

1. By AMPUTATION (Matt. 18:8-9).

- 2. BY MORTIFICATION (Col. 3:5-10, Rom. 8:13).
- 3. BY LIMITATION (Heb. 12:1).

Sins we must amputate; tendencies we must "slough off" or mortify; and weights we must limit ourselves in.

X. SHOULD I JOIN A CHURCH?

Yes. Why? Because Christ commands it. Hebrews 10:25 tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. It is a sin when we are not in church when we could be. The local church is made up of saved, baptized believers! The word "church" is mentioned 110 times in Scripture. (See also I Tim. 3:15-16, I Cor. 1:2, II Cor. 1:1, Gal. 1:2)

The original Christians in the New Testament did not believe any of the following: They did not believe in church members going to church by watching a religious program on television or listening to a Bible study on the radio.

They did not believe the Roman Catholic church, headquartered in Rome. They did not believe in a universal, invisible church.

1. His command to DISCIPLES (Matt. 28:19-20). What things did Christ Command that we should OBSERVE?

A. BAPTISM (water). Matt. 28:19

There is both a WATER baptism and a SPIRIT baptism. SPIRIT baptism always comes before WATER baptism.

WATER baptism is symbolical of the "New Life" (Rom. 6:3-4) and is the way God has appointed to publicly profess Christ. SPIRIT baptism is a baptism of the Holy Spirit for SERVICE (Luke 24:48-49, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:4, Acts 10:44-46, Acts 19:6). The way to obtain the latter is to submit to the former (Acts 2:38).

The great Baptist preacher J.R. Graves said:

"Baptism is a **specific act** to be administered by a **specific body**, to persons professing **specific qualifications**, for the profession of **specific truths**. When one of these properties is wanting, the transaction is 'null and void.' Unless the ordinances are observed as Christ commanded, they are not kept, but perverted."

Baptism by immersion was a part of the first century church as evidenced by the following scriptures:

Matthew 3:16, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of

the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:"

Mark 1:10, "And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:"

Acts 8:38, "And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him."

John 3:23, "And John also was baptizing in AEnon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized."

The very meaning of the word baptize means to immerse. Only believers were baptized because only believers have a reason to be baptized. (Acts 8:36-37, "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said. If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.") (See also Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41; Acts 6:31-33; Acts 18:8.) The debate over baptism has been repeated throughout history with great upheaval and terrible consequences. It is the question of baptism that makes a Christian what he is. It is debate about baptism that makes Christianity maintain its edge.

So baptism was intended only for those that were already converted, and it symbolized the resurrection, not the cleansing of the soul.

To illustrate how opposite we are from Protestants and Catholics, they baptize babies because they believe you have to be baptized to be saved; we believe you have to be saved to be baptized.

There are three key words to explain baptism.

OBEDIENCE - Baptism is obedience to the command of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20 and John 14:15). Baptism should be one of the first acts of obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Examples of this would be the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:37,38). Cornelius (Acts 10:44-48), Apostle Paul (Acts 9:1-19), the Philippian jailor (Acts 16:30,31), Lydia (Acts 16:14,15) and Crispus (Acts 18:8).

IDENTIFICATION - In baptism, we identify with Jesus Christ, His local church, and the body of doctrine taught by that church.

We identify with Jesus Christ. The Bible gives us several examples of the identifying nature of baptism. The Holy Spirit identified with Christ (Mark 1:10). The Father identified with Christ (Mark 1:11). Christ identified with us at His baptism foretelling his death, burial and resurrection for the remission of our sins.

We identify with a body of doctrine. Jesus requested baptism from John the Baptist to identify with John's message – his body of doctrine (Mark 1:4, John 1:15, John 1:27). The followers of John were identified in Scripture as His disciples (Matthew 9:14, Matthew 11:2 and Luke 11:1). How did these men become John's disciples? Through baptism; baptism identifies us with a body of doctrine.

We identify with a local church and that church's doctrine. If a person is saved and then baptized in a church that does not believe in the eternal security of the believer, that person has identified through their baptism with conditional salvation. To become a member of a Baptist church, a person must identify, through scriptural baptism, with the proper biblical teaching of eternal security.

If a person has been genuinely born-again and is then baptized in a church that teaches baptismal regeneration (this is the false teaching that salvation comes when you get baptized), that person has identified through their baptism with a false gospel and would need to identify, through baptism, with the Biblical doctrine of salvation by grace through faith alone.

If a believer has been baptized in a non-denominational church that receives members who have not been scripturally baptized, that person has identified with unscriptural baptism. To become a member of a Baptist church, a person would need to be scripturally baptized.

Baptists have been called "re-baptizers" for centuries because of their faithfulness in this area of Biblical doctrine, but it was the world and our enemies who called us "re-baptizers". **Baptists do not** "re-baptize". The former baptism was either not administered properly, (sprinkling, pouring, forward three times, etc.) and was therefore not scriptural baptism, or the church that administered the baptism espoused false doctrine. If the latter is true then, of course, that baptism could not possibly be scriptural baptism because it identified the believer with false doctrine. So, Baptists do not "re-baptize"; they practice biblical believer's baptism.

SUBMISSION - Baptism is the believer's public testimony to his identification with Christ in salvation, his identification with the local church in membership, and his submission to Christ and His purposes for the believer's life. Baptism also demonstrates submission to the local church and its authority in his life (Hebrews 13:7 & 17; I Peter 5:5).

B. LORD'S SUPPER (Luke 22:19-20)

This can only, be observed by an organized body which in the New Testament is known as "THE CHURCH". (Acts 2:47, Col. 1:18, Eph. 5:25-27).

2. His command to BELIEVERS. If you LOVE ME, do these things (John 14:15, 23,

15:14, 1 John 2:4).

- 1. EXAMPLE demands it. Your refusal to join a church is used by others as an argument or excuse for their not joining.
- 2. The development of your Christian life REQUIRES it, for you need to engage in some organized work and Bible Study. Then again belonging to church will help you to overcome temptation and worldliness.
- 3. It is the TEST of the SINCERITY of your conversion. If your conversion is REAL, there will be a desire to do what Christ commands (Luke 9:26).

Practical Methods

1. Of Work

- Invite the unsaved to Church
- Have a prayer list
- Give them a timely tract.
- Write a letter about their salvation.
- Sit with them and rise with them for prayer.
- Go with them to the inquiry room or altar.
- Ask them to go with you to see the pastor.
- Quietly watch for those who are affected by the sermon and speak to them

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE.

Start a prayer meeting or Bible class in your home, or Bible school in the vicinity. Give Bible Readings, visit the sick and the poor, and read and pray with them.

2. Revival Meetings

Commence sometime before by getting a few together and praying for them. Then visit the homes of the people and invite them to attend. Advertise to them. Let the order of exercises be; first, a thirty minute song service of attractive and inspiring music. Be sure the words are free from errors of doctrine and evangelistic; second, follow the singing with a thirty minute Bible study on Salvation and then hold an invitation.

The After Meeting

After the sermon, ask if there is anyone who doesn't know for sure that they are on their way to Heaven and have them raise their hand. They can then be given the gospel or put with a soul winner to show them individually how to know for sure that they could go to Heaven. If the spirit of the meeting has reached a high pitch during the sermon, it is best to "pull the net" at once.

How To Pull The Net

- Have the WHOLE congregation bow their heads and, while the choir is singing or someone is praying, get those who desire to be Christians to RISE or lift their hand.
 Have all the CHRISTIANS bow their heads in prayer and all those who wish to be
- prayed for bow their heads with them.

 3. Have the WHOLE congregation bow their heads, then get the CHRISTIANS to rise
- Have the WHOLE congregation bow their heads, then get the CHRISTIANS to rise and sing, "Just As I Am", inviting those who desire to be saved to rise and stand with them.
 Ask all who have been Christians for 40 years to rise, then 30 years, then 20
- years, and so on down to 6 months, 3 days, etc. Invite those who desire to be Christians to rise and stand with them.
- 5. While all heads are bowed in prayer, get them to rise and say "I take Christ".
- 6. Ask all who have decided to become Christian to rise and say "I have" or "I will".7. While the WHOLE congregation is standing and singing, ask all who have risen for prayer, or will accept Christ, to come forward to the front seats. They can be talked with and instructed after the meeting. Workers ought to be present with
- their Bibles to instruct them.While singing two or three verses of a hymn, have the Christians rise one or two at a time, and have those who desire to be Christians rise with them.

How to Walk with God

John 4:23-24 "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

-To walk with God, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Amos 3:3 "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

- -So we must be Spirit-filled Christians to walk with God.
- -The Holy Spirit is the Person who Jesus said is to teach us, help us to pray, comfort and strengthen us.

John 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Romans 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

-You have all of God, but God does not have all of you.

James 4:5 "Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?"

Galatians 5:16-17 "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 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."

Romans 8:7-8 "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

- -You have all of God, but God does not have all of you.
- -He lives within your body, the temple of God, but He does not have complete access to all of you until you invite Him.
- **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."
- -To be filled with the Holy Spirit, you must ask.

Luke 11:9-13 "And I say unto you, 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. 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?"

- -So all I have to do is ASK? Yes!
- -So then why am I not always filled?
- -Two reasons found in James 4:2-3

"Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet **ye** have not, because ye ask not." ---#1 Reason

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." ---#2 Reason

Jeremiah 17:9-10 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."

-So God gives us a <u>recipe</u> to <u>prepare our hearts</u> to be filled by faith in His goodness and in obedience to His Word.

Ephesians 5:18-21

Verse 18: "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;"

- This is a command to be filled with the Spirit daily.

To the same degree as a drunken man who doesn't know or realize what he is doing or he is doing things he wouldn't normally do, so are we to be controlled or filled with the Holy Spirit.

Verse 19: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"

- We are to <u>speak</u> / <u>read</u> Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs out loud, then sing and make melody to the Lord to prepare our heart to give thanks.

Verse 20" "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:"

- We are to give thanks for everything, whether we think it is good or bad.
- -This daily activates our faith in the goodness of God.
- -Regardless of circumstances, God is good and will work all things together for good, which in turn will be good for us.

Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

-You cannot truly thank God for tragedies unless you first do the step in Eph. 5:19 which reminds you of God's goodness, regardless of circumstances and tunes or focuses your heart to give Him the thanks, praise and worship He deserves.

1Thessalonians 5:18-19 "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit."

Ephesians 5:21 "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

-Finally, to prepare our heart for God to fill us, we must submit ourselves, first to Him; then to those we are to serve as unto our Lord.

Colossians 3:23 "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;"

- -Romans 6:13 & 19 teaches us to submit / yield our body parts to Him. To be filled, we must first be empty.
- -Yield your eyes, ears, nose, lips, tongue, mind, hands, feet and heart to do His will, to

- think His thoughts, see through His eyes and say the words He would say.
- -Ask him to make you a good servant, husband or wife, son or daughter, student or employee.
- -Ask Him, based on faith in His goodness, to fill you with the Holy Spirit so you can walk with Him as
- Amos 3:3 says, and glorify Him with your life today.
- -You need to be filled first thing in the morning, and then several times a day, seven times a day to be complete in everything.
- -For victory over a stubborn will or an overwhelmed will which is the flesh, seven times is best.
- -This must be renewed daily Ephesians 4:23, 2 Corinthians 4:16.