

# CHRIST

# HAS

# DEMONSTRATED

# Hebrews 10:6-10

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# THE CHRIST OF PROPHECY

- I. WHAT WAS THE HOPE OF ISRAEL? (Acts 26:1-7)
  - 1. What sacred purpose revealed to Eve? (Gen. 3:15)
  - 2. What holy promise made to Abraham? (Gen. 22:15-18)
  - 3. What prediction expressed to Jacob? (Gen. 49:10)
  - 4. What inspired prophecy given Moses? (Deut. 18:18-22)
  - 5. What was prophesied about Judah? (Num. 24:17)
  - 6. When was the Hebrew translated into Greek? (B.C. 277)
  - 7. Was Israel scattered among the nations? (Acts 2:1-11)
- II. WHO IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD? (Isaiah 62:1-4)
  - 1. What did Simeon say about the babe Jesus? (Luke 2:30-33)
  - 2. What about the visitors from the East? (Matt. 2:1-12)
  - 3. What prophecy was applied? (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23)
  - What other information predicted? (Isa. 9:6, 7)
  - 5. What was the object of this hope? (Gal. 4:1-7)
  - 6. Did Israel understand the "end of the law?" (Rom. 10:1-4)
  - 7. What was an apostle made to realize? (Acts 10:34-37)
- III. WHAT IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY? (Rev. 19:10)
  - 1. The Spirit of Christ testified through whom? (I Pet. 1:9-12)

- 2. How did Christ uphold the law and prophets? (Matt. 5:17-20)
- 3. What three divisions did Christ recognize? (Luke 24:44)
- 4. What may be learned from the transfiguration? (Matt. 17:1-8)
- 5. To what truth did Jesus solemnly testify? (Matt. 26:63-65)
- 6. How was the Messiah to be identified? (Isa. 35:5-8)
- 7. Did the same Spirit safeguard the apostles? (Acts 2:16-18)
- IV. WHAT ABOUT THE CREDENTIALS OF DEITY? (John 20:30, 31)
  - 1. How was Peter convinced of his Messiahship? (Matt. 16:17)
  - 2. What impressed and convinced Nathanael? (John 1:45-50)
  - 3. What evidences convinced the Samaritans? (John 4:29,42)
  - 4. Did the witness contradict himself? (John 5:31; John 8:14)
  - 5. How many witnesses cited? (John 5:31-35, 36-38, 40-47)
  - 6. How did Peter approach the Jews? (Acts 2:16; 2:25-36)
  - 7. How did Paul approach cultured Gentiles? (Acts 17:22-31)
  - V. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF CHRIST? (Matthew 22:42)
    - 1. Were the people divided in their opinions? (Matt. 16:14)
    - 2. How did Christ silence the shysters? (Matt. 22:41-46)
    - 3. Can human beings become hopeless? (Matt. 7:6; Acts 7:57)
    - 4. When does confession become profession? (I Tim. 6:12, 13)
    - 5. What word used to describe living faith? (Heb. 3:1)

- 6. Do we need any supernatural signs now? (Matt. 12:39)
- 7. Does faith embrace trust and confidence? (II Tim. 1:12)
- VI. HOW MANY MEN RECORDED THE VIRGIN BIRTH WITHOUT APOLOGY?
  - 1. Matthew (Levi) an exacting tax collector convinced!
  - 2. Luke (Beloved Physician) a biologist convinced!
  - 3. Paul (Hebrew Scholar) an apostle Romans 1:1-4.

## RIGHTEOUSNESS

#### I. DIVINE EVALUATION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- 1. What kind of preacher was Noah? (II Pet. 2:5)
- 2. How was he upright in his generation? (Gen. 6:9)
- 3. How did he become heir of righteousness? (Heb. 11:7)
- 4. What is the standard of righteousness? (Psalm 119:172)
- 5. Why was Abraham credited with righteousness? (Rom. 4:3)
- 6. How could Sodom have been preserved? (Gen. 18:23-32)
- 7. What was the cost of declaration of righteousness? (Rom. 3:25)

#### II. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE ISRAELITES

- 1. What does Christ demand of his disciples? (Matt. 5:20)
- 2. Why were the Israelites indicted? (Isa. 64:6)
- 3. What does it mean to have "sin imputed?" (Rom. 5:13)
- 4. How may righteousness be accounted (reckoned)? (Rom. 4:5-8)
- 5. Why was Israel ignorant of God's righteousness? (Rom. 10:1-4)
- 6. What contrast did the apostle make? (Phil. 3:6-11)
- 7. What contrast should all recognize? (Titus 3:3-5)
- III. CHRIST AND THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD
  - 1. What did a prophet predict of Christ? (Mal. 4:2)

- 2. How did Jesus evaluate John's baptism? (Matt. 3:13-17)
- 3. What is the objective of sincere students? (Matt. 6:33)
- 4. How about the liabilities and rewards? (Matt. 5:10)
- 5. What duties assigned the Holy Spirit? (John 16:8-10)
- 6. How is divine righteousness perpetuated? (Rom. 1:16-18)
- 7. What kind of reasoning caused one to tremble? (Acts 24:25)

#### IV. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

- 1. When may we understand his righteousness? (Prov. 2:1-9)
- 2. How were Gentiles encouraged to submit? (Acts 10:34-37)
- How may one be an "enemy of righteousness?" (Acts 13:10)
- 4. What about those who turn from righteousness? (Ezek. 18:24)
- 5. Why is the apostate in a worse state? (II Pet. 2:21)
- 6. What is the grave danger of unrighteousness? (I John 5:14-17)
- 7. Is there any hope for the back-slider? (Gal. 6:1)

#### V. THE SUMMATION OF DIVINE RIGHTEOUSNESS

- 1. What kind of a believer is born again? (I John 5:1)
- 2. How does love enable one to be born again? (I John 4:7)
- 3. May one be born again by doing righteousness? (I John 2:29)
- 4. How must the bride be clothed when the Groom comes? (Rev. 19:8)
- 5. To what do the righteous look and expect? (II Pet. 3:13)

- 6. Why should the saints awake to righteousness? (I Cor. 15:34)
- 7. What is the holy menu of the kingdom of Christ? (Rom. 14:17)
- VI. THE SAFE, SANE, AND SCRIPTURAL COURSE
  - 1. Human righteousness found in creeds and doctrines of men.
  - 2. Divine righteousness found in the revealed will of God.
  - 3. Observe the distinction and prevent religious confusion.

### **ATTITUDE AND SPIRIT**

#### I. PROPOSITION: ONE CANNOT ACCEPT CHRIST AND REJECT HIS WORD

- 1. Who are the wise and foolish builders? (Matt. 7:24-28)
- 2. What about those who reject his word? (John 12:48)
- 3. Will God accept those who despise Christ? (Luke 10:16)
- 4. How is it possible for one to receive God? (John 13:20)
- 5. What sacred trust did Christ give apostles? (John 17:8)
- 6. What is the only way to reach the Father? (John 14:6)
- 7. In what must one continue to please Christ? (Acts 2:42)
- II. THE ATTITUDE OF CHRIST TOWARD THE OLD TESTAMENT STORIES
  - 1. What about the "rib story" in the beginning? (Matt. 19:3-9)
  - 2. How did he evaluate the great flood? (Matt. 24:37-39)
  - 3. Did he discount the story of Lot's wife? (Luke 17:32)
  - 4. What about the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? (Matt. 11:23, 24)
  - 5. Did he consider Abraham a myth or superstition? (John 8:56)
  - 6. Did he ridicule the story of Jonah and the whale? (Matt. 12:39-41)
  - Did he place his stamp of approval on all? (Luke 24:44)

#### III. THE ATTITUDE OF CHRIST TOWARD PERSONS AND INSTITUTIONS

- 1. What was his attitude toward the Father? (Heb. 5:8, 9)
- 2. What was his attitude toward his parents? (Luke 2:51)
- 3. What advice concerning religious authorities? (Matt. 17:24-27)
- 4. What instructions regarding civil governments? (Matt. 22:15-22)
- 5. What spirit manifested toward his disciples? (Matt. 16:21-23)
- 6. What kind of spirit in midst of enemies? (Matt. 5:38-42)
- 7. What attitude toward religious (partisan) bigots? (Matt. 23)
- IV. HARMONY OF ATTITUDES WHICH APPEAR TO BE CONTRADICTORY
  - 1. Did Christ instruct his disciples to insult? (Luke 6:28)
  - 2. Must we displease men to please God? (Gal. 1:10)
  - 3. How may enemies be made by telling the truth? (Gal. 4:16)
  - 4. Why is friendship of the world enmity with God? (James 4:4)
  - 5. Was not Christ called "The Lion of Judah?" (Rev. 5:5)
  - 6. How can he be the "Lamb of God" also? (John 1:29)
  - Did the Lord love the sinner, but hate sin? (Luke 23:34)

#### V. APOSTOLIC EVALUATION OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD AND CHRIST

- 1. What must one have to be a Christian indeed? (Rom. 8:9)
- 2. What kind of an attitude must one possess? (Phil. 2:5)

- 3. How does the Spirit of God reside in the saint? (Rom. 8:11)
- 4. What is the manifested evidence on sonship? (Rom. 8:14)
- 5. What does it mean to be filled with the spirit? (Eph. 5:18)
- 6. How does a companionate passage augment? (Col. 3:16)
- 7. How does the Spirit bear witness with our spirit? (Rom. 8:16)
- VI. CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS
  - 1. Christ must be studied from every possible angle harmony!
  - 2. Christ was free of religious bigotry or partisan spirit!
  - 3. Christ demonstrated the abundant life in midst of adversity!

# JOHN THE HARBINGER

#### I. NATIVITY AND CHILDHOOD OF JOHN

- 1. What about the parents of the harbinger? (Luke 1:5-7)
- To whom were they closely related? (Luke 1:36)
- 3. What miracle was performed? (Luke 1:18-20; 1:64-66)
- 4. Why did they name the babe John? (Luke 1:59-63) (Luke 1:13)
- 5. What is called "The Benedictus?" (Luke 1:67-79)
- 6. How about his childhood days? (Luke 1:80)
- 7. Did John perform any miracles? (John 10:41)

#### II. JOHN THE HARBINGER A CHILD OF PROPHECY

- 1. How was a prophecy applied? (Isa. 40:3 and Matt. 3:3)
- 2. What about another? (Mal. 3:1 and Matt. 11:7-10)
- 3. Did the Old Testament close with prophecy? (Mal. 4:5, 6)
- 4. How did two Elijahs fulfill prophecies? (Matt. 17:1-13)
- 5. What did John deny, and what confess? (John 1:19-23)
- 6. Who did John prepare for the Lord? (Luke 6:12-16)
- 7. Why simplicity of food and raiment? (Matt. 3:4; Dan. 1:1-16)

#### III. JOHN EXECUTED A LIMITED COMMISSION

1. What was the theme of his preaching? (Mark 1:4)

- 2. How did his preaching affect people? (Matt. 3:5-8)
- 3. What different fruits of repentance? (Luke 3:10-14)
- 4. How did he serve as a witness? (John 1:6-8)
- 5. Why was Jesus baptized of John? (Matt. 3:13-17)
- 6. How did the occasion impress John? (John 1:31-34)
- 7. Did John indicate his limitation? (John 3:28-30)

#### IV. THE BAPTISM OF JOHN'S COMMISSION

- 1. Where and why did John baptize? (John 3:22, 23)
- 2. Who excelled him and how? (John 4:1, 2)
- 3. How did the Lord value John's baptism? (Luke 7:29- 30)
- 4. When did the baptism of John end? (Acts 10:34-37)
- 5. Why were some required to be re-baptized? (Acts 19:1-6)
- 6. How did John introduce the Lord? (John 1:29)
- Did John ever doubt the Messiah? (Matt. 11:2, 3)

#### V. JOHN'S CHARACTER AND DEATH EVALUATED

- 1. How did Jesus commend the messenger? (Matt. 11:4-11)
- Why did John suffer martyrdom? (Matt. 14:3-10)
- 3. How did the kingdom suffer violence? (Matt. 11:12, 13)
- 4. Did John ever propose to build a church? Why not?
- 5. How is it possible for one to be a baptist? (Mark 6:24 ASV)
- 6. What are those who follow Christ? (I Pet. 4:16)

7. Can people respect John's teaching otherwise?

#### VI. THE FRUIT (WORKS) OF REPENTANCE

- 1. Should this theme be perpetuated? (Acts 26:20)
- 2. What is reformation? reparation? restoration?
- 3. How about regret, sorrow and repentance? (II Cor. 7:8-10)

# THE APOSTLES

#### I. INTRODUCTORY AND EXPLANATORY

- What is meant and signified by Shiloh? (Gen. 49:10)
- 2. Who is the great apostle One sent? (Heb. 3:1)
- 3. How many disciples selected to be sent? (Mark 3:13-19)
- 4. What name did Christ give these disciples? (Luke 6:13)
- 5. On what mission were they sent forth? (Matt. 28:19)
- 6. Why a vacancy and how supplied? (Acts 1:15-26)
- 7. In what sense was Barnabas an apostle? (Acts 11:22)

#### II. THE CONVERSION OF SAUL OF TARSUS

- 1. Did he hear the gospel? (Acts 7:58; Acts 9:1, 2)
- 2. Did he believe the Lord? (Acts 9:4-6; Acts 22:10, 11)
- 3. What indications of repentance? (Acts 9:9; Rom. 10:9, 10)
- 4. Any evidence of confession? (Acts 9:20; Rom. 10:9, 10)
- 5. Was he baptized into Christ? (Rom. 6:1-4; I Cor. 12:13)
- 6. When did he become a new creature? (II Cor. 5:17)
- 7. What did he try to persuade others to become? (Acts 26:28)

#### III. PAUL QUALIFIED FOR THE APOSTLESHIP

1. What were the signs of an apostle? (II Cor. 12:12)

- 2. What was the objective of the signs? (Mark 16:19, 20)
- 3. Did the signs serve their purpose? (Heb. 2:1-4)
- 4. What were the qualifications of apostles? (Acts 1:21, 22)
- 5. Who qualified in a unique manner? (I Cor. 15:8)
- Why did the Lord appear to him? (Acts 26:16)
- 7. How did Paul react? (I Cor. 9:1, 2; I Cor. 15:9, 10)

#### IV. THE QUALIFIED APOSTLES IN ACTION

- 1. What extra training did they receive? (Acts 1:1-4)
- 2. How was Paul equipped for this work? (Gal. 1:1, 11, 12)
- 3. Did he undergo a three-year's course? (Gal. 1:15-18)
- 4. Did Paul preach to both Jews and Gentiles? (Acts 26:19, 20)
- 5. Did Peter preach to both nations? (Acts 2 and Acts 10)
- 6. What is apostolic authority? (Eph. 4:11; I Cor. 12:28)
- 7. How did they "judge" Israel and others? (Matt. 19:28)

#### V. BEWARE OF FALSE APOSTLES

- 1. How were the Corinthians endangered by such? (II Cor. 11:13)
- 2. Do pretenders appear in their correct role? (II Cor. 11:1-3)
- 3. In what manner may such be identified? (II Cor. 11:14, 15)
- 4. Did such persons endanger the Ephesians? (Rev. 2:2)
- 5. How did they try the pretenders and expose them as liars?
- 6. Is it possible for us to distinguish the true and false?

- 7. Was apostolic authority lost when the "twelve" died?
- VI. THE APOSTLES SEALED THEIR TESTIMONY WITH THEIR BLOOD
  - 1. How did a wise man regard their testimony? (Acts 5:38, 39)
  - 2. Who was the first martyr among them? (Acts 12:1, 2)
  - 3. Why was John banished to the Isle of Patmos? (Rev. 1:9)

# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

#### I. PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS

- 1. The distinctive features of the kingdom of Christ.
  - a. Spiritual not of this world.
  - b. Universal for every nation.
  - c. Eternal it shall never end.
- 2. The nature of the kingdom contrasted with others.
  - a. Popular expectation of a material.
  - b. Mosaic system destined to soon end.
  - c. Pharisaic hypocrisy condemned.
- 3. Divine relationship of the deity revealed.
  - a. Unity of love in counsel and plan.
  - b. Unity of judgment and action.
  - c. Unity of self-impartation and honor.
- 4. Philosophies of men and human thought.
  - a. Intellectual aristocracy Plato.
  - b. Stoicism and Pantheism Zeno.
  - c. Epicureanism and materialism Epicurus.
- 5. Christ pronounced the true philosophy of life!
- II. HUMANITY IN QUEST OF HAPPINESS (Matthew 5:1-12)
  - Blessed are the poor in spirit humility.
     a. Opposed to pride. (Prov. 16:18 and 6:17)
  - Blessed are they that mourn computcion.
     a. Opposed to self-justified. (Luke 18:11)
  - Blessed are the meek gentleness.
     a. Opposed to self-willed. (Matt. 16:24)
  - Blessed are they that hunger after righteousness.
     a. Opposed to indifference. (Matt. 7:6)
  - Blessed are the merciful moved with compassion.
     a. Opposed to merciless. (Matt. 23:23)
  - Blessed are the pure in heart enjoy God.
     a. Opposed to impure in thoughts. (II Cor. 10:3-5)
  - Blessed are the peacemakers impartial mediators.
     a. Opposed to peacebreakers. (Prov. 16:28)

- Blessed are the persecuted righteous sufferers.
   a. Opposed to other reasons. (I Pet. 4:14-16)
- III. CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE OF THE KINGDOM (Matthew 5:13-16)
  - 1. The salt of the earth characteristics of salt a. Danger of losing savor (Mark 9:49, 50)
  - Light of the world reveal right, expose wrong

     Danger of a black-out (Rom. 13:11-14)
  - City set on a hill spiritual lighthouse
     a. Danger of divine departure (Rev. 2:5)
  - 4. Vantage point of location on a hill
    - a. Protection against impure doctrines of men
    - b. Sanitation for spiritual health of citizens
  - 5. The kingdom (church) between humanity and heaven

# **SERMON ON THE MOUNT – PART II**

#### I. INTRODUCTORY SUGGESTIONS

- 1. Consult previous lesson for introduction of the Sermon on the Mount.
- 2. Christ knew his message; spoke with authority; hearers amazed.
- 3. Sets forth relationship of his teaching with Old Testament.
- 4. Contrasted true meaning of God's word with traditions of men.
- 5. Christ went beyond the acts and dealt with heart conditions.
- II. THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS (Matthew 5:17-20)
  - 1. What is the difference between destroy and fulfill?
  - 2. Was the law to be respected and regarded until all fulfilled?
  - 3. Why must christians excel the righteousness of the Pharisees?
  - 4. Did an apostle encounter this religious problem? (Rom. 10:1-4)

#### III. THE TRADITIONS OF THE ELDERS (Matthew 4:21-48)

- 1. What about thought, words and deeds? (21-26)
- 2. How about moral attitudes and relationships? (27, 28)
- 3. What about sacrificing extreme joys? (29-32)
- 4. How did the religious Jews wrest judicial oaths? (33-37)
- Did some of them think "eye for eye" meant revenge?
   (38)
- 6. What courses authorized in resisting evil? (39-41)
- 7. How may we lend with no hope of return? (vs. 42 and Luke 6:35)

- 8. What example of the Father must we imitate? (43-48)
- IV. SINCERITY VERSUS OSTENTATIOUSNESS (Matthew 6:1-8)
  - What was wrong with the manner of almsgiving and praying?

     (1-7)
  - 2. How did they err during periods of fasting? (16-18)
  - 3. Was fasting enjoined or merely contemplated? (Matt. 9:14-17)
  - 4. How many lessons may we draw from the model prayer? (9-15)
  - 5. What part of the prayer was answered at the beginning? (Acts 2)
  - 6. Should we continue to pray and work for "as it is in heaven?"
- V. HEAVENLY TREASURES VERSUS EARTHLY ANXIETIES (Matt. 6:19-34)
  - 1. Is there any danger in maintaining divided affections? (19-23)
  - What are the grave liabilities of divided service? (24)
  - 3. Can one become too anxious (doubtful) about material need? (25)
  - 4. Does a doubtful attitude make one double minded? (James 1:8)
  - 5. How did the Lord illustrate operation of providence? (26-32)
  - What is the positive course that assures blessings?
     (33)
  - How is it possible for two days to be wasted in one?
     (34)
- VI. TRUE EVALUATIONS OF PROPER JUDGMENTS (Matthew 7:1-29)
  - What about suspended judgment and law of retribution? (1, 2)

- 2. How is it possible for one to better qualify to assist? (3-5)
- Should we judiciously discriminate with others?
   (6)
- 4. What may we expect as we progress in our prayers? (7-11)
- How does the golden rule compare with three rules of men?

   (12)
- 6. What about the two ways of life of all humanity? (13, 14)
- 7. How is it possible to identify true and false teachers? (15-23)
- 8. How will two groups of builders fare in the judgment? (24-28)

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### **CONVERSION**

#### I. INTRODUCTORY AND EXPLANATORY

- 1. The word convert literally means to turn again.
- 2. The Common Version renders "be converted" passive.
- 3. The American Revised renders correctly turn again.
- 4. Scholars agree that the original is active voice.
- 5. We conclude that accountable beings must respond.

#### II. JESUS DISCUSSES CONVERSION

- 1. What prophet did the Lord quote? (Matt. 13:14)
- Why did the Lord cite the prophet? (Matt. 13:13)
- 3. What was the prediction cited? (Matt. 13:15)
- 4. Upon whom was a blessing pronounced? (Matt. 13:16)
- 5. What did worthy predecessors desire? (Matt. 13:17)
- 6. Who is responsible for "hearing?" (Acts 28:27)
- 7. Who responsible for "eye" (understanding)? (Eph. 4:18)
- 8. Who responsible for "heart" of faith? (Acts 15:9)
- 9. Any danger of hardness? (Luke 8:11, 12; II Tim. 3:13)

#### III. JESUS EVALUATES CONVERSION

- 1. Did the apostles have wrong attitude? (Matt. 18:1)
- 2. Did they understand nature of kingdom? (Luke 22:24-27)
- 3. How did Jesus disabuse their pride? (Matt. 18:2)
- 4. What did aged Peter say about pride? (I Pet. 5:5-9)

- 5. Kingdom citizenship demands what? (Matt. 18:3)
- 6. What is the sacred value of such persons? (vs. 4-6)
- 7. How did Jesus further illustrate? (Matt. 19:13-15)
- IV. THE LORD'S APOSTLES UNDERSTOOD
  - 1. What did they tell believers to do? (Acts 2:38)
  - 2. Why repent and be converted (turn)? (Acts 3:19)
  - 3. What did a number of believers do? (Acts 11:21)
  - 4. When did they enjoy remission sins blotted out?
  - 5. Can you harmonize order conversion and baptism?
  - 6. Does genuine conversion embrace these changes?
    - a. Change from unbelief to belief.
    - b. Change from impenitence to repentance.
    - c. Change from denial to confession.
    - d. Change from darkness to kingdom of light.
  - 7. What about intellect? Will? Emotion? Conversion!
  - V; THINGS EQUAL TO SAME THING ARE EQUAL TO EACH OTHER
    - 1. What about doing the will of God? (Matt. 7:21)
    - Why must one be born again from above? (John 3:3-8)
    - 3. What is the result of genuine conversion? (Matt. 3:3)
    - 4. May we compare with "obey the gospel?" (Rom. 6:3, 4, 17)
    - 5. What honor bestowed upon the converted? (Gal. 3:26-28)
    - 6. What is the final promotion of faithful? (Rev. 22:14)

# THE CERTIFIED GOSPEL

#### I. PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS

- 1. Gospel means good news considered in light of text.
- 2. The good news was made known by evangelizing preaching.
- 3. The evangelist was the person who made known the good news.
- 4. The first four historians of New Testament one gospel.

#### II. HISTORY OF GOSPEL EVOLUTION

- 1. How was it preached to Abraham? (Gal. 3:8, 16; Gen. 22:18)
- Why did Mark say it began with John? (Mark 1:1-4)
- What did the apostle desire to make known? (Eph. 6:19)
- 4. Why refer to the gospel as a mystery? (Eph. 3:3-6)
- 5. In what manner was the gospel confirmed? (I Thess. 1:5)
- 6. What did Paul certify or make known? (Gal. 1:11, 12)
- 7. Who are encouraged by the hope of the gospel? (Col. 1:23)

#### III. THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL

- 1. Who is the author of the gospel? (Heb. 5:8, 9; Heb. 12:2)
- 2. What did he command to be preached? (Mark 16:15, 16)
- 3. When was the good news of remission first told? (Acts 2)
- 4. How many gospels did the apostles recognize? (Rom. 1:16)
- 5. Did Christ solemnly warn against counterfeits? (Matt. 24:23-26)

- 6. What about the all-sufficiency of the gospel? (II John 9-11)
- 7. How about the angel and everlasting gospel? (Rev. 14:6)

#### IV. COMPREHENSIVE MEANING OF GOSPEL

- 1. What are the cardinal facts of the gospel? (I Cor. 15:1-4)
- 2. How did Paul preach Christ crucified? (I Cor. 2:1-5)
- 3. In what respect may we glory in the cross? (Gal. 6:14)
- 4. What was brought to light through the gospel? (II Tim. 1:10)
- 5. How are the Gentiles called to salvation? (II Thess. 2:13, 14)
- 6. What is the good news of Christian security? (II Pet. 1:5-11)
- 7. What is the standard of judgment for all men? (Rom. 2:16)

#### V. COUNTERFEITS ENDANGER THE GENUINE

- 1. How is it possible to hide the gospel? (II Cor. 4:1-5)
- 2. Did some pretenders preach another gospel? (II Cor. 11:4)
- 3. What awaits men and angels who pervert? (Gal. 1:6-9)
- 4. What did Jesus say about those disbelieving? (Mark 16:16)
- 5. Why inquire about those who obey not the gospel? (I Pet. 4:17)
- 6. What about the destiny of the disobedient? (II Thess. 1:8, 9)
- 7. How may we determine the difference between true and false?
- VI. THE GOSPEL IS GOD'S POWER UNTO SALVATION
  - 1. How may one be ashamed of the gospel of Christ? (Rom. 1:16)

- 2. What has the believer the right (power) to become? (John 1:12)
- 3. Through what medium is God's righteousness revealed? (Rom. 1:17)
- 4. What means of security for the gospel of Christ? (I Pet. 1:25)

# THE KINGDOM

- I. UNFOLDMENT (EVOLUTION) OF THE KINGDOM (Mark 4:26-29)
  - There is but one kingdom of God in Christ. (Eph. 5:5)
    - a. In purpose (Gen. 3:15 and Eph. 3:11)
    - b. In promise (Gen. 22:18 and Gal. 3:28)
    - c. In prophecy (Dan. 2:44 and Isa. 2:2-4)
    - d. In preparation (Matt. 3:3; 10:5-7; John 10:16)
    - e. In operation (Col. 1:13; Heb. 12:28; Rev. 1:9)
    - f. Purified in Judgment (Matt. 13:41-43; I Cor. 15:24-26)
    - g. Glorified (Acts 14:22; I Pet. 1:11; II Tim. 4:18)

#### II. THE TEMPORARY KINGDOM OF ISRAEL (Acts 1:6)

- 1. What kind of kingdom were the Israelites? (Ex. 19:5, 6)
- 2. Why did they demand a king to rule them? (I Sam. 8:19-22)
- 3. Who was selected to serve as the first king? (I Sam. 14:47)
- 4. What was God's attitude toward their demand? (Hosea 13:11)
- 5. How did Jesus inform Israel of a great change? (Mark 12:1-12)
- 6. When did this wonderful change take place? (Acts 2:22-36)
- 7. How did an apostle affirm Christ's qualifications? (Rom. 1:3, 4)

#### III. THE KINGDOM OF GOD'S DEAR SON

- 1. For what were the disciples instructed to pray? (Matt. 6:10)
- 2. What is the meaning of "the keys of the kingdom?" (Matt. 16:19)
- 3. Did Peter have more authority than the others? (John 20:21-23)

- 4. What did Jesus tell Pilate about his kingdom? (John 18:36)
- 5. Could his kingdom be established by violence? (Matt. 26:50-53)
- 6. Can the borders be extended by carnal weapons? (II Cor. 10:3-5)
- 7. How did the Lord answer the religious sects? (Luke 17:20, 21)
- 8. How could some of the disciples see it come? (Mark 9:1)
- 9. Who is qualified to see (enjoy) the kingdom? (John 3:3-8)
  - a. What must be foremost in our seeking? (Matt. 6:33)

#### IV. REQUISITES OF A KINGDOM

- 1. King. Difference in dejure (John 18:37) and defacto (Acts 17:7).
- Law. Royal law of royal Monarch. (Isa. 2:2; James 2:8; Rom. 8:1-4)
- Territory. Spiritual heart. (Luke 8:13; Acts 15:9; I Pet. 1:22)
- 4. Subjects. Converts are naturalized. (Eph. 2:19; I Pet. 2:9)
- 5. Throne. Reign. (Acts 2:30-36) Scepter rectitude. (Heb. 1:8, 9)
- 6. Forms of Government:
  - a. Monarchy ruled by one.
  - b. Oligarchy ruled by few.
  - c. Democracy ruled by many.
  - d. Anarchy against being ruled.

#### V. TERMINOLOGY: INTERCHANGEABLE AND DIS-TINCTIVE

- 1. Different words for same object:
  - a. Woman, wife, mother.
  - b. Lion, Lamb, Shepherd.
  - c. Kingdom, church, body.
- 2. Same words for different objects:
  - a. Jerusalem literal, spiritual, heavenly. (Joshua 10:3; Gal. 4:26; Rev. 21:2)

- b. Tabernacle literal, spiritual, heavenly. (Ex. 25-27; Heb. 8:2; Rev. 21:3)
- c. Temple literal, spiritual, heavenly. (I Kings 6; I Cor. 3:16; Rev. 21:22)
- d. Kingdom material (Deut. 17, 18) spiritual (Col. 3:15) heavenly (II Pet. 1:11)

# CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

# I. CONGREGATION COMES FROM WORDS MEANING FLOCK TOGETHER

- 1. Evangelists preach the gospel and baptize believers.
- 2. Converts are grouped in local congregations or churches.
- 3. Organization and discipline leads to spiritual organism.
- 4. Scripturally unorganized while material being developed.
- 5. Unscripturally unorganized when qualified are neglected.
- 6. Unscripturally organized when incompetent men appointed.

# II. LEADERSHIP MATERIAL COMES FROM THE CONGREGATION

- 1. Qualify comes from words which mean to make such.
- 2. Observe qualifications of elders and deacons. (I Tim. 3; Titus 1)
- 3. Must the elders be equally qualified? (I Tim. 5:17, 18)
- 4. Must the elders be of the same age? (I Pet. 5:1-5)
- 5. Are elders liable to err in their duties? (Acts 20:29, 30)
- 6. What attitude is dangerous for any member? (III John 9)
- 7. What should be a true saying among us? (I Tim. 3:1)

#### III. THE CHRISTIAN STANDARD OF CHURCH MEMBERS

- 1. Anger (Eph. 4:26)
- 2. Brawler (Titus 3:2)
- 3. Striker (I Cor. 13:5)
- 4. Contentious (I Cor. 11:16)
- 5. Self-willed (II Pet. 2:10)
- 6. Covetous (Eph. 5:5)
- 7. Blameless (Phil. 2:15)
- 8. Monogamous (I Cor. 7:2)
- 9. Temperate (II Pet. 1:6)

- 10. Sober-minded (I Pet. 1:13)
- 11. Hospitable (Heb. 13:3)
- 12. Apt to teach (Heb. 5:12)
- 13. Orderly (I Cor. 14:40)
- 14. Gentle (Gal. 5:22)
- 15. Holy (I Pet. 2:9)
- 16. Good Testimony from without (Col. 4:5)
- 17. Able to contend for the faith and convince the gainsayers (Jude 3)
- 18. Not a novice new? (I Cor. 16:13 [One may be a new convert to Christ, but must not remain a babe.]

# IV. RELATIONSHIP OF THE OVERSEERS AND THE OVERSEEN

1. The presbyters (elders) are older men in christian experience.

(Acts 20:17; Titus 1:5; I Pet. 5:1)

- 2. They are the overseers (bishops) of the local congregations. (Acts 20:28; I Tim. 3:1, 2; Phil. 1:1)
- They are the shepherds (pastors) who feed the flock of God. (I Pet. 2:25; Eph. 4:11; Acts 20:28)
- 4. They are the rulers (guardians) who have authority over flock.

(I Tim. 5:17; I Thess. 5:12)

- 5. They are leaders (go before) superintending and guiding. (Heb. 13:7, 17, 24)
- 6. They are to make a report with joy or with grief. (Heb. 13:17)
  - a. Their faithful example should be imitated.
- 7. They should be esteemed in love for their work. (I Thess. 5:13)
  - a. All members of the body have an "office" work. (Rom. 12:4)
- 8. Does leadership imply followership in order to be successful?
  - a. How may we be assured of capable material to guide?

## THE CHURCH CHRIST BUILT

- I. DIVINE EVALUATION OF THE LORD'S HOUSE
  - 1. What did Jacob call the gate to heaven? (Gen. 28:16-19)
  - 2. How does an apostle identify the house of God? (I Tim. 3:15)
  - 3. What did one predict about the building thereof? (Psalm 127:1)
  - 4. Who did God authorize to execute his plan? (Matt. 17:5)
  - 5. How may we identify the church which Christ built? (Matt. 16:18)
  - 6. What actuated the Lord to give himself for it? (Eph. 5:2)
  - 7. How much was the purchase price of the church? (Acts 20:28)
- II. SACRED MISSION OF THE LORD'S CHURCH
  - 1. Why preach in song, sermon and service? (I Cor. 1:21)
  - 2. Why maintain a well-balanced schedule? (Eph. 4:1-16)
  - 3. Why regular and liberal offerings? (I Cor. 9:14; 16:1, 2)
  - 4. What church was instructed about internal strife? (Corinth)
  - 5. What church became "second capital of world?" (Acts 11:19f)
  - 6. Did Jesus instruct in matters of discipline? (Matt. 18:15-20)
  - 7. When were the first converts added by the Lord? (Acts 2:47)
- **III. NEW NAMES FOR THE NEW INSTITUTION** 
  - 1. What did the apostle warn about the Lord's table? (I Cor. 10:21)

- 2. How may we assemble and not partake of Lord's supper? (I Cor. 11:20)
- 3. What attitude enables us to proclaim Lord's death? (I Cor. 11:26)
- 4. How may we partake yet fail to discern Lord's body? (I Cor. 11:29)
- 5. What experience did John have on the Lord's day? (Rev. 1:10)
- 6. How about the "day Jehovah made?" (Psalm 118:22-24; Acts 4:10, 11)
- 7. What day of the week was Jesus raised from dead? (Mark 16:9)
  - a. What two days mentioned together? (Matt. 28:1; Mark 16:1, 2)
- IV. ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP (WORTH-SHIP) (I Cor. 10:16)
  - 1. Can religious people be wrong in their worship? (Matt. 15:7-9)
  - 2. Does the Lord approve of a variety of worships? (Acts 17:22-31)
  - 3. What did Jesus say about acceptable worship? (John 4:20-24)
  - 4. How did the first converts maintain steadfastness? (Acts 2:42)
  - 5. When and why did the saints assemble come together? (Acts 20:7)
  - 6. What is the proper attitude at time of assembling? (Psalm 100)
  - 7. Will neglect lead to abandonment of the assembly? (Heb. 10:25
  - V. WHAT GOD HAS JOINED LET NONE PUT ASUNDER
    - 1. The apostle proclaims the resurrection and good works. (I Cor. 15)
    - 2. He connects this sacred charge with contributions. (I Cor. 16)
    - 3. Did Jesus display interest in the treasury? (Mark 12:41-45)
    - 4. What was wrong with the offerings of the Pharisees? (Matt. 6:1-4)

- 5. What attitude is right and what is wrong in giving? (II Cor. 9:7)
- 6. How may one prepare to give in the proper spirit? (II Cor. 8:5)
- Should Christians be liberal? (Luke 6:38; II Cor. 9:6; Acts 20:35)
- VI. ALMSGIVING CONTRIBUTES TO THE ERECTION OF MEMORIALS
  - 1. What did Cornelius learn about his conduct? (Acts 10:4)
  - 2. How did some church members displease the Lord? (Acts 5:1-11)

# **SPIRIT IN OPERATION**

- I. NAME THE PERSONALITIES OF THE GODHEAD (Matt. 28:19)
  - 1. In what respect are the personalities one? (John 17:9, 10)
  - 2. What does it mean to be baptized into "name?" (Col. 3:17)
  - 3. Which one designed the spiritual creation? (Eph. 3:10, 11)
  - 4. Which one executed the will of the Father? (Heb. 10:7, 9)
  - 5. Which one came to complete this great work? (II Tim. 3:16, 17)
  - 6. Who did Christ send to guide the apostles? (John 14:16, 17)
  - 7. How did the Father approve of the work? (Mark 16:20; Heb. 2:4)
- II. THE OFFICE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Acts)
  - 1. In what was he to instruct and remind the apostles? (John 14:26)
  - 2. For whom was the Spirit to bear witness? (John 15:26)
  - 3. What was expedient in order for the Spirit to come? (John 16:7)
  - 4. When did the Holy Spirit come and begin his work? (Acts 2:1-4)
  - 5. How did he reveal truths and inspire expression? (I Cor. 2:13)
  - 6. What special provisions for the infant church? (I Cor. 12:1-12)
  - 7. When were the gifts things in part to cease? (I Cor. 13:8-10)
- III. THE MEASURES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
  - 1. Who had the Spirit without measure unlimited? (John 3:34)

- 2. To whom was the baptismal measure promised? (Matt. 3:11; John 1:33)
- 3. Why the secondary measure (gifts)? (Acts 8:15-17; Acts 19:6)
- 4. Who receive the ordinary measure? (Acts 2:38; 5:32; Gal. 4:6)
- 5. What does it mean to have the Spirit of Christ? (Rom. 8:9)
- 6. How are Christians led by the Spirit of God? (Rom. 8:14)
- 7. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit? (Eph. 5:18-21)

### IV. THE CHURCH-BODY ANIMATED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

- 1. How was the body of Adam animated? (Gen. 2:7; Zech. 12:1)
- 2. What happens to the body when the spirit departs? (James 2:26)
- 3. How is the spiritual temple (church) animated? (I Cor. 3:16, 17)
- 4. Who inhabits this spiritual building (temple)? (Eph. 2:19-22)
- 5. What is the meaning of earnest of Spirit? (Eph. 1:13, 14)
- 6. Why the unction or anointing of the Spirit? (I John 2:20, 21)
- 7. For whom does the Spirit intercede (not mediate)? (Rom. 8:26-28)

#### V. THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- 1. Is it possible to sin against the Holy Spirit? (Matt. 12:31, 32)
- How did two of the first disciples thus sin? (Acts 5:3, 9)
- What about those who despise the Spirit of grace? (Heb. 10:29)
- 4. How did the Israelites vex the Spirit of God? (Isa. 63:10)
- 5. Is it possible for Christians to grieve the Spirit? (Eph. 4:30)

- 6. How may those in error be refreshed by the Spirit? (John 7:37-39)
- 7. Did the Spirit emphasize certain warnings? (I Tim. 4:1-3)

### VI. EVALUATING THE MORE ABUNDANT LIFE

- 1. What did Jesus say about his word and the Spirit? (John 6:63)
- 2. Who is begotten of God? (I John 5:1)
- 3. Who born again? (John 3:3-8)
- 4. How may we be assured of spiritual growth? (I Thess. 5:19-23)

# **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

- I. PRAYER IS THE SINCERE DESIRE OF THE HEART EXPRESSED
  - 1. What was Paul's desire and prayer to God? (Rom. 10:1)
  - 2. How may prayers be acceptable unto the Lord? (I Tim. 2:1-4)
  - 3. What request did the disciples make of Christ? (Luke 11:1-4)
  - 4. How may we progress in our praying? (Matt. 7:7-11)
  - 5. When do prayers become effectual in availing? (James 5:16)
  - 6. What attitude of mind assures an answer to prayer? (James 1:1-8)
  - 7. How may we be fortified for all eventualities? (I Pet. 4:7)
  - 8. When do we qualify for God to respond to petitions? (I John 3:22)
  - 9. How may we develop confidence in our expectation? (I John 5:14, 15)
- II. CHRIST INSTRUCTS HIS DISCIPLES IN WORD AND DEED
  - 1. How did Christ prepare his disciples for trials? (Luke 18:1-8)
  - 2. Why did the Lord condemn the praying of some? (Matt. 6:5, 6)
  - 3. What did Christ say about vain repetitions? (Matt. 6:7, 8)
  - 4. Did the Lord pray thrice for the same thing? (Mark 14:32-42)
  - 5. How did the ex-blind man reply to the Sanhedrin? (John 9:31)
  - 6. Did the defender refer to Solomon's statement? (Prov. 28:9)

- 7. Was the prayer of Cornelius heard before baptism? (Acts 10:4, 31)
- 8. Did Christ promise salvation in answer to prayer? (Rom. 10:13, 14)
- 9. For what did Christ pray in the shadow of the cross? (John 17:1-26)
- III. LET US OFFER THE FRUIT OF OUR LIPS CONTINUALLY
  - 1. What did they do before entering Gethsemane? (Mark 14:26)
  - 2. How did the disciples react to persecution? (Acts 16:25)
  - 3. Why quote ancient prophets about joint praise? (Rom. 15:6-13)
  - 4. Should our praying and singing be understood? (I Cor. 14:15)
  - 5. Why should our songs be scripturally written? (Col. 3:16)
  - 6. Why should such songs be spiritually rendered? (Eph. 5:19)
  - 7. How may we glorify God through Christ in song? (Heb. 2:11, 12)
  - 8. What were the saints in Jerusalem told to do? (Heb. 13:12-16)
  - 9. What about the afflicted and the grateful? (James 5:13)
- IV. SINGING IS A SPECIFIED KIND OF MUSIC
  - 1. What was the first kind of music at creation? (Job 38:7)
  - 2. What is the last kind of music of the redeemed? (Rev. 5:9)
  - 3. With what was the singing in glory compared? (Rev. 14:1-3)
  - 4. Is it possible for spirit beings to praise? (Luke 2:13, 14)
  - 5. Cannot God, the great Spirit, speak audibly? (Matt. 17:5)
  - Does our innerman have vocal cords melody in heart? (Eph. 5:19)

- 7. Can the saints sing praises as an act of faith? (Rom. 10:17)
- 8. Can we respect Christ's authority by singing? (Col. 3:17)
- 9. What are the liabilities of substituting, or adding, another kind?
- V. WHO MUST WE STRIVE TO PLEASE IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE?
  - 1. How may we be pleasing to the heavenly Father? (Heb. 11:6)
  - 2. Can we please God and disregard Christ's preeminence? (Col. 1:18, 19)

# JESUS THE MODEL TEACHER

## I. THE YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT

- 1. How did Jesus advance in a fourfold manner? (Luke 2:52)
- Did he undergo any physical training in youth? (Mark 6:3)
- 3. At what age did he display interest in religion? (Luke 2:41-49)
- 4. Could he read and write? (Luke 4:16 and John 8:6, 7)
- 5. What did the Jews say about his letters and learning? (John 7:15)
- 6. To whom did Jesus ascribe the source of his teaching? (John 7:16)
- 7. How old was Jesus when he entered his ministry? (Luke 3:23)

## II. JESUS EVALUATED TEACHING

- 1. What sublime example did he set for all teachers? (Acts 1:1)
- 2. What did he say about those who fail to practice? (Matt. 23:3)
- 3. How did Jesus stress the importance of preparedness? (Matt. 28:19)
- 4. Can teachers limit the possibilities of students? (Luke 6:39, 40)
- 5. What lesson set forth concerning leaven? (Matt. 16:5-12)
- 6. How were the unsaved to be led to the Christ? (Matt. 28:19)
- 7. How are baptized believers grounded in the truth? (Matt. 28:20)

## III. METHODS OF THE MODEL TEACHER

- 1. ILLUSTRATIONS
  - a. Parables (Matt. 13 and Luke 14-16)
  - b. Allegories (Matt. 6:19-23 and John 10:1-16)

- c. Historical citations of ancient cities and persons (Matt. 11:20-23; Matt. 19:3-9)
- 2. OBJECT LESSONS
  - a. The treasury (Mark 12:41-44)
  - b. Little children (Matt. 19:13-15)
  - c. The Temple (Matt. 24:1-8)
- 3. LECTURES
  - a. Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7)
  - b. Denunciation of religious perverts (Matt. 23)
  - c. Farewell sermon (John 14-16)
- 4. INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS
  - a. The woman at the well in Samaria (John 4:1-26)
  - b. The disciples (Matt. 16:16-18)
  - c. The woman and her accusers (John 8:1-11)
- 5. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
  - a. Concerning the impressions of those he had contacted (Matt. 16:13-18)
  - b. Concerning his Messiahship The Lord of David (Matt. 22:41-46)
- 6. INSPIRED PUPILS TO INQUIRE
  - a. Explain parables (Matt. 13:10, 36)
  - b. Explain the Way (John 14:1-7)
  - c. Explain his identity (John 9:35-38)
  - d. Explain end of temple and time (Luke 21:5-33)
- 7. APPROACH SUBJECTS FROM VARIOUS ANGLES
  - a. Enter the kingdom by doing the will of God (Matt. 7:21)
  - b. Enter the kingdom by being converted (Matt. 18:3)
  - c. Enter the kingdom by being born again of water and the Spirit (John 3:3-5)
- IV. EXAMPLES OF THE EARLY CHURCHES
  - 1. The church in Jerusalem continued steadfastly. (Acts 2:42)
  - 2. The church in Antioch of Syria (Acts 11:22-26; Acts 31:1)
  - 3. The church in Corinth of Achaia (Acts 18:4-11)
  - 4. The church in Ephesus of Asia (Acts 19:1-10; Acts 20:17-26)

- 5. What group admonished for lack of development? (Heb. 5:11-14)
- 6. Did Paul identify dangerous teachers? (I Tim. 1:18-20)
- 7. How did Christ encourage the Ephesians? (Rev. 2:6)

# SPIRITUAL INVENTORY

- I. VITAL IMPORTANCE OF SPIRITUAL INSPECTIONS
  - 1. Who knows the hearts of all men? (Acts 1:24)
  - 2. Who is the inspector of the church? (Rev. 2 and 3)
  - 3. What about the final examination? (Heb. 4:12, 13)
  - 4. How may we profit by retrospection? (Phil. 3:1-7)
  - 5. Why introspect our own hearts? (I John 3:19-21)
  - 6. How may we practice circumspection? (Eph. 5:15)
  - 7. Are we encouraged by prospective views? (Rev. 22:14)
- II. CHRIST INSPECTS THE HEART OF RICH YOUNG RULER
  - 1. What heart-searching questions were asked? (Matt. 19:18-20)
  - 2. How did he rate morally and religiously? (Luke 18:20, 21)
  - 3. Why was he subjected to a severe test? (Mark 10:21-24)
  - 4. How may the wealthy avoid fatal results? (I Tim. 6:17-19)
  - 5. Can the love of money cause the poor to sin? (I Tim. 6:10)
  - 6. How may one be deluded with work of error? (II Thess. 2:10-12)
  - 7. Can the deceived mock God and his laws? (Gal. 6:7)

#### III. CHRIST UNDERSTOOD RELIGIOUS VIEWS OF HEBREWS

- 1. Did the apostles understand views of Jews and Gentiles? (Acts)
- 2. Why did Paul become all things to all men? (I Cor. 9:19-27)
- 3. Could he approach the Jews as members of race? (Rom. 11:1)
- 4. Did he regard customs without violation? (Acts 18:18; 21:26)
- 5. Were Gentiles approached apart from law of Moses? (Gal. 3:1-7)
- 6. How did he become like weak members of the church? (I Cor. 8:13)
- Have you evaluated personal evangelism? (Prov. 11:26; Dan. 12:3)
- IV. CONSIDER HUMAN ATTITUDES AND RELIGIOUS STATUS
  - 1. Theist. One who believes in the God of the universe.
  - 2. Atheist. One who is against fact and evidences of God.
  - 3. Deist. One who believes God created, but rejects Genesis account.
  - 4. Pantheist. One who amalgamates all gods of all races.
  - 5. Theosophist. One who claims to be wise as God. (Gen. 3:5)
  - 6. Gnostic. One who claims to know all about it. (I Tim. 6:20, 21)
  - 7. Agnostic. One who disclaims knowledge confusing with faith.
  - 8. Skeptic. One who doubts religion and questions christianity.
  - 9. Infidel. One who is not faithful to convictions. (I Tim. 5:8)
  - V. THE FAITH THAT SAVES IS MORE THAN MENTAL ASSENT
    - 1. The disbeliever is one rejecting gospel truths. (Mark 16:16)
    - 2. The unbeliever neglects opportunity of growth in Lord. (Heb. 4:11)

- 3. The believer weighs facts and accepts truths. (Acts 2:36-38)
- 4. What is the actuating grace of a living faith? (Gal. 5:6)
- 5. How are two degrees of faith contrasted? (Rom. 1:18-20)
- 6. What is the lowest possible degree of faith? (James 2:26)
- 7. If God should speak again would he repeat himself?
- 8. If Christ should demonstrate again would he duplicate himself?
- 9. If the Spirit should operate again would he imitate himself?

