

THE TRUTH AND EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S SALVATION

Lesson Fourteen

HOW TO BE SAVED - FROM SIN (2)

Burden to Impart:

In the previous lesson we saw that the first requirement for salvation is a genuine repentance, a change in our thinking. *The second requirement to be saved from sin is faith in the Lord Jesus.* That is, to believe that He is the Savior, the One who came to die upon the cross for us and for our sins.

Memory Verse: "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

Facts to Teach:

1. The Bible teaches us that because "all have sinned" (Rom. 3:23a) all are also under God's condemnation and wrath (John 3:18, 36).
2. Sin is like a disease we are all born with. Sooner or later it will be manifested that we are all sinners. For example, although a child's parents do not teach their child to lie, yet somehow, every child learns. This is because their sinful nature teaches them. Although we do not approve of stealing, fighting, using bad language, hurting others, etc., yet, if we are truthful, we must admit that we are all guilty of such sins.
3. However, "while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). He did not require us to improve ourselves or fix up our mistakes so that we could be saved. Although we were "weak" (in doing God's will) and "ungodly" (in expressing God), God loved us just as we were, sinners, and sent His Son to die upon the cross for us (Rom. 5:6-9).
4. To be saved from our sin we need only believe in the Savior, the Lord Jesus. God sent Him into the condemned and perishing world to save all who would believe in Him. We do not need to commit some great sin to perish, we need only to ignore and thus reject God's salvation and we will perish. Like a drowning man in the middle of the sea, if he refuses to lay hold of a life preserver he will perish. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" (Heb. 2:3a).

[See Gospel Outlines, Subject 109, by W. Lee; also Hymns #1048.]