



THE SURE WORD

Lesson 32: ANSWERING THE CALL

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1. What other name is given to the Holy Spirit? John 14:17.

“Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”

2. As such, what does the Spirit do? John 16:13.

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”

3. Regarding that, what is specifically promised? 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.”

4. Who is given the Holy Spirit? Acts 5:32.

“And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.”

5. What does the Holy Ghost put in our hearts? Romans 5:5.

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

6. What is the fruit of the Spirit? Galatians 5:22, 23.

22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

7. What two things must we do to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost? Acts 2:38.

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”



8. Who will be saved? Mark 16:16.

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

“Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” John 3:5.

As an outward sign of an inward change, baptism is a public testimony that now you belong to Jesus. Its significance as the sign of the new birth is fully discussed in Romans 6. There Paul speaks of the transforming power of grace within the life of the believer. Baptism is also the means of becoming a member of the church (Compare Acts 2:41, 47).

9. What word, meaning “put in the grave,” is used to describe baptism? Romans 6:4.

“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

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Baptism symbolizes the death and burial of our sins. When a dead body is buried, it is more than sprinkled with dirt. For the same reason, we want our sins to be completely buried.

The word baptism itself means to immerse. It was used in the textile industry long before the days of John the Baptist. When cloth was "baptized" in the dye, it was not just sprinkled, but completely immersed in it.

10. What word in verse 5 means buried? Romans 6:5.

"For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:"

11. Why was John baptizing in Aenon? 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."

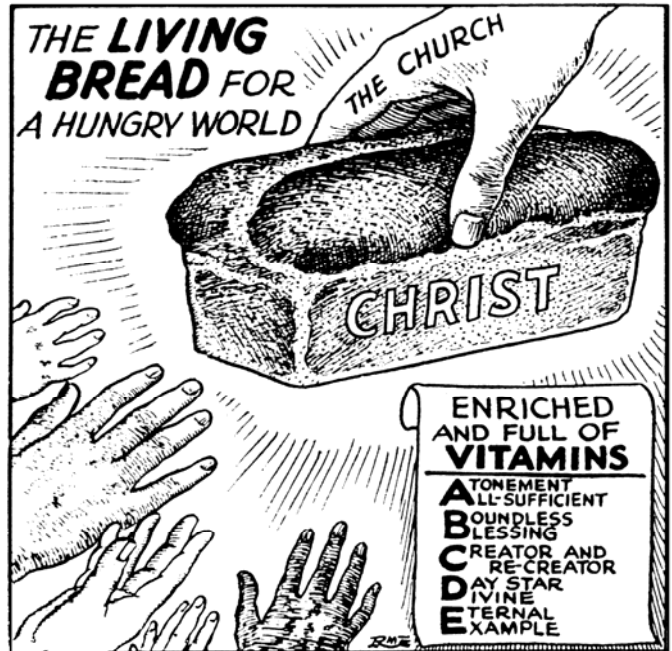
If John had been sprinkling, he would not have needed much water.

12. What did Jesus see as He came up out of the water after His baptism? 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:"

13. What must take place prior to baptism? Matthew 28:19.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"



God wants His people to be intelligent regarding His truth. They are to be taught "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," He says. Matthew 28:20.

Baptism signifies conversion. Conversion requires the cooperation of the will. Under the conviction of the Holy Spirit, the person chooses to consecrate his life to God. He renounces his sins and by the power of God is born again to new life in Christ.

The story of the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-39) is an inspiring account of a man searching for truth. As he read the Scriptures, the Lord directed Philip to him to present the gospel of Jesus. Convicted of his need of Christ, the eunuch asked to be baptized. So Philip baptized him in a nearby body of water.

Acts 19:1-5 tells of some people who were baptized more than once. They had been baptized once at the preaching of John, but had not yet learned all the truth. Now, as Paul shared with them additional vital truths, their Christian experience was so enriched by the new light, they felt their need to be baptized again.

14. What is God's invitation to those who have accepted His truth?

Acts 22:16.

"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

15. How did God speak to the prophet Elijah? 1 Kings 19:12.

"And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice."



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Not all voices can be trusted. Beware of voices which contradict the Scriptures.

The voice of the Spirit to our conscience will never differ from the teachings of the Bible. He speaks to us through the Bible. Jesus said, "He shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak. For he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." John 16:13, 14. The Holy Spirit comes to forcibly impress upon our minds the word of God. Never will He direct us any other way.

16. What does the voice of the Lord say to us? Isaiah 30:21.

"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."

17. When we hear His voice, what is our duty? Jeremiah 26:13.

"Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you."

18. How long is the light with us? John 12:35.

"Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth."

19. So when we hear His voice, what must we not do? Hebrews 3:7, 8.

"Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, & Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:"

20. What do some always do to the Holy Ghost? Acts 7:51.

"Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye."

21. What finally happens if we continually resist the Spirit? 1 Timothy 4:2.

"Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;"

22. What warning did Paul give? Ephesians 4:30.

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."



23. Does God's Spirit ever stop working with men? Genesis 6:3.

"And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years."

24. Who will enter into the kingdom of heaven? Matthew 7:21.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

*"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land."
Isaiah 1:19.*

25. If we obey Christ what does He become to us? Hebrews 5:9.

"And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;"

26. What if we know these things? John 13:17.

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

27. What if a person knows what is right, but doesn't do it? James

4:17. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

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28. What did Jesus say about those who have heard the truth? John 15:22.

"If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin."

29. We have been giving great light, what is required of us? Luke 12:48.

"But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more."

30. So is it better to just avoid hearing the truth? Proverbs 28:9.

"He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination."

31. What did Jesus say to do when the Spirit speaks? Revelation 3:22.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

32. Will any hardship or other circumstances ever make us regret our decision to obey the Lord? Psalm 37:25.

"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7, 8.

Considering God's Sure Word...

Do you understand that the Holy Spirit's continued work in your life is dependent upon your obedience to His word?

Will you choose to commit your life entirely to Jesus, and through baptism, take your stand with His commandment-keeping people?

The Law of Kindness.

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness." Proverbs 31:26

The story is told of a sweet young Christian wife whose husband was a drunkard. Night after night he would frequent the local bars, socializing and drinking with his buddies. On many an occasion he would brag about his wife, how sweet and considerate of him she was.

One evening, his buddies decided to find out if his boasts were true and asked if they could go home with him for an evening meal. It was already past midnight, but the husband was so sure of his wife's response to such a request, even at such an hour, that he immediately complied and led them to his home.

Upon arriving, they found his wife had already retired for the night. The husband woke her and let her know of his request. She quickly dressed and went into the kitchen to prepare a meal. And what a meal it was! No sandwiches roughly thrown together and tossed upon an empty table. The table was set as if for honored guests and the meal served was fit for a king.

The husband seated his friends around the table, beaming at the meal prepared by his lovely wife, satisfied that he had been proved right to his buddies. All during the meal his wife hovered near, waiting to see if any of them should like or need anything further.

The husband began to realize what was happening. It finally occurred to him just how late it was getting, and just how tired his wife must be. Still, she smiled and complied with every wish that anyone made. Never did she speak a harsh word or give an impatient look to him or any of his guests.

When the meal was over and his friends had gone, he sat in the kitchen as his wife washed the dishes. As he watched her, a question kept gnawing at him. Finally he asked her, "Dear, why do you treat my friends and me in such a kind and sweet manner, especially at such a late hour?"

She looked at her husband with love in her eyes and replied, "Because this is the only world you will ever enjoy. I want you to at least be happy here."

Upon hearing this, his heart melted and he determined to surrender his life to the Lord. If his wife could have such love for him, then what love God must have for him also!