



THE BIBLE STANDS

*The Bible stands though the hills may tumble,
It will firmly stand when the earth shall crumble;
I will plant my feet on its firm foundation,
For the Bible stands.*

Lesson 03: HOW DO WE SURRENDER?

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“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

1. Why would God save us? John 3:16.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour.” Titus 3:5, 6.

2. How are we saved? Ephesians 2:8, 9.

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

“Who can say, I have made my heart clean?” Proverbs 20:9;

“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.” Zechariah 4:6;

“That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 2:5.

3. What is an important element in faith? James 2:14-26.

“What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

“Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?”

“Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

“Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

“Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.”
Proverbs 20:11.

4. Who did Jesus come to call, and what does He call them to? Mark 2:17.

“When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

5. What does it mean to repent? Isaiah 55:7.

“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.”

6. What should we be asking God to do for us? Psalm 51:2.

“Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.”

“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalm 139:23, 24.

7. How should we search for God and will our search be successful? Jeremiah 29:13.

“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”

8. What if we hold on to our “precious” sins? Psalm 66:18.

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:”

9. What type of people is Jesus looking for? John 5:6.

“When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, He saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?”

10. Why will only a few accept eternal life? Matthew 7:14.

“Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”

11. Who will not be worthy? Matthew 10:37.

“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”

12. Is divided commitment possible? Matthew 6:24.

“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

This is not to say that many would not try to serve two masters. What Christ is emphasizing here is the fact that it is impossible to do it. Eventually we will have to choose one or the other. We must understand that if we seek to serve both self and God, by default self (Satan) is our master.

13. What is the cost of discipleship? Luke 14:33.

“So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.”

14. What did Paul say he did daily? 1 Corinthians 15:31.

“I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.”

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20.

15. What must we do if we want Jesus? Luke 9:23.

“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

16. But will He accept me if I come? 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.”

17. When we confess our sins to Him, what two things does He do for us? 1 John 1:9.

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7.

18. What should we do besides confessing our sins? Proverbs 28:13.

“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”

19. When we give up our sins, how far does He remove them from us? Psalm 103:12.

“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”

“For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” Jeremiah 31:34.

20. What if we are guilty of the most terrible sins? Isaiah 1:18.

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

21. Christ will do this for us upon what two conditions? Isaiah 1:19.

“If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:”

22. Can I obey God without His power? John 15:5.

“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”

23. We do not have the power within ourselves to do good works, but what is present within us? Romans 7:18.

“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.”

24. What then is the first step to victory? 2 Corinthians 8:12.

“For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.”

25. Then what are we to do, and how does it work? 2 Corinthians 8:11.

“Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.”

“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” Philippians 2:12, 13.

Thought Summary:

God requires an entire commitment of yourself to Him; choosing Jesus means turning away from every known sin and asking Him to cleanse your heart from all defilement.