

SUBJECT: Salvation.

TITLE: He Hideth My Soul.

PROPOSITION: To look at Christ as the protector of our souls.

OBJECTIVE: So we can know to put all our faith in him.

INTRODUCTION:

1. Read the text.

2. Regarding the text.

(1) This passage is prophetic of Christ and his protection of his church.
 A. "Now this cleft may be an emblem of Christ, as crucified,...and will cover thee with my hand;...but here it seems to denote imperfection, not being able to bear the full sight of the divine glory, and which angels themselves cannot bear, but cover their faces; and also the danger of being consumed, were it not that saints are in Christ, and covered and secured in him, otherwise God is a consuming fire: (*Exposition on the Entire Bible, e-Sword*).

B. When we are in Christ nothing can take us away from him (Jno. 10:29).

(2) A wonderful savior is Jesus our Lord--

A. He is wonderful because he loved us enough to die for us (Jno. 3:16; Rom. 5:6,8).

B. He is wonderful because he first loved us (1 Jno. 4:19).

(3) Let us look at Christ hiding our souls.

3. Reference To S.T.P.O.

DISCUSSION: A WONDERFUL SAVIOR IS JESUS MY LORD--

I. BECAUSE HE IS A WONDERFUL SAVIOR TO ME.

1. He was prophesied to be wonderful--

(1) Isaiah's prophecy (Isa. 9:6).

(2) David spoke of his wonderful works (Psa. 111:4).

2. He hides my soul in the cleft of the rock.

(1) The cleft is a large cavern or crevice in a rock that is large enough to hide people (Isa. 2:21).

(2) He uses this as our salvation from Satan (1 Pet. 5:8).

3. Where rivers of pleasure I see.

(1) In this cavern we can find rivers of spiritual pleasure (Psa. 23:1-3).

(2) In these calm waters our roots can grow deep (Psa. 1:1-3).

II. BECAUSE HE TAKETH BURDEN AWAY.

1. He took that burden away by dying on the cross and raising again the third day (1 Cor. 15:3,4).

(1) Now that he has taken that burden away he invites me to carry his burden (Mt. 11:28-30).

(2) Many, erroneously, think that Christianity is a free ride (Jas. 2:24,26).

2. He holdeth me up and I shall not be moved.

(1) He prepares before my enemies a table for me (Psa. 23:5,6).

- (2) If Jesus is on my side, then no one can stand against me (Phil. 4:13).
- 3. He giveth me strength as my day.
 - (1) Jesus said that his "meat" was to do the will of God (Jno. 4:34).
 - (2) Here we see that our "day" is the strength that Christ gives us to do his will through his word (Col. 1:11).

III. BECAUSE WHEN CLOTHED IN HIS BRIGHTNESS TRANSPORTED I RISE TO MEET HIM.

- 1. To meet him in clouds of the sky.
 - (1) The day will come as a thief in the night (2 Pet. 3:9-11).
 - (2) We shall meet him in the air (1 Thess. 4:15-17).
- 2. His perfect salvation, his wonderful love.
 - (1) There is no salvation in any other, than Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12).
 - (2) There is no other love like his (Rom. 5:8,9).
- 3. I'll shout with the millions on high.
 - (1) In heaven we will be able to rejoice with all the angelic host (Rev. 7:11).
 - (2) We will be in the light that God gives off for ever (Rev. 22:5).

CONCLUSION:

SUMMARY: We have seen in this lesson that Jesus is a wonderful savior--

- 1. Because he is a wonderful savior to me.
- 2. Because He takes my burdens away.
- 3. Because When I am clothed in his brightness I will rise to meet him.

APPEAL: He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, that shadows a dry thirsty land, He hideth my life, in the depths of his love, and covers me there with his hand, and He covers me there with his hand.

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SUBJECT: Christian Living.

TITLE: To Christ Be True.

PROPOSITION: To look at being true to Christ.

OBJECTIVE: So we can all know how to be true to Christ.

INTRODUCTION:

1. Read the text.
2. Regarding the text.
 - (1) In living the Christian life we have to be true to Christ.
 - A. Being true to him means living the way he wants us to live.
 - B. Being true to him means loving him and only him.
 - (2) In this world too many people don't want to be true to Christ.
 - A. They want to be true to themselves by fulfilling the lust of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21).
 - B. They want to be left alone to live for themselves (Rom. 1:24).
 - (3) Let us look at being true to Christ.
3. Reference To S.T.P.O.

DISCUSSION: LET US BE TRUE TO CHRIST--

I. IN DEFENSE OF THE GOSPEL.

1. The idea of defending the gospel has all but been dismissed in the church.
 - (1) Yet we are commanded to contend earnestly for the faith (Jude 3).
 - (2) We are to be set for the defense of the gospel (Phil. 1:17).
2. Many have the idea that debating is sinful.
 - (1) Because of the word "debate" in the KJV (Rom. 1:29).
 - (2) The kind of debating we are to do is different (Acts 17:17).
3. Debating when we are defending the truth must be done right.
 - (1) Must be done in love (Eph. 4:15).
 - (2) Must be done to defend the truth (Phil. 1:7).

II. IN EVANGELIZING THE GOSPEL.

1. We are to go into all the world and preach to those who are lost.
 - (1) Matthews record (Mt. 28:18-19).
 - (2) Mark's record (Mk. 16:15-16).
2. We are under the great commission to go and preach to those who are lost.
 - (1) The great commission did not end at A.D. 70 as some today are teaching (Mt. 28:20).
 - (2) Though Jerusalem's destruction was important in Jewish history, it wasn't so important that we have to mark all major Biblical events by it.
3. Who may be active in evangelization?
 - (1) Every Christian, whether men or women (Phil. 4:3).
 - (2) Can a woman teach a man (Acts 18:26)

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ektíthēmi; fut. *ekthēsō*, from *ek* (G1537), out, and *títhēmi* (G5087), to put. To expose, to place out as an infant ([Act 7:21](#)). In the mid. *ektíthēmai*, to set forth or expound, expose oneself, declare ([Act 11:4](#); [Act 18:26](#); [Act 28:23](#); Sept.: [Job 36:15](#)).

Deriv.: *ékthetos* (G1570), exposed, cast out.

Syn.: *gnōrízō* (G1107), to make known; *dēlóō* (G1213), to make plain; *diermēneúō* (G1329), to interpret fully; *exēgéomai* (G1834), to unfold, declare; *epilúō* (G1956), to solve, explain; *hermēneúō* (G2059), to interpret; *horízō* (G3724), to define; *phaneróō* (G5319), manifest.

Ant.: *krúptō* (G2928), to hide; *sigáō* (G4601), to keep secret, silent; *phimóō* (G5392), to muzzle (*Word Study Dictionary, e-Sword*).

III. IN GODLY LIVING.

1. We must avoid the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21).
2. We must avoid fleshly lusts which war against the soul (1 Pet. 2:11).
3. We are to avoid worldly lust (Tit. 2:11,12).

CONCLUSION:

SUMMARY: We have seen in this lesson that we are to be true to Christ--

1. In defence of the gospel.
2. In evangelizing the gospel.
3. In godly living.

APPEAL: Let us always be true to Christ.

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