

COMPASSED ABOUT WITH WITNESSES

HEBREWS 12:1 THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SUCH A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US THROW OFF EVERYTHING THAT HINDERS AND THE SIN THAT SO EASILY ENTANGLES, AND LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US.

1. THE GREATNESS OF OUR GOD.

- A. **HEBREWS 11:1-40** NOW FAITH IS BEING SURE OF WHAT WE HOPE FOR AND CERTAIN OF WHAT WE DO NOT SEE. ²THIS IS WHAT THE ANCIENTS WERE COMMENDED FOR. ³BY FAITH WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE UNIVERSE WAS FORMED AT GOD'S COMMAND, SO THAT WHAT IS SEEN WAS NOT MADE OUT OF WHAT WAS VISIBLE.
- B. **HEBREWS 11:**⁷BY FAITH NOAH, WHEN WARNED ABOUT THINGS NOT YET SEEN, IN HOLY FEAR BUILT AN ARK TO SAVE HIS FAMILY. BY HIS FAITH HE CONDEMNED THE WORLD AND BECAME HEIR OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COMES BY FAITH.
- C. **HEBREWS 11:** ⁸BY FAITH ABRAHAM, WHEN CALLED TO GO TO A PLACE HE WOULD LATER RECEIVE AS HIS INHERITANCE, OBEYED AND WENT, EVEN THOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE HE WAS GOING.
- D. **HEBREWS 11:**¹⁶THESE MEN WERE LONGING FOR A BETTER COUNTRY--A HEAVENLY ONE. THEREFORE GOD IS NOT ASHAMED TO BE CALLED THEIR GOD, FOR HE HAS PREPARED A CITY FOR THEM.
- E. **HEBREWS 11:** ²⁴BY FAITH MOSES, ²⁸BY FAITH HE KEPT THE PASSOVER AND THE SPRINKLING OF BLOOD, SO THAT THE DESTROYER OF THE FIRSTBORN WOULD NOT TOUCH THE FIRSTBORN OF ISRAEL.
- F. **HEBREWS 11:**²⁹BY FAITH THE PEOPLE PASSED THROUGH THE RED SEA AS ON DRY LAND; BUT WHEN THE EGYPTIANS TRIED TO DO SO, THEY WERE DROWNED.
- G. **HEBREWS 11:** ³¹BY FAITH THE PROSTITUTE RAHAB, BECAUSE SHE WELCOMED THE SPIES, WAS NOT KILLED WITH THOSE WHO WERE DISOBEDIENT. - - - THROUGH HER CAME JESUS CHRIST.
- H. **HEBREWS 11:** ³²AND WHAT MORE SHALL I SAY? I DO NOT HAVE TIME TO TELL ABOUT GIDEON, BARAK, SAMSON, JEPHTHAH, DAVID, SAMUEL AND THE PROPHETS,

2. RECORDED HERE IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS IS HOW OUR GOD VIEWS HIS PEOPLE.

- A. NO MENTION OF THEIR SIN OR THEIR FAILURES!

3. BUT HOW DOES THE PHARISEE IN THE CHURCH TODAY VIEW THESE PEOPLE.

- A. NOAH GOT DRUNK AND HIS DAUGHTERS CAME IN AND HAD SEX WITH HIM. NO WAY HE IS IN HEAVEN.
- B. ABRAHAM WAS SO AFRAID FOR HIS LIFE, HE OFFERED ANOTHER MAN HIS WIFE TO HAVE SEX WITH HER.
- C. MOSES KILLED A MAN.
- D. THE PEOPLE OF GOD WORSHIPED IDOLS.
- E. RAHAB WAS A GENTILE WOMAN WHO SOLD HER BODY TO MAKE A LIVING.

- F. DAVID HAD SEX WITH ANOTHER MANS WIVE, AND THEN HAD HIM KILLED.
- I. AFTER THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS THE CHRIST THERE IS NEVER THE MENTION OF SIN REGARDING ONE WHO HAS GONE TO BE WITH THE LORD. THE ONLY THING SPOKEN OF THEM FITS THIS SCRIPTURE, “
- 4. HOW CAN ALL THIS BE TRUE, WHEN GOD FORGAVE SIN, HE FORGETS THE SIN.
 - I. **PHILIP. 4:8** FINALLY, BROTHERS, WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS NOBLE, WHATEVER IS RIGHT, WHATEVER IS PURE, WHATEVER IS LOVELY, WHATEVER IS ADMIRABLE--IF ANYTHING IS EXCELLENT OR PRAISEWORTHY--THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS.
 - (1) SO LET US SEE THE REQUIREMENT OF WHAT WE ARE TO THINK ON AND SPEAK OF
 - (A) FIRST IS IT TRUE ABOUT THE PERSON.
 - (B) SECOND IS IT THE RIGHT THING TO SAY ABOUT THE PERSON.
 - (C) IS IT ALSO PURE, WOULD YOU SAY THE SAME THING ABOUT YOURSELF.
 - (D) IS IT SOMETHING LOVELY ABOUT THE PERSON,
 - (E) IS IT SOMETHING ADMIRABLE ABOUT THE PERSON.
 - (F) IS IT SOMETHING THAT SAYS THEY ARE “WAY ABOVE AVERAGE” AND THEY ARE PRAISEWORTHY
 - (I) IF WHAT YOU ARE THINKING DOES NOT FIT ALL THESE ITEMS, THEN YOU SHOULD NEVER SAY IT. YOU SHOULD BY YOUR WILL MOVE YOUR MIND ON TO ANOTHER THOUGHT.
- 5. WHY OR HOW CAN THIS BE? GOD THIS MORNING ALLOW US TO HEAR YOUR WORD.
 - A. **ISAIAH 53:6** WE ALL, LIKE SHEEP, HAVE GONE ASTRAY, EACH OF US HAS TURNED TO HIS OWN WAY; AND THE LORD [THE FATHER] HAS **LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL.**
- 6. I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU OF ONE OF THOSE WITNESSES IN HEAVEN THAT IS NOT MENTIONED HERE THE 11TH CHAPTER OF HEBREWS, HIS NAME IS JESUS.
- 7. THE REASON I WANT TO TALK ABOUT HIM, GOD LAID ON JESUS THE INIQUITY OF US ALL.
 - A. **MATTHEW 1:21** SHE WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND YOU ARE TO GIVE HIM THE NAME JESUS, **BECAUSE HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS."**
 - B. **ACTS 2:21** AND EVERYONE WHO CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'
 - C. **JOHN 3:16-17** "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. ¹⁷FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT TO SAVE THE WORLD THROUGH HIM.
 - I. THIS IS ONE OF THE FIRST SCRIPTURES WE ALL LEARNED AS WE WENT TO SUNDAY SCHOOL.
 - II. MAYBE, BECAUSE WE WERE SO YOUNG, WE DID NOT SEE THE FULL MEANING OF IT.
 - (1) GOD GAVE THE REQUIREMENT, BELIEVE IN HIS SON.
 - (A) HIS SON SAVED THE WORLD.
 - (B) AND IF I HAD BELIEVE IN HIM, HE DID NOT COME TO CONDEMN ME.
 - III. IN THE 11TH CHAPTER OF HEBREWS WE SEE MANY DIFFERENT THINGS THAT GOD ASK MAN

TO DO, AND WHEN MAN DID IT, HE TOOK ON A NEW ROLE WITH GOD. I WANT TO POINT OUT, SOME OF THESE PEOPLE GOD DID NOT ASK THEM TO DO ANYTHING, BUT THEY DID SOMETHING THAT GOD SAYS, I CAN REWARD THAT PERSON FOR WHAT THEY DID.

IV. SO WHAT DOES GOD WANT FROM US? BELIEVE IN JESUS, THAT HIS SON DIED FOR THE SIN OF THE WORLD.

8. YES, GOD WANTS BELIEVE IN HIS SON.

A. **ACTS 16:31** THEY REPLIED, "BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS, AND YOU WILL BE SAVED--YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD."

I. YES, BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS, NOT JUST JESUS, BUT THE LORD JESUS, THE SON OF GOD JESUS.

B. **ROMANS 10:9** THAT IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH, "JESUS IS LORD," AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED.

C. **EPHES. 2:8** FOR IT IS BY GRACE [THE UNMERITED FAVOR OF GOD] YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH--AND THIS NOT FROM YOURSELVES, [THIS FAITH THAT SAVED YOU IS NOT YOUR FAITH] IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD--

I. MAN IS SAVED BY GOD, BECAUSE GOD WANTS HIM SAVED AND MADE PROVISION TO SAVE HIM.

D. **1 PETER 1:5** THOSE WHO BELIEVE THROUGH FAITH ARE SHIELDED BY GOD'S POWER UNTIL THE COMING OF THE SALVATION THAT IS READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME. THE COMING OF JESUS

9. HOW? THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS

A. **ROMANS 3:24-25** YOU WHO BELIEVE ARE JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS GRACE THROUGH THE REDEMPTION THAT CAME BY CHRIST JESUS. ²⁵ GOD PRESENTED HIM AS A SACRIFICE OF ATONEMENT, THROUGH FAITH IN HIS BLOOD. HE DID THIS TO DEMONSTRATE HIS JUSTICE, BECAUSE IN HIS FORBEARANCE HE HAD LEFT THE SINS COMMITTED BEFOREHAND UNPUNISHED--

I. SO ALL THOSE OLD SAINTS THAT HEBREWS 11TH CHAPTER TALKED ABOUT, GOD TOOK CARE OF THEIR SIN THE SAME TIME HE DID OURS, AT THE CROSS.

(1) SO AGAIN, WHAT SIN DID JESUS TAKE CARE OF AT THE CROSS. ALL SIN, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

B. **EPHES. 1:7** IN HIM WE HAVE REDEMPTION [OUR LIFE HAS BEEN PURCHASED, IT IS NO LONGER OURS] THROUGH HIS BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, [THROUGH HIS BLOOD SIN WAS FORGIVEN] IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE [AND WHAT DID THIS, THE UNMERITED FAVOR OF GOD.]

10. WHAT DID THIS DO FOR US?

A. **JOHN 1:29** THE NEXT DAY JOHN SAW JESUS COMING TOWARD HIM AND SAID, "LOOK, THE LAMB OF GOD, WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD!"

I. MANY HAVE CHANGED THIS VERSE TO READ, "LOOK, THE LAMB OF GOD, WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN THAT IS CONFESSED, OTHERS, THE SIN THAT IS WASHED AWAY BY BAPTISM," BUT JOHN SAYS THE SIN OF THE WORLD, IF THE SIN WAS IN THE WORLD, IT

IS TAKEN AWAY.

- B. **JOHN 1:4-9** IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THAT LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN. ⁵THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, BUT THE DARKNESS HAS NOT UNDERSTOOD IT. ⁶THERE CAME A MAN WHO WAS SENT FROM GOD; HIS NAME WAS JOHN. ⁷HE CAME AS A WITNESS TO TESTIFY CONCERNING THAT LIGHT, SO THAT THROUGH HIM ALL MEN MIGHT BELIEVE. ⁸HE HIMSELF WAS NOT THE LIGHT; HE CAME ONLY AS A WITNESS TO THE LIGHT. ⁹THE TRUE LIGHT THAT GIVES LIGHT TO EVERY MAN WAS COMING INTO THE WORLD.
11. HOW POWERFUL AND WONDERFUL IS THIS "LIGHT" THIS LIGHT THAT IS JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD.
- A. **JOHN 6:37** ALL THAT THE FATHER GIVES ME WILL COME TO ME, AND WHOEVER COMES TO ME I WILL NEVER DRIVE AWAY.
12. **GODS' DIVINE CHARACTER**
- A. TO ALL CREATION
- I. **PSALM 145:9** THE LORD IS GOOD TO ALL; HE HAS COMPASSION ON ALL HE HAS MADE.
- II. **ACTS 17:25** AND HE IS NOT SERVED BY HUMAN HANDS, AS IF HE NEEDED ANYTHING, BECAUSE HE HIMSELF GIVES ALL MEN LIFE AND BREATH AND EVERYTHING ELSE.
- (1) IN OTHER WORDS, GOD DOES NOT NEED ANYTHING FROM ME.
- (2) HE GIVES ALL MEN LIFE
- (3) HE GIVES THEM THE VERY BREATH THEY BREATHE
- (4) IN FACT HE GIVES THEM EVERYTHING ELSE, EVEN THEIR SALVATION.
- III. **PSALM 136:1** GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD.
- IV. **PSALM 116:5** THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND RIGHTEOUS; OUR GOD IS FULL OF COMPASSION.
13. YEARS AGO I WAS TEACHING A BIBLE STUDY WHEN A PERSON ASKED, WILL DAVID, AND HE NAMED OTHERS, BE IN HEAVEN. HE SAID LOOK AT THE THINGS THEY DID. WE WERE STUDYING IN THE BOOK OF LUKE, A VERY SHORT TIME LATER WE CAME TO
- A. **LUKE 13:23** SOMEONE ASKED HIM, "LORD, ARE ONLY A FEW PEOPLE GOING TO BE SAVED?" HE SAID TO THEM,
- I. AND WHAT HE SAID WENT ALL THE WAY TO **LUKE 18:26-28** THOSE WHO HEARD THIS ASKED, "WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED?" ²⁷JESUS REPLIED, "**WHAT IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH MEN IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD.**"
- II. WHEN WE STUDIED THIS SCRIPTURE WE FOUND OUT SOMETHING THAT SHOCKED US ALL. GOD REALLY DID SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE IT.
- III. THAT JESUS PAID THE PRICE FOR THAT SALVATION. AND NO MATTER HOW A MAN IS SAVED IT IS BECAUSE OF THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS.
- IV. THAT TIME AND TIME AGAIN JESUS SHOWED US HIS LOVE FOR US BY THE ACTIONS HE TOOK.
- (1) THE ADULTEROUS WOMAN.
- (A) **JOHN 8:3-11** THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW AND THE PHARISEES BROUGHT IN A

WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY. THEY MADE HER STAND BEFORE THE GROUP ⁴AND SAID TO JESUS, "TEACHER, [HERE I WANT TO INSERT SOMETHING, SEEING JESUS AS JUST AS TEACHER IS ONE SURE WAY OF NEVER BEING SAVED] THIS WOMAN WAS CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF ADULTERY. ⁵IN THE LAW MOSES COMMANDED US TO STONE SUCH WOMEN. NOW WHAT DO YOU SAY?" ⁶THEY WERE USING THIS QUESTION AS A TRAP, IN ORDER TO HAVE A BASIS FOR ACCUSING HIM. BUT JESUS BENT DOWN AND STARTED TO WRITE ON THE GROUND WITH HIS FINGER. ⁷WHEN THEY KEPT ON QUESTIONING HIM, HE STRAIGHTENED UP AND SAID TO THEM, "IF ANY ONE OF YOU IS WITHOUT SIN, LET HIM BE THE FIRST TO THROW A STONE AT HER." ⁸AGAIN HE STOOPED DOWN AND WROTE ON THE GROUND. ⁹AT THIS, THOSE WHO HEARD BEGAN TO GO AWAY ONE AT A TIME, THE OLDER ONES FIRST, UNTIL ONLY JESUS WAS LEFT, WITH THE WOMAN STILL STANDING THERE. ¹⁰JESUS STRAIGHTENED UP AND ASKED HER, "WOMAN, WHERE ARE THEY? HAS NO ONE CONDEMNED YOU?" ¹¹"NO ONE, SIR," SHE SAID. "THEN NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU," JESUS DECLARED. "GO NOW AND LEAVE YOUR LIFE OF SIN."

(I) HAS NO ONE CONDEMNED YOU.

1) WHY NOT, BECAUSE THEY WERE WITH SIN.

A) THEY WERE NO DIFFERENT THAN SHE WAS, THEY NEEDED A SAVIOR, JUST LIKE ALL OF US THIS MORNING WERE AT ONE TIME.

(II) JESUS SAYS NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU.

(III) WHAT JUST HAPPENED.

1) JESUS SAVED THIS WOMAN'S LIFE.

2) JESUS FORGAVE HER SIN.

(IV) WHAT DID THIS WOMAN DO, TO GET THIS KIND OF TREATMENT?

1) NOTHING.

(V) WHAT SHOULD WE LEARN FROM WHAT HAPPENED?

1) EITHER JESUS TOOK AWAY "ALL SIN, OR HE TOOK AWAY, NO SIN"

(2) THE PARALYZED MAN, WITH THE FOUR FRIENDS.

(A) **LUKE 5:19-21** WHEN THEY COULD NOT FIND A WAY TO DO THIS BECAUSE OF THE CROWD, THEY WENT UP ON THE ROOF AND LOWERED HIM ON HIS MAT THROUGH THE TILES INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE CROWD, RIGHT IN FRONT OF JESUS. ²⁰WHEN JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH, HE SAID, "FRIEND, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN."

(I) WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

1) JESUS FORGAVE THE MAN HIS SINS.

A) WHAT WONDERFUL THING DID THE MAN DO TO GET HIS SINS FORGIVEN?

B) WHO WAS DOING ALL THE DOING?

(II) JESUS JUST FOUND A WAY TO FORGIVE A MAN HIS SINS, THE VERY, ONLY REASON THAT HE CAME TO EARTH AT THIS TIME!!!!!!

1) NAME HIM JESUS BECAUSE HE HAS COME TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE.

- V. ROMANS 1ST CHAPTER, MATTHEW 24TH CHAPTER.
 - (1) SAVED TO LIFE ETERNAL HERE ON EARTH WITHOUT FIRST CONFESSING JESUS AS LORD AND SAVIOR.
- B. DO WE EVER SEE JESUS JUST REFERRED TO AS SAVIOR
 - I. **JOHN 4:42** THEY SAID TO THE WOMAN, "WE NO LONGER BELIEVE JUST BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID; NOW WE HAVE HEARD FOR OURSELVES, AND WE KNOW THAT THIS MAN REALLY IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD."
 - II. **1 TIM. 2:3** THIS IS GOOD, AND PLEASES GOD OUR SAVIOR,
 - III. **1 TIM. 4:10** (AND FOR THIS WE LABOR AND STRIVE), THAT WE HAVE PUT OUR HOPE IN THE LIVING GOD, **WHO IS THE SAVIOR OF ALL MEN, AND ESPECIALLY OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE.**
 - IV. **2 TIM. 1:10** BUT IT HAS NOW BEEN REVEALED THROUGH THE APPEARING OF OUR SAVIOR, CHRIST JESUS, WHO HAS DESTROYED DEATH AND HAS BROUGHT LIFE AND IMMORTALITY TO LIGHT THROUGH THE GOSPEL.
 - V. **JUDE 1:25** TO THE ONLY GOD OUR SAVIOR BE GLORY, MAJESTY, POWER AND AUTHORITY, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, BEFORE ALL AGES, NOW AND FOREVERMORE! AMEN.
 - VI. **2 COR. 1:3** PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE FATHER OF COMPASSION AND THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT,
 - VII. **EPHESIANS. 2:4-5** BUT BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT LOVE FOR US, GOD, WHO IS RICH IN MERCY, ⁵MADE US ALIVE WITH CHRIST EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN TRANSGRESSIONS-- **IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED.**
 - VIII. **TITUS 3:5** HE SAVED US, NOT BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUS THINGS WE HAD DONE, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS MERCY. HE SAVED US THROUGH THE **WASHING OF REBIRTH AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,**
 - IX. **ROMANS 11:6** AND IF BY GRACE, THEN IT IS NO LONGER BY WORKS; IF IT WERE, GRACE WOULD NO LONGER BE GRACE.
- 14. SOME WILL WANT TO BELIEVE WHAT I HAVE SHOWN YOU BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN TAUGHT ABOUT A GOD WHO IS LOOKING FOR EVERY REASON TO DESTROY US, GIVEN ALL KINDS OF THINGS THAT WE MUST DO TO BE SAVED, AND THEY KNOW THAT SUCH A GOD IS GOING TO REJECT MOST OF US THIS MORNING, AND THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US. OTHERS WILL SIMPLY SAY I AM WRONG.
- A. BY ONE MAN, DEATH CAME INTO THE WORLD.
 - I. I AM VERY SURE THAT ALMOST EVERYONE HERE THIS MORNING BELIEVES THAT.
 - (1) **ROMANS 5:12-17** THEREFORE, JUST AS SIN ENTERED THE WORLD THROUGH ONE MAN, AND DEATH THROUGH SIN, AND IN THIS WAY DEATH CAME TO ALL MEN, BECAUSE ALL SINNED-- , , , GOD HAS GIVEN US A GIFT, ¹⁵ THE GIFT IS NOT LIKE THE TRESPASS. FOR IF THE MANY DIED BY THE TRESPASS OF THE ONE MAN, HOW MUCH MORE DID GOD'S GRACE AND THE GIFT THAT CAME BY THE GRACE OF THE ONE MAN, JESUS CHRIST, OVERFLOW TO THE MANY! ¹⁶ AGAIN, THE GIFT OF GOD IS NOT LIKE THE RESULT OF THE ONE MAN'S SIN: THE JUDGMENT FOLLOWED ONE SIN AND BROUGHT

CONDEMNATION, BUT **THE GIFT FOLLOWED MANY TRESPASSES AND BROUGHT JUSTIFICATION.** ¹⁷**FOR** IF, BY THE TRESPASS OF THE ONE MAN, DEATH REIGNED THROUGH THAT ONE MAN, HOW MUCH MORE WILL THOSE WHO RECEIVE GOD'S ABUNDANT PROVISION OF GRACE AND OF THE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS REIGN IN LIFE THROUGH THE ONE MAN, JESUS CHRIST.

- (A) JESUS SAID TO HIS FOLLOWERS AT THE "LAST SUPPER" DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. OR PLEASE LOOK AT ME, REMEMBER ME. FORGET YOURSELF, REMEMBER ME.
- (B) BY THE ACT OF ONE MAN EATING A PIECE OF FRUIT, HIS DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD, SIN CAME INTO THE WORLD. SO EASY TO EXCEPT.
- (C) NOW FOR JUST A MOMENT, LOOK AT JESUS, THE GIFT OF GOD. SEE THE BEATING HE TOOK, SEE HIM HANGING ON THAT CROSS. SEE THE BLOOD FLOWING FROM HIS HEAD AND HIS SIDE. HE IS BEING OBEDIENT TO HIS FATHER.
 - (I) DON'T YOU THINK GOD WOULD SAY THIS IS ENOUGH, THE BRUTEL PUNISHMENT OF HIS SON, TO OVERCOME THE DISOBEDIENCE OF SOMEONE HE CREATED..

II. SOME BELIEVE THAT BY THE ACT OF ONE MAN, SIN CAME INTO THE WORLD FOR ALL MEN. AND GOD LOOKED AT ALL MEN AS SINNERS. BUT CANNOT BELIEVE THAT BY THE ACT OF ANOTHER MAN, THE SON OF GOD, RIGHTEOUSNESS REIGNS, AND ALL THE FATHER IS ASKING IS FOR US TO EXPRESS OUR BELIEVE IN JESUS, AND HE WILL SEE US AS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF HIS SON.

- 15. SOME ARE ASKING NOW, DO I BELIEVE ALL MEN ARE SAVED, NO, BUT I KNOW THAT GOD WANTS ALL MEN SAVED. HE IS LOOKING FOR ANY REASON TO SAVE THEM BUT THOSE THAT REJECT JESUS, REJECT THE FAITH THAT THE FATHER OFFERS AND THOSE THAT CHASE AFTER DARKNESS WILL NOT BE SAVED.
 - A. LET ME SAY AGAIN, MANY TODAY, DO NOT BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD, BORN OF A VIRGIN, WAS CRUCIFIED, WENT INTO HELL, THE THIRD DAY HE AROSE, AND SETS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. THEY DO NOT BELIEVE HE IS THE LORD. THEY WILL NOT BE SAVED.
- 16. THIS IS WHAT I DO KNOW ABOUT THOSE THAT WHO ARE OUR WITNESSES TODAY, THOSE WHO HAVE GONE TO BE WITH THE LORD, WHAT A PLACE TO BE. ONLY THE WONDERFUL, GOOD, AND GLORIOUS THINGS THEY DID HERE ON EARTH IS KNOWN ABOUT THEM. JUST AS THEY WERE WELCOMED HOME BY THOSE THEY HAD KNOWN, WHO WENT BEFORE THEM, THEY ARE WAITING TO WELCOME US HOME AND TELL US HOW GREAT OUR GOD IS. HOW MUCH HE DOES CARE FOR US.
- 17. WHAT ABOUT THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SAVIOR TODAY!
 - A. **HEBREWS 7:25** THEREFORE HE IS ABLE TO SAVE COMPLETELY THOSE WHO COME TO GOD THROUGH HIM, BECAUSE HE ALWAYS LIVES TO INTERCEDE FOR THEM.

ALLOW ME THIS MORNING TO SAY TO YOU, WHEN YOU REMEMBER YOUR FRIEND, YOUR LOVE ONE THAT HAS GONE BEFORE YOU, REMEMBER THEM IN LIGHT OF WHAT A AWESOME GOD WE

HAVE AND WHAT HIS DESIRE FOR THEM IS.
AMEN