

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

THE FAITHFUL SAYING (PART 2)

SCRIPTURE READING:

“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief” (1 Tim 1:15).

INTRODUCTION:

A. In Part 1 of this Bible Study, we looked at the following facets of The Faithful Saying.

1. The Faithful Saying reveals the Love of God (v. 14).

The Love of God is unconditional, sacrificial, unearned and undeserved. Christ Jesus is the only means by which we can have our sins forgiven and Heaven is our home.

2. The Faithful Saying reveals the Grace of God (v. 14)

Salvation is by Grace, through Faith, in Christ Jesus.

3. The Faithful Saying reveals the Need of Man (v. 15)

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...”

B. In Part 2 of this lesson, we will study: (1) The Apostle Paul’s Testimony, (2) The Faithful Saying, and (3) The Faithful Saying is Worthy of Acceptation.

I. THE APOSTLE PAUL’S TESTIMONY (V. 13)

A. The Apostle Paul describes his former life as a blasphemer, persecutor, and violent man who received mercy from Christ.

1. Blasphemer – He spoke evil things and slandered the name of Christ.

- “⁹I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. ¹⁰Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. ¹¹And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities” (Acts 26:9-11).

2. Persecutor – He harmed and attacked Christians. He consented to the stoning of Stephen.

- “⁵⁹And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. ⁶⁰And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep. ¹And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. ²And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him” (Acts 7:59-8:2).

- **The Apostle Paul made havoc (trying to destroy) the church.**

“As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison” (Acts 8:3).

3. **Injurious** – He was a self-centered, cruel, abusive, and violent man.
- “¹And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, ²And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem” (Acts 9:1-2).

B. The Apostle Paul received mercy from Christ because he acted in ignorance and unbelief.

- He did not understand the truth of who Christ was or believing in Him as Savior. Paul’s unbelief was not an excuse for his sin but a reason he was not excluded from the possibility of Salvation.
- **Mel Trotter**
Mel Trotter (1870-1940) was a down-and-out alcoholic whose life was completely transformed after he was given help at a Chicago mission.
 - **Life of addiction:** Trotter’s alcoholism led him to abandon his family, and he eventually found himself homeless and broke in Chicago, contemplating suicide.
 - **The conversion:** In 1897, while standing on a bridge planning to jump into the Chicago River, he was approached by a man who invited him to the Pacific Garden Mission. There, Trotter experienced a powerful religious conversion that miraculously delivered him from alcoholism.
 - **The aftermath:** Trotter was so impacted by his conversion that he dedicated his life to helping others overcome addiction through rescue missions. Shortly before Mel’s passing, City Rescue Mission was renamed to Mel Trotter Rescue Mission.

C. Sharing Your Testimony

To share your testimony, follow the “**Before-How-After**” structure.

Keep your testimony honest, concise and focused on Christ’s work, not your own.

1. Before Christ

- Describe your life before Christ, focus on your struggles, fears, insecurities, or the spiritual emptiness you experienced before faith in Christ.
- Be specific: Include events or feelings to illustrate your need for God, but keep the details private and avoid glorifying sin.

2. How You Met Christ

- Describe the circumstances, people, or scriptures that led you to Christ and your decision to follow him.
- Clearly state the action you took to receive the Lord, such as prayer or a specific decision.

3. After Christ

- Detail how your relationship with God has impacted your life, bringing joy, peace and hope.
- Conclude with Christ: Emphasize the positive impact of your restored relationship with God and the promises of Jesus. – (Shelby Abbott).

D. The Heart of the Gospel

- “³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1 Cor 15:3-4).

The Gospel of Christ Jesus tells a person that he is a sinner, that he is lost, that he cannot save himself, and that the only way to Heaven is through the substitutionary work of Christ on the Cross.

**What can wash away my sins, nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again, nothing but the blood of Jesus**

- **Christ Jesus came into the world to Save!
We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus Saves! Jesus Saves!
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus Saves! Jesus Saves!**

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II. THE FAITHFUL SAYING (v. 15)

“This is a faithful saying”

A. **It is (this verse) that is in perfect and complete harmony with the character of God and the condition of mankind.**

1. **God is Love** – He sent His Son, Christ Jesus, to save sinners. God is not willing that any should perish” (2 Pet 3:9). Perish means to be lost, destroyed – spiritual death or eternal damnation.
2. The condition of man without Christ means being “without hope.” There is no Hope of Heaven without Jesus Christ.
 - “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope” (1 Thess 4:13).

B. **The Word of God is a Faithful Saying (Trustworthy)**

- “Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him” (Prov 30:5).
- “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth” (John 17:17).

C. The Word was made flesh . . . full of grace and truth (John 1:14)

- On the cover of your Bible and my Bible appear the words “Holy Bible.” Do you know why the Bible is called holy? Why should it be called holy when so much lust and hate and greed and war are found in it? It is because the Bible tells the truth. It tells the truth about God, about man, and about the devil. The Bible teaches that we exchange the truth of God for the devil’s lie about sex, for example; and drugs, and alcohol, and religious hypocrisy. Jesus Christ is the ultimate truth. Furthermore, He told the truth. Jesus said that He was the truth, and the truth would make us free. – (Billy Graham)
- The Bible is the only thing that can combat the devil. Quote the Scriptures and the devil will run ... use the Scriptures like a sword and you’ll drive temptation away. – (Billy Graham)

III. THE FAITHFUL SAYING IS WORTHY OF ACCEPTATION (v. 15)

“Worthy of all Acceptation”

- **Acceptation** – means a kind or favorable reception. A positive approval or regard. The full phrase **“worthy of all acceptance”** means the preceding truth, **“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”** is so important and truthful, that it deserves to be received with pleasure and kindness by everyone.” – KJV Dictionary
- A. All Believers must accept this verse – Faithful Saying** – wholeheartedly as it is essential to the Christian Faith.
- B. This verse is Doctrinal (Essential Belief) to Christianity and is to be accepted without reservation.**
- C. This verse is reliable for the Gospel Message and should be fully accepted and shared with others.**

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- A. Christ Jesus’ primary mission was to save Sinners. Therefore, we must continue this truth in our evangelistic efforts.**
- B. As you share your personal testimony, remember that All have Sinned and in need of Salvation.** Paul’s admission of being the **“Chief”** of Sinners serves as a reminder of the depth of God’s Grace.
- C. Jesus loves Sinners** – He demonstrated his love through His life, death, and invitation to All people to find forgiveness and a relationship with God.
- “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” (Mark 2:17).
 - “To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation: (2 Cor 5:19).

MEMORY VERSE:

“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved” (John 3:17).

CONCLUSION:

A. Through the Apostle Paul’s Testimony, The Faithful Saying, and The Faithful Saying is Worthy of All Acceptation, we learn that God’s Grace is Greater than our Sin.

○ **Grace Greater Than Our Sin**

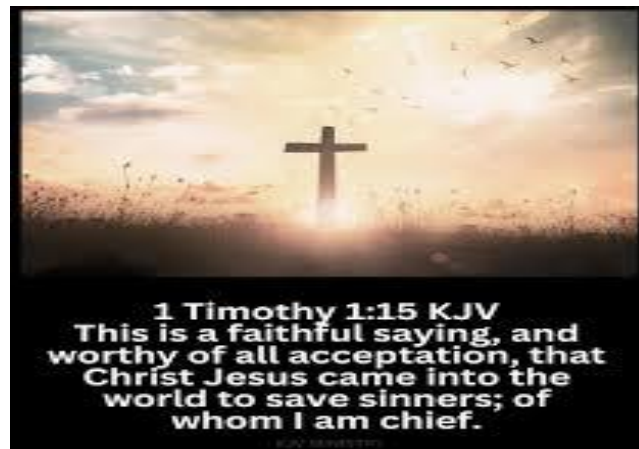
Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured– There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin!

B. Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

C. ABC’s of Salvation

- **A – Admit** that you’re a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)



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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).