

## Lesson 6

I Tim. 4:12 “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”

Just as God had a pattern, design for the universe, ark, tabernacle, body, etc. so He has a pattern or design for the believer. Our verse says “...an example of the believers.” Before we look at the pattern for the believer we must first see what makes one a believer. The word believer as it relates to scripture is one who has put their trust or confidence in the word of God to them for the saving of their soul. We find believers from Gen. to Rev.

Let’s take a walk through the scriptures and look at some believers and what God’s word to them was that they believed and that saved them.

The easiest way to do this is to just go to Heb. 11. This is sometimes called the “Hall of Faith” chapter. Please read the entire chapter.

Vs. 4 “By \_\_\_\_\_ Abel offered unto God a more excellent \_\_\_\_\_...he obtained witness that he was \_\_\_\_\_...”

Vs. 5 “By \_\_\_\_\_ Enoch was translated...he had this testimony, that he \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Vs. 6 “without \_\_\_\_\_ it is impossible to please him...”

Vs. 7 “By faith \_\_\_\_\_ being warned of God ...and became heir of \_\_\_\_\_ which is by faith.”

Vs. 8 “By \_\_\_\_\_ when he was \_\_\_\_\_ to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance \_\_\_\_\_;”

Vs. 11 “Through \_\_\_\_\_ Sara herself received strength to conceive seed... because she judged him faithful who had \_\_\_\_\_.”

Vs. 20 “By \_\_\_\_\_ blessed Jacob and Esau...”

Vs. 21 “By \_\_\_\_\_ ...blessed both the sons of Joseph...”

Vs. 22 “By \_\_\_\_\_ when he died made mention of the departing of the children of Israel.”

Vs. 23 By \_\_\_\_\_ was hid by his parents. They believed the word of God that a deliverer had been promised in that generation and maybe it was their son! (Gen. 15:12-18)

Vs. 25 By faith \_\_\_\_\_ chose to suffer \_\_\_\_\_ over pleasures of sin for a season

Vs. 26 he esteemed the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

Vs. 27 By faith he \_\_\_\_\_ Egypt...as seeing him who is invisible.

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Vs. 28 Through \_\_\_\_\_ he kept the Passover

Vs. 29 By \_\_\_\_\_ they passed through the Red Sea.

Vs. 30 by faith the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ fell.

Vs. 31 by faith the harlot \_\_\_\_\_ perished not with them that believed \_\_\_\_\_.

And there are many more believers in God's word who believed and were saved by "believing God's word to them."

God has always made a provision for salvation for mankind. It has not always been the same for everyone as we have seen. But it has always been based on one's faith being placed in God's Word. One needed to believe what God said to them about being saved.

For example, Israel needed to believe God and keep the law out of a joyful heart. Deut. 28:1 & 47. God gave Israel a faith-works salvation.

When we come to the gospels we see Christ in his earthly ministry to Israel telling the leper to offer the \_\_\_\_\_ that Moses commanded. Matt. 8:4 and Mark 1:44. The law was still in effect. Throughout the gospels the gospel of the kingdom is preached by the disciples and Christ. Matt. 4:23-25 "And Jesus went about all Galilee... preaching the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_..."

In Mark 1:14, 15 John the Baptist preaches the gospel of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Vs. 15 ...."\_\_\_\_\_ ye and \_\_\_\_\_ gospel." The gospel of the kingdom involved repenting (change of mind). About what? Who Christ was!!

Mark 16:15,16 "...preach the gospel to every creature vs. 16 He that believeth and is \_\_\_\_\_ shall be saved..."

John 1:12 "But to as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that \_\_\_\_\_ on his \_\_\_\_\_."

John 3:18 "...but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the only begotten Son of God."

Believers in the gospels were saved by believing that Christ was the Messiah, Deliverer, Salvation of Israel. They were not saved by believing that Christ died for their sins and was buried and rose again (Christ hadn't died yet)!! Luke 18:32-34

But Now in the dispensation of the grace of God, we have God's word to be believed on for the saving of our souls in the "gospel of the grace of God".

Eph. 3:1-12 explains Paul's unique ministry as the revelator of the mystery. The secret God kept till He revealed it to Paul. This mystery (secret) was not found anywhere else in scripture vs. 8 "...the \_\_\_\_\_ riches of Christ." Unsearchable means no tracks or traces of it anywhere. Why did God keep this secret? I Cor. 2:6-8,

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Satan never would have permitted the crucifixion of the Lord if he had known what God was going to do through the death of His Son.

God tells Paul how He is now unleashing his abounding, amazing, matchless grace on mankind because of Calvary. II Cor. 8:9 “For ye know the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was \_\_\_\_\_, yet for your sakes he became \_\_\_\_\_, that ye through his \_\_\_\_\_ might be \_\_\_\_\_.”

In Acts 13:38,39 we see Paul preaching justification and forgiveness of sins through faith alone. Vs. 38 “...through this man is preached unto you the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins: vs. 39 “And by him all that \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ things.”

Rom. 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of \_\_\_\_\_: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that \_\_\_\_\_.”

Rom. 3:22 “Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all that \_\_\_\_\_.”

Rom. 3:24 “Being justified freely by his \_\_\_\_\_ through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

Rom. 3:25 “Whom God has set forth to be a propitiation (fully satisfying sacrifice) through \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_.”

Dear friends, God has always had a salvation provision for mankind. There have been believers since Adam in the garden. The message from God that saves us and constitutes us as believers is “Christ died for our sins, was buried and rose again”. Faith in Christ as your Savior, that He alone fully paid your sin debt with His blood on the cross will save your soul. Are you a believer? Have you come to God by faith, have you believed God’s word to you?

This past week we went to Branson, Missouri. As we were in the elevator going to our room we were discussing the scriptures. A young man who worked in the hotel was in the elevator with us. He was interested in what we were talking about and said: “So when do you think Christ will return?” After addressing that for a moment we all got out of the elevator and talked about 15 minutes. When we asked him if he was a believer he responded, “Oh yes, I was sitting in church and the Holy Ghost came upon me and I started shaking and confessed that Jesus is Lord.”

Was this young man a believer? Only God knows the heart but when we showed him the scripture about faith in Christ’s death alone (Col. 1:14) as full payment for his sins he was skeptical, thinking that he must keep himself saved by refraining from certain sins. And that he needed to be saved again when he messed up.

I hope you’re all believers in the finished work of Christ. Next week we will begin to study God’s pattern for the believer.

## Lesson Six Comments

Answers to the blanks for lesson six.

Faith	faith	believe
Sacrifice	walls	grace
Righteous	Jericho	faith
Faith	Rahab	blood
Pleased	not	
Faith	gift	
Noah	gospel	
Righteousness	kingdom	
Faith	kingdom	
Abraham	repent	
Called	believe	
Obeded	baptized	
Faith	believe	
Promised	name	
Faith	name	
Isaac	unsearchable	
Faith	grace	
Joseph	poverty	
Fault	rich	
Moses	forgiveness	
Moses	believe	
Affliction	justified	
Reproach	all	
Forsook	Christ	
Faith	believeth	

We heard a popular TV-evangelist give a call for salvation to his huge audience. He said, “Christ is at your heart’s door knocking, won’t you let him in? Open your heart to Jesus, make him the Lord of your life, promise to follow him, obey him and give your life to him.”

We are heart sick to hear the “leaders” of “Christianity” instructing the heathen in a prayer such as this for their salvation. A person is a believer today by trusting in the blood of Christ as full payment for their sins. Not by anything this evangelist said.

We need to make sure we communicate the simple truth of the gospel to others!

Now let’s go and find our pattern.