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# SUGGESTIONS FOR THE TEACHING AND THE STUDY OF THIS BOOK

## I. The Teacher

1. Five study periods of one hour each were the basis for the preparation of this material. (Three periods the first week and three periods a second week, using the sixth period for review and examination, is a desirable arrangement.)
2. The Objective: A working knowledge of a few facts rather than a mere knowledge of many facts pays a greater dividend to the individual and to the Lord's Cause.
3. Teach! This will mean "teaching them TO OBSERVE" the all things commanded.
4. The attaining of mere facts may be only wasted energy.
5. Written work is valuable to the process of learning.
6. The minimum standards set up are for teaching aids and not as "goals to be attained."
7. Certificates are available to you for you to award each class member who has met the minimum requirements and has, in your judgment, otherwise qualified. Order them.

## II. The Class Member

(These requirements are set up as guides rather than as mere restrictions.)

1. The class member is to participate in at least four of the five one hour periods of study.
2. Preparation of lesson assignments (if made) and study of lesson material is to be made before class periods.
3. The entire book is to be carefully read.
4. A minimum average grade of 70% is to be made on written work given along with lesson assignments, or by a final examination.
5. Certificates are available for those meeting the standards. Consult the teacher if certificates are desired.

## III. By Correspondence

1. The entire text is to be carefully studied.
2. Written answers to the questions at the end of each chapter are to be mailed to: Baptist Publications Committee.
3. A minimum grade of 70% is required.
4. A certificate is available and will be awarded those meeting the above requirements.

## P R E F A C E

### Suggestions for the Teacher

The lesson material is short. A **fundamental** purpose in the Believe Your Bible Series of Study Course texts is to **plan ample time** for the **constant use of the Bible** along with the text. Use any other materials which you have that will enable you to present these doctrines more vividly. Illustrations are good and make a fact more applicable.

Songs are good to secure order and attention and can be used to open the class.

Vary your teaching method. Juniors like to participate. Give them opportunities, but always guide them. Juniors enjoy object lessons.

Encourage memory work. Be sure to drill on memory work in class.

Bible games such as "Sword Drills," "Who Am I," and questions are good. Juniors want to do things.

In every lesson tell the plan of salvation so that all your Juniors who are unsaved may know how to be saved.

Yours in His Service,

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## Chapter 1

### I AM SAFE

Security is a word that means safety or freedom from fear. Have you ever been afraid in a dark room? When the lights were turned on and you could see, were you afraid any longer? Sin is often called darkness, or death. Darkness and death make us afraid.

(Now, does each have his Bible ready? Good!)

When Paul was called to preach, Jesus told him to preach to the Jews and the Gentiles. Jesus said for Paul to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, from the power of Satan unto God, that they might receive forgiveness of sin.

When one receives forgiveness of his sins, he has eternal life. If we believe in Jesus, we have everlasting life and are never condemned any more. Read John 5:24.

The eagles are very large birds. They build their nests high above the ground. The mother eagle makes the nest soft inside. When the baby eagles get big enough to learn to fly, she stirs up the nest and makes it very uncomfortable. The babies crawl out of the nest. Then she shoves one off to teach him to fly. Just before the baby eagle hits the ground, the mother swoops down and catches the baby on her back and takes him to safety. The Lord



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does His children much the same way. When we try to do things for Him and it seems as if we are failing, He upholds us by His hand. Study Deuteronomy 32:9-12.

Everybody sins, even saved people. Do you think we are lost again when we do? King David was a man after God's own heart. He loved God. David committed a terrible sin. He had a man put in such a bad place during a battle, that he was killed. After David realized what a terrible sin he had done, he was very sad. He cried and asked God to forgive him. David was punished for his sin, and punished severely, but he was still saved. Then he wrote Psalms 37:23-24. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he shall fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand."

We should always try to do the right thing. Sometimes we make mistakes. Mistakes are sin. God still loves us. We are His children. When we truly ask for forgiveness, He forgives us.

We are born to our parents. Regardless, of what we may do, we are their children and will always be. We are the children of God because we have been born of God. John 5:1a, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." Occasionally parents abandon their children, but God never does.

The devil would like to get the children of

God, but he cannot. God is stronger than all others. Paul, who knew Jesus well, wrote in one of his letters: "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depths, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (In which letter—Epistle—did Paul write this? Who can find the Scripture?) Aren't you glad that no one can take us away from God?

Don't you think now that we should serve Jesus everyday? Jesus loved us enough to die for us. If someone gave you a nice gift, wouldn't you want to say, "Thank you"? If you could, you would do something for that person to show your appreciation.

Jesus has given us the greatest gift of all. He gave His life that we might have salvation. (Who can find a Scripture which tells us Jesus died for sinners?) Every day we should read the Bible. Everyday we should do things for Jesus. By doing these things, we can say, "Thank you," to Jesus.

### Things to Do:

1. Memorize Psalms 37:23-24.

"For the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way. Though he shall fall, he shall not be utterly

cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand."

2. Sing "Safe Am I"
3. What happens when a saved person sins?



## Chapter II

### I BELONG TO JESUS

I would like to tell you a story about Ruth who lived long ago but who had likes and feelings as we have. Ruth lived a very **Consecrated**



**life.** The word **Consecrate** means to make sacred or to **dedicate**. To dedicate or to consecrate one's life one must put others first. This is hard to do but when one lets God have His way in his life, he can live a consecrated life.

There was once a man whose name was Elimelech. Elimelech's wife's name was Naomi. Elimelech and Naomi lived in Bethlehem. Their two sons were named Mahlon and Chilion. A

famine came in the land. A famine is when there is little or no food. Because Elimelech and his family needed food, just as you and I need food, he moved his family to the land of Moab. There was food in Moab. In those days people moved to where the food would grow. There were no big trucks and trains, as we have today, to bring the food to them.

While Naomi and her husband and two sons were living in Moab, the two sons married. One married Orpah and the other married Ruth.

In a few years, Elimelech and his two sons died. Naomi was very sad and wanted to see her people again. Too, she had heard that there was plenty of food back in Bethlehem. The people of Moab worshipped other gods rather than the true God. Naomi told her daughters-in-law to go back to their parents' houses and she would go back to her people. Orpah kissed Naomi and left but Ruth said, "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee for whither thou goest, I will go, and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; for thy people shall be my people and thy God my God," Ruth 1:16.

Ruth wanted to worship the true God. She loved her father and mother, but she was willing to leave them in order to worship God. Ruth had to leave her friends who lived in Moab and go to a country where all the people were strangers.

Sometimes Jesus wants men and women to leave their country and go to foreign countries to tell others the story about Jesus. Jesus said in 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." Jesus meant that to serve Him we must love Him.

Jesus loves us enough to die for us. God loves us enough to let His Son die for us. In John 3:16 Jesus said, "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."

Naomi worshipped the true God. Ruth wanted to, too. The Lord blessed Ruth. She went with Naomi to Bethlehem. In Bethlehem Ruth married Boaz a very rich man but one who was good and loved the Lord. Boaz and Ruth had a son whose name was Obed. Obed's son was named Jesse and Jesse was the father of David. So that made Ruth the great-grandmother of King David.

Just think of the ways that God blessed Ruth! Whenever we do the things that Jesus wants us to do, He blesses us too. When we accept Jesus as our Savior we are doing the thing that blesses us most. We have eternal life. (Who can find a verse that tells us the saved have eternal life?) That means that when we die we go to live with Jesus and live forever. God blesses us in this life. In James 1:17a,

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above."

All of us should live consecrated lives like Ruth. We should live a consecrated life because first of all God loved us. Secondly, to serve God we must dedicate ourselves to Him. Thirdly, a consecrated life brings the blessings and gifts of God to us. (Who can find a Scripture which tells us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus? Hard? Let's see who can.)

#### Things to Do:

1. Memorize Ruth 1:16b. "Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest I will lodge; for thy people shall be my people and thy God my God."
2. Who was Ruth's great-grandson?
3. What did Jesus say in Matthew 10:37?
4. Tell how God has blessed you today.
5. Have you accepted Christ as your Savior?

### Chapter III

#### PURITY AND GROWTH OF THE CHURCH

For our third lesson we are to study about the church. Before we really study and talk about the church we must know what a church is. Is it the building? Is it the people who worship in the building? The building in which we worship is really a church house. The people who are members are the church. A church is a group of saved and baptized people who work together to teach about Jesus.

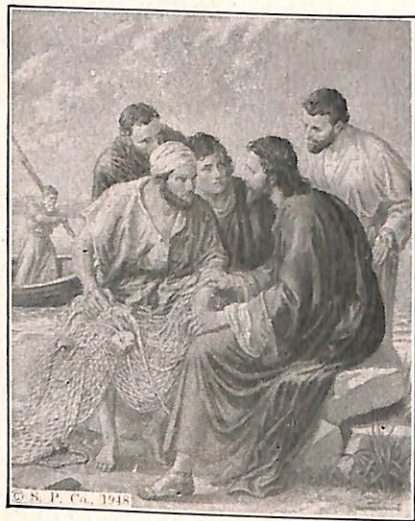
Have you ever wondered who started our church? There was no church before Jesus came into the world. People worshipped God with sacrifices in synagogues. When Jesus came, He started His church. He called people to follow him.

One day after John had baptized Jesus, He was walking by the sea of Galilee. There, Jesus saw Peter and Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea for fish. Peter and Andrew were fishers of fish, but Jesus said to them, "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of Men," Mark 1:17.

Peter and Andrew left their nets and followed Jesus, because they wanted to do what Jesus had told them to do. Sometimes we must quit our playing or something else we are doing and go to church or do some good deed for Jesus. We should do as Peter and Andrew did. We should follow Jesus.



After Jesus called Peter and Andrew, they walked on by the sea of Galilee. Later, they saw James and John mending their nets. Jesus called James and John and told them to follow Him. They did as Peter and Andrew. They left their nets and went with Jesus to become fishers of men.



This is how Jesus started His church: He called men to follow Him and they followed Him. Today, when one is saved, he should be baptized and become a member of the church. That is how we can please Jesus and serve Him best.

Jesus said that He would build the church upon Himself. He is sometimes called a rock. In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said to Peter, "Upon

this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." So no matter what the devil may do, the church will always be.

We go to church whenever we want to. But did you know that people have been put in jail for worshipping God? Some have even been killed. In America we worship God as we want to, but in some lands people cannot worship God as they want to. Since Christ was on earth there have been many times that Christians were put to death. (How did John the Baptist die?)

There have been cruel kings who would have Christians put in jail. Sometimes they would put the Christians in pens with wild animals and let the animals tear them to pieces. At times, the kings would burn all the church buildings and all the Bibles they could find.

Do you think that Christians stopped worshipping just because the king was cruel to them? No, even though they might not have had church houses, they would meet together and worship God. Even though some of them would be killed they believed the Bible and Jesus. You remember that Jesus said that even the gates of hell could not destroy the church.

Jesus taught His church certain things. He told them to preach to people everywhere in every nation about Him. He told the church to preach about His death on the cross, about His burial, and about His resurrection, and about

all the things that He had taught them. He told His church to make disciples and to baptize those who believed on Him. He said for His church to observe, or to do, all that He had told her to do.

The Baptist churches are still preaching and doing the things that Christ said for her to do. The Baptist churches were started by Christ. They have taught and done the things that Christ said for them to do. **She will do the things** that Christ has said until He comes again. (Who can find a Scripture which tells us Jesus is coming again? Hint: turn to the first chapter of Acts. Did anyone find another one?)

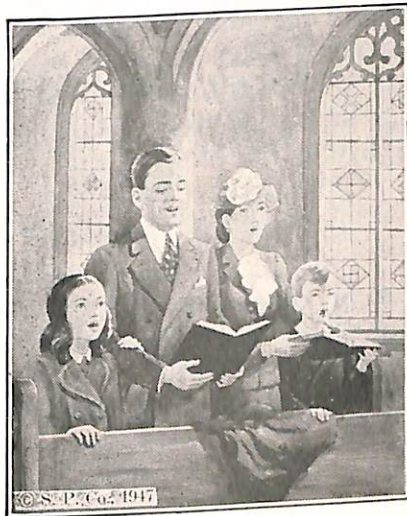
#### Things to Do:

1. Read Matthew 28:19-20.
2. Sing "Fishers of Men" or "Footsteps of Jesus."
3. What is a church?
4. Why should one be baptized after he is saved?
5. Memorize Mark 1:17.

## Chapter IV

### WHAT CHURCH MEMBERS MEAN TO EACH OTHER

Are you a member of the church? Have you been saved but have never joined the church? Before one can join the church, one must be saved. You remember that a church is made up of believers. A believer is one who has repented and asked God to forgive him of his sins and who has accepted Jesus as his



Savior. (Who can find a Scripture which tells us we need to repent?)

The church in Jerusalem had a great meeting a few days after Jesus went back to heaven. They prayed and worked together. Peter

preached for the people. There were many people saved. In Acts 2:47b we read, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." So we can see that one must be saved before he can join a church.

A person who wants to join the church must make a "profession." How can others know that he has been saved unless he tells others? In Romans 10:10 we are told that, "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

No one can become a member unless he or she is baptized. We are baptized to be like Jesus. Jesus is the Son of God. He said He was baptized to fulfill all righteousness. When we are saved, we are children of God. After we are baptized, we are church members. (What does Titus 2:14 tell us about the believer and good works?)

As church members, we are to eat of the Lord's supper. When we become church members we are to work for Jesus. We work with others. Jesus tells us that the church is the body of Christ.

Did you ever hurt your toe or cut your finger? Did your whole body seem to hurt? That's the way church members should feel toward each other. When another member is sad or is sick, we should do all we can to help him. If your toe were hurt, your hands would put a bandage on it.

The same is true about blessings. When you eat ice cream your whole body enjoys it.

Would you pick up a hammer and hit your toe because it stumbled over a rock or toy? No, of course not! But sometimes one church member might say bad things about another. We should not do this, for it is as bad as for the hands to hurt the toes.

In our church we have a pastor. A pastor loves the church and every member. Have you ever had a question about Jesus or about the church to which you didn't know the answer? Your pastor will be glad to help you. He preaches and teaches about Jesus but he will always be glad to help you with your problems.

At first the church had no deacons. The Grecians complained against the Hebrews. They said their widows were not given food and cared for as they should be. The preachers were very busy preaching; so the church chose seven men to help take care of such things. These men were called deacons. (Read Acts 6:1-8.)

Stephen was a deacon. He helped his church. He told others about Jesus. Some of the Jews, who did not believe in Jesus, stoned him to death.

All of us cannot be preachers or deacons but we can do our very best for Jesus. We can study our Sunday school and Training Service lessons every week. We can sing the songs at church. We can sit quietly and listen to the

pastor as he preaches. Jesus commanded us, that we love one another. John 15:17, "These things I command you, that ye love one another."

### Things to Do:

1. Memorize John 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."
2. Why was Jesus baptized?
3. Why did the church elect deacons?
4. Who preached for the church in Jerusalem after Jesus went to heaven?
5. What did he preach?

## Chapter V

### DEEDS FOR JESUS

Let us start our lesson today by reading Ephesians 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." This means that God made us and that we have been saved by Jesus. This Scripture is written about people who are saved. We are saved to do good works or deeds. We should live as Jesus lived. We should always do the best that we know to do.

Did you know that it is a sin for one who knows the right thing to do and then not do it? James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

One time there was a poor widow who came to the king. The widow needed clothes to keep her warm and food to keep her from starving. The king looked at her and said, "Go in peace and be ye warm and full," but he gave her nothing.

That was a cruel thing to do, wasn't it? If the king had given her food and clothing, she really would have been helped. The king's words were good, but they did not feed nor clothe the woman. Jesus not only wants us to witness for Him but He wants us to do things as well. Regardless of what we say, our words won't mean very much unless we actually do things.

We should start doing things for Jesus now. You do not have to be old to serve Christ. Ecclesiastes 12:1a reads, "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth . . ." Jesus wants us to serve Him by serving others. (Read Matthew 25:31-46.)

To live as Jesus lived we should pray. I Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing." That means we should be on "speaking terms" with Jesus. We should stay away from places where Jesus would not go.

Whenever you want to do anything and you do not know whether you should or not, ask yourself this question: "If Jesus were here in



my place, would He do it?" If the answer is "No," then you should not either.

Another way of knowing what to do is to study the Bible. The Bible is God's Word or God's letter to us. In it we are told what to do as Christians. II Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." You see by this Scripture that we are to be workers for the Lord. Too, we are to study the Bible, so that we can understand it.

Can you tell one how to be saved? Telling others how to be saved is working for Jesus. Some good verses to learn for soul winning are:

Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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."

If we are good workmen for Jesus, few people will ever ask us, "Are you a Christian?" They can see that we are by our talk and our deeds.

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven," Matthew 5:16.

Do your parents give you an allowance? Do you sometimes make money by doing extra chores? If you have money, you should give a part to the church. I Corinthians 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

To do a good deed for someone else is to serve Jesus. One time a Junior teacher in a Daily Vacation Bible School told her pupils to do a good deed for someone. Next day she asked what each had done. Some had washed dishes, others had swept floors, one had washed the car. Then she asked, "How did you feel when you had done your good deed?"

One boy replied, "I felt good all over." We always feel good when we serve Jesus.

### Things to Do:

1. Memorize Matthew 5:16; Romans 3:23; and 6:23.
2. Sing, "This Little Light of Mine," or, "Help Somebody Today."
3. When should one start serving Jesus?
4. Why should we work for Jesus?
5. How can we work for Jesus?
6. Do a special deed for someone.

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