

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Did Peter have faith when he put down the net at Christ's command?
2. Can we have faith in God without obeying him?
3. How do we sometimes obey God without having faith in him?
4. Is it good to obey even without faith?
5. What does it mean to "forsake all" and follow Christ?

SUMMARY:

This was the third time Jesus had called Peter and his companions. They had become acquainted with Jesus before. (Matthew 4:18) They had also witnessed His power to work miracles of healing the sick and commanding evil spirits. Now the time had come to test their faith in Him.

Having such a background of experience with Jesus, circumstance presented the opportunity to test their faith in Him. Having fished all night and getting no fish, it was hopeless to continue in the day. Had a stranger told them to try again, they would have thought it useless. However, knowing the power of Christ in other miracles, they were willing to obey His Word to let down the net for a draught. The power He had before that time was obvious to them, but faith was required to believe that He would help them. They were amazed at the draught of fishes, but it is certain that their faith was increased. Our faith is also increased by experiences we have with Christ.

NOTES:

[SoF:7] We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

[SoF:15] We believe that the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ is an invitation for everyone to live a life of abandonment to Him, Who loved us and gave Himself for us - surrendering His personal ambitions and possessions in an unreserved committal to take the proclamation of the Gospel throughout "all the world to every creature".

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #8

November 19, 2017

Fourth Quarter

JESUS CALLS FOUR DISCIPLES

LESSON TEXT: Luke 5:1-11

LESSON SETTING: At the Sea of Galilee

TIME: Approximately 28 A.D.

I. JESUS TEACHES FROM THE SHIP. Luke 5:1-3

- A. Spiritual Hunger of the People (vs. 1) Psalm 38:9; Luke 6:21; 1 Peter 2:2
- B. The Busy Fisherman (vs. 2)
- C. Christ Teaches (vs. 3) Matthew 4:23; 7:29; Mark 6:34

II. THE AMAZING MASTER. Luke 5:4-9

- A. Tests Faith (vs. 5) John 9:6-7; Hebrews 11:8
- B. Obedience^[SoF:7] (vs. 5) John 7:17; James 1:25
- C. Demonstrates His Power (vs. 7) Matthew 28:18; Mark 4:39

III. THE COMMISSIONED DISCIPLES. Luke 5:10-11

- A. Christ's Call (vs. 10) Mark 10:21; Revelation 3:20
- B. Forsook All^[SoF:15] (vs. 11) Luke 14:33; 18:29; Philippians 3:8

GOLDEN TEXT: AND WHEN THEY HAD BROUGHT THEIR SHIPS TO LAND, THEY FORSOOK ALL, AND FOLLOWED HIM. Luke 5:11

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Luke 6:20-49

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Isaiah 1:1-23; Romans 2:1-16

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ the Son of Man

TOPIC: OBEYING THE WORD OF GOD

INTRODUCTION:

In this lesson we get instructions from Christ and are told of the blessings of obeying. Much of obeying God's Word is having a proper attitude of the heart. It takes humility to see and pull out the beam from our own eye. It takes humility to have a feeling of being poor and hungry for God's Word; and to not defend ourselves when insulted. Also, it takes love to pray for those who despise us; to give to everyone who asks something of us. It takes love to be merciful, not to judge or condemn, and to give a good measure.

We can have such attitudes only if we have Christ's love and the Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Obedience to the written Word brings blessing from the living Word.

GOLDEN TEXT: AND AFTER THESE THINGS HE WENT FORTH, AND SAW A PUBLICAN, NAMED LEVI, SETTING AT THE RECEIPT OF CUSTOM: AND HE SAID UNTO HIM, FOLLOW ME. Luke 5:27

Jesus' words to Levi were simply "follow me." In essence this is all that He expects of us. To obey all the words of this text in this lesson is no more than what Jesus did. No other teacher taught with such authority. No other teaches such high standards of instruction and yet Himself has fulfilled each one. He does not just tell us how to live, but He showed us. No one else ever had so much love for enemies. No one was ever so forgiving. No one gave so much as Jesus gave.

To follow Christ, we must begin by denying ourselves, and taking up His cross, and following Him. It is as the Apostle Paul wrote: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." (Galatians 2:20)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 20 – 26

- M. People in Need of the Word. Isaiah 1:1-9
- T. People Challenged to Hear the Word. Isaiah 1:10-20
- W. Jesus Above the Sabbath. Luke 6:1-12
- T. Jesus and the Twelve. Luke 6:13-19
- F. *Result of Obedience. Luke 6:20-35
- S. *Importance of Obedience. Luke 6:36-49
- S. Not Hearers but Doers Justified. Romans 2:1-16

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