

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How does the Lord expect a Christian to serve?
2. What are the difficulties encountered when we attempt to be faithful during suffering?
3. How does keeping sound doctrine help a believer to overcome false teachings?
4. How can we be faithful in teaching?

### SUMMARY:

The Apostle Paul learned early in the service of the Lord, that to be faithful in all things required a complete surrender of self. Our service to the Lord today is no different and requires the same dedication of self in every avenue of service, be it suffering, standing firm for the Name of Christ Jesus, or in simple teaching to others of the wonderful gospel.

How necessary in these days to teach love, faith, peace, purity, meekness, etc., and to avoid foolish and unlearned questions!

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #11

September 9, 2018

Third Quarter

### FAITHFULNESS

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**LESSON TEXT:** 2 Timothy 2:1-26

**LESSON SETTING:** Probably written from Rome by Paul.

**TIME:** Approximately 32 A.D.

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#### I. FAITHFULNESS IN SERVICE. 2 Timothy 2:1-7

- A. Spiritual Service. Deuteronomy 10:12; Ephesians 6:7; Hebrews 12:28
- B. Rewards for Fidelity. Luke 19:17; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

#### II. FAITHFULNESS IN SUFFERING. 2 Timothy 2:8-13

- A. For Christ's Sake. Matthew 10:22; 19:29; Hebrews 11:25; 1 Peter 2:20
- B. Persevering to the End. Job 17:9; Galatians 6:9 1 Peter 1:13

#### III. FAITHFULNESS IN DOCTRINE. 2 Timothy 2:14-21

- A. Approved by God. Proverbs 16:7; 1 Thessalonians 4:1
- B. Sound Doctrine. 1 Corinthians 2:4-8; 2 John 9
- C. Beware of Deceivers. Romans 16:17-18; 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-15; 1 Timothy 4:1

#### IV. FAITHFULNESS IN TEACHING. 2 Timothy 2:22-26

- A. Teachings. Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 2:4
- B. Spiritual Love, Faith, Peace, Purity, Meekness. Ephesians 3:17-19

**GOLDEN TEXT: WHEREFORE TAKE UNTO YOU THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND IN THE EVIL DAY, AND HAVING DONE ALL, TO STAND.**

Ephesians 6:13

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Matthew 18:15-35

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Genesis 44:1-34; 45:1-13;  
Genesis 50:15-21;  
Ephesians 4:17-32

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Marks of a Christian

**TOPIC:** FORGIVENESS

**INTRODUCTION:**

How very difficult it is to forgive someone who has harmed us! As Christians we certainly must not strike back, but can we forget the agony we were made to bear? Do we let the thought of it dwell within our mind, poisoning our thoughts to the extent that it may even affect us physically?

Do we recall the wrong done us each time we meet the person who committed it? Then we have not forgiven. This is sin.

The Bible tells us if we wish God to forgive us where we have done wrong especially where we wronged Him, He cannot forgive us if we do not forgive others. This is God's plan for His chosen ones and only believing on Him can we have the strength or grace to forgive others. He asks us to forgive, but He, Himself, supplies the power to us to forgive. How gracious He is to us!

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Christians should use the same measure in forgiving others that God has used in forgiving them.

**GOLDEN TEXT: BE YE KIND ONE TO ANOTHER,  
TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER EVEN AS GOD  
FOR CHRIST'S SAKE HATH FORGIVEN YOU.** Ephesians 4:32

Thanks be to God, we need not seek blindly when we wish to please Him, and do His will. He shows us in His Word, by His Spirit and through Christ's example what our life should be. God revealed to Moses how the tabernacle should be built. "See, saith He, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount." (Hebrews 8:5)

In God's will for us to be forgiving, He also gave us a wonderful pattern and example. Jesus forgave and healed all the sick and maimed who came to Him in faith seeking His help. God forgives all who realize their sin-sick condition and comes to Him, through Christ, in repentance and faith.

We also, should forgive all who have hurt or harmed us in any way, so that the divisions that are so prevalent in these last days might not weaken the body of Christ.

May we, Thy ransomed treasure,  
Not live in vain, O Lord;  
But follow Thee with pleasure  
And thus adorn Thy Word.  
Thou hast our sins forgiven,  
So we, the Kingdom heirs,  
As pleaseth Thee in heaven,  
Forgiven our debtors, theirs.

Z.H. 85:7

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF September 10 – 16**

- M. Joseph Forgives His Brothers. Genesis 45:1-13
- T. Joseph Reassures His Brothers. Genesis 50:15-21
- W. \*A Wise Procedure. Matthew 18:15-20
- T. \*A Merciful Master. Matthew 18:21-27
- F. \*A Merciless Servant. Matthew 18:28-35
- S. The New Way of Living. Ephesians 4:17-24
- S. The Christian Method. Ephesians 4:25-32

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