

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS

Lesson #6 –Jesus is our Provider

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:28-33

Introduction:

1. Some believe in God, but that He has left us on our own in this life (the deist).
2. Jesus continually provides for His people today.
3. Today Jesus provides us with...

I. SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT

A. PAUL'S ANALOGY –Ep 5:28-33

1. Men nourish their own bodies
2. Husbands take care of their wives (needs and comforts)
3. Jesus fills this role with His church

B. SOURCE OF NOURISHMENT

1. Word of God which gives us two key advantages:
 - a. Spiritual growth -1Pe 2:2
 - b. Spiritual discernment –He 5:12-14
2. His word gives us life –Jn 5:39, 6:68, 12:48

II. SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

A. PAUL'S EXAMPLE –Ph 4:13

1. Strength to testify to a Philippian jailor –Ac 16:28-34
2. Strength to testify before King Agrippa –Ac 26:1-ff

B. JESUS GIVES US THE STRENGTH WE NEED TODAY

1. Strength from those who endured
 - a. The Hall of Faith –He 11:30-40
 - b. The example of Paul -2Co 1:8-11
2. Strength from one another –He 10:23-25

III. SPIRITUAL REFUGE

A. THE AVENUE OF PRAYER

1. We can cast our cares on God -1Pe 5:7
2. Jesus often withdrew Himself to pray –Mk 1:35, Lk 5:16
3. We should follow the same example –Mt 6:6

B. THE WAY OF ESCAPE -1Co 10:13

1. The devil is always working against us -1Pe 5:8
2. The devil is limited; he can be resisted –Ja 4:7
 - a. Resist with reasoning (consider your destiny) –Lam 1:9
 - b. Resist with Scripture –Mt 4:1-11
 - c. Resist with departure –Ge 39:12

Conclusion:

1. Through Jesus we have received every spiritual blessing we need -2Pe 1:3
2. He gives us nourishment, strength, and refuge.
3. When we faithfully follow after Jesus, He will lead us home.