GROWING IN THE LORD

Lesson #5 -Through Worship Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:23-26

Introduction:

- 1. The devil seeks those who he may devour -1Pe 5:8
 - a. The ones who stray from the herd are more susceptible to attack.b. Likewise, we need one another to be strong in the Lord.
- 2. We cannot grow in the Lord apart from worship service before Him.
- 3. How does worship service help us grow in the Lord?
- 4. We will examine 3 qualities of worship that aids spiritual growth.

I. WE ARE NOT ALONE

- A. FEELING ALONE CAUSES DISCOURAGEMENT
 - 1. Elijah felt alone -1Ki 19:14
 - 2. God informed him of 7,000 others -1Ki 19:18
- B. WE DRAW STRENGTH FROM WORSHIP
 - 1. We exhort one another -He 10:24, 25
 - 2. We pray for one another
 - a. Paul requested prayer -Ep 6:18-20; Co 4:3
 - b. The Lord prayed for Peter –Lk 22:31, 32
 - c. The brethren prayed for Peter -Ac 12:5, 12

II. WE FOCUS ON JESUS

- A. THROUGH SINGING
 - 1. We have been commanded to sing -Ep 5:19; Co 3:16
 - 2. We praise our Lord through singing -<u>He 13:12-16</u>
- B. THROUGH COMMUNION -1Co 11:23-26
 - 1. The bread represents His body that was broken for us.
 - 2. The fruit of the vine represents His blood
 - 3. We partake of the communion proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes.

III. WE FOCUS ON HIS WORD

- A. THE WORD GIVES SPIRITUAL STRENGTH
 - 1. Strength against sin -<u>Ps 119:9-16</u>
 - 2. Strength against our enemies -Ps 119:105-112

B. THE WORD TEACHES SALVATION

- 1. The most important question one can ever ask, "What must I do to be saved?" -Ac 2:37, 16:30
- 2. The word answers the question with great assurance
 - a. It reveals man's sinful state -Is 59:1, 2Ro 3:23; 6:23
 - b. It reveals to man his Savior -Mt 1:21; 26:27-28; Jn 14:6; Ac 4:12
 - c. It reveals the steps of salvation:
 - i. Hear -Mt 13:9
 - ii. Believe -Jn 8:24
 - iii. Repent -Lk 13:3, 5
 - iv. Confess -Mt 12:32, 33
 - v. Baptism -Mk 16:16, Ac 2:38
 - vi. Faithfulness -Mt 10:22; Re 2:10
 - d. The great assurance -1Jn 5:13

Conclusion:

1. One will not be able to grow in the Lord apart from worship.

2. Through worship, we find great strength to endure all the world puts before us.