

**Intro: I have told you all this before, but it is an excellent way to describe our need for simplicity. (Admiral 'port/left' example).**

**I. What are the basics of the Christian faith?**

- A. The state of man
  - 1. Fallen Nature - Rom 5:12
  - 2. Made in God's image - Gen 1:27
  - 3. Therefore our sin angers God - 1 Corinthians 3:16-17
  - 4. Yet he does not destroy us - Matt 5:45
- B. The purpose of the Law
  - 1. Right and wrong - Rom 13:1
    - a) God defines Good - Mark 10:18
  - 2. The law shows us our sin - Rom 7:7-25
    - a) Sin = breaking the law - 1 John 3:4
  - 3. The Law points us to God, to Christ - Gal 3:24
- C. The nature of God
  - 1. God is \_\_\_\_\_. - Rev 22:13 (Ultimate/infinite nature of God)
    - a) All powerful
    - b) All knowing
    - c) All sufficient, etc. - Exo 3:14
  - 2. God, therefore, does not need us. - Acts 17:24-25
  - 3. Yet He always gives mercy first - Lam 3:22
  - 4. Christ fulfills the law - Matt 5:17, John 1:17
  - 5. We can now relate to God by Grace - Rom 6:14-23
- D. The meaning of Grace
  - 1. What is Grace? - 2 Cor 12:9-12
  - 2. What does it do? - 2 Cor 5:21
  - 3. Who deserves the praise? - Eph 2:8-10
  - 4. What role do we play? - Isa 53:11 (if God is satisfied, you should be too)
  - 5. God calls us to walk in the spirit
- E. Understanding the Spirit
  - 1. It is often hard to drum up the strength to walk the walk, this is mostly because we care too much about this world - Rom 8:5-8
  - 2. What is our source? - John 14:26
  - 3. How do we communicate with Him? - Rom 8:16
  - 4. How do we understand Him? - 1 Cor 2:9-16
- F. The Gospel of Christ
  - 1. The good news! - Col 1:5

**II. What is the 'Gospel of Christ'?**

- A. Scriptural references to the 'Gospel of Christ' - Rom 1:16-17
- B. It can be wrapped up in one statement - Rom 6:23
- C. It is the amazing truth that we can be saved - Rom 10:13

**Does this not make you want to tell everyone? I tend to be a reserved person in many respects, but this almost makes me want to shout. PRAISE YOU JESUS!**

### III. What should we do with this knowledge?

#### A. Roman road to salvation:

1. Romans 3:23
2. Romans 6:23
3. Romans 5:8
4. Romans 10:9
5. Romans 10:13
6. Romans 8:1

#### B. We live for Him who died for us - 2 Cor 5:14-19

#### C. Great Commision - Mat 28:16-20

Close/Challenge: If you have been following this series, you may have noticed that I have challenged you on each point. As we draw to a close on the Back to Basics! series, I would like to go over those challenges as a whole a take them in as a whole.

Check your own life prior to your redemption, and think about how it makes God feel to see his workmanship doing what you did. Thank God for his bountiful mercies which are new every morning. His INFINITE mercies. Lam 3:22-23 Don't forget to ask God for His opinions by reading scripture. Make a conscious choice to serve Christ. Bow the knee. Do you know someone who does not yet know the Truth? Share the Truth!

In this relationship with God you are the numerator, God is the denominator. Do we have a role to play? Yes. But He is infinite. Remember your place. You can no more claim failure when someone rejects God than you can success when they accept Him.

We are made in God's image. Acting in the place of His son brings Him glory. Acting on sin brings Him shame. Realize your significance. Stop trying to do good on your own. Ps. 127:1 Instead, start being the representative of Christ, the walking image of God, the redeemed ambassador of heaven.

Remember that you cannot change who you are. ONLY GOD CAN CHANGE YOU. Extend grace to others, remember that they cannot change themselves either. Set aside your pride, recognize that your salvation is not your own doing, and take a moment to be grateful to God that He chose to sovereignly save you. God does not ask for a step of faith, He asks for a walk of faith. Every walk begins with a step, but it does not end there.

How can we walk with no power or guidance? Go to the Spirit and ask for help. Then make sure that you clear up that which stands between you and God so that you can hear His response. Make a choice to deny your carnal mind (it won't go away) and stop walking in the flesh (you will have to fight this fight constantly). In order to accomplish this, you have to make an effort to put on the mind of Christ and start walking in the spirit (1 Cor 2:9-16).

As you live your daily lives, and strive to walk in the spirit - remember who it is we believe in - The Lord Jesus Christ. Each aspect of his character is uniquely powerful, and each is worthy of our praise and worship. (Rom 15:6)

Finally, spread the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now let's praise God with one voice and go from this place with a mission.

Final Song: Send The Light

Scriptures:

Rom 5:12

Gen 1:27

1 Cor 3:16-17

Matt 5:45

Rom 13:1

Mark 10:18

Rom 7:7-25

1 John 3:4

Gal 3:24

Rev 22:13

Exo 3:14

Acts 17:24-25

Lam 3:22

Matt 5:17

John 1:17

Rom 6:14-23

2 Cor 12:9-12

2 Cor 5:21

Eph 2:8-10

Isa 53:11

Rom 8:5-10

John 14:26

Rom 8:16

1 Cor 2:9-16

Col 1:5

Rom 1:16-17

Rom 6:23

Rom 10:13

Rom 3:23

Rom 6:23

Rom 5:8

Rom 10:9

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Rom 8:1

2 Cor 5:14-19

Matt 28:16-20

Lam 3:22-23

Ps 127:1

1 Cor 2:9-16

Rom 15:6

Hymn: Send The Light