Teaching Notes

Faith: The Overcoming Key!
Lesson Three: Seven Steps to the Highest Kind of Faith

FAITH HAS NO LIMITS!!! As you study faith, you empower your personal faith to rise to unimaginable heights. The following are divine steps to increasing your faith to receive powerful results.

**Step 1 – The Integrity of the Word of God**
The first thing we need to know is that the Word of God is actually what it declares itself to be. It is a revelation from God to us. It is God speaking to us now. This book is a God-breathed, God-indwelt, and a God-inspired message.

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).

Scriptural Points:
1) Moffatt’s translation reads, “For the word of God is a living thing ...” The word “quick” actually means “alive, living.” The Word of God is a living thing as you accept it and act upon it.

So we see that the first step toward the highest kind of faith is to accept and understand the integrity of God’s Word. The gifts of prophecy, tongues, and interpretation of tongues do not supersede the Word. The Word comes first. If something is said apart from the Word, it is not the Holy Spirit speaking. That person is just speaking from his own thinking. We must always judge these things in the light of God’s Word.

Also, there are those who try to read certain things into the Word because they want it to say what they believe. They are trying to fit the Word to their beliefs rather than fitting their beliefs to the Word. Some people try to overlook certain passages or explain them away. We must believe what the Word says, not what we think it says. You will be amazed to learn that some of the things you have always believed are not in the Word at all. Ever wonder why you believed some things you do?

**Step 2 – Our Redemption in Christ**
The second thing we need to know is the reality of our redemption in Christ, not as a doctrine, philosophy or creed of some kind, but an actual redemption from the authority of Satan. For by the new birth we have been translated into the kingdom of His Son, the Kingdom of God. In other words, we have been born into the very family of God.

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet (able) to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: (Colossians 1:12-14)
Scriptural Points:
1) Vs. 12 - God has made us able to have an inheritance, as we have just read in verse 12 of the above passage.
2) Vs. 13 - The Greek word translated “power” means “authority.” “Who hath delivered us from the authority of darkness ...” referring to Satan’s kingdom. Notice too that the scripture doesn’t say that He is going to deliver us. It says, “Who hath delivered us ...”
3) Vs. 14 - Tells us the price of redemption. Let’s look at Revelation 12:11, “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony ...” Amer. Revised Version of this verse reads, “because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony.”

Guilt and condemnation is a major weapon against our faith! We MUST claim our victory in the area of our righteousness. The blood of Jesus is the basis of our victory. But we have to add our testimony, our confession, to it. We have to stand our ground with the enemy. Because he is the god of this world he will try to have authority over you. But he needn’t win for you have been delivered through the blood of Jesus Christ from the power of darkness, from the authority of Satan.

Satan’s dominion over us as new creatures in Christ is ended. Jesus is the Lord and Head of this new Body. He is referred to in the scriptures as the Head of the Church. The Church, which is all born-again believers, is called the Body of Christ. Satan has no right to rule over the Body of Christ. Christ is the Head of the Body. He is the one that is to rule and dominate the Body.

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Scriptural Points:
1) This is part of our inheritance as children of God as we walk in the light. Light overcomes darkness.
2) “Giving thanks to the Father, which hath made us able to be partakers of the inheritance ...” I can partake of my inheritance right now. We don’t have to relegate that to the future.

Memory Text: “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony ...” (Revelation 12:11).