

Life in the spirit seminar

Seminar #2

SALVATION

- I. There is something seriously wrong with the world (society as a whole and with individual life) – something major is needed.**
 - A. God made the world to be a place of peace and justice.**
 - B. There is something seriously wrong with the way the world is now.**
 - C. There is a growing realization that there are more than just a number of individual problems.**
 - D. Individuals suffer from the situation and from lack of help and they experience many problems.**
 - E. Something major is needed**

- II. Since the cause of what is wrong with society is something bigger than man can handle on His own, men need God to find the new life they want.**
 - A. Men make various efforts to improve the world.**
 - 1. Variety of secular efforts**
 - 2. Non-Christian religions**
 - 3. Forms of incomplete Christianity**

These efforts are all based on man's wisdom, but God's wisdom is what is needed. (Isa. 55:8-9)
 - B. God tells us:**
 - 1. Behind the things that are wrong there is something bigger than most men can handle.**
 - Power of sin (Romans 3:9-23)**
 - Dominion of darkness (Colossians 1:13)**
 - A force in rebellion against God (Eph. 6:12)**
 - Satan is behind it (I John 5:19)**
 - People are in spiritual bondage (Eph. 2:1-3)**
 - 2. Man was created to need God to achieve true peace**
 - Spiritual realm is not an optional extra (Jn. 15:5)**
 - These things are possible only in God's kingdom (Isa. 2:1-5, 45:22)**
 - Under God's rule, life can be changed now (Isa. 48:17-18, Mark 1:14-15)**
 - 3. We have a choice: To live under the dominion of darkness or in the kingdom of God.**

- III. God sent Jesus, His only son to break the hold of Satan and give us new life through His death and resurrection. Jesus is the Lord and Savior.
- A. God sent Jesus to free us. Jesus is the Christ.
(Col. 1:13, John 14:6, John 11:21-27, Matthew 16:13-17)
- B. Jesus died for our sins and rose to give us new life.
(Romans 4:25, Col. 1:20, Titus 3:3-7)
- He broke Satan's hold (John 12:31, I John 4:4)
 - Salvation is a whole new life on earth (John 10:10, 4:14)
- C. Jesus is Lord (Matthew 23:18, Philippians 2:5-11)

Next Week we will discuss what the new life is, and what you can expect from being baptized in the Spirit.