

"I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD" LESSON I "JESUS ONLY"

The Central Law of Soul winning

I. The Secret of Winning 3,000 in a Day

1. As the glorious scene of Christ's transfiguration faded away, Whom only did the disciples see?

"And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only." Matthew 17:8.

"Jesus only—in these words is contained the secret of the life and power that marked the history of the early church." Acts of the Apostles, p. 64.

2. What experience was needed to prepare them to present "Jesus only"?

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Acts 1:8.

"Why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit, since this is the means by which we are to receive power: Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, preach concerning it? The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to us than parents are to give good gifts to their children." Testimonies, Vol. 8, p. 22.

"For the daily baptism of the Spirit, every worker should offer his petition to God." Acts of the Apostles, p. 50.

3. How many were added unto the early church in one day?

"And the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Acts 2:41, last part.

II. Always the Secret

1. Whom are we invited to behold, and why?

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29, last part.

2. What is said to be the secret of the success of the life of Moses?

"For he endured, as seeing him who is invisible." Hebrews 11:27, last part.

"Moses did not merely think of God, he saw Him. God was the constant vision before him. Never did he lose sight of His face." Education, p. 63.

3. What is the result of continually looking to God?

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." Isaiah 45:22.

4. As we teach individuals to look to Jesus for forgiveness and cleansing, what also must we teach them to do?

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"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

5. How can we teach men they may be kept from sin?

"I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." Psalms 16:8.

"When the disciples first heard the words of Christ, they felt their need of Him. They sought, they found, they followed Him. They were with Him in the temple, at the table, on the mountain-side, in the field. ... After the Saviour's ascension, the sense of the divine presence, full of love and light, was still with them. IT WAS PERSONAL PRESENCE." Acts of the Apostles, pp. 64, 65.

III. Men Are Saved as They Become Acquainted with Jesus

1. Through knowledge of Whom does eternal life come?

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John 17:3.

2. What will Christ declare of those who are lost?

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matthew 7:22, 23.

IV. Satan's Desire Is to Deceive the World

1. How are men lost?

"And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth." Revelation 13:14, first part.

2. What caused Eve to sin?

"Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." 1 Timothy 2:14.

V. Doctrine and Jesus Go Together—they Cannot be Separated

1. Should we attempt to teach doctrine without Jesus?

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6.

2. What statement shows that all doctrine, when properly presented, is truth about Christ?

"I say the truth in Christ." Romans 9:1.

"Christ presented the principles of truth in the gospel." Testimonies, Vol. 8, p. 309.

"Let the repenting sinner fix his eyes upon 'the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world;' and by beholding, he becomes changed." Desire of Ages, p. 439.

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3. What statement shows that it is necessary to have the "truth of Christ"—not merely abstract doctrine?

"As the truth of Christ is in me." 2 Corinthians 11:10.

4. What shows that it is not abstract truth which we are commissioned to give?

"I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not." 1 Timothy 2:7.

VI. Our Need Today

1. What invitation is extended to the church of Laodicea by a Christ who is kept outside?

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20.

Reflection

Jesus declared that there is none good but one, and that is God. If, therefore, we would begin the philosophy of "I Know Something Good," we must begin with God. In the foregoing lesson we have learned that the disciples of Jesus, by beholding Him, carrying His personal presence with them, were able to live positive, happy and joyful lives. Threatenings, imprisonment, persecution, none of these could check their happiness.

Shall it not be our rule of life to so set Christ before our eyes that we shall no longer behold the weaknesses, faults and sins of others, but that we shall, by beholding Christ, be changed into positive, happy, joyful Christians?