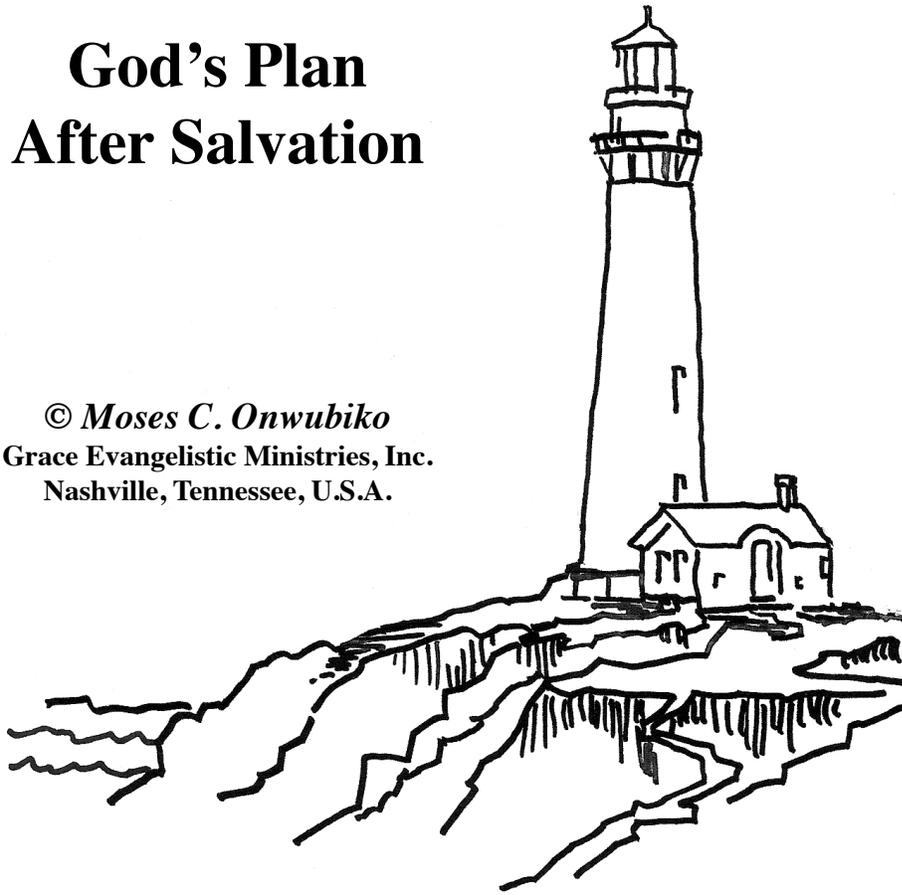


God's Plan After Salvation

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What is the meaning of the lighthouse? Historically a lighthouse is a tower shaped, building designed to emit light using a system of lamps and lenses. It shines its light into the darkness as an aid to navigation and to safely guide captains and sailors at sea. They can withstand the fiercest storms, so their light is always available for any who look to them. Lighthouses are used to mark dangerous coastlines, hazardous shoals and reefs, and safe entries to harbors.

As the lighthouse illuminates and guides the safe passage for the sailor on the dark and dangerous sea, so the light of God's word illuminates the believer's path and guides him so he may navigate safely through the dangers of this world.

The lighthouse provides a perfect metaphor or visual symbol for the guiding light we find in the words of the Bible. It is our prayer that these lessons on "God's Plan After Salvation" will shed light on your path in the journey of your Christian life. We trust that it will help to establish the guiding light of God's word in your soul.

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(Psalm 119:105).

Lesson #1

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Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying,
“I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me
will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life”
(John 8:12).

I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone
who believes in Me will not remain in darkness
(John 12:46).

Preparation for Studying God's Word

Open Invitation:

There is only one BARRIER between you and the gracious God -- faith in His unique Son, Jesus Christ. Your entrance into God's plan begins with your complete and total trust in the person of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Even if you don't know Him, He is ready right now with open arms to love you just as you are.

When our Lord Jesus Christ was on the Cross, He had you on His mind.

There was never a sin (yours or anyone's) committed that was not poured out on Jesus Christ on the Cross (1 Peter 2:24). He endured all afflictions so that He might pave a way for you to have life more abundantly through Him.

Regardless of how sinful you have been in the past or are now, you can be forgiven and your slate wiped clean by God.

How?

By telling God right now that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ. The moment you put your entire trust in the Lord Jesus Christ you will automatically become born into the family of God forever.

The Bible says:

But these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. (John 20:31).

... Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved ... (Acts 16:31).

Will you believe in Him today?

Or will you reject Him? The decision is totally up to you.

To the believers in the Lord Jesus Christ: All matters of spiritual value have been designed by God to be understood through the teaching ministry of God the Holy Spirit.

But just as it is written: “THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.” For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God (1 Corinthians 2:9-12).

The only thing that prevents the Holy Spirit from teaching us is our personal sin(s). King David of the Old Testament clearly put it this way:

If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear; (Psalms 66:18).

Therefore, if the Lord cannot hear a believer's prayer due to unconfessed sin in his soul, it follows doctrinally that the Holy Spirit will not teach the individual.

Here is the solution:

If we confess [acknowledge] our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness [sins, known or forgotten] (1 John 1:9).

At this point, you may want to pause and acknowledge directly to God any sin that may hinder you from being fully blessed through the Word of God.

What is God's Ultimate Purpose in Redeeming Mankind?

Another way of posing this question is: What is your purpose in life as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ?

Why are you still alive despite your countless failures?

If God has a plan for you as His child, do you know what it is all about? Or, do you even care to find out what that plan is?

Are you properly using the time that God has given to you each day?

Do you ever try to imagine what eternity will look like? Do you ever stop to think about the eternal consequences of failing to fulfill God's plan for your life?

What actually did the Apostle Paul mean when he said that a believer who failed to precisely carry out God's plan "will be saved, but only as one escaping through flames" (1 Corinthians 3:15b)? Indeed, have you taken time to seriously think about the meaning of this verse? Ask yourself if you are spending more time carrying out your own agenda than learning about and following God's agenda.

I strongly believe that we live in a dangerous time of great apostasy. The amount of heresy is unbelievable. Many believers are not interested in learning and applying the truths found in the Bible (Bible doctrines or Bible knowledge) on a consistent basis. Rather:

Wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth ... (2 Timothy 4:3b-4).

The question is: Are you among the believers who enjoy having "their ears tickled"? Or are you among those who are seriously interested in learning and applying sound Bible truth consistently to the glory of God the Father?

The primary purpose of this work is to challenge you as a believer in the Lord to re-examine your spiritual life in order to determine if your daily thoughts, decisions and actions are in line with the perfect, eternal plan of the Almighty God.

Can you passionately declare with Paul,

That I may know Him [Jesus Christ] and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death (Philippians 3:10).

Do you truly want to know God's plan for your life after salvation?

We shall expand that topic in lesson #2. May the Lord bless you and keep you. Until then keep remembering:

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(Psalm 119:105).