Handouts for lesson on The Immutability of Christ's Redemption Manvel Bible Chapel Family Bible Hour – 29 April 2018

Opening Remarks:

-Can a Person once saved BECOME UNSAVED?

Introduction

-Questions to Consider

- --How Far Did Man Fall?
- --Who is the Author of a Christian's Faith
- --Who makes the difference between one who trusts Christ and one who doesn't?
- --Why does Scripture so frequently refer to Christians as "The Elect?"
- --Is God's plan for His "elect" unchangeable?

Overview of Lesson

- **1.** Our Salvation is founded Upon God's Attributes and not upon our behavior
- 2. Is eternal life eternal if you can lose it?

3. The behavior of a saved person will reflect evidence of the Holy Spirit within

Body of Lesson

1. Our Salvation is founded Upon God's Attributes and not upon our behavior

-All of Christ's redeemed and all that shall be His redeemed have always been known by Him in a very special way. John 10:14

--Note: "know" comes from Greek word 1097 (γινωσκω ginosko) and in this context indicates a special life-giving relationship, rather than just knowing facts about someone. Some key passages which use it this way are as follows: Luke 1:34, Matthew 1:25

- --Similar use of knowing occurs in Genesis using Hebrew word 03045 עדי yaw-dah' Genesis 4:1
- -Notice that ALL whom Christ knows in this way shall NEVER PERISH!!! John 10:26-30 --There are those that Christ "knows" – They all obtain eternal life.

--If they could lose this eternal life they WOULD perish but Christ says they won't!

- -However, to all whom Christ does not know in this way Christ says "I never "knew" you --They are cast out!!! Matthew 7:22-23
 - --Does this mean He did not have any information about these people?
 - ---Of course not!!! If that were true He wouldn't be omniscient!

-Jesus Himself is the author of our faith Hebrews 12:1-2

-God, Himself is the only one that has power to quicken the dead heart of fallen man --Acts 16:14, Psalms 110:3, Romans 8:28-34

- ---All those "foreknown" are the "called" according to God's purpose.
- ---Everyone called is predestinated to be conformed to Christ's image.
- ---Everyone "predestinated" becomes "justified" (declared righteious).
- ---Everyone "justified" becomes "glorified".
- ---God does all of this and no one can stay His hand!!! Not even you or I!!!
- ---Without God's choice no one would choose Him John 6:37, John 6:44
- --- The Father NEVER CHANGES HIS MIND about those he gives to His Son!

- -As the Author of our faith, God will always complete the salvation process He began. Philippians 1:6, Romans 11:29
- -We didn't start His work by our faith. God started it according to His eternal, infallible plan!

--Ephesians 1:3-6,

- --2 Thessalonians 2:13
 - ---God chose us to salvation before the foundation of the World
 - ----Salvation: 4991 σωτηρια soteria so-tay-ree'-ah -- "soteriology," which speaks of Christ's saving work, is derived from this word.
- --1 Peter 2:9

2. Is eternal life eternal if you can lose it?

- -Christ declares the present possession & permanence of a believer's eternal life ---John 3:16, John 3:36, John 4:14, John 5:24, John 17:1-2
- -The Apostle Paul is very emphatic about the absolutely irreversible life-giving salvation which Christ gives to those He knows
 - --Romans 8:38-39
 - ---Note: above "creature" includes anything in creation living or otherwise.
 - --1 Peter 1:3-5, Hebrews 10:9-14,
 - --Ephesians 1:11-14
 - --- There is no way God will allow His glory to be tarnished by failure !!!

3. The behavior of a saved person will reflect evidence of the Holy Spirit within

- -All people (and animals too) freely will to do things according to their own nature. You can force them to do something else for a while but they will return to the dictates of their natures. Jeremiah 13:23, 2 Peter 2:21-22
- -God, however changes all of His chosen people from the inside out!
 - --2 Corinthians 5:17
 - ---Every Christian shall receive praise of the Father for the true works of the Spirit God has done through him. Paul, writing to true Christians in Corinth said, ----1 Corinthians 4:5

Summary and Conclusion

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- -Christians sin and unbelievers often act politely. Sometimes it's hard to tell them apart!
- -I believe many in churches today are not there because they love Christ. Some mimic this love.
 -1 Corinthians 16:22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.
- -Therefore follow Paul's instructions to the Corinthians who were almost certainly a mixed multitude. "Examine yourselves." 2 Corinthians 13:5
- -Do you, do I truly exhibit the fruit of the Spirit or of the flesh? Galatians 5:19-26
- -Our security rests, not in ourselves, but in the one who chose us, gave us life and faith, and is able to keep us from falling!!!
 - -Jude 24-25 -- 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.