

## Strengthen Thy Brethern Lesson 9 – Be Strong In the Gospel

### Key Verses

1 Peter 1:17-22 <sup>17</sup> And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear: <sup>18</sup> Forasmuch as ye know that **ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; <sup>19</sup> But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: <sup>20</sup> Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, <sup>21</sup> Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. <sup>22</sup> Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:**

**1 Peter 1:23-25 <sup>23</sup> Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. <sup>24</sup> For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: <sup>25</sup> But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.**

From Isaiah 40:1-8 concerning the Word of God. Verses proclaimed by John the Baptist's mission. Later part proclaimed by Peter.

**Isaiah 40:3-8 <sup>3</sup> The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. <sup>6</sup> The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: <sup>7</sup> The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.**

**Luke 3:1-6 <sup>1</sup> Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; <sup>6</sup> And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**

## Psalm 138:1-2 <sup>1</sup>

I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee. <sup>2</sup> I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and **for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.**

The Spirit of God uses the Word of God, to open the sinner's eyes to Christ.

**2 Corinthians 4:1-6** <sup>1</sup> Therefore seeing we have this ministry (*ministry of the Gospel*), as we have received mercy, **we faint not;** <sup>2</sup> But **have renounced** the **hidden things of dishonesty**, not **walking in craftiness**, nor **handling the word of God deceitfully;** but **by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.** <sup>3</sup> But **if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:** <sup>4</sup> **In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not,** lest **the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.** <sup>5</sup> For **we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus** the Lord; and **ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.** <sup>6</sup> For **God,** who **commanded the light to shine out of darkness,** hath **shined in our hearts,** to **give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God** in the **face of Jesus Christ.**

**1 Corinthians 2:1-5** <sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, **when I came to you,** came **not with excellency of speech** or of **wisdom,** declaring unto you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup> For **I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.** <sup>3</sup> And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, **but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:** <sup>5</sup> That your **faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.**

Mankind receives salvation from repentance towards God and faith towards Jesus (Paul to the elders in Ephesus) **Acts 20:20-21** <sup>20</sup> **And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you,** but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, <sup>21</sup> Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**1 Peter 2:2-3** <sup>2</sup> As newborn babes, desire **the sincere milk of the word,** that **ye may grow thereby:** <sup>3</sup> If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

## Ye Must be Born Again

**John 3:1-7** <sup>1</sup> There was a man of the **Pharisees**, named **Nicodemus**, a ruler of the Jews: <sup>2</sup> The **same came to Jesus by night**, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.** <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.** <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**

Without being Born Again, you cannot enter the kingdom of God. There must be a spiritual birth, a new birth.

The new birth does not come by man's works, but through the Spirit of God when man hears and believes the Gospel.

**Romans 10:1-7** <sup>1</sup> **Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.** <sup>2</sup> For I bear them record that **they have a zeal of God**, but **not according to knowledge.** <sup>3</sup> For **they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.** <sup>4</sup> For **Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.** <sup>5</sup> For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. <sup>6</sup> But **the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise**, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) <sup>7</sup> Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

**Romans 10:8-17** <sup>8</sup> But what saith it? The **word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart**: that is, **the word of faith, which we preach**;

<sup>9</sup> That if thou **shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus**, and **shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead**, thou **shalt be saved.** <sup>10</sup> For with the **heart man believeth unto righteousness**; and with the **mouth confession is made unto salvation.** <sup>11</sup> For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. <sup>13</sup> **For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.** <sup>14</sup> How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, **How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!** <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? <sup>17</sup> So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and **hearing by the word of God.**

**1 Peter 1:23-25** <sup>23</sup> Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever

There is a corruptible seed and an incorruptible seed. There is a corruptible life and an incorruptible life. The physical life is corrupting unto disease and death. There is another incorruptible life which springs forth by the Word of God.

**1 Peter 1:24-25** <sup>24</sup> For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: <sup>25</sup> But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

**1 Corinthians 15:51-58** <sup>51</sup> Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. <sup>55</sup> O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

## God Loves You

**John 3:14-17** <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: <sup>15</sup> That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.** <sup>17</sup> For **God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;** but that **the world through him might be saved.**

There is not a person anywhere that God does not love.

**Acts 2:21** <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass, *that* **whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

**Joel 2:32** <sup>32</sup> And it shall come to pass, *that* **whosoever** shall call on the name of the LORD **shall be delivered:** for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

**Romans 10:13** <sup>13</sup> For **whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**Romans 5:8-10** <sup>8</sup> But **God commendeth his love toward us,** in that, **while we were yet sinners,** **Christ died for us.** <sup>9</sup> Much more then, being **now justified by his blood,** we **shall be saved from wrath through him.** <sup>10</sup> For if, **when we were enemies,** we were **reconciled to God by the death of his Son,** much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

**John 15:11-13** <sup>11</sup> These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full. <sup>12</sup> **This is my commandment,** That ye love one another, as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> **Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.**

## All Men are Sinners

**Romans 3:10-28** <sup>10</sup> As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

<sup>11</sup> There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

<sup>12</sup> They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. <sup>13</sup> Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips: <sup>14</sup> Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness: <sup>15</sup> Their feet *are* swift to shed blood:

<sup>16</sup> Destruction and misery *are* in their ways: <sup>17</sup> And the way of peace have they not known: <sup>18</sup> There is no fear of God before their eyes.

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; <sup>22</sup> Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: <sup>23</sup> For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

<sup>25</sup> Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; <sup>26</sup> To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

**Psalms 51:1-5** <sup>1</sup> Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me. <sup>4</sup> Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest. <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

When we become old enough to choose, we choose sin.

**James 2:10** <sup>10</sup> For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

## The Price of Sin must be Paid

**Romans 6:22-23** <sup>22</sup> But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Luke 16:19-24** <sup>19</sup> There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: <sup>20</sup> And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, <sup>21</sup> And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; <sup>23</sup> And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup> And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

The rich man did not go to Hell because he was rich, but because he did not repent of his sins and place faith in Christ. Like wise the beggar did not go to heaven because he was poor, but because he repented of his sins and placed faith in Christ.

**Romans 1:13-17** <sup>13</sup> Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles. <sup>14</sup> I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. <sup>15</sup> So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. <sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

## Christ Paid for Our Sins

**Revelation 5:9** <sup>9</sup> And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, **and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood** out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

**Revelation 1:5** <sup>5</sup> And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. **Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,**

**Philippians 2:5-11** <sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:  
<sup>6</sup> Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:  
<sup>7</sup> But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>8</sup> **And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.** <sup>9</sup> Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: <sup>10</sup> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; <sup>11</sup> And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Isaiah 53:5-6** <sup>5</sup> **But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him;** and with his stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the **LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

His payment must be applied to our account. That application is accomplished when the sinner turns to God through faith in Jesus Christ.

## Pray and Receive Christ as Your Savior

John 1:12-13<sup>12</sup> But **as many as received him, to them** gave **he power to become the sons of God**, *even* **to them that believe on his name**:<sup>13</sup> **Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God**.

1 John 5:10-13<sup>10</sup> He **that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself**: he **that believeth not God hath made him a liar**; because **he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son**.<sup>11</sup> And **this is the record**, that **God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son**.<sup>12</sup> **He that hath the Son hath life**; and **he that hath not the Son of God hath not life**.<sup>13</sup> These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

- We must recognize that we are a sinner
- Christ paid my sin debt in full
- I receive this payment on my behalf, to pay my sin debt, through faith in Him

The Holy Spirit then dwells within the believer and sanctifies him, setting him a part for the work of the Lord.

Ephesians 2:1-10<sup>1</sup> And you *hath* **he quickened**, who **were dead in trespasses and sins**;<sup>2</sup> Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:<sup>3</sup> Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

<sup>4</sup> **But God**, who **is rich in mercy**, for his great love wherewith he loved us,<sup>5</sup> Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by **grace ye are saved**;) <sup>6</sup> And **hath raised us up together**, and **made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus**:<sup>7</sup> That **in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus**.<sup>8</sup> For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that **not of yourselves**: *it is the gift of God*:<sup>9</sup> **Not of works, lest any man should boast**.<sup>10</sup> For **we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which **God hath before ordained that we should walk in them**.