

## FAITHFUL LIVING

### INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Revelation 2:8-11**. From Roy H. Enoch.
- B. Being faithful means--realizing your potential. Spiritual maturity is something that comes to those who desire-to live faithfully-to Christ.
- C. Christians are to have great confidence in their salvation (1Jn. 5:13).

### I. IT IS POSSIBLE TO FALL AWAY FROM GOD.

- A. There are many passages that warn Christians about the possibility of losing their salvation.
- B. Notice the following:
  - 1. Living by the OT means falling from grace (Gal. 5:1-4).
  - 2. Willful sin knows no grace or forgiveness (Heb. 6:4-6; 10:26-31).
  - 3. It is more difficult to return after falling (2Pet. 2:20-22).
  - 4. The HS prophesied of a falling away (1Tim. 4:1-3).
  - 5. Paul had many desert him and go back to the world (1Tim. 1:1-20; 2Tim. 1:15; 2:16-18; 4:3,4; 4:10).
- C. It is easy to conclude from these passages that it is possible to have salvation, and then lose it by falling away (unfaithfulness).

### II. WARNINGS ABOUT BEING UNFAITHFUL.

- A. The NT contains many warnings written to Christians to stay faithful. (If a person was "once saved, always saved" why does the NT contain Romans through Revelation? These are corrective letters from the apostles and others to help the brethren stay faithful.)
- B. Notice the following:
  - 1. Every Christian's responsibility (Heb. 3:12,13).
  - 2. One can be hindered from doing what is right (Gal. 5:7).
  - 3. A weekly examination of faithfulness (1Cor. 11:28-30).
  - 4. Grow, don't stumble in the Christian graces (2Pet. 1:8-11).
  - 5. Use all your talents wisely (Mt. 25:14-30).
- C. The Christian can have confidence in what the Lord has done, but sin is always a problem.

### III. HOW TO LIVE FAITHFULLY.

- A. Some practical advice about living faithfully:
  - 1. Study your Bible daily... a few minutes a day makes a difference (Ac. 17:11).
  - 2. Pray daily... talking to God is the one Friend you really need (1Th. 5:17).
  - 3. Worship attendance... recharge your spiritual batteries (Heb. 10:24,25).
  - 4. Get to work... busy Christians are usually happy and healthy (1Thessalonians 4:11).
  - 5. Encourage others... someone is always watching (Galatians 6:10).
- B. Think on 2Peter 3:18; apply it to your life.
- C. Always remember Luke 21:19; Revelation 2:10b.

### CONCLUSION.

- A. It is possible to gain your salvation and then lose it.
- B. Christians are to guard against this happening by spiritual growth and mutual edification.
- C. Even if one does fall away, with proper repentance and prayer they may be restored.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.