

SENIOR HIGH BIBLE MEMORY: SOUL WINNING

I. THE WORTH OF A SOUL

A. A soul is worth more than the entire world. Matthew 16:26

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

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B. A soul is worth God's long-suffering. II Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

C. A soul is worth God's love. I John 4:10

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

D. A soul is worth Christ's sacrificial death. I Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

E. A soul is worth Christ's humility. Philippians 2:5-8

- 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross

II. SEPARATION OF THE SOUL FROM GOD BY SIN

A. Man's nature is sinful. Romans 5:12-14

- 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
- 13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
- 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

B. All mankind has committed sinful acts. Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

C. Sin separates man from God. Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

D. Separation from God is darkness. I Peter 2:9

But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

E. Separation from God is spiritual death. John 5:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

III. PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL DEATH FOR THE UNBELIEVERS

A. Physical death is not the end of man's existence. John 5:28-29

- 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
- 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

B. Judgment for sins occurs after physical death. Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

C. Hell is referred to as the second or spiritual death. Revelation 21:8

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.



1. Jesus confirmed the reality of Hell. Luke 16:22-23

- 22 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;
- 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

2. Hell is a place of bodily punishment. Matthew 10:28

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

3. Hell is a place of fire. Mark 9:43-44

43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

4. Hell is everlasting. Matthew 25:46

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

5. Hell is the punishment for not believing on Christ. John 3:36

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

IV. PHYSICAL DEATH AND SPIRITUAL LIFE FOR THE BELIEVER

A. Physical death for the believer is termed "sleep." I Thessalonians 4:13-15

- 13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
- 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
- 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

B. Physical death for the believer is merely absence from the body. II Corinthians 5:6-8

- 6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:
- 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)
- 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

C. The believer shall never experience spiritual death or separation from God. John 11:25-26

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

D. Eternal life for the believer is both physical and spiritual. I Corinthians 15:42-44

- 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:
- 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:
- 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

E. Eternal life is the believer's possession now. I John 5:11-13

- 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
- 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.
- 13 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.

F. Eternal life will be spent with God. John 14:1-6

- 1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
- 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
- 4 And wither I go ye know, and the way ye know.
- 5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not wither thou goest; and how can we know the way?
- 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.



V. THE IMPERATIVE OF SOUL-WINNING

A. Death is certain. Psalm 89:48

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

B. Judgment is certain. Romans 2:5-9

- 5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;
- 6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:
- 7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:
- 8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,
- 9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

C. A man's earthly future is uncertain. Proverbs 27:1

Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

D. Earthly life is uncertain. James 4:14

Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

E. We know the terror of the Lord. II Corinthians 5:11

Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

F. Christ, our Example, came to win souls. Luke 19:10

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

G. Christ commands us to win souls. Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go ye therefore, and each all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

H. To obey Christ's command is our duty and not our choice. Luke 17:10

So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

I. Christ's love constrains us. II Corinthians 5:14-15

14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

15 And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

J. Our love for others should compel us. Mark 12:30-31

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.

31 And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

K. We are responsible to the lost about us. Romans 1:14

I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

L. It is a sin not to win souls. James 4:17

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

VI. ATTRIBUTES OF THE SOUL-WINNER

A. The soul-winner is saved. John 15:5

I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

B. The soul-winner is faithful in prayer. I Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without ceasing.

C. The soul-winner's life evidences truth and righteousness. Ephesians 5:8-10

- 8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:
- 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)
- 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.



D. The soul-winner exercises wisdom. Colossians 4:5

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

E. The soul-winner lives in readiness. I Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

F. The soul-winner daily dies to self. Luke 9:23

And he said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

G. The soul-winner lives a separated life. I Thessalonians 5:22

Abstain from all appearance of evil.

H. The soul-winner practices faith in God's goodness. Matthew 7:11

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

I. The soul-winner realizes he is but a messenger. Matthew 10:20

For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

J. The soul-winner is filled with the Spirit. Ephesians 5:18

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

K. The soul-winner faithfully reads and studies the Bible. II Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

L. The soul-winner has been obedient to believer's baptism and church membership. Acts 2:41, 47

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

M. The soul-winner practices faithful church attendance. Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

VII. THE PLAN OF SALVATION

A. We must acknowledge that we are all sinners. Romans 3:10

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

B. We must acknowledge that we can do nothing about our sinful condition. Isaiah 64:6

But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

C. The penalty for sin is death. Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

D. Jesus paid the penalty for our sin. Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

E. Salvation is a gift, nothing we can earn. Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

F. Each person must appropriate God's forgiveness as an act of faith in Christ. Romans 10:9-10

9 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.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.