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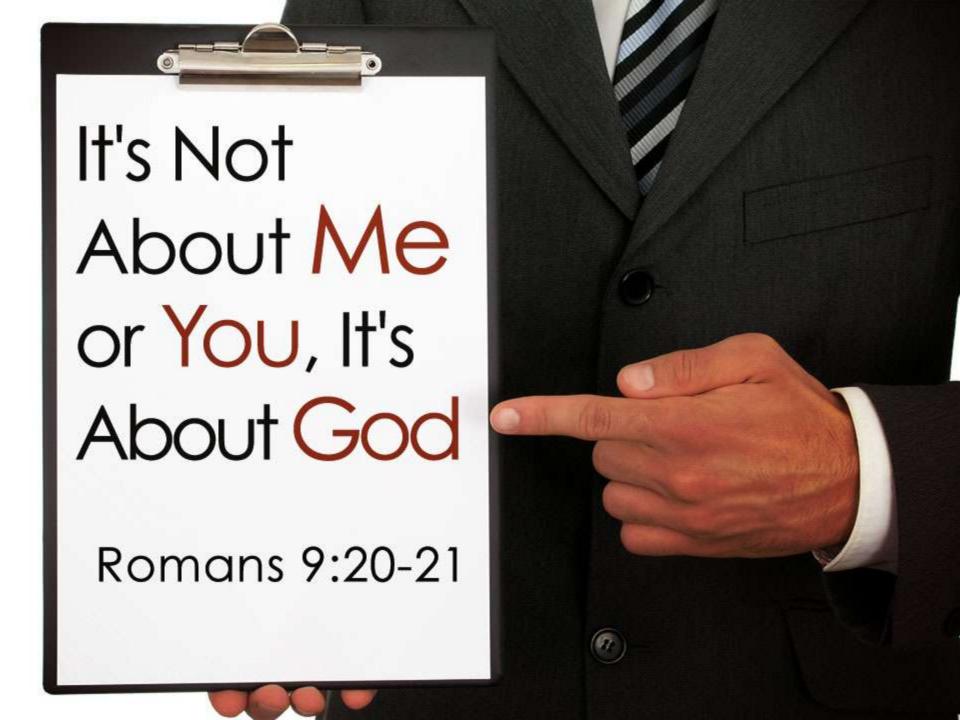




WHAT IS INVOLVED IN BEING FAITHFUL









Love God First!

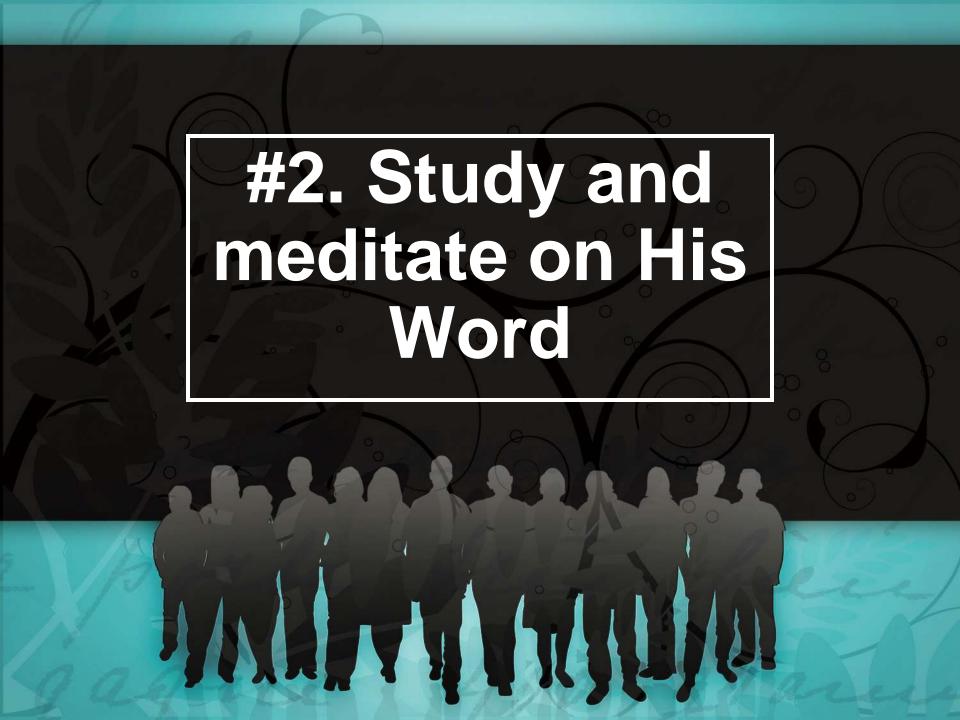
- Greatest Commandment (Matt 22:37)
- What is the greatest sin?
- Be thou faithful unto death (Rev 2:10)
- Put above *earthly* relationships (Mt 10:37)
- Test: What takes precedence when conflict arises?



Love God First!

- A part of loving God First is loving God's children!
- 1 John 4:11-12 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.





Study

- Be Diligent to show thyself approved unto God. (II Tim 2:15)
- Be like the noble Bereans. (Acts 17:11)
- Take advantage of opportunities to study. (James 4:17)



Meditate

- Def: "to regurgitate, chew the cud."
- David: "Oh how I love thy law, it is my meditation all the day!" (Ps 119:97)



#3. Talk to Him! "Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess 5:17 WAR THURST

"In everything with prayer."

- Learn to commune with God not just "say prayers." (Matt 6:7).
- "In nothing be anxious." (Phil 4:6-7)
- Pray as you ought, live as you ought.
- A faltering prayer life is the first sign of spiritual trouble!



#4. Be an Active Part of a Local Church Fellowship!

Heb 10:24-25 Excuses abound!

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Seven Reasons Not to Wash

- 1. I was made to as a child.
- 2. People who wash are hypocrites . . They think they are cleaner than other people.
- 3. There are so many different soaps, I could never decide which one to use.



Seven Reasons Not to Wash

- 4. I wash on special occasions, like Easter and Christmas.
- 5. None of my friends wash.
- 6. I'm still young when I am a bit older and have gotten some more dirt on me I might start washing then.
- 7. People who make soap are just after your money!

Excuses . . .

- "Churches don't save!"
- "Me and the Lord are getting along just fine."
- "I help a lot of people."
- "I'm as good as you church people."
- "God won't condemn me for not going to church."

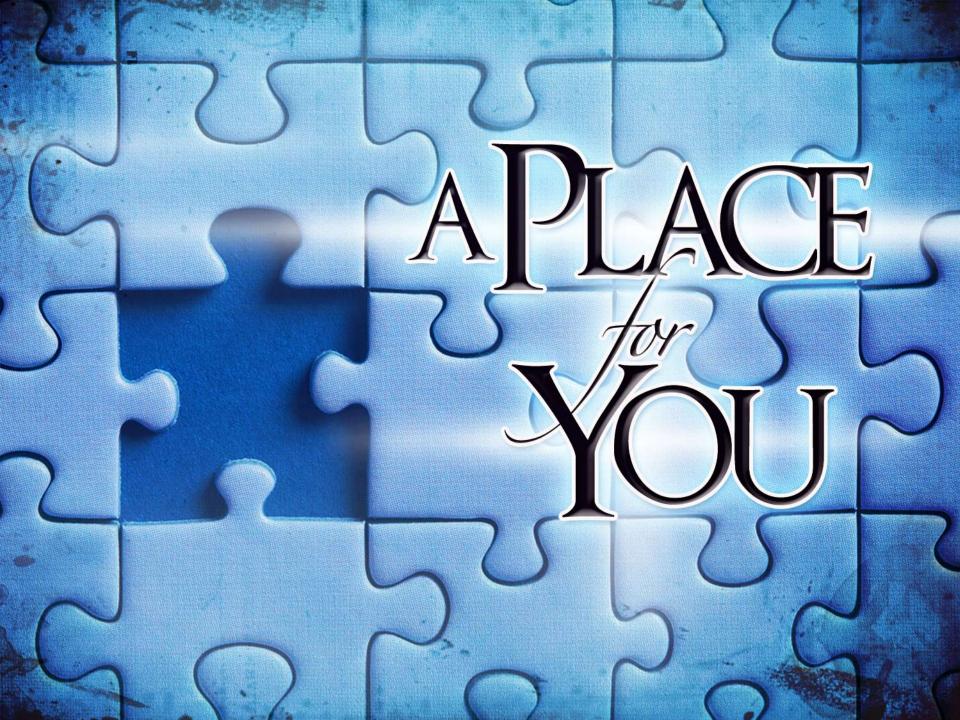
Answer!

- The saved were added to the church daily. (Acts 2: 47)
- Christ is the savior of the body (the church). (Eph 5:23)
- If one is saved without being a part of the body of believers, then Christ died in vain. (Acts 20:28)
- The head and the body go together!



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The Lord's work is supported by the Lord's people!

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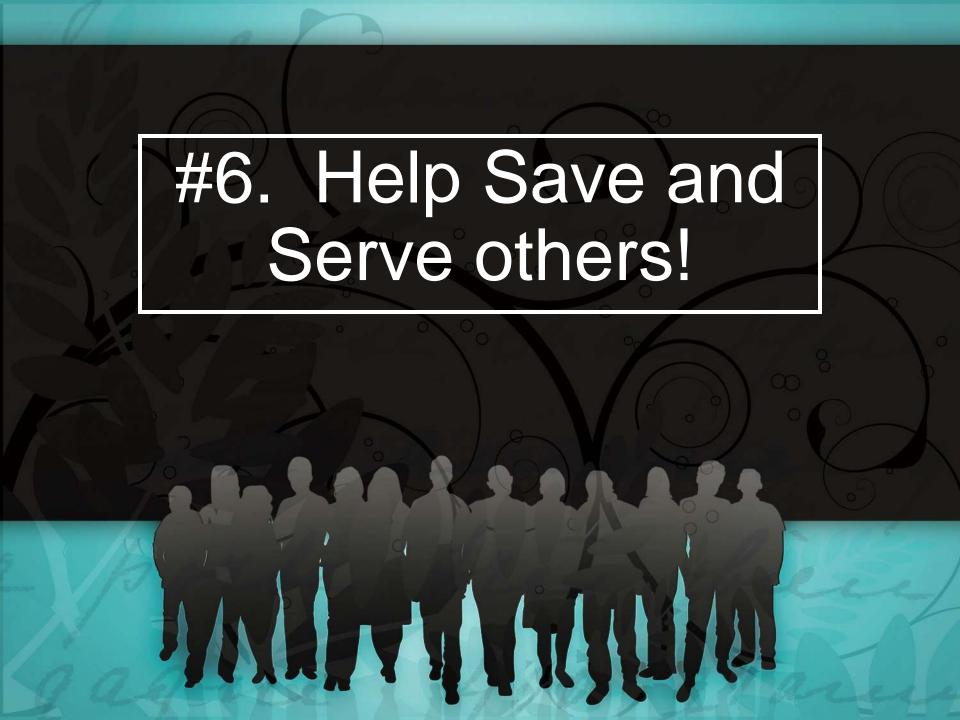
- We are to give back what he has already given! (1 Chron 29:14)
- "But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You."



Give Generously

 2 Cor 9:7 "Each one must do just as he has <u>purposed</u> in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God <u>loves</u> a cheerful giver."





Help Save & Serve Others!

- Great Commission! (Matt 28:19-20)
 - -Evangelism is not complete until the evangelized become evangelists!
 - -Taught to **Teach**, Won to **Win**, and Saved to **Serve**!





High potency + close proximity + clear communication = maximum impact!



Help Save and Serve

- Pure and undefiled religion! (Jas 1:27)
- Show concern for the "least of these" (Matt 25:40) to honor Jesus!
- Do good unto <u>all men</u>, especially those of the household of faith (Gal 6:10)!

Six Things God Wants You To Do

- LOVE GOD FIRST (& HIS PEOPLE)
- STUDY AND MEDITATE
- TALK TO HIM! (Pray)
- BE AN **ACTIVE PART** OF THE CHURCH
- GIVE GENEROUSLY AND PURPOSEFULLY.
- HELP SAVE AND SERVE OTHERS!

Ready to Become a Christian?

Be baptized

(Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)

Confess your faith (Romans 10:9-10)

Repent of your sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30)

Believe the gospel (Mark 16:16)

Have You Obeyed The Gospel?