



THE AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Hebrews 5:8-14*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

Jesus overcame temptations, sorrows, persecutions, sufferings and even death, to become the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world and provide our way to salvation.

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand (John 10:27-28).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. Jesus endured immense suffering and He understands what it takes for us to endure hardships while remaining obedient to His commandments (*Hebrews 4:15, 5:8; I Peter 2:21*).
2. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice and created eternal salvation through His death and resurrection for everyone (*John 10:28, 14:6; Hebrews 5:9*).
3. Jesus is our Great High Priest making everlasting intercession for those who obey and believe in Him, saving them to the uttermost (*Hebrews 5:10, 7:24-25; I John 2:1*).
4. We are forgetful hearers who need constant reminding of what we need to do to obtain and maintain our salvation (*I Corinthians 15:1-2; Hebrews 5:11-12; James 1:23-24*).
5. When we first come to the Lord, we have difficulty in obeying His word and letting go of our old sinful ways (*I Corinthians 3:1-3; Ephesians 4:21-24; Hebrews 5:13*).

6. After we have been baptized according to *Acts 2:38* (under water in Jesus' name) and filled with Jesus' Holy Spirit, He will help us to correctly discern His Word and preserve us until He returns (*Hebrews 5:14; James 1:25; II Peter 1:8-11*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

There are many people who have studied the *Bible* but have not yet come to the knowledge of the truth (*II Timothy 3:7*). To be born again, some churches say that all you need to do is believe in Jesus (*John 3:3*) and they do not further explain the scriptures on how to be born again the right way according to *John 3:5* and *Acts 2:38*. There are others who understand the need to be born of the water but they baptize in the titles that Jesus is known by, instead of His name, also neglecting to teach about how to be born of the Spirit (*Matthew 28:19*). Here in the Apostolic Faith Church, we understand the specific details of Jesus' plan of eternal salvation. We know that everyone needs to be baptized in the name of Jesus (by immersion according to *Acts 2:38*), and be filled with the Lord's Holy Spirit as described in *Acts 2:1-4*, and to live a life without sin (*Romans 6:18-23*).

LESSON SUMMARY:

Jesus experienced firsthand what was needed to overcome all His suffering, to be obedient to His plan of salvation (*Hebrews 5:8*). He established our eternal salvation when He died on the Cross as the perfect sacrifice for all those who would obey Him (*Hebrews 5:9*). He became our unchanging eternal High Priest making intercession on our behalf (*Hebrews 5:10, 7:24-25; I John 2:1*). There is much to learn about Jesus, but some are slow to hear (*Hebrews 5:11*). Even those who claim to know the *Bible* and everything about Jesus must be baptized the right way according to *John 3:5* and *Acts 2:38*, before they can comprehend the deeper words of the Lord (*Hebrews 5:12*). Once we have been baptized in Jesus' name by immersion and filled with His Holy Spirit, we will be able to grow in the knowledge of Jesus, whose Holy Spirit will help us to correctly comprehend the deeper words of the Lord and judge between good and evil (*Hebrews 5:14*). Jesus is truly the Author of eternal salvation who provides the way for us to be free from our sins and who will also preserve us until His second coming (*II Peter 1:4-11*).

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