

# Step 6: Living Faithfully

## Introduction

- A. Five Step Plan of Salvation
- B. Now I'm baptized, is that it?
  - 1. Some see baptism as the end.
  - 2. Go home and wait for heaven.
  - 3. No change in life, return to former ways (REF. 2 Pet. 2: 22)
- C. Is there more than just being baptized?
  - 1. People go to church, should I?
  - 2. Should I behave differently?
- D. If Baptism is the end...

## I. ...Continued steadfastly

- A. Apostles on Pentecost—Acts 2: 42
  - 1. “Continued”—to go on or keep on without interruption.
  - 2. “Steadfastly”—firm in purpose, unwavering
    - a. Hungered and thirst for righteousness—Matt. 5: 6
    - b. Didn't want to go home
      - i. Sold property, goods—Acts 4: 35, 37
      - ii. Goods redistributed—vs. 35b
  - 3. Can't continue steadfastly is you're sitting at home
- B. Paul to Corinthians—1 Cor. 15: 58
  - 1. “Unmovable”
    - a. Refusing to give in to any doctrine—Eph. 4: 14
    - b. Test the spirits—1 Jn. 4: 1, 6
  - 2. “Always abounding in the work...”
    - a. Can't do the work if you don't know what the work is.
    - b. Can't be unmovable if you don't practice discipline.

## II. Diligence—

- 1. Definition—SPOUDAZO meaning: Haste, Zeal, hasten to do a thing, to exert oneself.
- 2. Bible Examples--

- a. 2 Tim. 2: 15, give diligence to study
    - i. Not just reading book
    - ii. Study, compare to other scriptures
    - iii. Make application to daily life
  - b. Heb. 4: 9-11, give diligence to enter into rest
    - i. Strive to go to Heaven
    - ii. Don't sit back and wait for it to arrive.
  - c. Heb. 6: 9-12, give diligence to the end.
    - i. You may live for the next 40-60 years
    - ii. Pace yourself, don't wear out your zeal early.
3. Daniel's example—Dan. 6: 7-11
- a. Knew of decree
  - b. Went home and prayed anyway
  - c. Diligent in his routine regardless of decree
  - d. Vs. 13-16, Thrown in Lion's den

### III. Endurance

- 1. Definition of Endure—HUPOMENO, to abide under, to bear up courageously (under suffering)
- 2. Bible examples
  - a. Afflictions and Persecutions—1 Cor. 4: 11-13; 2 Thess. 1: 4
  - b. Temptation—1 Cor. 10: 13
  - c. For the brethren—2 Tim. 2: 10-13
  - d. Warning—2 Tim. 4: 3
- 3. Faithful unto Death—Rev. 2: 10

### IV. Baptism is the beginning

- A. The Virtues—2 Pet. 1: 5-10
  - 1. Strive to achieve each of these virtues
  - 2. Not necessarily in order given
- B. Encourage others—Heb. 10: 24-25
  - 1. You can't edify brethren from home
  - 2. They can't edify you if you're not there.
- C. Teach others—
  - 1. Paul to Timothy—1 Tim. 1: 18
  - 2. Timothy to others—2 Tim. 2: 2

3. Share the gospel—Prov. 23: 23; Jn. 8: 28-30
  - a. talk to classmates
  - b. Co-workers
  - c. Family
  - d. Neighbors
  - e. friends
  
4. Treasures in Heaven—Matt. 6: 19-20
  - a. All worldly possessions left behind, burnt up (2 Pet. 3: 10)
  
  - b. Jesus said—Matt. 16: 26

***“For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? or what shall a man give in exchange for his life?”***
  
  - c. Rich Young Ruler—Matt. 19: 16-22
    - i. All he had will be given to someone else when gone.
    - ii. Wasted youth on the here and now.

D. The Second Coming—1 Thess. 4: 16-18

### Conclusion

Instead of saying, “Now that I’m baptized, I’ll wait for Heaven” say, “Now that I’m baptized, what comes next? I’m ready to work!”