## BIBLICAL BIGGIES Lesson 10 - ETERNITY August 31, 2008

Today marks the final lesson in our Biblical Biggie series. In this series I have commended to you 70 of the most powerful and persuasive verses in the Bible which shape our behavior and beliefs.

These are verses that are (1) critical in their doctrine, (2) unique in their content and (3) memorable in their construction.

And I have categorized these verses to help us understand the key Bible teaching on primary areas of our faith – today concluding with 7 Biblical Biggies about our eternity.

There is great value and power in studying each verse individually – and this we have done, week by week. But I believe there is also great value and power in experiencing all these key verses of God's Holy Word in their totality. And this we do today.

As you know, I have undertaken the challenge of memorizing these 70 passages for my own personal discipline and benefit. And today I give them all to you, that you might hear anew, and ponder the vast power of their Godly influence on your life.

This is, after all, a worship service. And may this, for all of us, be a time when we worship God for his marvelous revelation to us.

I commend to you 7 Biblical Biggies about GOD . . .

I commend to you 7 Biblical Biggies about JESUS . . .

I commend to you 7 Biblical Biggies about the HOLY SPIRIT . . .

I commend to you 10 Biblical Biggies about our glorious SALVATION

I commend to you 8 Biblical Biggies about God's Holy Word, the BIBLE . . .

I commend to you 6 Biblical Biggies about PRAYER . . .

I commend to you 9 Biblical Biggies about our BEHAVIOR . . .

I commend to you 9 Biblical Biggies about our BELIEFS . . .

And lastly, I commend to you 7 Biblical Biggies about our ETERNITY:

#### **Eternal home**

John 14:1-3 Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

# **Eternal body**

2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

# **Eternal relationship**

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds

to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

## **Eternal immortality**

1 Corinthians 15: 51-53 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

### **Eternal likeness**

1 John 3: 2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as he is.

## **Eternal recompense**

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

### **Eternal newness**

Revelation 21: 4-5 And He [God] shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be *any* death; there shall no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away. And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

# So – how can we apply this study? Let me leave you with a few suggestions:

- You might take this list and mark each passage in your own Bible in some special way.
- You might write the categories and references in the flyleaf of your Bible for future reference and study.
- You might use these categories as personal devotion readings and meditation.
- You might pick a certain verse that strikes you as a weakness in your spiritual life, and covenant and strive with God to develop this belief or behavior in you
- You might pray for an opportunity to share the 10 verses about salvation with a loved one who needs to hear about God's provision
- You might use this list as aid in prayer praising God through the list and petitioning God to strengthen you in these areas

MAY GOD USES THESE KEY VERSES FROM HIS HOLY WORD TO RENEW YOUR BELIEF IN HIM AND BEHAVIOR IN REPRESENTING HIM!