

# God's Solutions to Life's Problems

## *Lesson #2 "The Fundamental Requirement"*

□ Read Chapter Two and answer the following questions from pages 41-56.

**Titus 3:5** "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit"

- 1) Why is it important to rightly answer the question "What is a Christian?"
  
- 2) What happens when we look to human opinions and philosophy on questions that are spiritual in nature?
  
- 3) List two additional verses not in the book that teach salvation is not of works?
  
- 4) In **John 1:12-13** what three things does it teach that do not have any part in our salvation?
  
- 5) Why did Jesus not trust those who supposedly "believed in Him" in **John 2:23-25**?
  
- 6) Can a person know they are saved? Support with Scripture.
  
- 7) Why is every person not going to Heaven? Support with Scripture.

- 8) What is the first mark of a true Christian listed by the author?
- 9) “Becoming a Christian is a \_\_\_\_\_ operation of \_\_\_\_\_ upon the spirit of the person, not \_\_\_\_\_ a matter of outward reformation, nor merely a \_\_\_\_\_ over of a new leaf and endeavoring to \_\_\_\_\_ a new life, nor a matter of \_\_\_\_\_ or religion.”
- 10) According to Sinclair Ferguson what does regeneration do to a person?
- 11) What are the three ways “righteous living” is expressed?
- 12) What is the second mark of a true believer listed in the book?
- 13) What does it mean we are sinners by nature?
- 14) Which two verses stood out as most significant to you regarding our sinful nature and why?

**Quote:** “Education and religion cannot change man’s sinful nature. They can only refine it.”

**Quote:** a Christian “is concerned not only about sinful actions but sinful attitudes, not only about sinful deeds but sinful thoughts.”