

FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. It Takes 7 to 9 Times Hearing The Gospel Before A Person Responds

- Engel's Scale Of Receptivity (see insert)
- http://www.hazelden.org.uk/pt02/art_pt068_modified_engel_full.htm

2. Repentance Is A Gift From God

- *Acts 5:31, NIV – (31) God exalted [Jesus] to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.*
- *Acts 11:18, NIV – (18) ... “So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life.”*
- *Romans 2:4, NIV – (4) ... God's kindness leads you toward repentance.*
- *2 Corinthians 7:10, NIV – (10) Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.*

3. Be Honest

- *Ephesians 4:15, NIV – (15) ... speaking the truth in love ...*

4. Watch Your Attitudes

- a) Superiority - *Luke 18:11, NIV – (11) The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: God, I thank you that I am not like other men -- robbers, evildoers, adulterers -- or even like this tax collector.*
- b) Vindictiveness - *Job 4:7-8, NIV – (7) Consider now: Who, being innocent, has ever perished? Where were the upright ever destroyed? (8) As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it.*

5. Don't Overemphasize Judgment At The Expense of God's Love

- Eg. “Sinners In The Hands Of An Angry God” – Jonathan Edwards (1741)

6. Be Spirit-Led

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Part 2 – The Saving Church – B

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REVIEW – SHEAR FORCE

- Process: Save the lost, heal the saved, equip the healed, activate the equipped, and release the activated

REVIEW – THE SAVING CHURCH – A

1. Salvation Understood

- The Reality – God is a holy lover
- Our Problem – The consequence of sin – separation from God
- God's Solution – Jesus – who paid the penalty for our past sins, AND gave us His righteousness for any future sins
- Our Response – Confession & repentance, accepting Jesus's death as the payment for our sins, and receiving His person into our lives and living by Him

2. Clarifications / Corrections

- a) Hell Was Not Created For People – Only For Satan And Fallen Angels
- b) Since Jesus' Death, Our Sins No Longer Determine Our Eternity - *2 Corinthians 5:19, NIV – (19) ... God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. ...*
- c) Salvation Is Now Determined Solely By Our Relationship With Jesus - *1 John 5:12, NIV – (12) He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.*
- d) The Gospel Is Much Bigger Than Salvation
- e) Our Message Is To Be The Gospel Of The Kingdom Of God, Not Just Salvation - *Luke 16:16, NIV – (16) “The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.”*

3. The Demands Of The New Covenant Are Impossible To Live Apart From Christ

- Matthew 5:21-37, NIV – (21) *You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, “Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.”* (22) *But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. ...* (27) *You have heard that it was said, “Do not commit adultery.”* (28) *But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ...* (33) *Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, “Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.”* (34) *But I tell you, Do not swear at all: ...* (37) *Simply let your Yes' be Yes,' and your No,' No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.*
- God’s grace is His divine empowerment to take on the nature of Christ, so that we live by the life of Christ, and no longer by our own flesh
- Galatians 2:20, NIV – (20) *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

1. Video Clip – The Woman At The Well

2. Lessons Learned (John 4:4-41, NIV)

- a) **Go To Where The Lost Are, And Be Available** - (4) *Now he had to go through Samaria. (5) So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. (6) Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.*
- b) **Be Willing To Talk To Anyone** - (9) *The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)*
- c) **Start A “Non-Spiritual” Conversation To Make Connection** - (7) *When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"*
- d) **Be Willing To Become Indebted To The Person**

- e) **Using The Conversation, Move From Natural To Spiritual Things** - (9) *The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)* (10) *Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."*
- f) **Move The Conversation To Eternal Issues** - (11) *“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? (12) Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?”* (13) *Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, (14) but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”*
- g) **Expect God To Give You Words Of Knowledge** - (15) *The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”* (16) *He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”* (17) *“I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. (18) The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”*
- h) **Understand The Purpose Of The Gifts Of The Spirit – To Give Credibility To Your Words** - (19) *“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet...”* (20) *Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”*
- i) **Allow Jesus To Minister To Their Felt Need Through You** - (21) *Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. (22) You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. (23) Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. (24) God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”*
- j) **Point Them To Jesus** - (25) *The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”* (26) *Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he.”*