



# *Simple Directions to Heaven*

Part 2

Isaiah 35:8



# Lesson 1



- ▶ Two Roads, God's Road & Satan's Road

- ▶ Matthew 7:13-14 (Narrow/Few)



- ▶ God provides the map

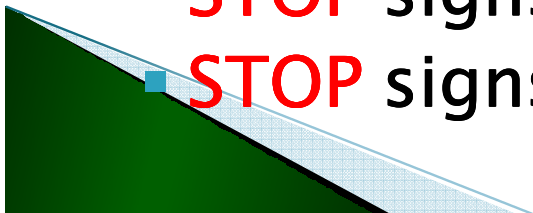
- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup>, **STOP (REPENT)**, turn "right" from sin



- Believe Jesus, God's son, died, buried, & arose
  - Obedient to all of God's will: Confession, Baptism

- ▶ Importance of **STOP** signs.

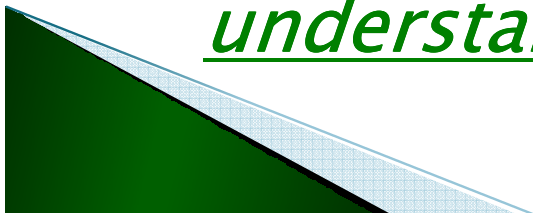
- **STOP** signs are for safety
  - **STOP** signs are for everyone
  - **STOP** signs are for stopping



# Men Have Complicated Salvation

## ▶ God's way is simple!

- Isaiah 35:8, *"a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it"*
- Psalm 19:7, *"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple."*
- Psalm 119:130, *"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."*



# Salvation in 15 Words



## ▶ 1 Word, Jesus

- John 14:6, “I am the way...”
- Acts 8:35, “...he preached unto him Jesus”

## ▶ 2 Words, Trust, Obey

- Proverbs 3:5–6, “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths”
- James 2:19–20, “Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?”

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## ▶ 3 Words, Death, Burial, Resurrection

- Matthew 27:50, *“Jesus...with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.”*
- Matthew 27:60, Joseph, *“buried him in his own tomb.”*
- Matthew 28:6, *“He is not here, for he has risen.”*



## ▶ 4 Words, God's grace; man's faith

- God's part, Ephesians 2:8, *“...by grace are ye saved through faith...it is the gift of God”*
- Man's part, Hebrews 11:6, *“without ..faith it is impossible to please him”*



# Salvation in 15 Words

## ▶ 5 Words

- **Learn**, Romans 10:17, *“Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”*
- **Believe**, John 8:24, *“...if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins”*
- **Turn**, Luke 13:3, *“...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish”*
- **Confess**, Acts 8:37, *“I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God”*
- **Baptism**, Acts 22:16, *“Arise and be baptized and wash away they sins”*

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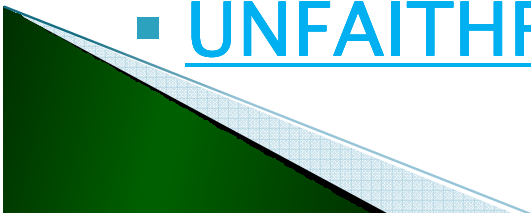


## ▶ FAITHFUL

- Revelation 2:10, *“be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life”*
- Revelation 21:27, *“And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”*

## ▶ STOP Signs in God’s law:

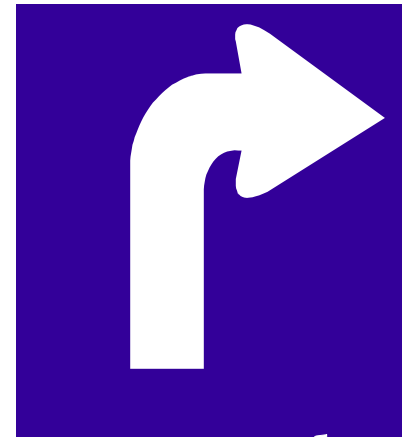
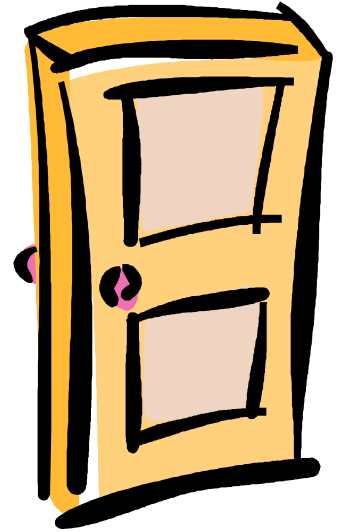
- FAITHFUL, leads to safety, NO REGRETS
- UNFAITHFUL, leads to danger, MANY REGRETS



# What If We Become Unfaithful?

## ► Appreciate God's Love

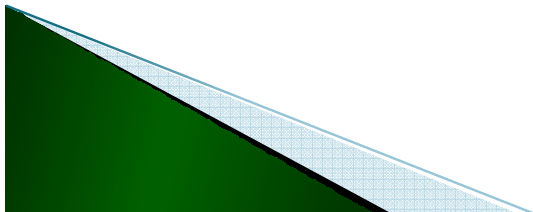
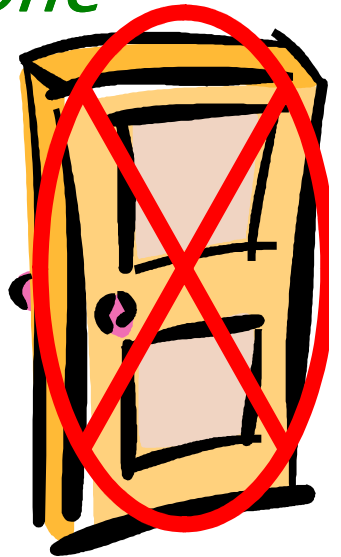
- Romans 2:4, “...goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance.”
- 2 Peter 3:9, “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”
- John 10:9, “I am the door: by me if any an enter in, he shall be saved...”
- 2 Corinthians 7:10, “godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation”
- Acts 17:30, “**NOW** commandeth ..all men everywhere to repent”



# Consequences of Disobedience

## ► Appreciating God's Wrath

- 2 Corinthians 5:10, *"We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done... GOOD or BAD."*
- Hebrews 10:31, *"a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."*
- Psalms 128:1, *"Blessed is everyone the feareth Lord; that walketh in his ways."*

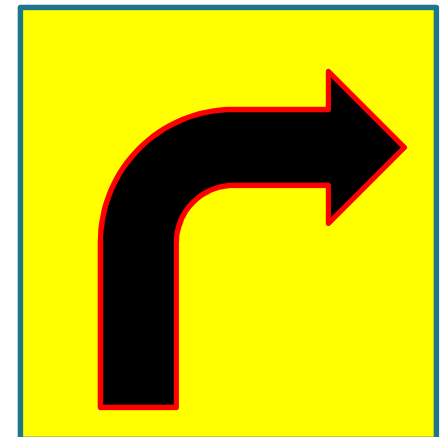


# STOP, Make a “Right” Turn

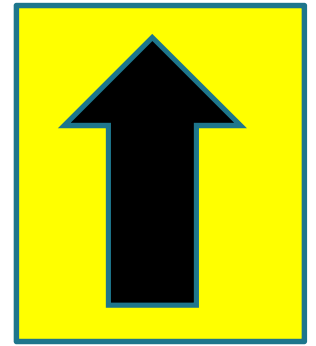


## ▶ Turning away from sin

- Zechariah 1:4, *“Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from our evil doings”*
- Acts 26:18, Jesus instructions to Saul, *“open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*
- Acts 26:20, Paul to the Jews, *“repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.”*



# Go Straight



## ▶ Go neither right or left

- ▶ Proverbs 4:27, “*Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.*”
- ▶ Deuteronomy 28:14, “*thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left*”

## ▶ Abandon crooked roads

- ▶ Acts 2:40, “*save yourselves from this untoward (perverse) generation*”
- ▶ Philippians 2:15, “*be blameless and harmless... in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation*”



# Simple Directions To Heaven

## ▶ Two Roads

▶ God's Road & Satan's Road

## ▶ Men complicate the directions

▶ God's way is simple

## ▶ Salvation in 15 words, Plus 1

▶ Jesus, Trust, Obey, Death, Burial, Resurrection, God's grace, Man's faith, Learn, Believe, Turn, Confess, Baptism, Faithful

## ▶ Appreciate God's goodness & wrath

