SIMPLE TRUTH -- Our Most Difficult Achievement

INTRODUCTION:

1. What is more difficult than placing proper emphasis upon the obvious?
   (1) This is true in the Home
   (2) This is true in the Nation
   (3) This is true in the Church

2. That which is SIMPLE we immediately assume will be seen by all.

3. There is also the danger of feeling it must not be too important because it is simple and is easy to understand.

4. The Lord's church always stands endangered by brethren falsely assuming that sufficient emphasis is always given to the simple.

5. We must every guard the SIMPLE TRUTH to which the church owes its very existence -- Heb. 2:1

6. Let us study some simple truths that must be guarded and taught constantly to others.

I. THE SIMPLE TRUTH OF WHO JESUS IS

1. The only begotten son of God -- John 3:16
2. He is the Savior of man -- Luke 19:10
3. He is both Lord and Christ -- Acts 2:36; Psa. 2: 1 - 7
4. He is Head of the church -- Col. 1: 18
5. In all things He is to have preeminence -- Col. 1:18
6. Whatsoever we do in word or deed we do in the name of the Lord -- Col. 3:17
7. Salvation is in His name -- Acts 4:12
8. He has all authority -- Matt. 28:18
10. He bought the church with His blood -- Acts 20:28
11. He built the church -- Matt. 16:18
12. He is our Advocate with the Father when we sin -- I John 2: 1 - 2
13. He is the foundation upon which we must build -- I Cor. 3:11; Matt. 7: 24 - 25
14. He is our Example -- I Pet. 2:21

II. THE SIMPLE TRUTH ABOUT THE CHURCH

1. There is but one church -- Matt. 16:18
2. Jesus built it -- Matt. 16:18
3. Jesus bought it -- Acts 20:28
4. Jesus adds the save to it -- Acts 2:47
5. Jesus is the Savior of it -- Eph. 5:23
6. The local congregation is the only organization to do the work -- Acts 14:23

III. THE SIMPLE TRUTH ABOUT SIN
1. All men sin -- Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8
2. Sin is the transgression of law -- 1 John 3:4
3. Sin brings death -- Rom. 6:23
4. We can be washed from our sins in the blood of Christ -- Rev. 1:5
5. When we obey the gospel -- Acts 22:16

IV. THE SIMPLE TRUTH ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD
1. It is complete and inspired -- II Tim. 3:16 - 17; II Pet. 1:3
2. It is perfect -- James 1:25
3. It tells us what we must do to be saved -- Acts 11:14; Mk. 16:15 - 16; Rom. 1:16

V. THE SIMPLE TRUTH ABOUT BAPTISM
1. ONE baptism -- Eph. 4:5
2. It is in Water -- Acts 8:36
3. The act is a Burial -- Rom. 6:4
5. It puts one into Christ -- Gal. 3:27
6. It puts one into the body of Christ, the church -- 1 Cor. 12:13

VI. THE SIMPLE TRUTH ABOUT WORSHIP
1. It is in Spirit and in Truth -- John 4:24
2. Five items:
   (1) Singing -- Eph. 5:19
   (2) Praying -- Act 2:42
   (3) Giving -- 1 Cor. 16:1 - 2
   (4) Lord's Supper -- Acts 20:7
   (5) Teaching -- Acts 20:7

VII. THE SIMPLE TRUTH ABOUT THE PLAN OF SALVATION
1. Hear -- Rom. 10:17
2. Believe -- Mk. 16:15 - 16
3. Repent -- Acts 2:38
4. Confess -- Acts 8:37
5. Baptism -- Acts 22:16
VIII. THE SIMPLE TRUTH ABOUT THE SECOND LAW OF PARDON

1. Repent -- Acts 8:22
2. Confess -- I John 1:9

CONCLUSION:

1. We must overcome the neglect of the SIMPLE TRUTH.

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