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Names & Titles of Jesus

Lesson 7

The Author and Finisher of Our Faith

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The Author of Salvation

Hebrews chapter 5: 5-7... *So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. 6 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. 7 Who in the days of his flesh,* (This is Jesus Christ living in that body of human flesh upon this earth.) *when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;* (This is Jesus Christ praying in the garden of Gethsemane, "Father, let this cup (Isaiah 53:4-6; 2 Corinthians 5:21) pass from me, but nevertheless not my will but thy will be done.") Matthew 26:39. Hebrews 3:8-10 *Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; 10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.* Jesus Christ is the author of eternal salvation. It was not written by a church, Rabbi, prophet, religion or scholar, Jesus Christ authored eternal salvation.

Hebrews chapter 12:1-2 *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

The Bible says in Hebrew 12, that Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. He is the Captain of our salvation Hebrews 2:10. He is Our Prince of life Acts 3:15.

- Jesus Christ authored a system of beliefs.
- Jesus Christ authored a system of doctrines which if one will embrace and one will receive will result in them obtaining eternal life.

There is a faith that predates all the faiths that point to Jesus. There is the faith of Jesus Christ. It is the one that He Himself authored. Romans 1:1, 9 *Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God...Verse 9. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son....* this is a gospel that God authored.

- o It is God who set forth the truth that all men have sinned.

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- o It is God who set forth the truth that all men have come short of His glory.
- o It is God who set forth the truth that having sinned and come short of his glory you must be forgiven.
- o It is God who set forth the truth that the only way to be forgiven is through the death, burial and resurrection of His Son.
- o It is God who set forth the truth that if you would but believe on His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ you could be justified.

These are all principle points in the doctrine of God. He is the author and finisher of our faith. My faith is not just in God. It is in the gospel of God. It is in the faith of God. Billions of people believe in God. But they do not believe the doctrines that He set forth telling men how to be saved. Jesus Christ is the author of our faith. You cannot make up your own system of religion and add faith to tell yourself and others this is how to get to heaven. You have to put your faith in *THE* faith of the Son of God.

God is the Author of a set of doctrines whereby you can be saved. If some people do not believe them, they will not get saved, that does not keep you from getting saved. Millions of people died and went to hell before I came along. But when I read God's gospel... when I read God's faith in the Bible and believed it, He saved me! The unbelief of others did not render the faith of God of none effect. This book will still work just like God intended it to work if you will believe.

Below are some other authors that have authored faiths that do not work:

- Elrond Hubbard wrote some science fiction books in the 1950's and '60's. Now it has become a faith, they call it scientology. There is not one person that would testify I know my sins are forgiven and I have eternal life because of the faith of Elrond Hubbard.
- There is probably a dear sweet woman sitting in a nursing home in Salt Lake City, Utah who in her faith she will never go to heaven because she was never married, she has Mormon faith.

Jesus Christ authored a faith whereby you can be saved and have your sins forgiven and know you are saved right now because what He wrote works for **everybody**, even if some do not believe it.

The Bible says in Romans 15:15. ***Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God, 16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.*** Look at what He offered the

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Gentiles. The same thing he offered the Jews, a body of beliefs that if one will accept what Jesus Christ has said will result in God imparting to them everlasting life. Now look why this is important... Christian. I want to see people call on the Lord and be born again just like you do. Bring someone to the saving grace of Jesus Christ is more than just the Romans road. The gospel of God is not just three or four verses out of Romans:

- It's the fall of man in the garden. Genesis 3:6
- It's the guilt of every individual. Romans 3:23; Romans 3:10-12
- It's the virgin birth of the Son of God. Isaiah 7:14
- It's the sinless life of Jesus Christ. Hebrews 4:15
- It's the sacrificial death of God's lamb. John 1:36
- It's the bodily resurrection three days later. Matthew 12:40; Matthew 28:7
- It's the ascension to the right hand of God the Father. Acts 1:9

I have seen people give a person three verses from Romans, then pray out loud the sinners prayer, then announce to those he is talking to that they are saved. A day later you see those same people that were supposed to be saved and if you ask them if they believe the virgin birth, or the deity of Jesus Christ, they would reply, "no way". If all God wanted you to have was a few verses in Romans that is what you would have. We need to be aware that there is more to the Bible than just the book of Romans. He gave us a big book full of truth. To reach all kinds of people in all walks of life, with many different personalities and education levels. James 1:2-5

Hebrews 12:1. ***Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, somebody is watching us from heaven. let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,*** (He is writing to saved people who trusted Jesus Christ – He says, stop sinning... stop carrying around these weights... they are keeping you from running a good race in the eyes of the spectators.) (Verse 2.) ***Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;***

- How do you determine what's a sin? Is what you are sinning did Jesus author that?
- How do you determine what is a weight? Is what you are worrying about did Jesus author that?
- How do I run a proper race? What did Jesus author in the faith?

When you want to know that what you are doing is right in the sight of God (Jesus). We need to look not to Him but to what He authored. ***Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;*** Jesus authored Hebrews 12:1 ***Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us***

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run with patience the race that is set before us,... Jesus authored 1 Corinthians 9:24 ***Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.***

The biggest hindrance to Christianity in our day is not the devil. It is the authenticity of the Bible. People today look at their Bibles and they do not want to believe, because it says something contrary to what they feel.

Jesus Christ is the author of our faith. Acts 4:10. ***Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead*** (Do you see that? It is not just the name of Jesus. It is Jesus crucified and risen from the dead.) ***even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*** Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins and cried "It is finished" three days and three nights later He rose from the dead. He is the finisher of our faith. John 19:30 It is God's faith, you do not need to figure out how you can gain enough faith, all you have to do is believe in God's faith. It is the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 2:16

When I went to school we learned about great authors Hugo Dickens; Mark Twain, Irving, Dante, Shakespeare. Out of all their books, nobody is trying to sneak them into foreign countries; no one is willing to die for them. There is not one book that any of those men ever wrote that can get your sins forgiven, your soul saved, and impart to you eternal life. The greatest Author that ever lived wrote a book it can show you how to get you washed in His precious blood... justified in His holy sight...born again... made a member of His body...impart to you everlasting life. Do you want the book written by the Author and Finisher of our faith?

Notes

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Name _____

Note: must include scripture with all your answers, including the T/F.

1. Jesus Christ is the _____ of their salvation?
2. Who's faith saves us?
3. From our lesson, God is the Author of what?
4. There are many good authors throughout history, but who is the greatest?
5. Why is it so important to believe what God authored?
6. What are the 7 things about the Bible that you should try to mention while witnessing to someone before and after they get saved? (use the back of the page if necessary)
7. How do you determine what is sin?
8. How do you determine what is a weight?

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9. How do we run a proper race?
10. What kind of people do we need to take the gospel to?
11. What makes Jesus Christ the greatest Author?
12. What is the biggest hindrance in Christianity today?
13. When did Jesus say "it is finished"?
14. When Jesus said "let this cup," what cup was He referring to?
15. What is your faith in?

True/false

- Jesus Christ authored a system of beliefs.
- Jesus Christ authored a system of doctrines.
- Jesus Christ offered the same doctrines and beliefs to both Jew and Gentiles.
- It is God's faith that saved me and not my own.

**Scripture memorization**

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)

Hebrews 3:8-10; Isaiah 53:4-6

Any Questions?