### **ABOUNDING IN RICHES!**

**"For since the creation of the world His invisible** attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened." Rom. 1:20-21

# **"For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God."** Rom. 3:23

"But God demonstrates His love toward us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 6:23 "That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." Rom. 10:9-10

**"For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."** Rom. 10:13

# **"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen."** Rom. 11:36

"Enter through the narrow gate. The road that leads to hell is a very easy road. And the gate to hell is very wide. Many people enter through that gate. But the gate that opens the way to true life is very small. And the road to true life is very hard. Only a few people find that road." Matt. 7:13-14 (ICB)

# **1. THE WRONG WAY!**

#### A. DESIRES THAT OTHERS HAVE FOR YOU. Vs. 1

"Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation." Vs. 1

"For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness."

#### C. YOUR PROXIMITY TO THE TRUTH. Vs. 6-8

"But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: 'Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down), or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).' But what does it say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart'—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching."

## 2. THE ONLY WAY!

#### A. CHOOSE THE NARROWPATH. Vs. 9-13

"That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." Vs. 9-10

#### a. Personal faith.

#### **b.** Faith in Jesus.

"...And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But seeing the wind, he became afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, 'Lord, save me!' And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him..." Matt. 14:29-31 c. Available to all. "For the Scripture says, 'Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all..." vs. 11-12

"For 'Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved." vs. 13

d. Results in eternal wealth. "...For the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him." vs. 12

#### Secure Home in heaven.

#### Forgiveness of sins...Peace with God.

#### Holy Spirit residing within.

#### A purpose to live for and one worth dying for.

#### A family which loves me and cares for me.

#### A new ability to understand God's Word.

#### Supernatural ability to help other Christians.

#### Power to live a life which is pleasing to God.

#### A new heart of love to forgive and serve others.

#### Joyful Confidence in facing the future.

### **APPLICATION FOR ME:**

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