

It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

Matthew 10:32

The context is the Lord's instructions to the disciples prior to sending them out on their first missionary trip.

Note the following prior to verse 32:

- They had a very simple message: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" (vs.7).
- The message was reserved for the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" [Jew].
- The Lord gave the disciples His messianic authority to validate the message.
- The disciples were to use that Messianic authority to:
 - Heal the sick
 - Raise the dead
 - Cleanse lepers
 - Cast out demons
- The Lord told the disciples not to take any supplies for their mission other than what they had on them.

Matthew 10:9-10 "Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts, ¹⁰ or a bag for *your* journey, or even two coats, or sandals, or a staff . . .

The lesson was to walk by faith in God to supply their needs and He would!

. . . the worker is worthy of his support.

They were more valuable than many sparrows, and not one sparrow could fall to the ground apart from the Father's permission.

The Lord set their expectations in His warning - that they would experience rejection. They would be maligned as He was by religious people.

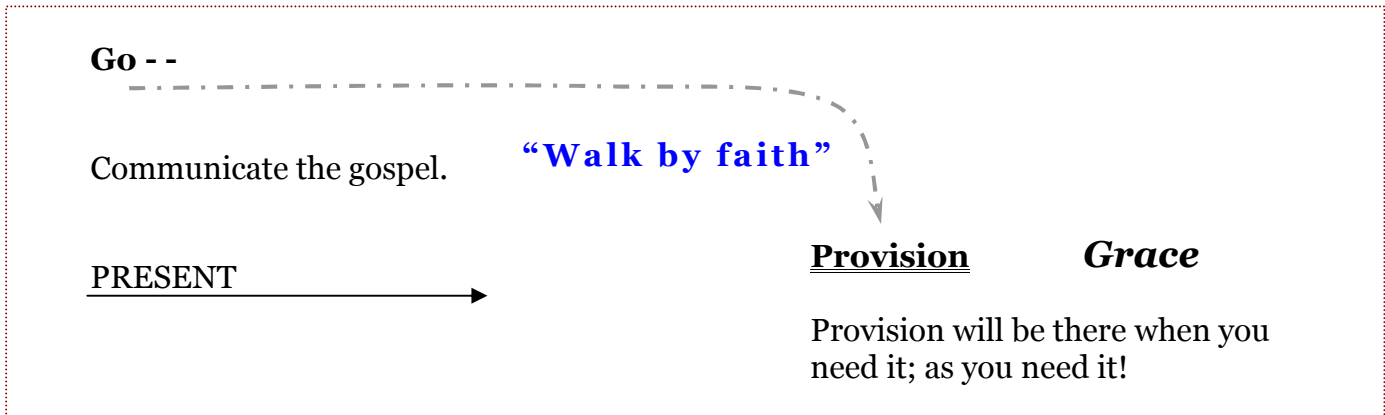
If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more *will they malign* the members of his household!"

- Not only would they be maligned and falsely accused, they would be imprisoned and beaten.

Matthew 10:17-18 "But beware of men, for they will hand you over to *the* courts and scourge you in their synagogues; ¹⁸ and you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles."

- They did not need to worry because He would sustain them through the suffering.

Matthew 10:19-20 “But when they hand you over, **do not worry** about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but *it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.*”

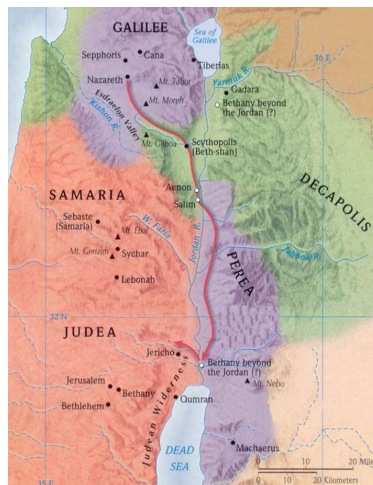


Matthew 10:32 “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men . . .

- ὁμολογήσει ἐν ἐμοὶ - Literally “will confess in Me”
- ὁμολογέω – **HOMOLEGEO** – “ to cite or name; also to declare or acknowledge; confess”
- Nuance of ὁμολογέω in this context is to declare that He is Messiah – the Christ.

This is their mission - the kingdom of heaven is at hand because our Messiah, Christ, has come. He is here!

Matthew 11:1 When Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.



The concept of operation was great:

- The Lord issued His instructions to the disciples.
- Sent them out to the lost sheep of the house of Israel
- Then **He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.**

Matthew 10:32-33 “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.”

- The disciples are going out to declare that He is Messiah.
- If they do, He will acknowledge them before the Father as His workers that went out into the harvest.
- They are going to confess or declare Him so that those who do not know Him might believe in Him as Messiah.

Salvation has always been and will always be by grace through faith in Jesus Christ as He is revealed.

- The disciples are going to reveal Him as Israel’s Messiah – the son of David - the Christ.
- Prior to His incarnation, He was the Word of the Lord; Lord God of the Armies or Angel of Jehovah.
Jonah 1:1 “The Word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and cry against it for their wickedness has come up before Me.”
- The Eternal Son of God, the 2nd Person of the Trinity, is the revealed member of the Godhead.
- The Word of the Lord is the Jesus Christ.

You do not believe in God the Father to be saved.

You do not believe in God the Holy Spirit to be saved.

You believe in God the Son - He is the one who made provision for your sins on the cross.

Salvation is always faith alone in the eternal Son of God, the 2nd person of the Trinity as He is revealed.

33 “But whoever denies Me before men . . .

- Whoever refuses to declare who He is!
- The Pharisees publicly rejected Jesus as Messiah before the people; they did not believe in Him.

Those who deny the Lord are those who reject Him.

. . . I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

Our application today - If you reject who He is and what He has done for you, He is not going to confess you before the Father as His own.

You can insure that you belong to the Lord right now by believing in Jesus Christ as personal Savior -

Acts 10:43

“Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23

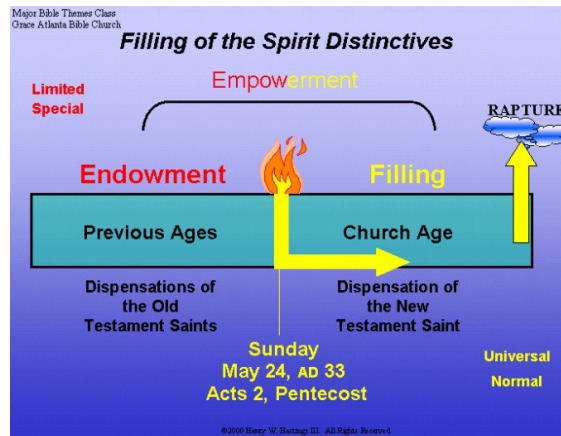
For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift of God;* 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

What was Peter’s problem?

- Fear of what would happen to him if he was identified with Christ.
- What changed that for Peter?
 - Seeing the resurrected Lord
 - Receiving God the Holy Spirit



If you are lacking confidence in telling people what your Savior did for them and you’re a believer – it could be you are not in right relation to the Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit.

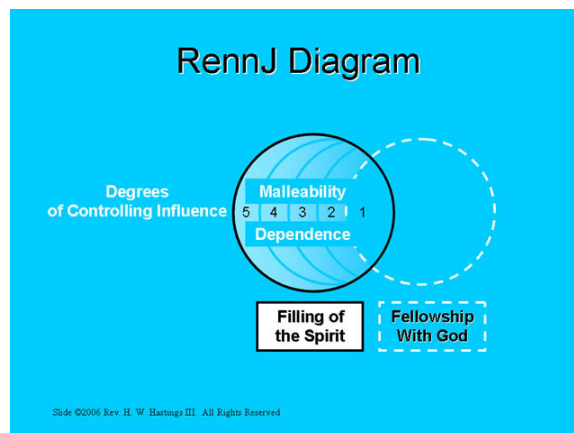
You might be out of fellowship.

You might not be walking by the Holy Spirit to witness.

You might be trusting in your self.

You might be caring more about what people will think of you.

Matt 10:20 “For it is not you who speak, but *it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.*”



Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Romans 6:13-19 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! ¹⁶ Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

ABC's of the spiritual life

Fellowship – **1 John 1:9**

Walking by the Spirit – **Gal 5:16**

Take in spiritual food – **John 4:24**

Praying! **Eph 6:18**

Malleable to the will of God – **Phil 2:5-13**

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.