

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you



Begins with the Call of God
Requires a Step of Faith in Obedience
Sustained Through Divine Provision
Results in Sheer Joy

#### **COOSSIANS 2:15** He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

#### **LUKE 10:20** Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that

the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.



It was doubtless an honor and a privilege to be allowed to cast out devils. The disciples were right to be thankful. But it was a far higher privilege to be converted and pardoned men, and to have their names written in the register of saved souls.



The distinction here drawn between grace and gifts is one of deep importance, and often and sadly overlooked in the present day. Gifts, such as mental vigor, vast memory, striking eloquence, ability in argument, power in reasoning, are often unduly valued by those who possess them,...



... and unduly admired by those who possess them not. These things ought not so to be. Men forget that gifts without grace save no one's soul, and are the characteristic of Satan himself. He that has gifts without grace is dead in sins, however splendid his gifts may be...



... But he that has grace without gifts is alive to God, however unlearned and ignorant he may appear to man. And "a living dog is better than a dead lion."

#### In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will...

### LUKE 10:21-22

... All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

### Isaiah 17:10-11

... and make them blossom in the morning that you sow, yet <u>the harvest</u> will flee away in <u>a day of grief and</u> <u>incurable pain</u>



God is not an intellectual elitist. There is no minimum IQ for membership in the family of God. The gospel is not restricted to people who are smart enough to understand it. All we need is a teachable spirit and a childlike trust in Jesus Christ

### Election

The act of God before creation in which he chooses some people to be saved, not on account of any forseen merit in them, but only because of his sovereign good pleasure

### John 6:37

#### All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away

# John 10:24-27

The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

### Matthew 13:30

Let both grow together until the harvest, and <u>at harvest time</u> I will tell the reapers, "<u>Gather the weeds first</u> and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."



There is no way to describe hell. Nothing on earth can compare with it. No living person has any real idea of it. No madman in wildest flights of insanity ever beheld its horror. No man in delirium ever pictured a place so utterly terrible as this...



...No nightmare racing across a fevered mind ever produces a terror to match that of the mildest hell. No murder scene with splashed blood and oozing wound ever suggested a revulsion that could touch the borderlands of hell.



If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees. Let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for.

### LUKE 10:3-6

Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon

# LUKE 10:7-8

And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you

# LUKE 10:9

### Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

