

## Ten Precious Truths You Must not Jettison

1. Each human being is *personally responsible* to God for his or her choices. If I perish, it is because I have personally sinned against God and rejected His grace & mercy.
2. No matter what God's choice, no one can *accuse* Him as the reason they did not believe (Lost people suppress the truth of God in unrighteousness). Furthermore, God does not tempt people to sin or reject Christ and then hold them accountable for their choice (Each fallen soul is accountable for his own rejection of God). In short, no one is damned because of God's choice—they are damned because of their own choices.
3. God does *not delight* in the death of the wicked. He *grieves* over their lostness.
4. The death of Christ is *sufficient* for anyone in this world who places his or her trust in Him. *Anyone* willing may come.
5. We must fearlessly *proclaim* the *sufficiency* of Christ's atonement to all mankind!
6. The message of the Gospel is that God *sincerely* promises eternal life to anyone who places his faith in Christ. God's summons to all people is *genuine*.
7. God does *not drag* individuals kicking & screaming into His kingdom. They come *willingly* of their own volition – because they *want* to come.
8. God does not believe for me. I am *responsible* to personally embrace the Gospel of Christ.
9. Only those who *endure* to the end will be saved. Scripture exhorts me to *examine* me self & my fruit to see whether I am in the faith. I do not examine His eternal choice to see whether I am in the faith.
10. The Gospel is *not* proclaiming election, God's sovereign drawing of some, or even the extent of His atonement. The Gospel is about our desperate need to repent of our sins and trust in Christ, and the Good News about Jesus Christ's work to save sinners.

## Ten Precious Truths I Pray You Will Embrace

1. Sin has *permeated* every part of humanity's being. There is *no longer* any spiritual or moral *neutrality* in us. We hate God by nature. We are in *bondage* to sin and the devil. We *cannot* understand the Lord, desire the Lord, or come to the Lord by our own volition.
2. Our real problem is not in our will but in our nature. We can only make choices consistent with our fallen heart. Because of our sinful hearts we will *always choose against* God and Christ as offered in the Gospel. Saving faith is *impossible* to fallen men and women as long as they are unregenerate.
3. It's the Spirit alone who must *1<sup>st</sup> change* the human nature so that:
  - ◆ minds are opened to understand Christ,
  - ◆ affections are reversed to desire Christ,
  - ◆ and wills are set free to embrace Christ.
4. Your will always follows your nature. Once God changes your heart, your will follows – *willingly!*
5. Saving faith was God's *gift* to you. It has no *merit* in itself.
6. We are saved by God's *unmerited* favor (grace). He chose us by His *undeserved* eternal love and grace. He irresistibly drew us to Himself by this same *outrageous* mercy.
7. Christ's death is *not a mere potential* to save, but *actually accomplished* salvation for God's chosen ones. God did not make the power of the cross subject to the whims of fallen people; rather Jesus made the salvation of His people, His sheep, His bride, His church *certain*.
8. My only real hope for heaven is in the power & purpose of God. I strive to endure to the end knowing that no one can snatch me out of Christ's or the Father's Hand.
9. Ultimately, God's sovereign control over all things is a great source of comfort for Christians. It is a soft pillow for a weary head and a troubled heart in a hardened world.
10. God's sovereign work in my salvation is the solid foundation for my worship, joy, confidence, true fellowship, humility, and forgiveness & mercy to others. God alone receives all the credit and honor for my salvation.