Fundamentals of the Faith
Lesson 9 - Faithfulness
Mt 7:21-23
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Thesis: I want to show some basic facts regarding faithfulness.

Intro:
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I. Faithfulness defined.
    1. Steady, stability, Trustworthy
    2. Completely Reliable
        a. Doing the will of the Father (**Mt 7:21**)
        b. Walking in the light (**1 Jn 1:7**)
  B. Faithfulness = Opposite of Faithless
    1. Faithless/perverse generation (**Mt 17:17**)
    2. Faithless, unbelieving (**Jn 20:27**)

II. A Closer look at Faithfulness
  A. The Necessity of Faithfulness
    1. Till death (**Rev 2:10b**)
    2. Keep yourself in the love of God (**Jude 21**)
    3. Overcome (**2 Pt 2:20-22**)
    4. Do not depart from God (**Heb 3:12-14**)
  B. Examples of unfaithfulness
    1. Simon the sorcerer (**Acts 8:18-23**)
    2. Demas (**2 Tim 4:10a**)
    3. Galatians (**Gal 5:4-7**)

III. Demonstration of Faithfulness
    1. Keeping your eyes on Jesus (**Heb 12:2**)
    2. Growing in Christian Virtues (**2 Pt 1:5-11**)
    3. Prayer (**Mt 6:5-8a**)
    4. Faithful attendance (**Heb 10:23-25**)
    5. Abounding in the Lord's work (**1 Cor 15:58**)
    6. Looking to gain heaven (**Phil 1:21**)
  B. Practical & Daily ways to demonstrate Faithfulness
    1. Consistent involvement in church activities
    2. Carefully & fully using your talents
    3. Good management of your financial means
    4. Honoring marriage vows
    5. Being a true friend to your friends

Conc:
1. Failure in faithfulness results in separation from God
2. Failure in faithfulness results in separation from other faithful brethren, which may include family members.
3. Faithfulness to God is an area where the Christian cannot fail. The results are of eternal consequence.

Hear
Romans 10:17
So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe
John 3:16
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent
Luke 13:3
I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess
Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10
that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized
Acts 2:38
Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16
And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

Remain Faithful
Revelation 2:10
Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.