ESSENTIALS

The meaning of essentials is: “Of the utmost importance: basic, indispensable, necessary.” Certainly we can all understand this plain definition. For instance, if you have a goal in life, there would be essentials necessary to accomplish that goal.

As an example, if a man was going to preach, it would be essential that he has a knowledge of the Bible as well as language, and another essential would be that he could speak before a group of people. If a woman wanted to be a teacher, it would be essential she have the required education.

Now if it is a person’s desire to go to heaven, there are certain things he must do, and they are written in scripture. One must believe, “and without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that seek after him.” (Heb. 11:6)

Upon belief one must repent, “The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now he commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent:” (Acts 17:30) Then one must confess “for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Romans 10:10)

Once that is accomplished, one must baptized, “arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on his name.” (Acts 22:16) At which time one is added to the church “They then that received his word were baptized: and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls.” (Acts 2:42) Then he must continue that life as long as on this earth. Then heaven awaits.

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