

*Guard**Word of the Day: Guard/ Guarding***1) Guard the Truth of the Gospel***1 Corinthians 15:1-8, Romans 10:8-13*

- Like one who makes their deposit in the bank expects it to be protected we are called to make sure that the Gospel is not corrupted
- Guarding carries with it the idea of being active and is not seen as a passive task.
- Romans 3:23 we have all sinned and are separated from God.
- Hebrews 9:22 without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.
- Romans 8:3-4 and Heb. 10:3-18 Christ sacrifice did what no sacrifice could do. (God sized debt must have a God sized payment which is why the sacrifices in the O.T. were symbolism of what was to come)
- Romans 4:25 Jesus was offered for our justification.
- 1 Peter 2:22 Jesus was sinless therefore the only acceptable sacrifice.
- John 1:12 All who believe and receive Him become Children of God.
- Romans 6:23 and Ephesians 2:8-9 Salvation is a free gift. (cannot be earned)
- John 3:16 God Loved, God Gave, we believe, we receive.

2) Guard people from hearing false teaching*2 John 7-11, 2 Timothy 2:16-18*

- Matthew 7:15; Acts 20:28-29 Beware of False Teachers (Be alert to them)
- 1 Timothy 1:3 Timothy was to tell people to not teach a different doctrine
- Romans 16:17-18 mark those who teach a different doctrine.
- Part of avoiding is watching your life and doctrine closely (1 Timothy 4:16)

3) Guard the Truth because their lives depend on it.*2 Peter 2:1-2*

- swerved from the Faith
- It's the idea of missing the mark. (Shot wide of the faith)
- The unfortunate prophecy we have about the end times is that people will leave THE Faith. (2 Thess. 2:3; 1 Tim. 4:1; Matt. 24:10; Luke 8:13)
- Matthew 10:22 and 24:9 Jesus tells us we will be hated by the world.
- 2 Corinthians 10:5 says we are to destroy arguments not the people.
- Grace be with all of you
- This cannot be done with your own strength

Devotions 1 Timothy 6: 20-21

1. Why do you think it is important for us to guard the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
2. What are some key elements of the Gospel do you see in 1 Corinthians 15:1-8?
3. What are some Key elements of the gospel that John 3:16 tells us?
4. What are some false beliefs (knowledge) that people have that are not the true Gospel?
5. Why is it important that we believe Christ died for our sins and it is not something we can earn on our own? (Hebrews 10:4)
6. How can we be saved according to Romans 10:9-10 ?
7. What does it mean that God's grace goes with us?

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