

Lecture 11: Themes from Basic Bible Studies (V)

Father, we want to thank You for this lovely fall weather, for the beautiful colors, for the wonder of Your creation. And even more Father, we thank You for the wonder of Yourself and all You've done for us. We pray now that as we think together in this class that You will teach us and challenge us. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Introduction and Review: Continuing the look at the major themes of the *Basic Bible Studies*, Professor Barrs makes a final point on the doctrine of salvation (outline point III-C) before moving on to the church, and eschatology.

Themes from Basic Bible Studies (V)*I. Origins**II. General Emphasis**III. Themes**A. The character of God**B. The nature of humanity**C. The doctrine of salvation**1. God's holiness is not compromised**2. Emphasis on history**3. The meaning of faith**4. Sanctification also by faith, not human works**5. Emphasis on present relationship with all three members of the Trinity**6. The Lordship of Christ over all of life (BBS 19)**a. Central to Reformed teaching of Calvinism**b. No "secular" part of the Christian's life**D. The church**1. The two orthodoxies - doctrine and community (BBS 21)**a. Necessity of both solid teaching and love**b. Reaction to Separatist movement**c. Love: the mark of a Christian (John 13:34-35)**2. The need for material sharing (BBS 17)**a. A demonstration of love (Acts 11:29, I John 3:17-18)**b. Hospitality**3. The brotherhood of believers (BBS 17)**a. "The communion of saints" (Ephesians 5:21-29)**1) Love as a foundation for all relationships**2) Schaeffer's respect for those whom he taught**b. "Across all lines"**E. Eschatology - "The last things"**1. The continuity of life between the present and the future**a. The risk of a false dichotomy**b. "The real difference" - the removal of sin and its effects**1) Restored relationships**2) Restored physical environment**a) This creation (Romans 8)**b) Literal physical reality (Isaiah 11)**c) Our proper environment, our improper rebellion**d) The present reality of the Kingdom*

- e) Paul's emphasis on the "spiritual" (Colossians 3)
 - (1) Paul's use of the term "earthly"
 - (2) 2 Corinthians 5 - the problem is not physical life and existence itself, but its present abnormality
- 3) Schaeffer's position as a pre-millennialist
 - a) The problem is not evidence, but hardness of heart