WHY DO WE NEED TO STUDY SALVATION?

- The world is in desperate need of the <u>true</u> Gospel
- 2. Christianity's modern Gospel is a far cry from the biblical Gospel and its message does not have the power to save sinners,
- 3. The Church often presents a gospel that is self-centered and inoffensive but which produces <u>false</u> converts.

* false prophets (Matt. 7:15)

* false apostles (2 Cor. 11:13)

* false teachers (2 Pet. 2:1)

- → preach a different Jesus and a different gospel (2 Cor. 11:4)
 - → and they produce false so-called brethren

(1 Cor. 5:11; Gal. 2:4)

- 4. Churches consist of truly saved people and those who only appear to be "born again" believers.
 - \rightarrow the parable of the soils
 - → the wheat & tares

(Matt. 13)

5. It is possible to:

 \rightarrow believe in God

(James 2:19)

- → acknowledge Jesus as Lord
- \rightarrow in Jesus' name prophesy
 - → cast out demons
 - → work miracles

(Matt. 7:15-23)

→have a zeal for God

(Rom. 10:2-3)

and

not

be

→evangelize everywhere

(Matt. 23:15)

→desire eternal life

(Matt. 19:16-22)

→profess to know God

(Titus 1:15-16)

→follow and serve Jesus

(John 6:70-71)

- 6. Therefore, we are commanded to:
 - → keep on testing and examining ourselves to make sure we are in the faith (2 Cor. 13:5)
 - → be diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing us (2 Pet. 1:10)

7. We will never outgrow the need to "preach the Gospel" to ourselves on a daily basis