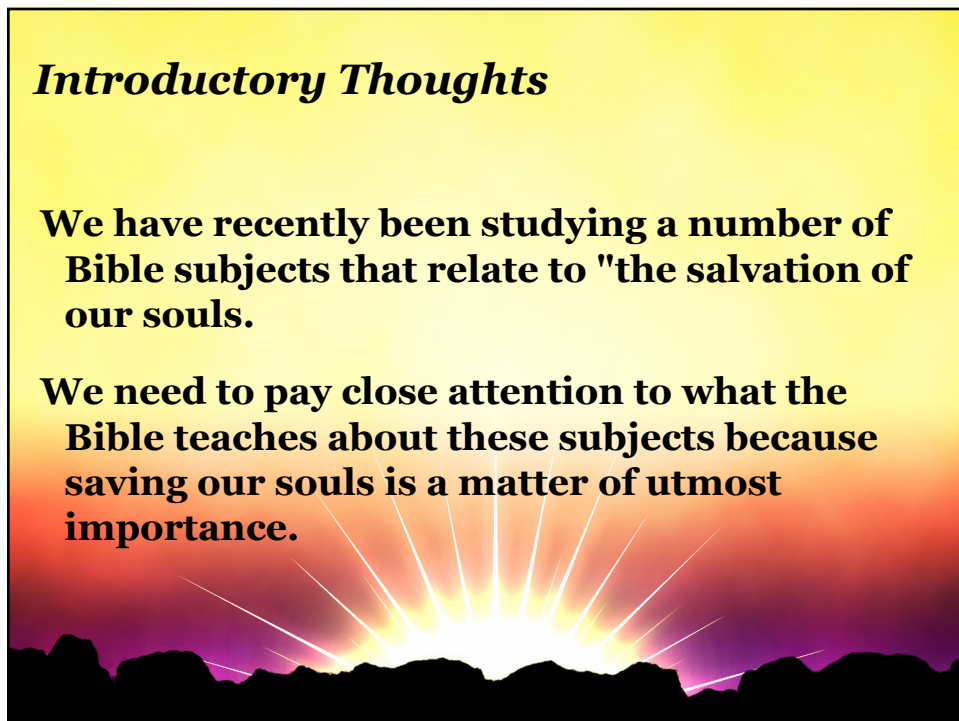




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Introductory Thoughts

Jesus indicated in Matthew 16:26 that a person's soul is his most valuable possession.

When we understand how valuable our souls are we should certainly want them to be saved.

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The Bible Often Associates Joy with Souls Being Saved

Jesus taught in Luke 15:7 & 10 that there is joy in heaven when a soul is saved.

The Bible also shows how people rejoiced when their souls were saved.

Acts 2:41, 46-47 – Acts 8:38-39 – Acts 16:33-34

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The Bible Often Associates Joy with Souls Being Saved

Let us consider several reasons for rejoicing as these people did.

The remission of sins is granted – Acts 2:38 – Acts 22:16.

One is added to the Lord's church – Acts 2:47.

One is given a new name – Acts 11:26.

One gains the hope of eternal life – Romans 6:23.

One becomes a new creature – 2 Corinthians 5:17.

One becomes a child of God – Galatians 3:26-27.

One gains access to all spiritual blessings – Ephesians 1:3.

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The Bible Also Teaches That Joy Is to Play an Important Role in the Lives Of Christians

Christians are instructed to rejoice many times in the New Testament.

Galatians 5:22-23 – Philippians 3:1 – Philippians 4:4 – 1 Thessalonians 5:16

The New Testament also shows us in Philippians 4 how we can rejoice at all times.

We must practice forbearance – Verse 5

We must avoid anxiety – Verse 6

We must think properly – Verse 8

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Closing Remarks

John 15:10-11.

Are you experiencing to the fullest extent the joy that Jesus provides?