



## Lesson Eight

# Ye Are Witnesses

Luke 24:36–48

The word *witness* comes from the same Greek word that gives us our word *martyr*. The word witness can be used as a noun and a verb. We are a witness for Christ, but we must witness of Christ. We must be the noun before we can do the verb. We are witnesses that give hope to a dying world. Jesus Christ was resurrected so that we can have real living hope in Him. If He did not rise, we would have no hope at all in this world of darkness. However, we know that He did rise as He spoke of in Revelation 1:18. Jesus came to visit the disciples after His resurrection. They were afraid and hiding behind locked doors. He came and told them to not be afraid. He then proved He was real, not a spirit. He went on to tell them that “*ye are witnesses of these things*” Only a born-again believer can be a witness of the things Jesus was talking about in this passage. It is our responsibility to find out what things we are to witness and do what Jesus told us to do. Hudson Taylor once said, “*God is always advancing*”. Is that true of ourselves? Are we bold to witness?

- I. We are Witnesses of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 24:27, 45)
  - A. The whole Bible points to \_\_\_\_\_ (John 5:37–39; II Tim. 2:15).
  - B. Many Christians do not witness because they have not \_\_\_\_\_ in the scriptures (1 Peter 3:15; Heb. 4:12)
    1. Have you defeated \_\_\_\_\_ by using the scriptures (Psa. 119:11)?
    2. Have you been \_\_\_\_\_ through obedience to the scriptures (Eph. 5:26)?

3. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith through the scriptures (II Tim. 3:16–17)?

C. We must continually pray for a greater \_\_\_\_\_ of the scriptures (Luke 24:45, Psa. 119:18).

II. We are Witnesses of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (Luke 24:46)

A. It was \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus Christ suffered and died for our sins (1 Peter 3:18; Rom. 14:9; 5:6).

B. We do not argue to prove Christ's work; we must \_\_\_\_\_ others Christ's work \_\_\_\_\_ (I Peter 2:19–25)

III. We are Witnesses of \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 24:45–48)

A. *We \_\_\_\_\_ people to preach the gospel of salvation to them (Rom. 1:14–16).*

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation “...*for it is the power...*” (I Peter 1:5)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation “...*of God...*” (John 1:12–13)

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation “...*unto salvation...*” (I John 2:1–2)

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation “...*to every one...*” (II Cor. 11:3)

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation “...*that believeth...*” (Eph. 1:12–13; Acts 16:30–31)

B. We are saved from the future \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the present \_\_\_\_\_ when we receive Christ (Gal. 1:3–4, Psa. 27:1; Psa. 62:2; Ex. 15:2; Psa. 18:2; I Peter 1:9, I Thess. 5:9).