CHAPTER 5

Do You Know You Are to Live in the Gospel of RGB?

You Are:

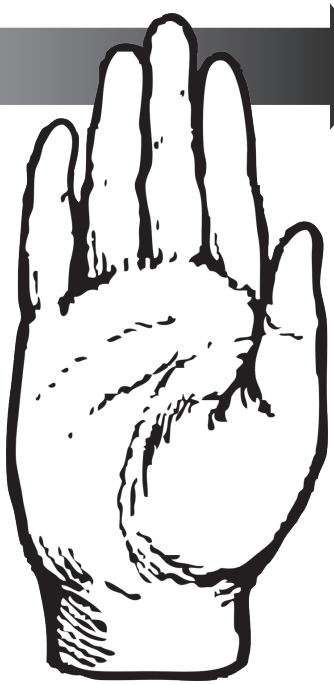
- A Saint (Ephesians 1:1) and Beloved (Ephesians 1:6; John 16:27)
- A Christian ï the 5 Cîs (Acts 11:26)
  - -Christ
  - -Cross
  - -Commandments
  - -Great Controversy
  - -Second Coming
- In a Grace-Faith Relationship (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Foundational Review

First I want to establish Scripture as the foundation of our study. This study is not about what I said in my book; this is about what the Scripture says. You must have your Bible with you. Second, we must establish foundations ï for where we are going ï to ýnd answers to the question Seventh-day Adventist Christian: Do you know who you are?

Chapters 4-5-6 are a unit. Our last session was #4. This session is #5, and the next session is #6. In this session ï I want to go over the Grace-Faith Relationship that we established in our last session, take it apart, and examine its three parts up close. And we will do that through a story.

Basic Truth



TRUTH #1
First I want to establish something vitally important. We know that God loves us. Yes? Good.

TRUTH #2
What is the next truth to be established ýrmly in your minds? READ Isaiah 59:2. How wide is that separation? Is there any possible way to bridge that gulf between you and God on your own? What is the topic of chapter 2 of Steps to Christ?

The second truth is the great need of mankind for a Savior. Just like the ýrst truth ï that God loves you personally. Unless you can accept these two truths ï that God loves you personally and that you have a need that you yourself cannot meet ï the rest of what we discuss in this seminar will not make any sense whatsoever.

I believe that this is the greatest stumbling block truth to evangelism ï not Sabbath, not State of the Dead, not Hell. Many people, including many Seventh-day Adventists, are unwilling to admit and refuse to acknowledge that they are sinners in desperate need of salvation from the terrible scourge of Sin ï and that they are totally unable to meet this need on their own.

The Problem

Turn to Genesis 3. Look at the ýrst ýve verses. Do you recognize the story? Good. Now, READ Genesis 3:6 and listen carefully. Count the number of different considerations that went through Eveîs mind as she contemplated what the serpent had just told her.

QUESTION #1:
How many different factors did Eve consider when allowing sin into the world?
(Put your ýnger in this place ï donît lose it.)

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QUESTION #2:
Do you remember the story of Jesusî temptations in the wilderness? Good. How many temptations did Jesus face in the wilderness? Hold your place in Genesis 3:6.

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