I Want To Be A New Testament Christian!

Intro:
- shouldn’t be hard to get a good idea of what a Christian is, and what he does – NT only 200 +/- pages
- don’t need anything but the Bible to guide us (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3)
- lesson: I want to be a New Testament Christian! (What do I do?)

Who is a Christian? – disciple of Jesus
- Acts 11:26 a Christian is a disciple of Christ

- What is a disciple? – adherent to a teacher’s doctrine, obey teacher’s teaching
  - us to Christ – He teaches, we obey – song, #326 Trust and Obey

How do you become Jesus’ disciple? – obey
- obey Jesus’ teaching (doctrine)
  - Matt. 28:18-20 Jesus ordained apostles to baptize and teach, we obey
  - Heb. 5:9 obey Jesus, saved

- obey Jesus’ gospel
  - Phil. 2:12 obey apostolic doc.
  - 2 Th. 1:8-9 obey gospel or punished, eternity
  - 2 Th. 3:14-15 obey gospel, apostles, as commissioned by Jesus (Matt. 28:18-20)

What does Jesus command us to do to be saved? – cf. self, confidence in salvation, change if need to – #4 Blessed Assurance
- great commission:
  - Matt. 28:18-20 Jesus authority, baptize, teach – us, today
  - Mk. 16:16 believe and baptized saved / else, lost

- What happens when you are baptized? – cf. self, confidence in salvation, change if need to – #4 Blessed Assurance
  - 1 Pet. 3:21 saved
    - Acts 2:38 forgiveness of sins
    - Acts 22:16 wash away sins, calling on name of the Lord
  - Acts 2:47b added to the number of the saints (church) by the Lord

- What must you do before being baptized? – cf. self, confidence in salvation, change if need to – #4 Blessed Assurance
  - believe:
    - Mk. 16:16 (Jesus) believe, then baptized
    - Jn. 8:24 (Jesus) believe, or die in your sins
    - Heb. 11:6 must believe to come to God
  - repent:
    - Acts 2:38 repent, then baptized
    - Lk. 13:3 (Jesus) repent, or perish
    - rf. - Acts 17:30 (Paul) everyone must repent
- confess Jesus:
  - Acts 8:36-38 (Phillip, eunuch) confess Jesus, then baptized
  - Matt. 10:32-33 (Jesus) confess Jesus before men, Jesus confess before Father
  - Rom. 10:10 (Paul) confess with mouth, resulting in salvation.

- What must you do after being baptized? – cf. self, confidence in salvation, change if need to – 4 Blessed Assurance
  - Acts 2:42, 44-45, 46-47a (Pentecost, baptized) worshiped and lived according to apostolic teaching, benevolent to needy Christians, personal work from house to house
  - Rev. 2:10b (Jesus) faithful until death, crown of life.

- What awaits Christians in eternity? – #4 Blessed Assurance
  - Rev. 2:10 (above) faithful, crown of life
  - Rev. 20:11-15 judgment
  - Rev. 21:1-5 eternal life

- Summary / Inv.
  - a Christian is a disciple of Jesus Christ
  - Jesus’ disciples obey Him, saved, spend eternity in heaven
  - inv.: Are you a New Testament Christian?
    – cf. self, confidence in salvation, change if need to – #4 Blessed Assurance