#### CHAPTER 1

# An Overview



#### The **Condition** of the Lost

- Earth Is Doomed
  - 2 Peter 3:10
- Man Is Doomed
  - Romans 6:23
  - Hebrews 9:27

#### The **Power** of the Cross

- Only the Cross Can Remove Burden
  - Hebrews 9:22
  - 1 Peter 1:18–19

#### "Nothing else but His blood can save a soul and transform a life."

#### The Importance of the Word

- The Word Gives Graceless the <u>Burden</u> of His Condition
- The Word Points Him to the <u>Cross</u>
- The Word Became His Armor

# The Importance of the Word (cont.)

- The Word Frees Him from
   Despair
- The Delectable Mountains Represent the <u>Enjoyment</u> of God's Word

#### The Prominence of Satan

 Active, Alive, Real, Thinking, Determined Enemy

– 1 Peter 5:8–9

### The **Difficulty** of the Way

- Moses Endured Great Affliction to Serve God
- Paul Endured Great Afflictions
- Macedonian Christians Endured Trial of Afflictions

#### The Difficulty of the Way (cont.)

- False Professors Do Not Endure Afflictions
- Christ Warns That We, As Christians, Will Not Have It Easy
   2 Timothy 3:12

"One must be willing to pay the price of affliction if he is to serve the Lord."



#### CHAPTER 2 John Bunyan and The Pilgrim's Progress

CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE

#### John Bunyan Lacked a Formal Education

- Looked Down Upon, Poor, Uneducated
- Not Well Liked, Relatively Unknown

## Bunyan's Accomplishments Through God's Grace

### "John Bunyan wrote the greatest masterpiece of Christian literature other than the Bible."

"For well over three hundred years now, both **Christian and secular** giants have proclaimed The Pilgrim's Progress to be the greatest single book ever written."

"The Encyclopedia Britannica calls **Bunyan 'the greatest** literary genius produced by the Puritan movement."

#### John Bunyan Was a Man of the <u>Bible</u>

- He Practiced Much Meditation
- He Faced Great Temptation

Satan Attacks the Pilgrim	Satan Attacks John Bunyan
Through Pliable, Obstinate, and his neighbors	Through a group of mockers
Through the Slough of Despond	Through three years of mental torment and temptation

Satan Attacks	Satan Attacks
the Pilgrim	John Bunyan
Through Mr. Worldly	By getting John Bunyan
Wiseman	to clean up his life
Through Giant Despair	With the thought,
and Doubting Castle	"Abandon your hope."

## Satan AttacksSatan Attacksthe PilgrimJohn Bunyan

Through many characters who try to get him to turn back By encouraging him to blaspheme God while he preached

Satan Attacks	Satan Attacks
the Pilgrim	John Bunyan
Through an attack from Apollyon	Through a terrible sickness, the untimely death of his wife, the blindness of one of his children, and twelve years of imprisonment for preaching the gospel

#### John Bunyan Was a Man of the Bible (cont.)

 He Drenched Himself with the Book

– 1 Timothy 4:13–15

#### Bunyan Was a Preacher

- Best Known for Fiery, Eloquent Preaching
- Suffered Total of 12 Years in Prison for Preaching the Gospel

   1 Corinthians 1:21



#### CHAPTER 3

## The Soul Under Conviction



#### **The Burdened Sinner**

- All Are Burdened, But Only One Is <u>Concerned</u>
  - All have sinned (Rom. 3:23)
  - All must die (Heb. 9:27)
  - All are damned (2 Thess. 2:12)

#### The Burdened Sinner (cont.)

- The Reason Only One Is Burdened
  - He has been exposed to <u>the Word of</u> <u>God</u>

#### **The Lighthearted Sinner**

- They Are <u>Blinded</u>
  - 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
  - False religion, false security, ignorance
- They Are <u>Hardened</u>

- Proverbs 29:1

#### The Lighthearted Sinner (cont.)

- Result of Hearing Word
  - Conviction—only comes from Word of God
  - Rejection

#### The Wise Evangelist

- He Appears at the <u>Right Time</u>
   God leads <u>saints and sinners</u> together
  - The man who finds hungry souls is the man who <u>hunts</u> for them

#### The Wise Evangelist (cont.)

- He Knew the <u>Right Approach</u>
  - He asked <u>questions</u>
  - He knew where to point him

