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SHIPWRECKED FAITH (02)

This is our second lesson on Shipwrecked Faith from (1 Tim.1:19).

In our last study, we covered four key words from our lesson text that describe the **Shipwrecked Faith** in the Christian's Way of Life (CWL). We learned that faith (pistis) was used twice. Once it was used positively and once negatively.

Like the Titanic, lives are destroyed not because of construction or normal dangers of the sea but because they fail in something as simple as having enough lifeboats. This is Paul message in chapter one of 1 Timothy.

The English dictionary describes faith as "a firm belief in something for which there is no proof; and a belief in the traditional doctrines of religion".

In the Bible, faith refers to as "a firm persuasion in the essence and **character of God** and the propitious work of Christ". This is explained by Paul in (Rom.4:16-25) from the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen.12; 15; and 17).

This lesson will study two basic doctrines to prevent a Shipwrecked Faith from occurring in the CWL. Abraham's faith was in God and then in God's revealed Directive Will.

1. The first basic doctrine that is important to preventing a Shipwrecked Faith is the ten primary Essences of God.

- Omniscience (Ps.139:6; Isa.40:13-14; 1 John 3:20; 1 Cor.1:21, 24, 30; 2:7-13)
- Omnipresence (Ps.139:7-8; Jer.23:24; Heb.4:13)
- Omnipotent (Matt.22:29; Rom.4:17; Rom.1:16; 1 Cor.1:18; Eph.1:19)
- Immutable (Heb.13:8; James 1:17)
- Veracity (Heb.6:18; Rom.3:4; John 8:32, 44; 14:6; 2 Tim.2:15)
- Sovereignty (1 Tim.1:17; Acts 17:24-26; 1 Cor.15:28; Ps.61:1)
- Righteousness (Rom.1:17; 3:21-22; Phil.3:9; 1 Cor.1:30; John 17:25)
- Love (1 John 3:1; 4:7-8, 12, 16, 19; Rom.5:5, 8; 8:39; 2 Cor.13:11, 14)
- Eternal Life (1 Tim.1:17; Rom.16:26; Ps.90:2; 1 John 5:11-13)
- Holiness (Ps.99:9; John 17:11; 1 Pet.1:15-16; Lev.19:2)

2. **The second basic doctrine that is important to preventing a Shipwrecked Faith is the ten secondary Characteristics of the essence of God.**

The difference between the Essence and character of God can be compared to the difference between primary and secondary colors. The Essence of God is primary colors and Character of God is the secondary colors.

We will list ten secondary characteristics of the Essence of God.

- Merciful (Eph.2:4; Luke 18:13; 1 John 2:2; 4:9-10)
- Gracious (Acts 20:24, 28; (1 Cor.15:10; 2 Cor.9:8, 14)
- Patience and consoling (Rom.15:5-6; Col.1:11-12; Ps.37:7; 40:1)
- Faithful (1 Cor.1:9; 10:13; 1 John 1:9; Rom.4:21; 1 Thess.5:24)
- Goodness (Luke 18:18-19; Rom.15:13-14; Gal.5:22-23; Ps.34:8)
- Peace (Rom.5:1; Phil.4:6-7; Gal.5:22-23)
- Light (1 John 1:5; 2:8; John 1:7-9; 8:12; 1 Tim.6:15-16)
- No respecter of persons (Acts 10:34; Rom.2:11; Gal.2:4-6; Eph.6:9;)
- God of all possibilities (Luke 1:37; 18:27; Matt.19:26; Heb.6:13-15)
- Father of family (Rom.8:15-17; Eph.3:15; Heb.12:5-12; Rom.4:17-21)