

New Believer's Study Guide



A Fourteen-Week Foundation Workbook

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." Peter 3:18

REPENTANCE

To repent means to change our mind, attitude, and behaviour about sin. It is a turning from our sin, and heading directly toward God, who is Jesus Christ, for forgiveness and cleansing.

1. WHO PREACHED REPENTANCE?

- a) Matthew 3:2... _____
- b) Matthew 4:17... _____
- c) Mark 6:12... _____
- d) Acts 2:38... _____
- e) Acts 17:30... _____

2. WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF TRUE REPENTANCE?

- a) Second Corinthians 7:9-10... _____
- b) Luke 18:9-14... _____
- c) First Thessalonians 1:9... _____

3. REPENTANCE IS A CHANGE OF THREE ELEMENTS...

- a) The intellectual element... a change of mind. What I think.
- b) The emotional element... a change of heart. What I desire.
- c) The volitional element... a change of your will. What I do.

4. IT IS TO BE OUR MESSAGE TO THE UNBELIEVER...

Luke 24:44-48.

FAITH

1. HOW DOES THE BIBLE DEFINE FAITH (Hebrews 11:1)?

It is the confident assurance what God has promised will happen. It is the certainty that our hope in what God has promised us is waiting for us to show up, even though we cannot experience it with our five senses.

2. WHERE DOES FAITH COME FROM (Hebrews 12:1-2)?

3. HOW DO WE RECEIVE OUR FAITH (Romans 10:17)?

4. THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITH (IN CHRIST)...

- a) Faith is what we live (walk) by (Second Corinthians 5:7).
- b) Faith is what accesses (opens the door to) grace which saves us (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- c) Faith is the piece of the armour of God, which defends (shields) us from the fiery darts of the wicked (Ephesians 6:16).
- d) Faith is that which we hold on to while hoping and is that which is our proof of the things that we cannot experience with our five senses (Hebrews 11:1).
- e) Faith gives us victory over those problems in and from the world that are enemies of God, contrary to the Word (First John 5:4).

The principle element in repentance is a change of mind, attitude, and behaviour about Christ... it is a change from an unbelieving, rejecting, rebelling attitude and behaviour to a believing, obeying, accepting attitude and behaviour. *True faith* in Christ involves the confession of and turning from sin. *True repentance and faith* are inseparable. We cannot live a life with one and not the other. We cannot call ourselves Christians if both are not present. They are mutually dependent upon each other.

Application question... How have I repented and put my faith in Christ?

Notes or questions... _____

Assignments... Read First John, memorise John 1:12-13, and pray for one another by name.

WEEK 2

Sin, Salvation, and Forgiveness

How has my faith been put into action this week?

SIN

1. WHAT IS SIN?

- a) Isaiah 1:2... _____
- b) Isaiah 53:6... _____

2. WHO SINS (Romans 3:23)? _____

3. WHERE DID SIN COME FROM (Isaiah 14:12-15)? _____

4. WHY DO I SIN?

- 1) Adam's decision in the Garden of Eden...
 - a) God told Adam not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:9, 16, and 17).
 - b) Sin in the human race originated in Adam's voluntary (free-will) choice to disobey (rebel against) God's will (Genesis 3:1-6).
- 2) The effects of Adam's free-willed decision is upon us today...
 - a) Sin entered the world through one man, Adam (Romans 5:12).
 - b) Adam's sin separated man from God (Genesis 3:22).
 - c) Adam's sin resulted in both physical and spiritual death for all mankind...
 - 1. Physical Death... separation of the soul from the body (Genesis 3:19).
 - 2. Spiritual Death... separation of the soul from God forever (for eternity) (Romans 6:23, Second Thessalonians 1:8-10, Revelation 21:8).
- 3) Therefore I sin because I am a _____
- 4) Does a believer sin (First John 1:8)? _____

SALVATION

1. DEFINITION...

Being saved from the power and dominion of sin in and over our lives and from eternal separation from God.

2. WHAT IS GOD'S GIFT TO US (John 3:16, Romans 6:23)? _____

WEEK 2

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3. HOW ARE WE SAVED (Ephesians 2:8-9)?

4. WHO DO WE PUT OUR FAITH IN FOR SALVATION (Romans 10:9-10 and 13)?

FORGIVENESS

1. THE DEFINITION...

To take away all deserved punishment or execution of a penalty for an offense: to overlook.

a) What does God want to do with our sin (First John 1:7-10)?

b) What must we be willing to do (Mark 11:25-26)?

c) How does God now see my sin (Isaiah 43:25, Jeremiah 31:34)?

2. WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT OF SALVATION THAT HE FREELY GIVES TO US (Ephesians 2:10)?

Salvation is a free gift from God. We must *RECOGNISE (ACKNOWLEDGE)* our sin, *RECEIVE (ACCEPT)* Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour, and *REJOICE (SHOW JOY)* that God has given us eternal life in and through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Notes or questions...

Assignments... Read Romans 6 and 8, memorise Romans 6:18, and pray for one another.

Can I say that I know Jesus the Son of God better?

THE WORD OF GOD PART 1

1. DEFINITION...

The Bible is God's revelation (exposure) of Himself to man, who is His creation. The Bible forms one continuous story... the story of man in relation to God. The Bible has one great theme... the Person and work of Jesus Christ.

2. READ HEBREWS 1:1-3...

In these verses we see that God's Word is a progressing (step-by-step) revelation (exposure).

- Distinct (specific) times.
- Various (many different) manners (ways).
- Times past.
- Unto the fathers by the prophets.
- In these last days.
- Unto us by His Son and in His Son (the express image of His Person).

3. READ SECOND TIMOTHY 3:16-17...

a) What portion of Scripture is inspired by God? _____

b) The word "inspired" in this verse means "God breathed". It is as God spoke it Himself (Genesis 2:7).

c) What is God's word profitable for?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

4. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WORD OF GOD...

a) The Word of God is...
First Peter 1:23 and 25... _____

b) The Word of God is...
Hebrews 12:12 ("quick"="alive")... _____

c) The Word is...
Luke 21:33... _____

d) The Word is...
"Gospel"... Romans 1:16... _____

How important is God's Word to me?

THE WORD OF GOD PART 2

1. AN OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE...

- a) The Bible contains 66 books... 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.
- b) The books are divided into chapters and verses for reference. This was added recently for our benefit. Numbering is not given by inspiration.
- c) The Old Testament was written in the Hebrew language.
- d) The New Testament was written in the Greek language. Remember that our English Bible is a translation from these original languages.
- e) Why the need for the New Testament? Why do we have the Old Testament? Read Hebrews 8:9-10.
 - 1) The foundation of the Old Covenant (Testament) with Israel was man's disobedience to it (verse nine).
 - 2) The foundation of the New Covenant (Testament) is God's action on man's behalf, instead of man's action. Note the "I will's" in verse ten. This New Covenant was enacted and initiated by the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross (Luke 22:20).

2. HOW TO STUDY THE SCRIPTURES... ISAIAH 28:9-13.

- a) Precept upon precept... A precept is an established fact of God's Word. For example, "all have sinned", "God is love", "Jesus has risen".
 - b) Line upon line... The systematic story line of Scripture that ties the established facts of God together.
 - c) Here a little, there a little... The use of foundational facts of Scripture to understand other portions of Scripture.
- Note... The New Testament is concealed in the Old Testament, and the Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament.*

3. BECAUSE THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED, WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GIVE UNDERSTANDING OF IT TO US...

- a) The man without the Spirit does not understand the things that come from God (First Corinthians 2:14).
- b) The Holy Spirit (in the Greek "parakletos", one called along side to help) will teach us and help us to remember (John 14:26).

4. ONE METHOD OF STUDYING GOD'S WORD IS GIVEN BELOW. THERE ARE OTHERS. Turn to Mark 4:35-41 and read the passage. After reading it, answer the following questions from the verses....

- a) WHO?... What is said about the person or people involved? What does person or people say?

What difference did forgiveness from God make in my life this week?

GOD THE FATHER

1. THE EXISTENCE OF GOD...

- a) The Bible does not seek to prove the existence of God. The fact that there is a God is implicit throughout the Scriptures. The first verse of the Bible is an example of this; Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." God's existence is presented as a statement of fact that needs no proof. The man who says there is no God is called a fool in Psalm 14:1.
- b) However, even apart from the Bible, there are absolute evidences for the existence of God.
 1. Mankind has always believed in a universal being.
 2. Creation must have a creator. The universe could not originate without a First Cause.
 3. The wonderful design, which we see in creation, demands an Infinite Designer.
 4. Since man is an intelligent being, his Creator must have been of a much higher intelligence in order to create him. (Romans 1:19-20)

2. THE NATURE OF GOD...

- a) God is Spirit. He is invisible.

John 1:18... _____

John 4:24... _____

- b) God is a person. Personal names are used in reference to Him.

Exodus 3:14... _____

Exodus 6:3... _____

3. THE ATTRIBUTES (CHARACTERISTICS) OF GOD...

- a) Omnipresent... always present everywhere... Jeremiah 23:23-24.
- b) Omnipotent... all-powerful... Jeremiah 32:17 and 27.
- c) Omniscient... all knowing... Job 34:21.
- d) Eternal... everlasting... Deuteronomy 33:27.
- e) Holy... free from all defilement, absolutely pure... Isaiah 6:3.
- f) Righteous or just... always does what is right... Psalm 145:17.
- g) Merciful... does not give us what we deserve... Deuteronomy 4:31.
- h) Faithful or trustworthy... He will never and can never let you down...
Deuteronomy 7:9.
- i) Immutable or unchanging... He never changes... Malachi 3:6.
- j) Truthful... He will never and can never lie... Titus 1:1-2.
- k) Awesome... amazing, exalted, magnificent, majestic, wonderful, worthy of reverence and grave respect... Deuteronomy 7:21.

Am I able to call my Heavenly Father Papa or Daddy? See Romans 8:15.

JESUS THE SON

1. JESUS POSSESSES ALL OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

- a) Omnipresent... Matthew 28:18-20.
- b) Omnipotent... Matthew 28:18.
- c) Omniscient... John 16:30.
- d) Eternal... John 1:1-2.
- e) Holy... Acts 3:14.
- f) Creator... Colossians 1:16-17.

2. JESUS IS CALLED GOD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

- a) John 10:29-33, John 20:28 _____
- b) Who is called God in Hebrews 1:8? _____

3. THE UNIQUENESS OF JESUS (Webster's definition of unique is "being the only one").

- a) Unique in His virgin birth...
 1. Prophesied in Isaiah 7:14.
 2. Fulfilled in Matthew 1:18-25.
- b) Unique in His sinless life... Hebrews 4:14-16.
- c) Unique in His death...
 1. Why did He die (First Peter 3:18)? _____
 - _____
 2. He was separated from the Father for the first time... Matthew 27:46.
- d) Unique in His resurrection from the dead, which cannot be disproved.
 1. It is recorded in the Bible... Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, and John 20 and 21.
 2. Witnessed by over 500 people... First Corinthians 15: 1-8.
 3. Because of His power over death and sin, we too have spiritual power in our lives... First Corinthians 15:12-14 and 56, Romans 5.10.
 4. Christian faith rests upon His resurrection... First Corinthians 15:17.

4. CHRIST DESIRES TO LIVE HIS LIFE THROUGH HIS CHILDREN... GALATIANS 2:20.

- a) What do I receive in exchange for my life before Christ? _____

- b) How do I allow Christ to live through me? _____

Why should we always be thankful for God's Word?

ASSURANCE

Assurance (certainty) of salvation is based on the authority of God's Word. There are many evidences we can look at so that we can know we are saved and have eternal life.

1. GOD PROMISES ETERNAL LIFE IN HIS WORD...

- a) According to John 1:12, what is the promise associated with receiving associated with receiving Jesus? _____

- b) John 3:16 states that whoever believes in Christ has... _____

- c) John 5:24 says that the one who believes in God will not experience...

- d) In John 10:27-28 we learn that we will never... _____

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US ASSURANCE OF OUR SALVATION...

- a) According to Romans 8:16-17, what does the Holy Spirit bear witness to in our lives? _____

- b) What is the guarantee of our future life according to Ephesians 1:13-14?

3. TURN TO THE BOOK OF FIRST JOHN. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF JOHN'S LETTER IN FIRST JOHN 5:13?

John uses the phrase "we know" (assurance) throughout his letter to help These believers come to a place of assurance about their salvation (found over 30 times).

- a) According to First John 2:3-5, how do we know for sure that we "know Him"?

b) In First John 2:23, what is the action here that rules out the assurance of salvation? _____

c) What is the basis of assurance in First John 3:14-15? _____

d) In First John 4:13, what has God given to His children to bring us assurance of salvation? _____

e) According to First John 4:14-15, what work does the Spirit produce in us that brings assurance? _____

4. **Read Philippians 2:12-13.** Verse twelve states that the Christian life is a life of obedience. However, what happens when we fail to obey? What promise is there to claim in verse 13?

God wants us to know that we have eternal life (First John 5:11-13). It is not His will that we live our life on a daily basis wondering if we are saved. If we doubt our salvation, remember that our salvation rests only on God's finished work for us. Even if our heart, at times forgets that or does not feel like it is true, it is still true (First John 3:19-20). Pray and ask God to remind us of HIS faithfulness to keep His promises.

Notes or Questions... _____

Assignments... Read First John, memorise Philippians 2:12-13, and pray for one another.

Can I say as the Psalmist, "I delight in your decrees, I will not neglect Your Word."?

"Everyone engages in prayer at one time or another. Even that person who says, 'I don't believe in God,' cries out when the crisis looms, 'Oh God, help me!' We are all acquainted with prayer to some extent or another. Prayer is one of the greatest privileges God has given man. We can come into the presence of God, the Creator of this universe, and talk with Him. And what's more, He always listens!"

Chuck Smith, Effective Prayer life, Page 43

PRAYER

1. **WHAT IS PRAYER?** _____

2. **WHO SHOULD PRAY?** Psalm 32:6

3. **TO WHOM SHOULD WE PRAY?** Matthew 6:5-15

4. **WHAT SHOULD WE PRAY FOR, AND ABOUT?**

a) Philippians 4:6 _____

b) Matthew 6:10 _____

c) Matthew 9:38 _____

d) Second Thessalonians 3:1 _____

e) James 5:13-16 _____

f) Ephesians 3:14-19 _____

5. **WHERE SHOULD WE PRAY?**

a) First Corinthians 1:2 _____

b) Luke 19:46 _____

c) Matthew 6:6 _____

6. **WHEN SHOULD WE PRAY?**

a) Luke 18:1 _____

b) First Thessalonians 3:10 _____

c) Psalm 61:2 _____

7. WHY PRAY?

- a) Luke 21:36...22:40 _____
- b) Ephesians 6:10-12 _____
- c) Ephesians 3:20 _____
- d) John 15:5 _____

8. HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?

- a) Romans 8:26 _____
- b) First John 5:14...Matthew 6:5 _____
- c) John 4:22...Jude 20 _____
- d) First Corinthians 14:15 _____

9. HINDERANCES TO PRAYER...

- a) Isaiah 59:2 _____
- b) First Peter 3:7 _____
- c) James 1:6-8 _____
- d) Luke 18:9-14 _____

Notes or Questions... _____

Assignments... Read Ephesians 1:15-23 and 3:14-21, memorise James 5:16, and pray for one another.

What keeps our prayers from being answered?

SATAN AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE

1. HIS NAMES GIVE US INSIGHT INTO HIS EVIL CHARACTER...

- a) Satan... "Satanas" in the Greek, which means adversary or opponent. Most common name, used 52 times.
- b) The devil... Means slanderer. Used 35 times.
- c) The liar and murderer... John 8:44.
- d) The god of this age... Second Corinthians 4:4.
- e) The angel of light... Second Corinthians 11:14-15.
- f) Ruler of the kingdom of the air... Ephesians 2:2.
- g) The tempter... First Thessalonians 3:5.
- h) Apollyon... Means destroyer. Revelation 9:11.
- i) The accuser of our brothers... Revelation 12:10.

2. HOW DOES SATAN OPERATE?

- a) As a schemer... Ephesians 6:11
- b) As a lion... First Peter 5:8-9
- c) As a liar... John 8:44
- d) As a deceiver... Genesis 3: 13, Revelation 20:10
- e) As a thief, murderer, and destroyer... John 10:10

SPIRITUAL WARFARE... Ephesians 6:10-18

How do we stand strong against Satan's schemes, lies, and attacks?

1. **BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT; NOT BY OURSELVES...verse 10.**
2. **PUT ON THE FULL ARMOUR, NOT PART OF IT, OR THERE WILL BE A WEAK SPOT FOR SATAN TO ATTACK...verse 11 and 13.**

- a) **The Belt of Truth...** Truth overcomes deceit and lies and is key to every area of the Christian life.
- b) **The Breastplate of Righteousness...** This speaks of right acts as practiced by the believer. The breastplate was to protect the heart of the soldier.
- c) **The Sandals of the Gospel...** The sandals speak of mobility and preparedness. We are to be ready to use God's Word in spiritual battle (First Peter 3:15).
- d) **The Shield of Faith...** (Above all, take this up.) This protects us from the attacks (those fiery darts) of Satan (for example.... temptations, impure thoughts, etceteras).

WEEK 9

Satan and Spiritual Warfare

- e) **The Helmet of Salvation...** This refers to the intake of the Word, which will protect our thoughts from doubts, the world, the flesh, and the devil. It will make us secure in our relationship with the Lord.
- f) **The Sword, which is the Word of God...** It is the only offensive weapon. When attacked, we respond with the Word.

3. **REALISE IT IS NOT A PHYSICAL BATTLE, IT IS SPIRITUAL... VERSE 12.** Read Second Corinthians 10:4-5. What can spiritual weapons accomplish? _____

4. **PRAY ALWAYS... IS IT GOD'S WILL THAT WE PRAY CONTINUALLY? (FIRST THESSALONIANS 5:17) Vs 18.**

5. **HOW DID JESUS RESPOND TO SATAN'S ATTACKS?**

a) Read Matthew 4:1-11.

1) What was Jesus' physical condition? _____

2) What did Jesus respond with to Satan's three offers in verses four, seven, and ten? _____

3) What is the only offensive weapon we have in the spiritual armour according to Ephesians 6? _____

4) What does this tell us about handling temptations or trials of any kind? _____

b) What is the promise of First John 4:4? _____

Notes or Questions... _____

Assignments... Read Matthew 4:1-11 and Jude. Memorise Ephesians 6:12, and pray for one another.

How did First John 4:4 minister to me this week?

PLACING CHRIST FIRST

1. DEFINITION OF LORDSHIP...

Second Corinthians 5:14-15... the Lordship of Jesus Christ is the **daily** submission and surrender of our **entire self** to the authority and leadership of Jesus, recognizing His sovereign right to rule over us (Colossians 1:18).

2. WHAT IS JESUS' PLAN FOR HIS DISCIPLES?

- a) Luke 9:23 states the heart of discipleship.
 - 1) **Deny yourself...** Putting the Lord and others first; refusing to live my life to please myself.
 - 2) **Take up your cross daily...** Submitting our will to the will of God (Luke 22:42).
 - 3) **Follow Me...** Following Jesus and no one or nothing else (Matthew 4:19, First Peter 2:21).
- b) The whole principle of Lordship is the removal of Self from the throne of one's heart, and the invitation to Jesus to sit on the throne and rule, trusting Him that He will do what is best for us.
- c) The battle of submission... two reasons why people do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord of their life...
 - 1) We are afraid that God may ask us to do something we do not want to do.
 - 2) We are not sure that God has our best interest at heart (Jeremiah 29:11).

3. HOW DO I KNOW IF CHRIST IS LORD OF MY LIFE?

- a) We show our love for Jesus by obeying His commands (John 14:15, 21, 23).
- b) We must read the Word of God, see what God's will is for our lives, and then we must do it (James 1:22-25).

4. WHAT IS THE BLESSING OF PLACING CHRIST FIRST IN MY LIFE?

- a) First Peter 3:15-16... _____
- b) Romans 12:1-2... _____
- c) Romans 6:22... _____

The Lordship of Jesus Christ is the most crucial issue of any Christian's life. We are all aware of those around us who are reaping in their lives the by-products of their lack of obedience. Jesus has our best interests at heart. We must give Him our entire life and we must live only for Him daily. Only then will we experience the full life that He has promised us. As we continually confess Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives, we are assured of true, active faith living in our hearts (Romans 10:9-10).

What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?

FELLOWSHIP

1. DEFINITION...

Sharing something with another person in a deep way. Friendly relation and companionship. An association of people with similar interests and tastes. To become one with.

2. THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE SAVED AND THE LOST... FIRST PETER 2:9-11.

- a) What names does the Lord call us in verse nine? _____

- b) Have we always been His people according to verse ten? _____

- c) How are we described in this present world in verse 11? _____

- d) What should be our response to verse nine? _____

3. WITH WHOM DO WE FELLOWSHIP (FIRST JOHN 1:1-9)?

- a) First John 1:1-9... _____
- b) Second Corinthians 13:14... _____
- c) First John 1:3-7... _____
- d) First John 1:7... _____

4. WHAT IS OUR MOTIVATION TO FELLOWSHIP?

- a) Romans 8:35-39... _____
- b) First John 2:3-6... _____
- c) Hebrews 10:25... _____

5. WHAT ACTIVITIES DID THE EARLY BELIEVERS SHARE IN?

- a) Acts 2:42... _____

b) Colossians 3:15-16... _____

6. THE KEY ISSUE OF FELLOWSHIP IS LOVE.

a) John 13:34-35... _____

b) First John 3:18... _____

c) Galatians 6:10... _____

7. WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE FELLOWSHIP?

a) Hebrews 10:25... _____

b) James 5:16... _____

c) Hebrews 10:24... _____

d) First Corinthians 11:24-26... _____

e) First Corinthians 8:4, Romans 15:25... _____

f) Romans 12:13, Acts 11:29... _____

g) Romans 15:1-2... _____

h) First Peter 2:2-3... _____

i) Matthew 18:19-20... _____

j) Colossians 3:16... _____

8. IS FELLOWSHIP AN OPTION FOR CHRISTIANS ACCORDING TO HEBREWS 10:25? WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF NOT FELLOWSHIPING WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS REGULARLY?

Notes or questions... _____

Assignments... Read the book of Philippians, memorise Hebrews 10:25, and pray for one another.

What blessing did I receive as a result of fellowship this week?

THE HOLY SPIRIT HIS DEITY AND PERSON

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON (In the Greek, personal pronouns are used for the Holy Spirit... He, Him, etc).

- a) In Greek He is the “parakletos”, which means “One called alongside to help”, a Helper, a Comforter, a Counselor.
 - b) In John 14:16, who is the “He” referring to? _____
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2. HE DOES THINGS ONLY A PERSON CAN DO...

- a) He teaches and helps us to remember... John 14:26.
- b) He calls men to service (He speaks)... Acts 13:2.
- c) He convicts us of sin... John 16:8.
- d) He leads... Romans 8:13-14.

3. BEING A PERSON, HE CAN BE AFFECTED BY OUR ACTIONS OR ATTITUDES...

- a) We can lie to Him... Acts 5:1-3.
- b) We can grieve Him... Ephesians 4:30.
- c) We can quench Him... First Thessalonians 5:19.
- d) We can insult Him... Hebrews 10:29.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT POSSESSES ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD...

- a) Omnipresent... Psalm 139:7-10.
- b) Omnipotent... Luke 1:35.
- c) Omniscient... John 14:26, John 16:12-13.
- d) Eternal... Hebrews 9:14.
- e) Holy... Romans 1:4.
- f) Creator... Job 33:4, Psalm 104:30.

5. HE IS DISTINCT FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON...

- a) Matthew 28:19, Luke 3:21-22.

6. WHEN HE SAVES US...

- a) He regenerates, quickens, us (makes us spiritually alive). John 3:3-8, Titus 3:4-7.
- b) He indwells us (comes and lives inside of us). First Corinthians 3:16, First Corinthians 6:19.
- c) He brings satisfaction and supply for all of our needs. John 4:13-14, John 7:37-39.
- d) He is the seal, the guarantee, of our salvation. Ephesians 1:13-14.

The Holy Spirit is recognized as God in Acts 5:3-4, and is active in man's life, convicting him of sin, and guiding the believer into all Truth. John 16:7-11.

SUMMARY OF THE TRINITY

1. GENESIS 1:1... THE WORD FOR GOD IN HEBREW IS ELOHIM...

The word in Hebrew for God singular is "El". The word in Hebrew for God plural is "Elah". The word in Hebrew for God three or more is "Elohim", and this is a uniplural noun, which indicates and implies a single entity in more than one form (the three are one and the same God and the one is three and the same God).

2. THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY IS NOT PLAINLY STATED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT (NEITHER IS THE WORD "TRINITY"), BUT IT IS CLEARLY SEEN IN THE THREE PERSONS OF THE GODHEAD.

Genesis 1:26, Genesis 3:22, Genesis 11:7.

3. IT IS PLAINLY STATED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 3:16-17, First Peter 1:2, Jude 20-21.

4. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD...

Deuteronomy 39:2, Second Samuel 7:22, Isaiah 43:10.

5. EVEN CREATION IMPLIES THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY...

Space... length, width, and depth all in **one** space.

Man... body, soul, and spirit makes **one** man.

In the Holy Trinity we have one God shown, revealed, to us in three distinct persons. The three all have the same attributes (characteristics) and are all called God. It is difficult to understand in totality, completely. Therefore, we must accept it by faith.

- $1+1+1=1$
- Water can be found in a liquid, an ice, or in the form of a vapor. Yet each state is still water.
- Remember Deuteronomy 29:29.

Notes or questions... _____

Assignments... Read John 14-17. Memorise John 14:18, and pray for one another.

In what way did I see the Holy Spirit at work in my life this week?

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE PART 1

First Corinthians 12:13 says every believer has been baptized into, or identified with the body of Christ.

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT PLACES US INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST...

a) Who owns our body now according to First Corinthians 12:27?

b) Are all the members in a church Body the same (First Corinthians 12:14 and 17, Romans 12:4-5)? _____

c) Who gives us our place in the Body of Christ (First Corinthians 12:18, Ephesians 4:11-12)? _____

d) Are we all needed in the Body of Christ (First Corinthians 12:21-25, First Peter 4:10)? _____

e) Do we need the other members of the Body of Christ (First Corinthians 12:21-26)? _____

f) Who is the head of the Body of Christ (Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 1:22)?

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES EACH PERSON CERTAIN ABILITIES... Turn to First Corinthians 12...

a) According to verses five and six, does everyone have the same gift or gifts? _____

b) Is there anyone who does not have at least one gift according to verse seven? _____

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The Spirit-filled Life...Part 1

c) Who is this gift or who are these gifts that God gave intended to benefit?

d) What are some examples of these gifts in verses eight through ten?

e) Who decides who will receive these gifts? _____

f) According to verse 31, what can we pray for? _____

g) What is the greatest gift according to Paul (who was inspired by God) in verse 31 (First Corinthians 13)?

h) Paul makes some very strong statements in First Corinthians 13:1-3 concerning the importance and priority of love. In these verses, which is the most important; using our gifts or showing love?

Why? _____

Summary... When I became a Christian, I immediately became a child of God and have been placed into a new spiritual family (this family is other followers of Jesus Christ who make up the Body of Christ). Just as a human body functions and works together best when each member does its job, so too the Body of Christ, the Church, you and me, is healthiest and most efficient when each member is growing spiritually and fulfilling one's special role set before him by the Spirit.

Notes or questions... _____

Assignments... Read Galatians, memorise Philippians 1:6, and pray for one another.

What does it mean to me that I am now a part of the Body of Christ?

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE PART 2

1. THE PROMISE OF THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...

- a) It was prophesied in the Old Testament... Joel 2:28-32.
- b) It was promised by Jesus in the New Testament... John 14:16-17 and 26, John 15:26-27.

2. IN ACTS 1:4-5, WHAT DID JESUS TELL HIS DISCIPLES TO WAIT FOR?

3. TURN TO ACTS 1:8...

- a) The word "power" comes from the Greek word "dunamis" which is where "dynamite" is taken from. Where does the power (the ability) to witness for (live for) Jesus Christ come from?

- b) Before we received Jesus Christ into our hearts the Holy Spirit was *with* ("para" in the Greek) us, convicting us of sin and drawing, calling, us to Christ (John 16:7-8).
- c) When we received God's free gift of eternal life the Holy Spirit immediately came *in* ("en" in the Greek) us (John 14:16-17, John 20:22, First Corinthians 3:16).
- d) The third experience of the Holy Spirit is when He comes *on or upon* ("epi" in the Greek) us, filling us up, and then overflowing, pouring out, from our lives onto others (John 7:37-39).
 - 1. Flow in the Greek literally means to gush forth.
 - 2. Baptize ("baptizo" in the Greek) means to become overflowing with. We become a channel through which the Holy Spirit gushes out from us onto everyone surrounding our lives.
 - 3. Look at these examples of the Spirit coming upon a believer in Jesus...
Acts 10:44... _____

Acts 19:6... _____

4. WHEN WE ARE BAPTISED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHAT HAPPENS?

- a) We receive power to witness for Jesus and to serve Him in whatever area He asks us to.
- b) We receive increased power to overcome sin.
- c) The Scriptures come alive to us.
- d) Our relationship with God is more alive and vital.

- e) We receive spiritual gifts when we pray to God and ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We receive this baptism by faith (Luke 11:11-13, Galatians 3:2, 5, 13, and 14) just as we received Jesus Christ into our lives by faith.

SHARING YOUR FAITH

1. **ACCORDING TO FIRST PETER 3:15, WHAT MUST HAPPEN IN OUR PERSONAL LIVES BEFORE WE ARE READY TO SHARE OUR FAITH?** _____

2. **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “SANCTIFY” THE LORD IN OUR HEARTS?** _____

3. **BASIC POINTS THAT SHOULD BE COVERED...**

- a) All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).
- b) The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).
- c) God demonstrated His love to us by sending Jesus Christ to die (Romans 5:8).
- d) We are saved by faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9-10 and 13).
- e) Optional verses... Isaiah 59:1-2, John 3:3 and 16, Acts 3:19-20, Ephesians 1:7, and Ephesians 2:8-9.

4. **TOOLS FOR WITNESSING...**

- a) Our personal, intimate relationship with Jesus lived in front of unbelievers.
- b) A Bible... the New Testament is fine.
- c) Tracts (little pamphlets) containing the Gospel message.
- d) Memorise Scripture... the Roman Road is very effective (Romans 3:10-12, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8, John 3:16-18, Romans 10:9-10, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 20:31, First John 5:13, Jeremiah 29:11).

5. **REMEMBER...**

- a) The Holy Spirit is the One will speak through us (Matthew 10:18-20).
- b) The Lord is the One who adds to the church daily (Acts 2:47).

Notes or questions... _____

Assignments... Read the book of Acts, memorise Acts 1:8, and pray for one another.

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