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***BASIC BIBLE  
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MANUAL***

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## Introduction

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**Ministry Motto:** The desire of our ministry is prayer for **boldness** to share Christ, **wisdom** for the best way, and **open doors** of opportunity that Deaf will be saved, families strengthened and churches served.

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### **“Learn To Do It Right The First Time”**

These ministries manuals are written for almost **all** areas of the Deaf ministry. They are written from trial and error, experience, and knowledge. We have learned **what works** and **what does not work**. We could print many more manuals about **what did not work** than what does work. Also remember that we are missionaries, not professional educators. These manuals are written primarily for **Deaf ministries**, but professional educators can also find helpful information. It has been stated, *“You can cut down a tree with a dull ax but it is easier with a chain saw or a sharp ax.”* These manuals are dedicated to help deaf ministries to do it right the **first time**. These **Manuals** contain many years of experience from **different writers** with expertise in certain areas of the Deaf ministry. We seek to upgrade and revise them as we learn better ways to do it. Many leaders ask us the question, **“If you were the leader in our church what would you do? What changes would you make? How would you do it?”** These manuals will teach and train you in how we would do it. Your helpful suggestions and comments would be appreciated!

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**We are here to Serve!**

## **The Teacher of a Class**

*"...They that have not heard shall understand"* (Romans 15:21).

*"...How can, (know) except some man should guide me?"* (Acts 8:31).

*"...We know that thou art a teacher come from God"* (John 3:2).

**Introduction** - The most important position in the deaf ministry is the teacher. In the Sunday School class you can sign directly to the deaf in their language and their world. In interpreting you must interpret the English language into the deaf language. A teacher can use a blackboard, gestures, overheads, and teach until the deaf understand. The Sunday School class is a time to teach and train deaf people into maturity. Always remember that the deaf class is as a mission field and not just another class. The public schools are not permitted to teach the Bible and many parents never learn Sign Language. Because of this responsibly there should be certain requirements for a teacher. You are a vessel used to teach the Word of God.

### **How To Teach A Class**

1. Start on time - Stop on time - Be prompt!
2. Keep it exciting - Don't be boring with same routines.
3. Teach the Bible - your opinions mean nothing - It is the Word of God that changes lives.
4. Use a planned systematic method in teaching. Teach lessons that are practical for your class.
5. Promote Spiritual growth. A 4th grade teacher's goal is to promote her class to the 5th grade.
6. Plan exciting activities at least quarterly and on special days. Have one big annual event.
7. Teach the deaf to reach the deaf. Disciple the deaf into maturity. Let your deaf grow.
8. Deaf listen with their eyes. Use visual signs, visual graphics, and clear signs they understand.
9. Keep it clear, simple and exciting.
10. Build a total ministry for all deaf in all areas of their life.
11. Build ministries for families, adults, teens, and juniors.
12. Look for ways to improve, grow and reach all your area.
13. Be a finisher as Paul, **"I have finished my course, I have kept the faith"** (II Timothy 4:7).
14. Pray for the members of your class to grow spiritually.
15. Visit the deaf community - Absent members - love them and visit them.

**If they don't understand the way you teach,  
teach the way they understand.**

**Note to Teachers:** Some of the lessons may take longer than one Sunday to teach certain principles. Each class is different and each deaf person is different. It may be necessary to put aside the planned program and concentrate upon the people. You may need to teach several Sundays on one lesson until they understand it. The key is making sure your class understands the Bible principle. Maturity comes from precept upon precept or building slowing on the right foundation. Be patient and repeat lesson until it is understood and then move on to the next lesson. Do not rush these lessons but teach them thoroughly and completely. You may need to forget the planned weekly concept and concentrate upon teaching until the lesson is clearly understood. No one can spiritually grow without the Word of God – No one! “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may **grow** thereby” (I Peter 2:2).

Only the Word of God will change people towards God and maturity.

Ted Camp, SWM

# Christian Theology Terms

- I. **Doctrine of the Bible - Bibliology**
  - A. Revelation and Inspiration
  - B. Authenticity of the Scriptures
  - C. Credibility of the Scriptures
- II. **Doctrine of God - Theology Proper**
  - A. The Being and Attributes of God
  - B. The Arguments for His Eternal Existence
  - C. The Trinity of God
  - D. His Works of Creation and Providence
- III. **Doctrine of Man - Anthropology**
  - A. Origin and Nature of Man
  - B. His Primitive State
  - C. His Probation and Fall in Sin
  - D. Free Gift of Righteousness or Forgiving Grace
- IV. **Doctrine of Sin - Hamartiology**
  - A. Original Sin
  - B. Effects of Original Sin
  - C. Nature and Character of Guilt and Penalty
- V. **Doctrine of the Person of Christ - Christology**
  - A. His Deity
  - B. His Humanity
  - C. His Work from eternity past to eternity future
- VI. **Doctrine of the Holy Spirit - Pneumatology**
  - A. His Divine Personality
  - B. His work and functions
- VII. **Doctrine of Complete Work of Salvation from God - Soteriology**
  - A. The Work of Christ in atoning for sin, Prophet, Priest and King
  - B. Vicarious Atonement
  - C. The Work of the Holy Spirit in the individual
  - D. Repentance and Saving Faith
  - E. Justification and Regeneration
  - F. Sanctification and Vocation or Call
- VIII. **Doctrine of The Church - Ecclesiology**
  - A. The Organization of the Church
  - B. The Ordinances of the Church
  - C. The Mission of the Church
- IX. **Doctrine of Angels - Angelology**
  - A. Reality, Personality, and Classification of Angels
  - B. Reality, Origin, Fall and Work of Satan
  - C. Reality, Origin, and Work of Demons
- X. **Doctrine of Last Things - Eschatology**
  - A. The Last Days
  - B. Second Advent of Christ
  - C. The Resurrections
  - D. The Final Judgment
  - E. Eternity

## **WHAT IS BIBLE DOCTRINE?**

**Doctrine** simply means **that which is taught**. **Doctrine is teachings**. It is the teaching from a teacher. It is a belief that is taught concerning a religion. Even false cults have their doctrines or teachings. **Bible doctrine** means simply the true **teachings** and **beliefs** of the Bible.

**Doctrine** is the basic body of Christian teaching or understanding (II Timothy 3:16). Christian doctrine is composed of teachings which are to be handed on through instruction and guidance. The teacher attempts to offer a clear and connected interpretation, for doctrine must be understood before the Christian believes. It is important for Christians to be taught the truth of God's Word. The Word of God is the authority, not the teacher. Only the doctrines or teachings of God's Word will prove what is true or false, right or wrong. **Doctrine** is the Word of God to teach mankind the mind of God. Christians must believe and accept that God is, and that the Bible is His Word. That is why we have teachers, pastors, missionaries and evangelists to teach and preach the doctrines of the Bible. People only know what they read or hear, so it is important that they be taught truth. It is easier to teach truth to young Christians than to try to re-teach or unteach false doctrines.

There are four **essentials** to properly receive Bible doctrine or teachings: 1. **Scriptures** (Doctrine must include the Word of God). 2. **Personal Knowledge** (to read – to hear the Word – to study and know the Word). 3. **Mental Intellect** (accept it as the Word of God). 4. **Personal Practice** - (What you have learned – Do it!) Daily apply the Word of God to your life. Do not be a hearer only, but let the Word of God spiritually change your life. Put into practice what you have learned. A Christian spiritually grows and changes from the inside to the outward mature Christian to be used of the Lord.

1. **Scripture** – If you want to know about correct grammar, go to an English book. If you want to know about God, you must go to the Bible. The Bible witnesses to the fact and activity of God. The Bible never tries to prove God, but simply states the fact of God. The Bible is God's plan for mankind. Without the Bible there would be no absolute knowledge of God. Some churches and Christians become bound to traditions instead of Scriptures. The church may become a servant to and rely only on inherited interpretations of Scripture. Some churches and Christians become deaf to the Word of God and to fail to understand its true doctrines. That is why it is important to **study** to rightly divide the Word of God (II Timothy 2:15).

2. **Personal Knowledge** – Knowledge begins with knowing. You obtain knowledge from hearing, reading, experience and life. You can only know what they have learned by experiences and knowledge. Past teachings shape the way you think, the values you hold and the choices you make. Past experiences from your culture can affect your doctrine. Bad doctrine can blind you to the truth of the Bible. Christians need to put aside past experiences and rely totally upon all Scriptures as the inspired Word of God (II Timothy 3:16). Experience and knowledge without basic Bible is only man's opinions and philosophy.

3. **Personal Mental Intellect** - Christians have a mind to think, a heart to know, and a will to decide. The Holy Spirit will lead you to right thinking as you study the Bible. *“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you”* (John 14:26). A person can think he is right, but can be wrong. Doctrine is not based upon what you think, but what the Bible teaches. Use common sense with simple faith in the Word of God as the authority and absolute for your doctrine and principles of life.

4. **Personal Practice** - The Bible teaches that it is wasted time to hear and know the Word of God and not put it into practice. *“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed”* (James 1:22-25).

**Note:** As you study the Bible doctrines let them slowly change your life towards God. No one can become a mature Christian **without** the Word of God. **“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby”** (I Peter 2:2). All life must eat to grow. This is true of the great elephant and even the small ant. It is also true of Christians. Christians must eat, feed on and study the Word of God so that the inner spiritual man may grow into maturity.

**Without the Word of God – There is no work of God.**

## **STUDY THE SCRIPTURES**

The Bible is God's instruction book to teach us what is right and wrong, what is good and bad, what is truth and error and what is true and false. We need to follow the instructions that have been given to us in the Word of God. Study the Word of God and you will slowly become a happy, mature Christian. What is the difference in Christianity and other religions in the world? Christianity recognizes the written Word of God as the only **absolute** and **authority** of God. This is what separates Christianity from all other religions. Webster defines "religion" as *the service and worship of God or the supernatural ...a set or system of religious attitudes, beliefs and practices*. "**Religious**" means devoted to God or to the powers or principles believed to govern life. "**Cult**" means formal worship or system of religious rites or those who practice it; devotion to a person, idea or thing (Webster). Cults will worship man, things or ideas instead of an absolute God. Prove what is right and what is wrong in accordance with the Word of God as the authority. A "**hypocrite**" knows he is false but pretends or acts real. A "**Pharisee**" is a person who thinks he is right but he is wrong. "**There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death**" (Proverbs 14:12). People can **think** they are right but be **wrong**. Use the Bible to prove and test what is right or wrong. Just because people are good and kind does not mean they are right in their teachings. Can you prove what you believe with Scriptures?

***"Study to shew thyself approved unto God,  
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."***

--II Timothy 2:15

### **THE WORD OF GOD IS FOR:**

**Doctrine** - - - Teaching ----- What is **Right**.

**Reproof** - - - Teaching ----- What is **not right**.

**Correction** - Teaching ----- How to **become right**.

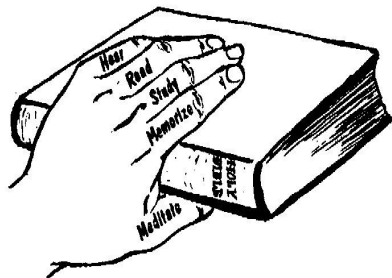
**Instruction** - Teaching ----- How to **stay right**.

**HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE** - As you study, always remember that the Scriptures are the true Word of God (II Timothy 2:15). Let the Word of God prove what is right. Do not listen to opinions of man (II Corinthians 13:1; Isaiah 28:9,10). Search the Scriptures to prove all things (Acts 17:11; John 5:39). Put your trust in the everlasting Word of God (Matthew 24:35). Let the Holy Spirit give you correct understanding.

***"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name,  
he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance,  
whatsoever I have said unto you."***

- John 14:26

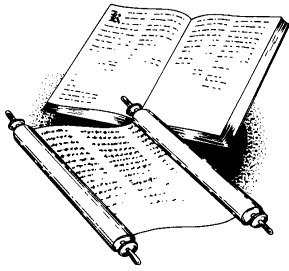
### **There are Five Things to Help you Know the Bible**



1. Read the Bible (II Timothy 2:15).
2. Memorize the Scriptures (Psalms 119:11).
3. Meditate upon what you have read (I Timothy 4:15).
4. Understand what you study (Proverbs 1:2).
5. Obey and practice what you learn (Philippians 4:9).

**The Word of God is the only  
true absolute, authority and assurance of God.**

# **THE HOLY BIBLE**



**Introduction** - The word **Bible** is from a Greek word **Biblos** meaning many books in one. It is called the "**Holy Bible**," meaning it is from God. If you want to learn about math then study a math book. If you want to learn better English then study a grammar book. If you want to know about the past then study a History book, but if you want to know about God you must study only one book, the Bible. It is the true Word of God. God lets man know about Him with the Bible. The Bible is the only way we can know about God, the history of man, the plan of God, and the future into eternity. There is no other book written that explains the facts of beginning and ending-the beginning of man, the fall into

sin, the love of God, the plan of God, and the will of God. The Bible gives the story of salvation, Jesus Christ, and eternity. The Bible tells about the past and prophecies about the future.

**The First book (Genesis) - Genesis** was written about 4000 BC. Genesis is known as the book of beginnings. This book tells the story of God, creation, heaven, the sun, the moon, the earth, the oceans, the trees, the animals and the beginning of man. If you want to know how all things began, read the book of Genesis. Genesis explains the beginning of all things.

**The Last book (Revelation) - Revelation** was written about AD 95. Revelation is known as the book of endings. This book tells the end of this present world, the devil, the last judgment, and eternity. To know the end of all things, read the book of Revelation.

**The Bible Is True** -There are no errors or mistakes in the Word of God. The Bible is the Word of God and it is true. God cannot lie and He will keep His promises in the Bible (Numbers 23:19). The Bible is true about creation, sin, man, Heaven, Hell and eternity. No one needs to prove the Bible. It will prove itself. It is the only book that has been proven to be true in past history and that will be proven to be true in its prophecies (future).

**The Word of God Is Eternal** - The Bible is eternal and will not pass away or be destroyed. Governments have made laws to destroy and burn Bibles. Kings have denied the Bible. Some countries refuse the Bible and will not permit their people to read it. Governments and kings have passed away, but the Bible remains. The Bible is powerful (Hebrews 4:12). Many lives and nations have been changed because of the Bible. The Bible is powerful enough to break a person's stubborn pride and will. The Word of God remains unchanged. It is still the same today and it will be for all eternity (Matthew 24:35).

## **Some Things Found Only in the Bible**

<b>Peace</b> with God (Romans 5:1)	<b>Comfort</b> and Hope (I Thessalonians 4:18)
<b>Conviction</b> of Sin (Acts 2:14-37)	<b>Assurance</b> (I John 5:13)
<b>Faith</b> in God (Romans 10:17)	<b>Truth</b> (Acts 17:11)
<b>Cleansing</b> (II Corinthians 7:1)	<b>Salvation</b> (I Peter 1:23)

## **The Bible is also Known as a...**

- 1. Sword** (Hebrews 4:12)
- 2. Seed** (I Peter 1:23).
- 3. Fire** (Jeremiah 23:29)
- 4. Hammer** (Jeremiah 23:29)
- 5. Mirror** (James 1:23-25)
- 6. Lamp** (Psalm 119:105)
- 7. Food** (I Peter 2:2)

# **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Introduction** - Have you ever wondered how we got the Bible? Who wrote the Bible? These questions and many others will be answered in this lesson. If you want to know about math then you must study a math book but if you want to know about God you must study the Bible. The word **Bible** is from the **Greek** word **Biblos** meaning "**books**" or "**many books in one.**" The Bible is one book made up of many books. The Bible is also known as "**the Scriptures,**" "**the Writings,**" and "**the Word of God.**" The word **Scriptures** means "**words of holy writing by people known as scribes.**" The Bible is **inspired** of God. The word **inspiration** means "**God breathed.**" **God breathed upon man as they wrote the Bible.** Actually God wrote the Bible using men as His pen (II Timothy 3:16; II Corinthians 3:14; Hebrews 4:12). The Bible is the only way we can know about God, the history of man, the plan of God, and the future into eternity. There is no other book written that explains the beginning and ending, the creation of man, the fall into sin, the love of God, the plan of God, and the will of God. The Bible is the story of salvation, Jesus Christ, and eternity. The Bible contains the past and prophesies the future. The Bible is **compared** to a: **Sword** (Hebrews 4:12), **Hammer** (Jeremiah 23:29), **Seed** (I Peter 1:23), **Mirror** (James 1:23-25), **Fire** (Jeremiah 23:29), **Lamp** (Psalm 119:105), **Food** (I Peter 2:2).

**History of the Bible** - The Bible is **one book** containing many books. There are 66 books in the Bible. The Old Testament has 39 books and the New Testament has 27 books. The Old Testament was first written in the Hebrew language with parts of Daniel and Ezra written in the Aramaic language. The New Testament was written in the Greek language. The **Hebrew language** was the language used by the Jews in the Old Testament days. During the days of Jesus, the most common language was **Greek**. The New Testament and also the Old Testament was then written in the Greek language. Many of the New Testament books were written as letters to the local churches in different cities.

**Examples:** City of Corinth = **Corinthians** - City of Ephesus = **Ephesians** - City of Colosse = **Colossians**.

**Who Wrote the Bible?** The Bible was written by some **forty-four** different men. Among these men were kings, fishermen, farmers, priests, soldiers, prophets, shepherds, statesmen, and even a tax-collector, a tentmaker and a doctor. All of the writers were Jewish except Luke who was a Greek. The first writer was **Moses**, who wrote the **first five books** in the Old Testament. The last writer was the **Apostle John**, who wrote the book of Revelation. Moses died 1,450 years before John was born. It is wonderful that all of these men agreed in their writings. John never met Moses, but both wrote about the same God. How could this be? God told each man what to write in the Bible. It is amazing that all the writers continued writing on the **same foundation** of other writers.

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**Materials Used To Write The Bible** - The Bible was first written on clay, bark, wood and stone tablets; and sometimes, linen and animal skins were also used. Later, the Bible was written on scrolls. It required many hours and much work to pass the Bible from generation to generation. Many men worked long hours to write the Bible. Some died because of their strong Bible beliefs.

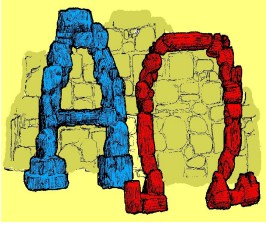
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## **THE DOCTRINE OF GOD**

**Introduction** – It is hard for man to believe in something that he cannot see, touch, smell or feel (I Corinthians 2:14). Many may ask the questions, "Where is God?" "Why does God permit sickness or death?" Some just deny that there is a God and openly state, "There is no God." The Bible is not written to prove the existence of God. The Bible just simply states the fact that God does exist. He is the one and only true God. Christians just believe the simple fact that *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"* (Genesis 1:1). A person who is blind may deny that there



is a moon, but the moon just keeps on reflecting the sun's light. If a person will just stop and think, he can see that even the heavens declare the glory of God and His handiwork (Psalm 19:1). The Bible plainly states that it is the fool who denies the existence of God. ***"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God"*** (Psalm 14:1). Here is a book! Someone must have written it. There is a car! Someone had to build it. Here is a building! Someone had to design it. Someone created the trees. Someone started everything and controls the universe. God is the Alpha and the Omega. He is the Beginning and the End. Without God there would be no beginnings! There is a God.

**God Is Eternal** - To be the true God, God must have neither beginning nor ending (Psalm 90:2). God always was in the past and He will always be in the future. God had no beginning. God was in and before the beginning of the Heaven and the earth. God has always been in the past and He will always be in the future. God is the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the beginning and the end (Revelation 1:8). The **first and last** letter of the Greek alphabet. He is God.

**God Does Not Change** - God has planned and promised many things in His Word. He cannot change His plans or His promises. God cannot lie. God cannot sin. God will not forget or change His promises (I Samuel 15:29; Malachi 3:6; James 1:17; Numbers 23:19). God does not get older in age or body. He is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore. He is God.

**God Is All Powerful** (Omnipotent) - (**Omni = All**) If He did not have all power, He would not be God (Job 42:2; Psalm 33:9). God is stronger than Satan. God has more power than all of the powers of the world. One day all people, kings, queens, and presidents will bow before Him. There is no power that is greater than God. No one, nation, or thing is greater than God. He is God.

**God Is Everywhere at All Times** (Omnipresent) - God is **everywhere** at the **same time**. God is not far from all of us (Acts 17:27). A person cannot hide from God. God sees all that is done whether it be at noonday or midnight. A person can hide things from family or friends, but no one can hide anything from God (Jeremiah 23:23-24; Psalm 139:7-10; Ephesians 1:23). The devil is **not** omnipresent but God is everywhere at all times. He is God.

**God Knows All Things** (Omniscience) - God **knows all things**. He even knows the number of hairs on your head (Matthew 10:30). He knows the number and names of the stars (Psalm 147:4). God knows your thoughts and desires (I Chronicles 28:9). His eyes are upon every person at all times (II Chronicles 16:9). A person may fool others, but he cannot fool God. A person may fool the preacher, but He cannot fool God. God knows all things. He does not need to read a book or learn anything. His knowledge and wisdom never grows. He knows all the answers to all the problems. He is God. You can trust the wisdom and knowledge of God. He will always do what is right.

### **The Attributes of God**

**Holy** (I Peter 1:16)

**Love** (I John 4:8-16)

**True** (Jeremiah 10:10)

**Righteous** (Psalm 116:5)

**Faithful** (I Corinthians 1:9)

**Great** (Psalm 86:10)

**Merciful** (Romans 9:18)

**Good** (Psalm 25:8)

**Wise** (I Timothy 1:17).

## THE DOCTRINE OF MAN



**Introduction** - How did man begin? Did man evolve from animals? Was man created? Why did God make man? What is the purpose of man? Is man different from animals when he dies? Why does man die? All of these questions can be answered only from the Word of God.

*"And God said, **Let us make man** in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over...fish...fowl... cattle ...over all the earth ... over every creeping thing ...*

***So God created man** in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."*

--Genesis 1:26-27.

***"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."***

--Genesis 2:7

***"And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."***

-- Genesis 2:15

***"And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man."***

--Genesis 2:22

***"And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain."***

--Genesis 4:1

**Introduction** - The Bible is the story of man and his beginning. God made the man and then made the woman from the man. Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, then had the first baby, Cain. Adam and Eve were made from God. All of the people today are born from the first family, Adam and Eve. It is important to understand that **all people** are born from their first parents of Adam and Eve.

**The First Sin** - *"And the Lord God commanded the man saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die"* (Genesis 2:16-17). God made man to fellowship with Him. God came down to walk and talk with man. God made man to love Him. God made man to honor Him. God made man to obey Him. God permitted man to make a choice. If there were no choice, then man could not freely love but would be the same as controlled robots. Eve was tempted and did eat of the fruit. She told Adam of her disobedience. Adam thought about it and then decided to eat also. Adam fell by choice. Because of Adam, **sin** entered into the world. Adam disobeyed God, fell in sin and broke fellowship with God. ***"Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin"*** (Romans 5:12).

**All Have Sin** - Because of Adam all people are now born in sin. Sin is **passed** from Adam upon all people born from Adam. All people are born sinners (Romans 3:10; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12). Even children have sin (Psalm 51:5). Children are born knowing how to sin and lie. Young children do not have to be taught how to cheat and steal. Children are born wrong because of their sin nature. People do not become sinner but all people are born sinners. Man was made to fellowship with God. God made a plan for man to again have fellowship with Him. God gave His Son, Jesus Christ to take the place of Adam to forgive sin. Because of Adam all have sin, but because of Jesus Christ all can be saved. All people need to be saved, good and bad people, rich and poor people, young and old people, handicapped and healthy people, black, white, red, yellow people are all the same to God.

God **made man** to love, honor and obey Him.

# **DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST**

## **1. Birth of Jesus Christ**

Adam fell into sin and the fellowship with God was broken. God could not accept sin. In the Old Testament, a lamb without spot was killed and the blood was used to cover sin. This was acceptable with God because this act pointed to the perfect Lamb of God, Jesus, Who was to take away the sin of man. Every year, the Jews would make sacrifices and think about the future when God would provide a Savior to take away sin. Adam fell and all people since are born with a sinful nature. A person born into sin could not be a perfect sacrifice for sin. The plan of God must be to have a person born without an earthly father who would be without the sin of Adam. Year after year, the people looked for the Savior to come from God, the One who would again unite man with God. Because of one man (Adam), sin entered into the world.

*"Wherefore, as by **one man** (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin;  
and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."*

--Romans 5:12

*"But not as the offence, so also is the free gift.*

*For if through the **offence of one** (Adam) many be dead,  
much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace,  
which is by **one man, Jesus Christ...***

*For if by **one man's** offence death reigned by **one** (Adam)...  
the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by **one** (Jesus Christ).*

*Therefore as by the offence of **one** (Adam) judgment came upon all men...  
even so by the righteousness of **one** (Jesus Christ)  
the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*

*For as by **one man's disobedience** (Adam) many were made sinners,  
so by the **obedience of one** (Jesus Christ) shall many be made righteous."*

--Romans 5:15-19

**The Lamb of God** - For thousands of years, mankind looked for the Savior, the perfect Lamb of God, to pay the sacrifice for sin. Finally, John the Baptist pointed and said, **"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world"** (John 1:29). The Savior had come; and for the first time, sin was not covered but taken away. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to take away sin and to make man right with God. To be the Lamb of God, it was required that He must be perfect and not be just a man the same as others. All others are born only in a human family but Jesus Christ was born in a holy family and a human family. He is man and yet He is God.

**Bible Prophecies About Jesus** - Scriptures had to be fulfilled before anyone could be the Savior. The Bible prophesied, hundreds of years before, facts about the Lamb of God and His birth. A true prophecy must be one-hundred percent correct before it is a true Word from God. When Jesus Christ was born He fulfilled many prophecies from the Old Testament. All of these Scriptures were prophesied hundreds of years before Christ was born and every Scripture was fulfilled.

### **Prophecy - Old Testament**

Born out of Israel, Numbers 24:17-19  
Born from David -Tribe of Judah Genesis 49:10  
Born in Bethlehem - Micah 5:2  
Born of a virgin - Isaiah 7:14  
He must be God - Isaiah 9:6

### **Fulfilled - New Testament**

Matthew 1:1 -17  
Luke 1:31-33  
Luke 2:4-7  
Matthew 1:18-23  
John 1:14.

**The Virgin Birth** - Adam and all born into the human race are born **in** sin (Psalm 51:5; Psalm 58:3). Jesus Christ was born without sin. God solved the problem of sin with a **"virgin birth."** The sin nature is passed from the father, not the mother. Jesus did not have a **human** father, but a Holy Father in Heaven. The virgin Mary was His **mother**, God was His Father. The sin nature did not pass upon Jesus Christ. He was born without sin. He was the perfect Lamb of God. If Jesus was not born of a virgin, then there is no salvation, no one can be saved. This was the plan of God and the only way God will be satisfied. Jesus is the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world.

# **DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST**

## **2. Life of Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ, the Savior, the Lamb of God, not only had to be God and born of a virgin, but He also had to be truly man. Jesus Christ was man in every way except for the sinful nature of man. **“For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead”** (I Corinthians 15:21). Jesus is as much **God as God** and as much **man as man** but without the sinful nature.

***“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men,  
the man Christ Jesus.”***

--I Timothy 2:5

***“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman,  
made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law,  
that we might receive the adoption of sons.”***

--Galatians 4:4-5

**The Names of Jesus** - Jesus is His human name meaning **Savior of mankind** (Matthew 1:23). **Christ** is His heavenly name meaning **anointed One**. The name **Christ** is used over three hundred times in the New Testament. **Jesus** is His name and **Christ** is His title. **Illustration:** President George Washington. **President** was his title. Washington was his name. **Jesus** is the human name given to Him at birth, but **Christ** is His holy name in Heaven. These two names mean that Jesus Christ is the God-man. **Jesus** is of man, and **Christ** is of God. Joseph and Mary did not name Him, but an angel from God said, **“Thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins”** (Matthew 1:21). Jesus Christ has more than **two-hundred** different names in the Bible. **Some names are** Lord, Savior, Master, Messiah, Prince of Peace, the Way, the Truth, the Light, Son of God, Son of David, the Bread of Life, the Lamb of God and King of Kings.

**The Ministry of Jesus** - Jesus began His ministry at the age of thirty (Luke 3:23; Mark 1:1). Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist and announced as the Lamb of God. There was never a man such as Jesus. He is greater than any other person born. Solomon was very wise, but Jesus was greater. Abraham was the father of the Jewish Nation... but **“Behold a greater... is here”** (Luke 11:31). Jesus was perfect. He had no evil thoughts. The people saw His miracles and said, **“What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”** (Mark 4:41). In His ministry, He never thought of Himself but of others. Jesus was God living on the earth. He came to do the will of God. For about three and one half years, He ministered to the people that they might hear and know the Son of God. Jesus came to seek and to save sinners.

**The Character of Jesus** - Jesus always did what was right. He is honest and good. He never lied. **Jesus Christ is holy**. He is without sin. He is always **perfect and pure** (I John 3:3). **Jesus Christ is loving**. Jesus came to show the love of God to man (John 14:31). **Jesus is compassionate**. He has a soft, tender heart full of love and pity for the needs of others. At one time **“Jesus wept”** (John 11:35). He was moved with compassion when He saw the many people without a leader (Mark 6:34). Jesus cares for you (1 Peter 5:7). **Jesus was prayerful**. Jesus prayed in private and in public (Hebrews 5:7; Matthew 14:19; Luke 6:12). Jesus is a man of prayer. He prayed in the garden, on the hillside, and before meals. **Jesus is meek**. He is gentle and kind toward (Matthew 11:29; 12:20). **Jesus is humble**. Jesus never thought about Himself but sought only to **glorify** God (1 Peter 2:23; John 13:4-5). **Jesus** is the **perfect example** for all Christians to follow.

***“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us,  
leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.”***

-- 1 Peter 2:21

## **DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST**

### **3. The Death – Burial - Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

**The Death of Jesus Christ** - The Lamb of God must die so that sin could be forgiven. Jesus did not come to live but Jesus came to die. Death was the purpose of Jesus coming to earth. His purpose could not be accomplished any other way. Someone must pay for sin-either the sinner or the Son. His death is known as the "**substitution**" for the sinner. Jesus died in the place of the sinner. "**The Lord hath laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity (sin) of us all**" (Isaiah 53:6). The innocent and pure took the place and punishment of the guilty. "*The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many*" (Matthew 20:28). Jesus took our sin and died to satisfy the justice of a Holy God in Heaven. **Substitution** means "**another person to take your place.**" In a ball game, a substitute will play in the place of another person. A school teacher may have a substitute teacher. Jesus Christ is the substitute for the place of the sinner. He is the only substitute whom God will accept. Because of Adam, there is death. Because of Jesus Christ, there is life forever with God. Christ announced that he must die on the cross (Matthew 16:21; Matthew 17:22-23). "*And as, Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up*" (John 3:14). Jesus Christ died on the cross to take the sins of the world upon Him. He bowed His head and cried, "**It is finished.**" The price for sin had been paid. The plan of God to redeem mankind was finished. Jesus died to save sinners.



**The Resurrection of Jesus Christ** - There are many different religions in the world today. Many have good leaders who lived a good life. There are many different religions, but there is only one Gospel and true Saviour. Only Christianity has a living Savior. Buddha is dead. Brahma (Hinduism) is dead. Mohammed (Islam) is dead. Marx (communism) is dead. Millions of people are following false religions and gods that cannot see or hear. Jesus Christ is risen. His tomb is empty. On the cross, he cried, "**It is finished.**" He died and then arose from the grave. If Jesus did not rise from the grave, we are of all men most miserable, for we are yet in our sin; we are lost; eternally lost. Our preaching is in vain, our faith is nothing (I Corinthians 15:12-19). The resurrection is the **greatest miracle** of God. Because Christ lives, we shall live also.

#### **PROOF OF HIS RESURRECTION**

1. **The empty tomb.** "**He is not here... he is risen... see the place where the Lord lay**" (Matthew 28:6).
2. **Angel testimony.** "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is **risen**" (Luke 24:5-6).
3. **Friends** who **saw** Him after the resurrection. Peter, Mary, Cleophas and Thomas (John 20:24-29).
4. **Five hundred** people **saw Him** at one time after He arose (1 Corinthians 15:6).
5. He **appeared to Stephen** as he was stoned to death (Acts 7:56).
6. He **appeared to Saul** (Paul) on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:6).
7. He **appeared to John** on the island of Patmos (Revelation 1:3-15).
8. Today, He **has saved millions** of people after His resurrection.
9. By **many** infallible **proofs** (Acts 1:3).
10. He will **appear again** to take His people home (I Thessalonians 4:16-18).

#### **FACTS OF THE RESURRECTION**

1. The resurrection proved the existence of God. He is a God of great power.
2. The resurrection proved that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Romans 1:4).
3. The resurrection means that salvation is now completed - finished.
4. The resurrection assures Christians that we shall also arise one day.

One day our **vile bodies** will be changed in glorified bodies. No more handicaps, blindness or deafness. One day, Christians will say, "**Oh death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? But thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ**" (1 Corinthians 15:51-57).

**He arose...He arose...Hallelujah, Christ arose! -.Amen!**

## **THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Introduction** - How is God known to man today? After Jesus returned to Heaven, were the Christians left alone? How can the unsaved know the truth about the Gospel? Who will help the Christian in service? How can the Christian stand in the time of trouble and problems? The answer to all of the questions is found in the Holy Spirit. God did not leave man alone after Jesus returned to Heaven. He sent someone to do His work for Him. The plan of God, the Bible, the will of God and the ministry of the Lord is all known through the Holy Spirit.

**The Purpose of the Holy Spirit** - In the Old Testament and in times past, the Holy Spirit at times would give power to certain people (Judges 3:10; Numbers 24:2). The Holy Spirit inspired the writers of the Bible (II Samuel 23:1-2; II Peter 1:21). God abode and rested by the Holy Spirit upon the Tabernacle. In the Old Testament days, the Holy Spirit would rest for a period of time upon men. Today, the Holy Spirit shows men the need for God and gives understanding of the Word of God. He came to take the place of Jesus Christ to represent God to people. He will convert sinners and convict Christians. The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to bring people to Jesus Christ and God. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you **another Comforter**, that **he** may abide with you for ever" (John 14:16). After a person is saved he is **never alone** again. The Holy Spirit was sent to do the work of God upon earth. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost (Spirit) are **one** in the great plan of God. God gave His Son, the Son gave His life and the Holy Spirit gives man the things of God. He also touches hearts and opens eyes to understand the Word of God. The Holy Spirit is a **person** not an "it." He can be **resisted** (by unsaved), **grieved** (by immature Christians) and **quenched** (by mature Christians) (Ephesians 4:30).

### **The Godhead Trinity**

The word **Trinity** is not found in the Bible, but several times **God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit** are found **together**. Bible teachers refer to these **three** as the **Trinity of God**. **Trinity** means that **God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit** are **three** but are the same as one.

1. **In Creation** - "Let **us** make man" (plural) "**us**" means God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **God-Father** spoke, "*And God said, let there be light*" (Genesis 1:3). **God-Son** was the Word spoken, "In the beginning was **the Word**" (John 1:1). **God-Holy Spirit** moved upon the waters (Genesis 1:2).
2. **When the Lord was Baptized**. The Trinity was present. **God-Father** spoke, "**This is my beloved Son.**" **God-Son** was baptized. **God-Holy Spirit** descended as a dove upon Him (Matthew 3:13-17).
3. **In Prayer** – 1. You pray to God, 2. through Jesus as you are 3. led by Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:18).
4. **In Salvation** – 1. You pray to **God**. 2. **Accept Christ** (Son). 3. You are **drawn** by Holy Spirit (1 Peter 1:2).
5. **In Church Ministry** – 1. **God** (CEO) is over the over the ministry. 2. **Jesus** (Personnel Director) as He places workers in positions. 3. **The Holy Spirit** (foreman) gives abilities and assignments (1 Corinthians 12: 4-7).

**The Holy Spirit and the Unsaved** - The Holy Spirit will convict a sinner's heart after he has heard the gospel (John 16:8). No one is saved without the Holy Spirit (John 6:44).

**The Holy Spirit and Christians** - The Holy Spirit is our Comforter (John 14:16), Guide (John 16:13), Teacher (1 Corinthians 2:13), Joy (Acts 13:52), Strength (Ephesians 3:16).

**The Mystery of The Trinity** - The Trinity of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost is a **mystery** that cannot be completely understood but it is to be accepted and believed by Christians. Do not be troubled if you cannot understand the Trinity. Man will never fully understand the ways and thoughts of God (Romans 11:33).

**Three in One: 1. God the Father 2. God the Son 3. God the Holy Spirit**

# The Trinity Of God



***THE TRINITY IS ALWAYS INVOLVED WHEN GOD RESPONDS  
TO THE NEEDS OF MAN - ALL THREE WERE/ARE PRESENT!***

## ***IN CREATION***

Genesis 1:26  
"Let us make  
man in our image."  
Man made in image  
of the Trinity  
All Three Were Involved

## ***IN JESUS' MINISTRY***

Luke 1:35  
Father = "My Son."  
Son = Baptized  
Spirit = As Dove  
All Three Were Involved

## ***IN SALVATION***

John 6:44  
Father Gave Son  
Son Died For Sin  
Spirit Draws Sinner  
All Three Are Involved

## ***IN PRAYER***

I Thessalonians 5:17-19  
Pray to God  
In Name of Jesus  
Led by the Spirit  
All Three Are Involved

## ***IN CHURCH AGE***

(Pentecost)  
Acts 1:11 - Acts 2:2  
Father in Heaven  
Son Ascended Up  
Spirit Came Down  
All Three Were Involved

## ***IN CHURCH MINISTRY***

I Corinthians 12:4  
God is Founder  
Son is Head  
Spirit is Foreman  
All Three Involved Are Involved

## **Christians Should Daily...**

**Seek to Recognize God the Father as the Almighty Creator**  
**Seek a Relationship with Jesus Christ the Son as Lord and Saviour**  
**Seek to Respond to the Holy Spirit as He Directs**

## **DOCTRINE OF LUCIFER - SATAN - DEVIL**

**Introduction** - The Devil is a fallen angel who opposes the work of God'. The Devil has many different names in the Bible. **Some Name are: Lucifer - Satan - Devil - Fallen Angel - Dragon - Serpent - Prince of Demons - Evil One.**

**Old Testament - Lucifer** (Satan - Devil) was the **chief** of the fallen angels. He was evidently perfect in his original state as an angel. **Pride** seems to have been the cause of his fall. In the Garden of Eden he was disguised as a **serpent**. He opposed man as the overseer of this world. Satan as the Serpent was the **agent of temptation** for the first man and woman (Genesis 3:10; Revelation 12:9; 20:2). When Satan does appear he is **always** the **adversary** or **enemy** of God's people. It is clear that from the very moment of the **creation of this world** that **Satan and fallen angels** were on the scene to **oppose** the work of God and leadership of man. Job is the study of Satan as the **accuser** of Job. He tested Job's trust in God. He made a challenge with God to test Job.

**New Testament** - Matthew, Mark, and Luke clearly teach a **doctrine** of a **personal Satan** and his follower called **fallen angels** or **demons** (Mark 3:22). Jesus being tempted by the devil in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1). **Hell** is described as being prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41). Satan and demons are able to inflict disease (Matthew 17:5-18; Luke 13:16). Satan possessed Judas (Luke 22:3). John saw Satan as the prince of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11). The world is under his power (1 John 5:19). Second Peter 2:4 speaks of the "angels that sinned" (II Peter 2:4). "Angels which kept not their first estate" (Jude 6). Christians must submit to the Lord and let Him overcome Satan (James 4:7; I Peter 5:8-9). **Revelation** closes with the **worldwide** activities of Satan upon his throne (Revelation 2:13). Political forces can become servants of the devil (Revelation 12:13).

**The Ongoing War** - The Devil is an actual **enemy** of God. *"But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost"* (Acts 5:3). Since the Garden of Eden Satan has opposed the plan of God. All of mankind has been involved in a holy war between Satan and God. The New Testament teaches that Satan and his demonic allies **are not coequal** with God. Satan is a **created being** who **rebels** and **tempts**, but he does not have the power to **force** people to serve him. Satan and the demonic forces cannot **dominate** or **control** those **"in Christ"** except by consent. Christians have the promise that God is **greater** than Satan. *"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he (God) that is in you, than he (Satan) that is in the world"* (I John 4:4). The Holy Spirit is **"in you"** and the Devil is **in the world**. Demons cannot dwell where the Holy Spirit abides. Christians can be **oppressed** but not **possessed** by the Devil and demons. Believers will **not** be tempted beyond the power of resistance (1 Corinthians 10:13).

**The Devil is Limited** - The Devil is **limited** with his powers and needed the permission of God to test Job. The Devil has **limits** and cannot go beyond those limits without permission from God (Job 1:12; 2:6). The Devil is **not omniscient** (knowing all things), **omnipotent** (having all power), or **omnipresent** (everywhere at the same time). The Devil is not as God. The Devil cannot **create** anything nor can he **control** the creations of God. God does permit and also use Satan at times as an instrument to chasten or correct erring saints. It has been said, "The Devil cannot make you sin, and God cannot make you serve." Remember that the Devil will bring out the worst in you and God will bring out the best in you. The Devil may **tempt** you but God only **tests** you. God never tempts you to sin. *"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth (with sin) he any man"* (James 1:13). The believer has God's armor, the Word of God, Lord and prayer to defend himself against the Devil (Ephesians 6:11-18).

**The Purpose of the Bible** - The purpose and priority of the Bible is **not** with the devil but with God and the Gospel. The Scriptures **identify** the enemy that opposes God. The Devils is recognized as a **lion** ( I Peter 5:8) and in deceptions as a **light** (II Corinthians 11:14). It is wise to know the **strengths and weaknesses** of your enemy. Satan and the demonic forces have been **overcome** by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The cross was a decisive victory over Satan and his host (Colossians 2:15).

**The God of This Age - Satan** is the god of this age and has the power to control this present world. *"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience"* (Ephesians 2:2). "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the **rulers of the darkness** of this world, against **spiritual wickedness** in high places" (Ephesians 6:12). In the future he will be referred to as the **Antichrist** (I John 4:3), **Son of Perdition** or **Man of sin** (II Thessalonians 2:3), **Wicked One** (II Thessalonians 2:8), **Beast** (Revelation 11:7), and **Dragon** (Revelation 12:3).

**Conclusion:** *Be cautious about extreme studies into demonism, Satanism or diabolical cults. It is practical and preventive to obtain knowledge so you can be more aware of dangers of Satan and demonic forces, but always remember the Devil limited. In the end Satan and his angels will be defeated (1 John 3:8) – TC.*



## THE DOCTRINE OF ANGELS

**Introduction:** There is an order of celestial beings distinct from humanity and from the Godhead (trinity) who occupy an exalted estate above the present condition of fallen man. Angels are referred to in 34 of the 66 books of the Bible. They are mentioned **108** times in the Old Testament and **165** times in the New Testament. The world's religions recognize the presence of good angels, and **evil ones** (demons). The word **angel** whether in the Old Testament or New Testament has the same meaning -- "**messenger.**" Angels are **created beings** of the Lord. "*For by him (Lord) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist*" (Colossians 1:16-17). **Angels** are described in multitudes that cannot be numbered (Psalm 68:17; II Kings 6:17; Daniel 7:10; Luke 2:13; Matthew 26:53; Revelation 5:12). "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an **innumerable** company of angels" (Hebrews 12:22). It seems there are three classifications referring to angels: Cherubim (Exodus 26:1), Seraphim (Isaiah 6:1-3), and Living Creatures (meaning angels have the fullness of divine life, unceasing activity and they abide in the worship and service of God). At least three angels are named in the Bible: **Lucifer, Son of Morning** (Isaiah 14:12), **Michael, Who is like God?** (Daniel 12:1), and **Gabriel, the mighty one** (Daniel 9:21).



### Questions and Answers - Facts Concerning Angels

- 1. The Meaning of the Word Angel.** The meaning of the word **angel** is **messenger**. This is significant because a **messenger** is on a mission with a **given a message by a higher person**. Angels are **messengers** of either **God** or **Satan**.
- 2. Different Names of Angels in the Bible.** They are called: **ministers, hosts** (the armies of God), **chariots, watchers, sons of the mighty, sons of God, Elohim (or sons of Elohim), holy ones, and stars**.
- 3. Angels were Created by the Lord** (Colossians 1:15-17; John 1:3).
- 4. When Were the Angels Created?** They were created some time **prior to the creation** of the earth because Job 38:4-7 says that the sons of God (angels) sang with joy when the earth was created.
- 5. The appearance of Angels.** When angels appear on earth they usually have the **appearance** of adult human males and are often described **as men** (Genesis 18:1-2). Mark 16:5 an angel is described as a young man.
- 6. The Apparel of an Angel.** Angels often wear **white garments** (Acts 1:10), white robes (Mark 16:15), garments white as snow (Matthew 28:3), dazzling apparel (Luke 24:4), and shining garments (Acts 10:30).
- 7. Angels Can Appear As Human** - You should show hospitality to strangers because "some have entertained angels **without knowing it**" (Hebrews 13:2).
- 8. Do Angels Have Wings?** Angels appearing as men did not have wings. Some angles did have wings. **Cherubim** have **four wings** (Ezekiel 1:5-12; 10:15; 11:22) and **seraphim** had six wings (Isaiah 6:2).
- 9. Different Reactions Towards Angels.** The **reaction** varies. Sometimes the people were calm, but usually they experience **fear**, anxiety, emotional upheaval, terror, or desire to worship the angels. Usually the first words from an angel was "**fear not.**" Mary was greatly troubled (Luke 1:28-29); armed soldiers at the tomb shook with fear and became like dead men (Matthew 28:4); John fell at the feet of the angel to worship (Revelation 19:10; 22:8-9).
- 10. Angels Were Present at Birth of Jesus** - The angel **Gabriel** (Luke 1:19) **announced** the birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5-25). He **announced** to Mary the miraculous coming birth of Jesus (Luke 1:26-38). An **angel** appeared to **Joseph** in a dream and told him not to put Mary away but to marry her because the child she was carrying was conceived by the Holy Spirit. He was also told to name the child Jesus. When he woke up he did as the angel commanded him (Matthew 1:18-25). On the night of Jesus' birth, an angel announced the good news to shepherds keeping watch over their flocks. Then "suddenly there **appeared with the angel** a multitude of the heavenly host praising God" (Luke 1:8-15).

**11. Angels Were Present With Jesus.** An **angel** warned Joseph in a dream to flee to Egypt to avoid the killing of the children by King Herod. After Herod's death **an angel** again appeared to Joseph. He told Joseph to return to Israel (Matthew 2:19-20). When Christ was in the wilderness for 40 days, Satan was tempting Him and the **angels** were ministering to Him (Luke 4:1-2; Mark 1:13). Jesus taught about angels (Luke 16:22) and about Satan and his demons (Luke 10:17-20). He cast out demons, and He gave the disciples power over demons (Luke 9:1, 37-42). Christ was strengthened by an angel in Gethsemane the night He was taken prisoner (Luke 22:43).

**12. Angels Were Present On Resurrection Day.** On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to visit the grave. Before they got there, "a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord had descended from heaven and rolled away the stone and sat upon it" (Matthew 28:2). Angels at the tomb announced that Christ was risen (Luke 24:4). Immediately after He ascended, two angels appeared and told the disciples that Jesus would return in the same manner that He had departed (Acts 1:10).

**13. An Angel Sent Philip on a missionary journey.** Philip was preaching in the villages of Samaria on his way to Jerusalem when an angel spoke to him and told him to go south on a road that leads from Jerusalem to Gaza. The **angel** snatched Philip away after the salvation and baptism of the Eunuch and set him down in another city where he continued preaching the gospel (Acts 8:25-40).

**14. Angels Know of Salvation of Sinners.** There is great joy in heaven **among the angels** when a sinner is saved (Luke 15:10). They are intrigued and long to know more (1 Peter 1:10-12). They observe with great interest the behavior of the church. In fact in a passage about orderliness in the worship (Christ submitting to God, men submitting to Christ, and wives submitting to their husbands), Paul concludes by writing that women in church should have a symbol of authority on their heads because of the angels (1 Corinthians 11:1-10).

**15. An Angel Freed Peter From Prison.** (Acts 12:3-10). **An angel** appeared in prison, struck Peter's side to wake him, made chains to fall, then told him to get up, dress, and follow him. They passed several guards without being seen, then they came to the gate of the city, and it opened by itself. Then the angel vanished.

**16. Fallen Angels can Deceive.** "in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to **deceitful spirits** and doctrines of **demons** (fallen angels)" (1 Timothy 4:1).

**17. An Angel Directs Cornelius To Peter.** Cornelius, a righteous, god-fearing Centurion who gave alms to the Jews (Acts 10) was told to send for Peter so he could tell Cornelius and his relatives and friends about salvation through Christ. And, so Simon Peter could see further evidence of how God was beginning a great wave of conversions among the Gentiles (Acts 9:32-11:30).

**18. Angels and Marriage.** It is clearly stated in Mark 12:25 and commonly believed that angels do not **procreate** (produce children) and they are not a race (Matthew 22:30). Generally angels are portrayed as sexless, neither male nor female.

**19. The Future State of the Good Angels.** They are sometimes involved in punishing unbelievers (Acts 12:23). They will act as reapers toward the end of the age (Matthew 13:39), be involved in the judgments of the Tribulation (Revelation 8, 9, 16), and live forever with the believers of all ages in the New Jerusalem.

**20. The Future State Of The Fallen Angels.** The evil angels and Satan will finally be judged by God who will cast them into the lake of fire that burns forever (Luke 20:36; Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10).

#### **Some In The Old Testament Who Had Encounters with Angels:**

**Adam** (Genesis 3:24) - **Abraham** (Genesis 18) - **Jacob** (Genesis 28)

**Hagar** (Genesis 16) - **Lot** (Genesis 19) - **Gideon** (Judges 6)

"There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.  
For he shall give **his angels** charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.  
They (angels) shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."  
-- Psalm 91:10-12

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## **THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION**

**Introduction** - God wants you to understand His simple plan of Salvation. How can a person be saved? How can a man go to Heaven? If you died today, would you go to Heaven? The Bible is God's written word to help **understand** the plan of God for man or all people. The true answers must be found in the Bible. There is much confusion about the words "**salvation**" and "**saved.**" There are many different religions in the world today. In every city, there are many different churches and religions, but there is only one Gospel. Some folks hope they will go to Heaven when they die. Most people **think** they are good enough or at the end of life they will make it to Heaven some way. After studying the purpose of the Bible, God, man, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, it should be very clear that God also wants you to **know** that He will save you. God has made a way for mankind to come to Him. Through Adam all **fell**, but through Christ all can be **forgiven**.

**What Does Save Mean?** **Saved** or **salvation** is a **Bible word** which means "**to be saved or rescued from something.**" When a person is saved, what did God save? God saves your soul, but **not** your body. Your body is not changed at salvation, but your vile body will be changed when the Lord comes (Philippians 3:20-21). **Saved** means to be **delivered** from destruction. **Illustration:** When a person is in a burning building and a fireman rescues him, the fireman **saves him** from fire. All people are born sinners because of Adam and need to be **saved** from the **penalty** of sin which is Hell. The penalty of sin is death and Hell. Jesus Christ died and rose again to **save** you from Hell.

**Salvation Is Jesus Christ** - Jesus Christ came to seek and save those who are lost (Luke 19:10). No one is saved without Christ - **no one!** Joining a church does not save. Being baptized does not save. Trying to do better in life does not save. There are many roads that lead to our capital, Washington, D. C., but there is **only one** way to Heaven and it is through Jesus Christ. If a person could save himself some other way, there would have been no need for Jesus. It is **not** important what you think or what may satisfy you, but what God knows and what satisfies God. God will only accept His plan. There is no salvation other than Jesus Christ. **"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"** (Acts 4:12). **"Salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus"** (II Timothy 3:15). The Bible does not say salvation **in the church** but **in Christ**. A person needs to join the church **after** he is saved, but the church does not save. Religions and cults try to change the **outside** of man, but salvation changes the **inside first** and then slowly changes the outside.

**Only Jesus** - Jesus said, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me"** (John 14:6). This means the **only way** to the Father in Heaven is through Jesus Christ. **No man** can come to the Father but by Jesus. **"No man"** means **no one can go to Heaven without Jesus**. You can go wrong way on a one-way street, but you cannot go to Heaven the wrong way.

### **Four Things You Need to Know to be Saved**

1. You must believe and trust the Bible as the Word of God. You have heard the Gospel and now you must believe what God says about His Son, Jesus Christ (John 3:16).
2. You must admit and confess that you are a sinner and you cannot save yourself. You do not want to go to Hell. You are born a sinner (Romans 5:12).
3. You need to believe that Jesus Christ came to earth to save you. He died as a sacrifice for your sin on the cross. He became your substitute at death. He arose from the grave as your Saviour (Acts 16:31).
4. You must pray to God and accept His Son, Jesus Christ to forgive your sins and save you. *"But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them gave he power to become the sons of God"* (John 1:12).

**Why are you saved?**

**The correct answer is Jesus Christ.**

## **THE DOCTRINE OF EVERLASTING LIFE**

**Introduction** - How many times can a person be saved? If a person sins, does he need to be saved again? Can a Christian lose his salvation? What does the Bible teach? It would be awful for you to **think** you are saved and one day lift your eyes in Hell. Make sure you **know** you are saved. This is called **assurance of salvation**. **Salvation** is of the **heart**, but **assurance** is of the **head**. You can know for **sure** you are saved. You are saved according to the Scriptures. God cannot lie.

**Doubt Of Salvation** - There are times that you may feel unsaved because of **sin** in your life. Sin will make you doubt your salvation. Also, if you are **not sure** you are really saved, you will always have **doubt**. All Christians need to have **assurance** of their salvation and **know** they have everlasting life. The only way to have **assurance** is from the Word of God. It is important to **know** you are saved according to the Scriptures. "These things have I written (Scriptures) unto you that **believe** on the name of the Son of God; that **ye may know** that ye have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). Knowing the Scriptures will give you assurance of your salvation. You are saved according to the Word of God. Some doubt because they do not **know** the Word of God. Only Bible knowledge can give you **assurance** that you are saved. Don't depend on **feelings** but depend on your **faith** in God.

**A Christian is Born Again** - "Ye must be born again" (John 3:3-7). Salvation is compared to a baby being born. Saved people are **spiritually born** into the family of God. Once a baby is born it cannot become unborn. The relationship of a father and child cannot be ended. No matter what happens a son will always be a son. Notice that the Bible mentions the second birth but never a third or fourth birth. The Bible does not say, "Ye must be born again, again and again." **Once** you are born into the family of God you **cannot** be unborn. God becomes your Heavenly Father. A child may do wrong and **break fellowship** with parents but he cannot **break sonship**. A person is born **one time** into the **human** family and one time into the **holy** family. He is born one time into the **earthly family** and one time into the **eternal family**.

**Hath Everlasting Life** - More than 45 times the words "Eternal life" and "Everlasting life" are in the Bible. God promises **eternal life** to **all** who believe in Christ. This eternal life does not begin **after** you are saved, but **when** you are saved. "*He that believeth on the son hath everlasting life*" (John 3:36). It does not say **will have**, but **hath**. "**Hath**" means to have **now**, not future. If I gave you a dollar and you took it, you would "**hath**" it. "*He that believeth on me hath everlasting life*" (John 6:47). Paul knew **nothing could separate** him from the love of God (Romans 8:35-39).

**Saved from Hell** - When a person is saved, he is saved from Hell. What did God save? God saved your soul. Your **soul** is saved at the time of salvation but your **body** will not be changed until the Lord comes (Philippians 3:20-21). You are saved from the **penalty**, but not from the **presence** or **possibility** of sin. Many try to change their **vile bodies** to be saved. Paul said, "but sin **dwelleth** (lives in my body) in me" (Romans 7:17-20). The **vile body** is not changed until Jesus comes.

**What Happens When Christians Sin** - When a Christian sins, he will **not** go to Hell, but he could be chastened because of sin. God **corrects** or **chastens** His children when they do wrong. This is wrong. It is important to do right and obey your Heavenly Father. God punishes **sinners (not saved)** in the **future**, in Hell, but God punishes His children (saved) **now** (Hebrews 12:5-8). When a **son** sins, he does not need to be saved **again**, but he does need to confess his sins to his Heavenly Father to be forgiven. "*If we (Christians) confess our sins, he (God) is faithful and just to forgive us our **sins (plural)**, and to cleanse us from **all unrighteousness***" (1 John 1:9).

If you **confess** He will **cleanse** - If you **continue** He will **chasten**.

**Salvation is of the heart!**  
**Assurance is of the head!**

## ***THE FIRST CHRISTIANS***

**Introduction - Who is a Christian?** What does the name "**Christian**" mean? When was the first time the name "**Christian**" was used? What does it mean to say, "**I am a Christian?**" The name "**Christian**" is found only **three times** in the Bible:

1. "**Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian**" (Acts 26:28).
2. "**Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed**" (I Peter 4:16).
3. "**And it came to pass...the disciples were called Christians, first in Antioch**" (Acts 11:26).

The people in the city of Antioch daily watched and talked about the difference in the lives of the people who followed Christ. Ten years had passed since the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but the people continued to follow Him. The people in the city called these followers Christians, because they were different in their ways, actions and lives. The followers of Jesus Christ were first called **Christians** in the city of Antioch about AD 42.

**What is a Christian?** The name *Christian* means Christ-like. A Christian is a follower of Jesus Christ. Notice the first Christians did not call themselves Christians but their name was given to them by the world. The first Christians were good examples. The leader was a man named Barnabas. The Bible says he was, "*...a good man, and full of...faith: and much people was added unto the Lord*" because of him (Acts 11:24). It is important for the cause of Christ that the unsaved see good examples of Christ. The greatest witnesses for Christ are good Christians. The greatest hindrances are people who use the name **Christian** but live the same as unsaved people.

**A Good Christian** - Not all saved people are good Christians. Just the same as Barnabas, a good Christian will have a good testimony. The early Bible Christians knew the importance of the name *Christian*. Many suffered and many died just for the testimony and confession, "**I am a Christian!**" Live the right example and show others that the Christian life is real. A Christian should have the testimony that, "**He is a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith.**"

1. Are you saved? (Romans 10:9)
2. Have you been baptized? (Acts 2:38)
3. Do you faithfully attend church services? (Hebrews 10:25)
4. Do you give of your time and money for the work of God? (II Corinthians 9:7)
5. Do you practice worldly, sinful habits? (I Corinthians 6:19)
6. Do you daily read your Bible? (II Timothy 3:15)
7. Do you daily pray to God? (I Thessalonians 5:17)
8. Do you practice Christian living in your daily life? (Joshua 1:8)
9. What do other people have to say about your life? (Matthew 5:16)
10. Would you be ashamed to meet the Lord today? (I John 2:28)

**Illustration:** In a Communist country soldiers went into a church and demanded the people to leave. An officer stood at the door and asked each person, "Are you a Christian?" In order to have freedom, he demanded they spit upon a picture of Jesus Christ and deny Him. The soldiers waited outside the door with guns ready to kill those who refused to deny the Lord. The first man looked at the soldiers with guns, bowed his head with fear, denied the Lord and spat upon the picture. Three other men followed the same example. Finally, a young girl came to the door. She looked at the soldiers and then looked at the picture. She wept, took the picture in her arms and said, "I love Him, I cannot deny my Lord." She waited for the soldiers to shoot but the officer was touched and said, "I have never seen such faith. Free the girl and kill the four men." He saw true Christianity. The world needs to see that the Christian faith is real.

**The world does not care what you know,  
until they know that you care!**

**Are You A Good Christian?**

## **THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**Introduction: True Church** - "Upon this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:16-18). The church of God is built upon the rock which is the profession that Jesus is the Son of God. The word "church" comes from the Greek word *ecclesia* which means **to call out from** or **to be called together**. Christians are **called out from** the world, and one day the church (Christians) will be called out of this world (Acts 15:14; I Thessalonians 4:13-16). **Church** in the Bible may also refer a **bride** or a **body** of believers. Church in the Bible does not refer to the building, but to people.

**The Church** - In the Bible the early church met in homes and certain gathering places. Today, a church building is a **place** where Christians gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ. The building is not the church, but the **people** are the church. It is God's plan for local churches to be established for the purpose of evangelizing the world with the Gospel. In Bible days, churches were established in most major cities. The letters from Paul were written to local churches or groups of Christians in certain cities. After people were saved they established a church in their city (Acts 15:41).

**Antioch** = Acts 13:1      **Colosse** = Colossians 1:2      **Philippi** = Philippians 1:1  
**Corinth** = I Corinthians 1:2      **Galatia** = Galatians 1:2      **Ephesus** = Ephesians 1:1      **Rome** = Romans 1:7

**Why Join A Church?** In school a person learns reading, writing and arithmetic. He grows mentally. In special schools or colleges a person is educated to serve better professionally. In church, a Christian learns the Word of God and grows spiritually. The textbook and authority of the church is the Bible. In church a Christian is taught into maturity to serve the Lord for the purpose of reaching the unsaved world (Mark 16:15; Romans 16:5; Galatians 1:2). You need a church more than the church needs you. Every Christian should join and be faithful to a Bible-believing church.

### **The Purpose of the Church:**

1. Worship God and glorify Him (Ephesians 1:4-6).
2. Evangelize the world with the Gospel (Matthew 28:19,20).
3. Teach and instruct Christians (Ephesians 4:11-15).
4. Witness continually (Acts 1:8).
5. Continue preaching God's Word until the Lord comes (II Timothy 4:2).

**Church Fellowship** - It is important that Christians worship **together** to become a strong group of believers in Christ. One man cannot make an army. The church members work together as a team to do the work of the Lord. Christian fellowship is important (I John 1:7; I John 1:3). Christian fellowship is a time to be together, talk together, walk together, pray together, sing together, laugh together, learn together, weep together and worship together. Christians should belong to a local church and be faithful to all the services (Hebrews 10:25). **In church, you learn to: Suffer together** - Philippians 3:10. **Rejoice together** - Romans 12:15. **Comfort one another** - I Thessalonians 5:25. **Bear one another's burdens** - Galatians 6:2. **Grow together** - II Peter 3:18. Christians need to be members of a local Bible-believing church. You need the church more than the church needs you.

**How to Join Church** - After a person is saved, he should become a member in a Bible-believing church. Believers in the New Testament joined churches (Acts 2:47). **"They continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers"** (Acts 2:42).

**Church membership** is usually is approved by the church **after** completion of one of the **three** requirements (Note: Some churches may differ - See pastor/leader about church membership).

1. **Baptism** by immersion - after salvation.
2. **Statement** of faith (testimony - saved & baptized).
3. Join by **letter** from another church to confirm fellowship in that church.

**You need the church more than the church needs you.**

# **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

**Introduction** - All Christians need to belong to a church. After you join a church you should be a good faithful member. Volunteer to serve within your abilities. Be an active faithful church member.

1. Be faithful - Hebrews 10:25: Acts 17:11.
2. Pray for others - Ephesians 6:18.
3. Be involved in the ministry - Romans 12:6-8.
4. Witness to unsaved - Acts 1:8.
5. Support financially the Lord's work - I Corinthians 16:1-2.
6. Maintain a good testimony - study Hebrews eleven.

**Illustration:** If you take a burning coal out of the fireplace, it will be alone and become cold. A person out of church will soon become cold and lose his excitement. It is important for all the family to attend church together. Children need to be taught about God. Husbands and wives need to follow the Lord. Moms and dads need the Lord's help with children. The church service is a time to close out the world and enjoy fellowship with Christians and learn more about serving. All Christians should become church members but some members are used in the church in special ways to help the church grow spiritually and in unity until the Lord comes (Ephesians 4:12,13). God can use everyone but some are given special gifts. ***You need the church more than the church needs you.***

## **Churches - Officers - Leaders**

***"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers...."***

– I Corinthians 12:27-28

***"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry...."***

– Ephesians 4:11-12

**Pastor** – A pastor is appointed as a shepherd to the sheep (I Corinthians 12:27-28). A pastor is called or appointed by the Lord to serve as a pastor to local churches. The Bible gives requirements for the position of a pastor (1 Timothy 3:1-7). Pastors are also referred to as overseers and bishops.

**Deacon** – A deacon is a helper in the church to do busy work so the pastor can be free for spiritual priorities (Acts 6:3,4). A deacon is called by the church to serve in their church. The Bible give requirements for the position of a deacon (1 Timothy 3:8-13).

**Teacher** - A Sunday school teacher or teacher is someone who teaches the Word of God and teaches Christians into maturity for service (I Corinthians 12:27,28). A teacher also has the gift and ability to teach others. A teacher does not need to study how to become a teacher, because it is a gift of God. He just needs to use his gift and the Lord will be his teacher.

**Missionary** - These are Christians who are **sent from a local church** to preach or teach the Gospel in other places. His mission also includes helping to establish a church for those who are saved (Acts 13:1-3). A missionary can serve as a pastor, evangelist or teacher. The name missionary is not in the Bible but a missionary is simply a "sent one" from the Holy Spirit to evangelize others (Acts 13:2).

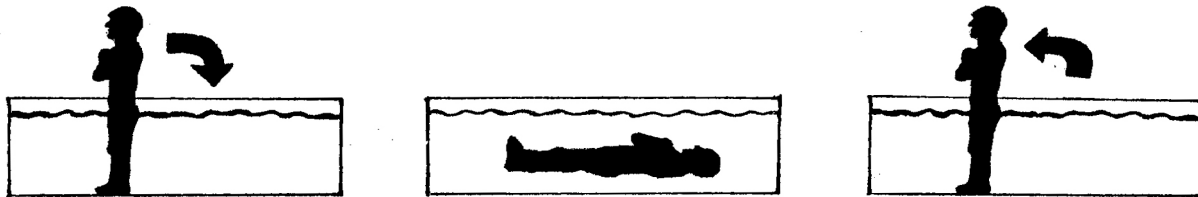
**Evangelist** - An evangelist is a person who **evangelizes** churches, cities and nations with the Gospel. He does not remain in one church the same as a pastor but travels to many churches and areas as the Lord leads (Acts 8:5-8). An evangelist specializes in evangelizes others with the Gospel.

**The End of the Church Age** - The church was established by the Lord Jesus Christ. His Word, the Bible, is the authority and power of the church. The Christians are the church and one day the Lord will return for His church (II Thessalonians 4:13-16). At that time the church age will end.

## **FIRST CHURCH ORDINANCE: CHRISTIAN BAPTISM**

**Introduction** - It seems there is much controversy and confusion concerning baptism. It is important for the Christian to understand the true meaning of baptism. When should a Christian be baptized? Why should a Christian be baptized? Some teach baptism in the water will wash away sin. **This is false.** Some teach babies should be baptized or sprinkled. **This is false.** Others teach baptism is for the purpose of joining a local church. **This is false.** What does the Bible teach?

**What is Baptism?** Baptism was commanded by the Lord. **"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost"** (Matthew 28:19). The word "baptism" is a word from the Greek language **baptizo** which means to **immerse** or completely go down into and **under** the water. It also means **"to bury"** or **"cover up."** The disciples were commanded to baptize new believers as a public act of obedience and to testify to other people they were now Christians. Baptism is a testimony to show others that a person has been saved and has decided to follow the Lord. Baptism testifies of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



**First Step** - A new Christian should take **the first step** of obedience be baptized **after** they are saved. Baptism is a **testimony** to your family, friends, and others which says, "I am now a Christian who believes in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ." When Should a Person Be Baptized? A person should be baptized after he is saved. In the early church, only people who were saved were baptized, **"They that gladly received his word were baptized"** (Acts 2:41). The new Christian was baptized by Philip immediately after salvation (Acts 8:38-39). This is why **it is wrong to baptize or sprinkle infants or babies.** A baby cannot understand what is happening. Baptism is a one-time action for the Christian. If a person was baptized and then later saved, he needs to be baptized again. Baptism of a person who is not saved would mean nothing as it is not a testimony of salvation. **Baptism is following** the commands and teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ and to show others he has been saved. The Lord Himself was an example to follow. **"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water"** (Matthew 3:16). God in Heaven said, **"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"** (Matthew 3:17).

**Why Should You Be Baptized?** Baptism is commanded by the Lord as an act of **obedience** and a **testimony** to others. The Lord gave **two ordinances** to the church, baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism is practiced **only once** but the Lord's Supper is to be practiced **often** until He comes. Neglect of baptism is disobedience to God (Romans 6:17). The **first step** for a Christian after salvation is baptism. Baptism identifies you with Christ and other Christians.

1. Baptism is commanded by the Lord (Matthew 28:19,20).
2. Baptism gives you a good conscience toward God (I Peter 3:21).
3. Baptism testifies to others of the Christian faith (Romans 6:4,5).
4. Baptism pleases our Heavenly Father (Matthew 3:17).
5. Baptism is the first step and it will help you start right (I Peter 2:21).
6. Baptism identifies you with Christ and the Christian life (Romans 6:1-13).

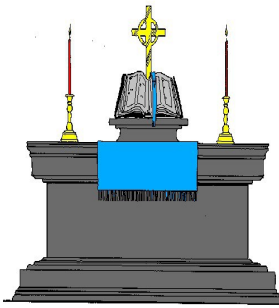
**Bible Baptism Examples** - **The Lord** (Matthew 3:13-17); **3,000** baptized (Acts 2:41); **Cornelius** (Acts 10:44-48); **Jailer** (Acts 16:30-34) and many others (Acts 8:12). If you have **not** been baptized after salvation, ask the pastor to baptize you. **Illustration:** A ring on a finger **identifies** (ID) that a person is **married**. Baptism is to show **outwardly** what has taken place **inwardly** in your life. Baptism **identifies** (ID) you as a Christian. It is important to take the **first step** of baptism as a Christian.



## **SECOND CHURCH ORDINANCE**

### **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Introduction** - The Lord's Supper was established by Jesus as an **occasion** for Christians to remember the **Lord's body** that was **broken** (bread) and His **blood** (juice) that was **shed**. There is some confusion as to the proper name for the service of the Lord's Supper. It has been named **The Lord's Table, The Table of the Lord, The Last Supper, Communion, Eucharist, Holy Communion, Breaking of Bread, Remembering the Lord** or simply **The Lord's Supper**. In this study it will simply be called "**The Lord's Supper**." The **name** is not important but the **event is very important** to the Christian (I Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 22:14-20).



**The First Lord's Supper** - To truly understand the Lord's Supper, prayerfully read the account of the Lord's Supper in the Bible (Luke 22:14-20). The Lord was with His disciples in an upper room. It was **the last time of fellowship** before His death. He loved His disciples and wanted one last time of fellowship with them. **"With desire I have desired to eat this passover (supper) with you"** (Luke 22:15). As the meal was served the Lord taught the meaning of this **Last Supper** with His disciples. After Supper He commanded, **"This do in remembrance of me"** (Luke 22:19). He commanded the disciples to **continually observe** the Lord's Supper until He returned. He also commanding **all Christians** to follow the same example. The Lord desires Christians to practice the Lord's Supper continually **until** He returns to have supper with them (Matthew 26:29). It is a time for Christians to **"remember" the Lord until He comes**.

**Meaning of Lord's Supper** - It is a time to **remember** the Lord's suffering and death for His people. It is also a time of reverence and self-examination of the Christian's life (I Corinthians 11:20). Naturally, Christians cannot observe the Lord's Supper **exactly** as the first one. The importance should not be placed on ceremonial methods, types of bread and drink or vessels for the service. Naturally, the service should be disciplined and in order. The priority is, **"This do in remembrance of me."**

**Meaning of Broken Bread** - "And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, *saying, This is my body which is given for you: **this do in remembrance of me***" (Luke 22:19; I Corinthians 11:24). As you receive the broken bread, you are to remember the Lord's broken body, scourging, cross and the suffering. The importance is not the type of **bread** but His **body** which was broken for you. As you eat the **broken** bread they **remember** the Lord's body **broken** for him.

**Meaning of the Drink** - "*After the same manner also he took the cup...saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come***" (I Corinthians 11:25,26). After the bread is taken, the Christian then receives the cup. As he drinks he is to **remember the blood** that was shed by the Lord. He remembers the suffering of the Cross, beating, the nails, the crown of thorns, and finally His death on the cross. As **"oft"** as you drink, you are remembering with a thankful heart what the Lord has done for you. The importance is not the type of drink but the blood that was shed. As **"oft"** as you take (drink) the cup, remember, **"This is my blood which is shed for you."**

**Blessing of Lord's Supper** - The **Lord's Supper** is a very special time for the Christian. It is a time to fellowship and remember the Lord. The Lord had a desire to be with his own. You should have a desire to be with the Lord. Is it possible to forget Him? The Lord wanted His people to **remember** Him and not forget Him. He established the Lord's Supper so they would not forget Him. The Lord's Supper **now reminds Christians** to look forward to a **time** when they will personally be with the Lord.

**"Do this in remembrance of Me."**

## **WHEN A CHRISTIAN SINS**

**"My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord...for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son... God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"**

-- Hebrews 12:5-11

**What happens when a Christian sins? Does he need to be saved again?  
Will he now go to Hell? Can a saved person live a perfect sinless life?**

**A Sinner Becomes a Son** - When a **sinner** is saved, he **becomes a son**. He is born into the family of God (John 3:3). God becomes his Father (John 1:12). A newborn baby does not know how to talk or walk. He must be trained. New Christians also need to be trained the **new** ways of the Lord and the **new** things of God. A baby learning to walk may fall, but he must keep trying. A new Christian may fall, but he needs to get up and keep trying. A son may break his fellowship with his father but he cannot break his sonship. Once he is a son, he is always a son. Earthly fathers correct and chasten (punish) their sons. God the Heavenly Father must also chasten His children. A son is chastened because he does wrong. The chastening teaches him not to do wrong again.

**A Son Needs to Obey His Father** - All children need to be trained, disciplined and corrected (Proverbs 22:6). A father is responsible for the actions of his children. God, the Heavenly Father, is responsible for his children. He will bless them when they do right and correct them when they do wrong. A son should live to please his father and to bring honor to him. God the Heavenly Father said, **"Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"** (Mark 1:11). But when the son does wrong, he brings shame to his father. He must then be corrected.

**How Does God Chasten?** - My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord" (Hebrews 12:5). Notice He says, "My son." The word "**chasten**" means "To correct by the act of punishment." It means "to make something right that is wrong." Punishment causes the son to stop doing wrong and to start doing right. If a child is never corrected, he will continue in his wrong ways. A child does not need to be taught how to do wrong, he knows how to do wrong. He must be taught what is right and how to do it. God does not enjoy punishing His children, yet His punishment is best for them. God chastens because He loves His children, **"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth"** (Hebrews 12:6). But there are certain results from sin: **Grief** will be within the heart of the Christian because the Holy Spirit is grieved (Hebrews 12:11; Ephesians 4:30). **Guilt** will occur because of sin (Psalm 38:4). **Godliness** will be gone in the life of the Christian (Psalm 38:5-7). Also others will be affected by the sin (Hebrews 12:15). **Peace** will no longer remain in the heart (Hebrews 12:14; Psalm 38:3). Some become sick and even sick unto death (I Corinthians 11:30). If a son does not stop his sin, the sin can become his sin unto death (I John 5:16). If you confess you will be cleansed – If you continue you will be chastened.

**How to Stop Chastisement** - A son needs to respond correctly to chastisement. The son who has sinned must judge his sin (I Corinthians 11:31,32). After he judges his sin, he must go to God for forgiveness. A son cannot be forgiven when he ignores or hides sin. There is only one way for the son to be forgiven of his sins. **"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"** (I John 1:9). You must "confess sins." This means to agree with God about sin. You want to be right with God. Your sin must be forgiven. God the Father is "**faithful**" in forgiving and is pleased to give you a new beginning. If you continues in sin, then God the Father will chasten you. You have the choice of **cleansing** or **chastening**. After the chastisement or confession you once again have fellowship with God (Hebrews 12:11). Learn to respond and not resist the Lord.

**Illustration:** The story of the prodigal son is an illustration of a **son** returning home to the father. The father did not scold the **son** but welcomed him home. Also, look at all the son received when he returned home. Wonder, what could be **waiting** for you if you would return home and say, **"I have sinned"** (Luke 15:12-24).

# **THREE UNCEASING ENEMIES**

**All Christians Have A Continual Warfare  
Three Enemies vs Three Helpers  
The Goal is Control of Your Life**

**“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit - Spirit against the flesh:  
and these are contrary the one to the other:  
so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”  
– Galatians 5:17**

**THREE ENEMIES: 1. WORLD 2. FLESH 3. DEVIL**

**THREE HELPERS: 1. SPIRIT 2. SAINTS 3. SCRIPTURES**

**WORLD  
FLESH  
DEVIL**

**ALWAYS  
CONTRARY  
YOU  
NEVER  
COMPATIBLE**

**SAINTS  
SPIRIT  
SCRIPTURES**



**WORLD VS SAINTS  
FLESH VS SPIRIT  
DEVIL VS SCRIPTURES**

**GOD CANNOT MAKE YOU SERVE  
DEVIL CANNOT MAKE YOU SIN**

**WHO WILL WIN?**



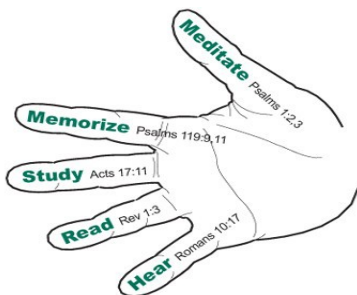
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## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

**Introduction** - The Christian life is just that, a life; a new life to be lived after salvation. The new Christian life is compared to the life of a new baby. The need of a new baby is to grow and to continue to grow until he is an adult. The new Christian is commanded to **"Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ"** (11 Peter 3:18). **"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby"** (1 Peter 2:2). As in physical growth, the baby needs milk to grow and to be healthy. The new Christian needs the Word of God to grow spiritually. It is important for new Christians to study the Word of God (11 Tim. 2:15). A baby needs milk daily to grow properly. All things that have life must eat to grow. From the small ant to the large elephant, if they do not eat they will not grow. If you do not feed your spiritual man he will not grow. The only way for a new Christian to grow is a steady habit of reading, hearing, studying, memorizing and meditating upon the Word of God.

**How to Study the Bible** - A good plan to study God's Word can be compared to the five fingers of your hand. Hold your Bible firmly. You need to use all your fingers or the Bible will fall. If you use only two fingers, you might drop the Bible. It is import to continually do all five things to be a mature Christian.

### **Think of Your Five Fingers as you Study The Bible**



(1) **Hear the Word of God** - Attend church regularly. Give attention to the teacher, preacher or interpreter. Pay attention and learn. Do not waste your time or miss important words from the Bible. Do not permit your mind to wander. Pay attention to your preacher and teacher!

(2) **Read the Bible** - Make it a daily habit to read your Bible. Read through the Bible. This cannot be done in just a few weeks or months; it could take you years, but you can do it. Who built the Ark? How did the earth begin? These questions and many others are answered from the Bible.

(3) **Study the Bible** - Plan to study people, thoughts, words, books and doctrines of the Bible. Study stories, teachings and parables of Jesus. The new Christian should study the book of St. John. Study how to win souls and help others with the Word of God (II Timothy 3:15).

(4) **Memorize the Bible** - **"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee"** (Psalm 119:11). All Christians can memorize some Bible verses. Start with easy verses that can be signed. Verses: John 3:16; Romans 3:23; John 14:6. Memorize the Word of God and it will help you to grow. Try to memorize a different verse each week. It will take practice and thinking but you can do it!

(5) **Meditate upon the Bible** - The word **"meditate"** means to think deeply about something. During the day be thoughtful about what you have studied. **"Think on these things."** (Philippians 4:8).

**"In his law (Word) doth he meditate."**

--Psalm 1:2

**"Meditate upon these things."**

--I Timothy 4:15.

**Do You Have A Bible?** Every Christian should invest in a **good** Bible. Buy one and put your name in it. Make special notes in your Bible. Study the Bible to grow in the Word of God. Study the Bible to learn what is right and what is wrong. The Word of God will change your life. The Word of God is the only authority, absolute and assurance for Christians. Love and care for your Bible.

***Sin will keep you from the Bible***

***The Bible will keep you from sin.***

# DOCTRINE OF PRAYER



**Introduction** - Prayer is very important in the life of a Christian. Prayer means to ask from God (Matthew 7:7). Prayer is praise and thankfulness to God (Psalms 100:4). A Christian should be thankful to a great God who has given so much. Prayer is fellowship with God. A Christian should seek a time to fellowship with God. As it is good to fellowship with friends and family, and it is also good to fellowship with God. When a Christian prays, it is not just words into the air. God in Heaven hears and He cares. In the Bible there are many different ways to pray. But all prayer is unto God. Remember, the greatest enemy of prayer is silence. You have not because you ask not. Prayer is God's plan for Christians to receive the things they need.

## Bible Examples of Prayer

1. **Private Prayer** - There are times to pray alone with the Lord (Matthew 6:6).
2. **Public Prayer** - A time to pray before others - church or classroom (Luke 18:10).
3. **Family Prayer** - It is good to pray at home with the family and have family devotions (Acts 1:14).
4. **Pray Everywhere** - A Christian can pray at any time and in any place (I Timothy 2:8).

## Hindrances to Prayer

It would seem that all Christians would pray to the Lord. Often, however, when the day is done, not much time has been in prayer. What stops a Christian from getting his prayers answered?

1. **Never Ask** - Some Christians do not pray. **"...ye have not, because ye ask not"** (James 4:2).
2. An **Unforgiving spirit** will hinder your prayers (Mark 11:25-26). Learn to quickly forgive others.
3. **Sin** will separate a Christian from fellowship with God and God will not hear you (Psalm 66:18).
4. **Selfish** motives that do not glorify God will not be answered (James 4:3).
5. **Strife** and division with others can hinder your prayers (Matthew 5:22-25).
6. Family problems will hinder prayers with God (I Peter 3:7).
7. Refusing to give to others will stop the blessings of God (Luke 6:38).

## Bible Praying

**"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find;  
knock, and it shall be opened unto you."**

-- Matthew 7:7

**Ask** - Keep asking - **Seek** - Keep looking - **Knock** - Keep knocking until the doors of Heaven open.

**Ask** - **Seek** - **Knock**. The first three letters spell **"ask."** We have not because we ask not.

Pray **daily** and learn to ask for **things** from God. Start a prayer list and keep a record of your prayers and answered prayers. Christians needs to learn to pray **"Lord, teach us to pray"** (Luke 11:1).

Christians should pray **Everywhere** (I Timothy 2:8); In **Secret** (Matthew 6:6); In **Church** (Luke 18:10); **Always** (Luke 18:1); In the **Morning** (Psalm 5:3); **Noon** and **Evening** (Psalm 55:17); **Day** and **Night** (Psalm 88:1); **Daily** (Psalm 86:3). You can pray any time or any place. God will hear you. The greatest enemy of prayer is silence. Learn to pray. You will be glad you did. All Christians need to pray more!

**Illustration:** The late, Dr. John R. Rice, told the story of a man who arrived in Heaven. He was shown a large warehouse full of gifts. He noticed his name on many of the gifts. Confused, he asked the angel, "Why didn't you give me these gifts?" The angel answered, Because you **did not** ask! If you want your prayers answered then simply pray what God wants.

## The Greatest Enemy of Prayer is Silence

# **CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

## **Study I Corinthians 12:1-31**

**Introduction** - God has a ministry and a place for **every** Christian (vs.7). Every Christian can be **used** in Christian service. The Lord **uses** the Christian as He it pleases Him (vs.11). God puts you into the place of service as it pleases Him (vs. 18). It is not the Lord's will for every person to be a preacher or missionary, but **every Christian** can be used of God. **Volunteer** to serve God.

**The Right Person in the Right Place** - The Christian servant does not have the right to choose his **place** or position of service. Christian service is not the same as deciding a place of employment. It is **best** for the Christian to accept the service that pleases the Lord. The Christian's attitude should be "Lord, here am I, use me. I will do what you want. I will do what pleases you." God has a special place for you, **"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body (ministry), as it hath pleased him"** (vs. 18). Notice, this verse does not say as it pleases **you** but as it pleases **Him**. It is important that you accept the place God has for you.

**Volunteers Wanted** - **"Present (volunteer) your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God"** (Romans 12:1). The Lord does not force a Christian to serve Him. A time should come in the life of a Christian when he volunteers himself to be used in God's service. After a Christian presents himself for service, the Lord will prepare him for the ministry. In the Lord's work, it is not skill or experience that is important but desire and character. Once a Christian volunteers, he should be willing to accept any job that is offered him. If it is a small job, do it well. It is important to accept anything and do the best you can.

**Christian Service** - In Christian service there is much that needs to be done. Everyone does not do the same thing. In the church, some teach, some drive buses, some preach, some usher, and some sing. All are equally important. In the Lord's work there is no small ministry. **All are important and all are needed.** In the body of the Lord the eye cannot say **"I do not need the hand."** All members are needed (I Corinthians 12:18-27). The goal of Christian service is to serve the Lord and to please Him (Ephesians 6:5). Everyone has a place and all can be used.

**Illustration:** One woman said, "For many years I felt I was a failure because I was faithful to church, but did nothing in church. Now I understand His will for me. I have four children and God wants me at this time to just be a godly mother and wife."

**You Can Qualify** - In Christian service there are many different needs. Naturally, it would not be right for a fifteen-year-old boy to become a deacon or bus driver. It is important that the right person be in the right place. Churches and ministries have standards for those who wish to serve (II Timothy 2:21). The Lord only wants you to do what you can. He will never ask you to do something that you cannot do. Give yourself to God! The Devil cannot make you sin, and God cannot make you serve!

"For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath,  
and not according to that he hath not."

- 11 Corinthians 8:12

**Illustration:** The lad in John 6 had only a small lunch, but when he put what he had in the hands of the Lord, the Lord accepted it, and fed thousands. The Lord took his lunch and blessed thousands. It is important that to give what we have to the Lord. He will increase it and use it to bless others. Give and it shall be given unto you (Luke 6:38). Give what you **have** unto the Lord and He will bless and use it. The Lord does not expect you to give what you do not have. As George Truett, a late preacher, stated, "If I had ten-thousand lives they would all belong to Jesus."

**Salvation is a gift, but you must choose to be a servant!**

## **CHRISTIAN SERVICE: THE PERSON GOD USES**

**Introduction** - Why is one person used of God and another is not? Is it personality, education, prayers, devotions, age, talents, or good looks? **What makes the difference?** The answer is in Hebrews chapter eleven, "**By faith**" Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, Moses, Joshua and many others followed God. **Faith** means you believe He is God and you will **obey** Him. **Faith** and **obedience** will produce a **servant** of God. When the children of Israel came to the river Jordan the need was **not** fasting, praying, or tithing, but simply **obeying** the Lord. **After** they put their feet into the water the waters parted. To **obey** is better than to sacrifice. More than **80%** of the people in the Bible who were used of God were **not** prophets, preachers or missionaries. God has a plan for **every** Christian. This is a volunteer program. God will not pull, drag, or entice you to serve. The Devil cannot make you sin, and God cannot make you serve. Do you **want** to be used of God? You **choose** to be a servant.

### **Decisions Determine Directions - Directions Determine Destinations**

**WHO DOES GOD USE?** "But now hath God **set** (placed) the members (saved people) **every one** (includes you) of them in the **body** (ministry), as it hath **pleased** Him" (1 Corinthians 12:18). God has placed you in the body or ministry to serve Him. It does not say, "**As it pleases you.**" You will never be satisfied until you are in your **right place**. You are **placed** within the body of Christ at the **time of salvation**. You are **placed** to your **position** of service. A servant does not have the right to pick his **position or place**. **Who does God use?** God looks upon the heart and uses all races and ages. There is only **one** you. Only **you** can decide what you will do with your life. Have a willingness and **attitude** to serve God. **God has a place and a plan for your life - find it.** **Who does God use?** God will use every **qualified** Christian who makes themselves **available** for His service. Only you can **disqualify** yourself.

**WHAT DOES GOD USE?** "If there first be a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath (can do), and not according to that he hath not (cannot do)" (II Corinthians 8:12). God uses **your** personal **gifts abilities and personality (GAP)**. Each person is **different**. You can **increase** your **abilities for service**. **Examples: Noah** was a carpenter. **Moses** used a rod. Dorcas used a **needle**. David used a **slingshot**. You need to do what **you can** (abilities) for God. God does not ask you to things you **cannot** do. God only wants you to do what you **can**. **What can you do?** What are your skills and abilities? Are you using them for God? **What does God use?** **God uses your gifts, abilities and talents.** What can you do? **Are you willing to do what you can?**

**WHERE DOES GOD USE YOU?** "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart (not head); and lean not unto thine **own understanding**. In **all thy ways** acknowledge him, and he shall **direct thy paths**" (Proverbs 3:5-6). As you follow the **will** of God you will **know** the **ways** of God. An important rule to follow. **As you go - You will know**. When you stop **going** then you stop **knowing the will of God**. The Bible does not teach that you should pray for the will of God. You simply need to **do what you can** and God will direct your **paths**. He will direct your **path(s)** in the way you should go. Notice the Lord is in front clearing the way for you to follow. As you go you will know the will of God. God will use you **wherever** you go. Trust in the Lord.

**WHEN DOES GOD USE YOU?** "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies** a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And **be not conformed** to this world: but **be ye transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may **prove** what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, **will of God**" (Romans 12:1-2). **After** you are saved you need to **present** yourself for service to the Lord. The Lord wants you more than anything you have. He uses the person that is **transformed** is different than the world. A person who is **conformed** is the same as the world. God only uses dedicated vessels. Dedicate your life to be used of God. God gives new beginnings. You can't change the past, but you can change the future. Seek to be used of God!

**WHY DOES GOD USE YOU?** "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned..." (II Timothy 3:14). Many start, but only a few **finish**. The Lord said, "**Come follow Me.**" **Follow** meant a **lifetime** commitment not just a few months. **Following** also involves **forsaking**. The disciples **forsook** nets, and family. **Follow Him** and He will **make** you **become** what you need to be. Make a **lifetime** commitment to serve the Lord no matter what happens. One day you will **reap** if you do not quit (Galatians 6:9). Paul said, "**Lord, what will thou have me to do**" (Acts 9:6). After 35 years Paul said, "I have **finished** my course" (2 Timothy 4:7).

Be a **finisher** and one day stand before Him to hear, "**Well done my good and faithful servant.**"

## **DOCTRINE CHRISTIAN GIVING**

**"Give, and it shall be given unto you."**

--Luke 6:38

***"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly (little) shall reap (get) also sparingly;  
and he which soweth bountifully (much) shall reap also bountifully.  
Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly,  
or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."***

--II Corinthians 9:6-7.

**Introduction** - Giving is part of worship and service to the Lord. The Lord commands the Christian to give. Notice that the command is given with a promise from God. The Christian is to give and God promises He will also give in return to the Christian. God and Jesus Christ both set the example of giving for the Christian. **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son"** (John 3:16); **"And I give unto them eternal life"** (John 10:28); **"who giveth us richly"** (I Timothy 6:17); **"the gift of God is eternal life"** (Romans 6:23). The Lord has freely given all things unto Christians. All good things come from God. **You give - He gives! Key word "It." What you give - You will get!**

**Give = It Shall Be Given Unto You** - Do you want to **receive** from God? Then you must first learn to **give**. How much do you want to receive; little or much? You make the **choice** as you give. "It" refers to whatever you give will return to you. Give love and you will receive love. Give strife and you will receive strife. The Bible promises that if you give little, you will receive little but if you give much, you will receive much. The Lord uses farming as an illustration. If the farmer wants a good crop, he must first put the seed into the ground. If the farmer did not sow the seed, the crop would never come. There must be a sowing in order to have a reaping. No sowing, no reaping. As a person sows, so shall he reap. The grain from just two ears of corn can bring forth a good harvest. But, if a farmer planted a bushel of grain, he would receive a greater harvest. The Lord promises to give **as** you give. How much do you give? Are you expecting a good crop this year? The size of your crop depends on how much you give. It is strange, but the way to get is to give. **You reap what you sow!**

**Some Excuses for Not Giving** - "I don't have the money." "I owe too much." "I must put my family first." Most excuses start with **"I."** The Christian should say, **"I can** do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). Do you trust God? Can God lie? God has made it possible for **all to give**. Rich or poor, **all** can give from what they have. The Lord does not look at the **size** but at the **sacrifice** of the gift. The widow gave more than the rich people (Mark 12:41-44).

**How Much Should Christians Give?** The Lord does not require all Christians to give \$ 100, but He does command all Christians to give. If a Christian does not give, he is disobedient and displeasing to God. A **starting amount** is **one-tenth** (tithe) of your income (Genesis 28:22). This is only the **beginning**. As a Christian  **prospers**, he should give **more** (I Corinthians 16:2). As you give, God returns more to you. God has a way for every Christian to give and it is by **percent**. If you only have ten dollars, you can give one dollar. Every Christian can **give** something by **percent**.

1. Our bodies for service (Romans 12:1).
2. Ourselves wholly to God (I Timothy 4:15).
3. Our time to the Word of God (I Timothy 4:13).
4. Ourselves to prayer (Acts 6:4).
5. Our thanks in everything (I Thessalonians 5:18).
6. Our money to the work of the Lord (II Corinthians 8:2-4).

**A Test To Give** - You cannot out give God! The Lord promises to **give ...if you will give**. The Lord says, **"prove me now"** (Malachi 3:10). The Lord wants to **test** you and wants you to test Him.

Test God: **Tithe** for **three months**, and see what happens.



# **DOCTRINE SOUL-WINNING**

***"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed,  
shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."***

-- Psalm 126:6

**Introduction** - Soul winning is very important in the life of a Christian. If Christians stopped caring for the unsaved, then in the next generation no one would be saved. Why are you saved? It is because someone cared for you. Think of all the people in the past who witnessed to you. You were saved because someone took time to be a soul winner. It is not right to become a Christian and then forget about others who are not saved.

## **The Plan of Soul Winning**

**The Walk** - ***"He that goeth forth..."*** It is necessary to **go** to the unsaved people with the Gospel. Look on the fields (the world). Many need to be saved. The unsaved are not commanded to come to the church, but the Christian is commanded to go to the unsaved. Plan a time to go to others. **The Lord commanded His people to go.** ***"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"*** (Mark 16:15). His plan remains the same. God has no other plan. **Do you go?**

**The Weeping** - ***"He that goeth forth and weepeth."*** Christians need to have **compassion**. Compassion means to have pity and love for the need of another person. It is easy to have compassion for a sick person but we also need to have compassion for the unsaved person. People who are not saved are going to Hell. Who will help them? Who will warn them? A burden for lost people comes after we first go to them and see their need. The Lord looked upon the multitude and He was moved with compassion. He looked at the city and wept. He did not see houses; He saw people. He saw people who had a need; people who had burdens; people who were lost. Read: Matthew 9:36; 20:34; Luke 10:33; Jude 22; Luke 15:20. You need to have compassion to win souls. **Do you have compassion?**

**The Word** - ***"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed."*** The **seed** is the Word of God. The great need is to put the seed into the hearts of people. As you witness to the unsaved, it is important to **plant** the Word of God. If you do not plant the seed you will never have a harvest. The emphasis is not upon the sower but the seed (Word of God). No one is saved without the Word of God - No one! Learn the Word of God. Memorize **soul winning verses** and be ready to show a person, from the Bible, how to be saved. People will never be saved without the Word of God. Use your Bible, leave tracts and testify from the Bible. God will honor His Word and one day the seed will sprout into life. It is important to learn how to use the Word of God in witnessing. Some good verses are John 3:16; John 1:12; John 3:36; Romans 3:23; and Acts 16:30,31. **Do you sow the Seed?**

**The Winning** - ***"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."*** The Bible promises if you will walk, weep, and use the Word of God, you will come again winning souls. Not everyone will be saved but some will. When a Christian wins an unsaved person to the Lord, it is a rejoicing time. Are you seeing people saved from your sowing and weeping? Pray the Lord will give the results. Your responsibility is to sow the seed and the Lord will give the harvest.

**Go Into Your World** - Do you know someone who is not saved? Do you have unsaved family members? Do you have friends who are not saved? Do you witness to people when you work, buy groceries, and gas and go to activities? You may be the only person to witness to them. Give tracts to the unsaved. Invite people to church. You will be glad that you tried. One hundred years from now the only important thing will be salvation. The **only thing** God is interested in **is people**.

**If you do not go, who will?**

## **DOCTRINE**

### **CHRISTIAN FAITHFULNESS**

*"His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant:  
thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."*

--Matthew 25:21

*"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much."*

--Luke 16:10

*"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."*

--I Corinthians 4:2

**Introduction** - The Lord is concerned about a Christian being **faithful**. What does it mean to say that a person is faithful? What does the word "**faithful**" mean? The dictionary states that a faithful person is one who is steady, dependable and trustworthy to accomplish a task once it is begun. A faithful person will do what is required of him. When a preacher says, "**He sure is faithful,**" it means that that person faithfully attends church Sunday morning and evening and the midweek service. A faithful giver means that a person gives of his money regularly to the work of the Lord. A faithful Bible reader is a person who daily reads the Word of God. A person who prays faithfully is one who daily prays to the Lord. The Lord says, "**Well done,**" to the Christian who is **faithful**. Faithful means **full of faith**.

**God is Faithful** - "*To show forth thy loving kindness...and thy faithfulness every night*" (Psalm 92:2). "*Great is thy faithfulness*" (Lamentations 3:23). "But the Lord is **faithful**" (II Thessalonians 3:3). The Lord faithfully does what is required of Him. The sun rises faithfully; the moon and stars are faithfully in the heavens; even the air that we breathe is controlled faithfully by the Lord. "**For by him were all things created**" (Colossians 1:16). The Lord sets the example of faithfulness for the Christian. He is faithful to us in love and mercy. Christians should be faithful to Him in service.

**Old Testament Believers Were Faithful** - Study Hebrews eleven. All these people were named in the "Hall of Faith" because they were faithful. They are not there because of ability but because of dependability. By faith they obtained a good report (vs. 2).

By faith, **Abel** worshipped the right way; **Enoch** walked with God; **Noah** built the ark; **Abraham** traveled by faith; **Joseph** believed God; **Moses** refused the ways of Egypt; and **Joshua** won victories. Many others were stoned, put in prison, killed, starved, and tormented but they remained faithful to God. They obtained a good report (vs. 39).

**New Testament Christians Were Faithful** - "*Timothy.. faithful in the Lord*" (I Corinthians 4:17). For many early Christians it meant death to be **faithful** to the Lord. Paul stated, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, **I have kept the faith**" (II Timothy 4:7). Much blood has been shed and many lives sacrificed because of faithful Christians. A great debt was paid by the early Christians for the cause of Christ. They were tested but they stayed faithful unto death.

**The Bible Commands Faithfulness** - "*It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful*" (I Corinthians 4:2). Only **faithful** Christians are used of the Lord. It is **required** that a steward or servant be faithful. Many of the first Christians gave their lives for the honor and privilege to serve the Lord. Christians today need to follow their example. Will you try to be faithful for the **next three months**? Once you try to be faithful, it will soon become a way of life. Decide to be **faithful** to God no matter what happens! Jesus Christ is risen and now in Heaven. He died for you - You should live for Him. Not everyone is called to preach, but everyone can be **faithful**.

**Everyone can be faithful!**

**Your goal should be to one day hear the Lord say...**

***"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."***

## **RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH**

*"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

*For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.*

*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

*Then we which are alive and remain shall be **caught up** (raptured) together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

*Wherefore comfort one another with these words."*

--1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Introduction** - The next great event from Heaven is called **Homecoming, Reunion, Home at last**, or the **Rapture**. **Rapture** is not found in the Bible but neither is **Trinity, Demons or Grandfather**, but I am a **grandfather**. The word **rapture** simply means "caught up." It could also be called, "Hop to Heaven." **Rapture** means to **transport or carry from one place to another**. Jesus Christ is coming again in the **rapture**. He will return for His church, believers "**In Christ**." Who will go to Heaven? The answer is simple. Those "**in Christ**." The Lord will call His **ambassadors** home before war begins. For years some have looked for **Signs of His Coming**. Do not look for **signs** but look for the **Son**. When the Lord does come for those "**in Christ**" it is called the "**rapture**."

**But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren** - **Ignorant** does not mean stupid but it means without knowledge. This is the **first** time Paul explains what will happen to saved people who died in the Lord and the saved who are alive when Jesus comes. Paul gives hope and for the **first time** reveals and explains the **coming** of the Lord. Now **all** have **knowledge** of the rapture.

**Concerning them asleep** - Loved ones who **died** (asleep) in the Lord. There is hope. It is a sad time to walk away from the cemetery, put flowers on the grave or stand there with memories. As you walk away, you can remember that one day we will all be together. This is the hope that we have in God. He is not dead but just asleep and one day he will be awakened unto life eternal.

**Sorrow not, even as others which have no hope** - It is all right to sorrow, but Christians are not to sorrow as the world which has no hope. Why? Because Christians have hope of a reunion, a time to be together. Think of those loved ones in the graves and that there is hope that one day all Christians will be caught up "**together**."

**If we believe** - The word **we** means Christians. **Believe** means those who **believed** in Christ.

**For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven** - The Lord will come "**Himself**." He will not send a substitute. In the past He sent Moses, the Prophets, and Angels, but this time, He will come. The Lord will **personally** come for all those who "**in Christ**."

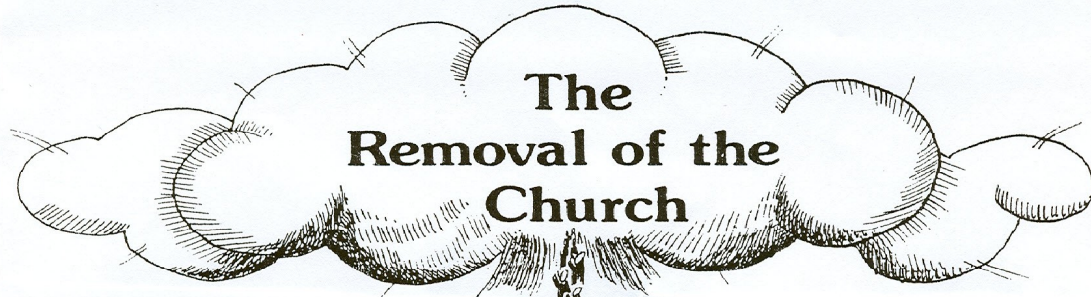
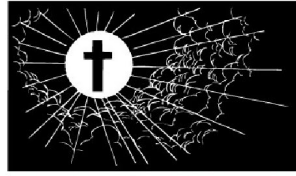
**From Heaven** - How far is Heaven? If you traveled at the speed of light (186,000 miles per second), it would take you more than 40 years to reach the nearest star. The Lord will not come at the **speed of light** but at the **speed of thought**. In a moment and the twinkling of an eye, in an hour that ye "**blink**" not, the Lord will come.

**With a Shout** - **Shout** means an exciting and alarming sound. The Lord "**Himself**" will shout, "**Come up hither**" (Revelation 4:1). This will be the **first voice** that many deaf people will hear.

**Voice of Archangel** - The Lord "**Himself**" not an archangel. He will not send an angel. It will be a **voice** different from any voice ever heard before. It will be a voice that every person "**in Christ**" will hear and understand. The voice will shout, "**Come up hither**" (Revelation 4:1).

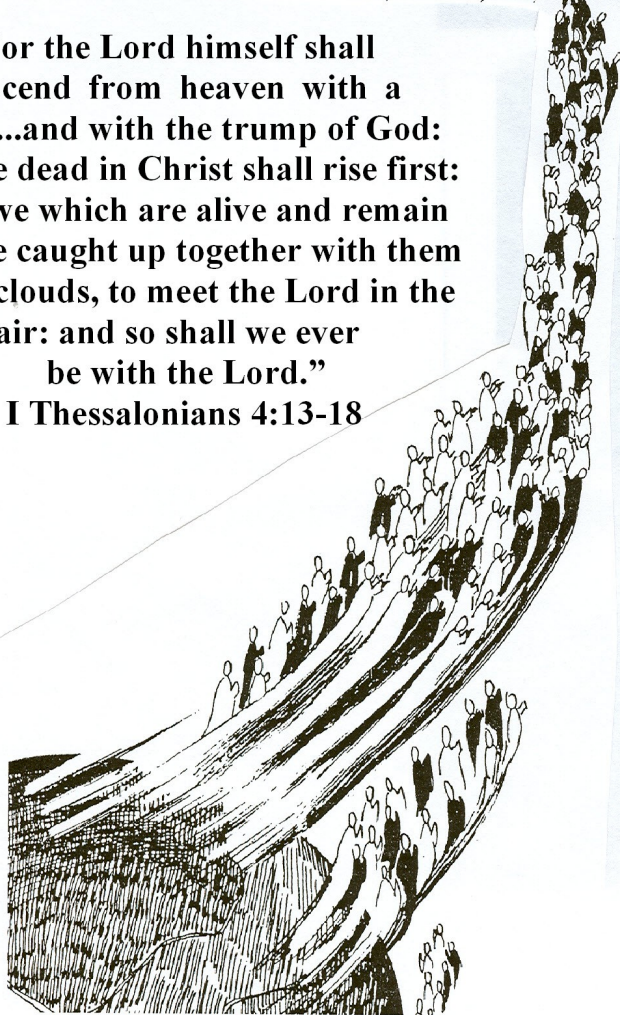
**He Could Come Today!**

# The Rapture - Removal of the Church



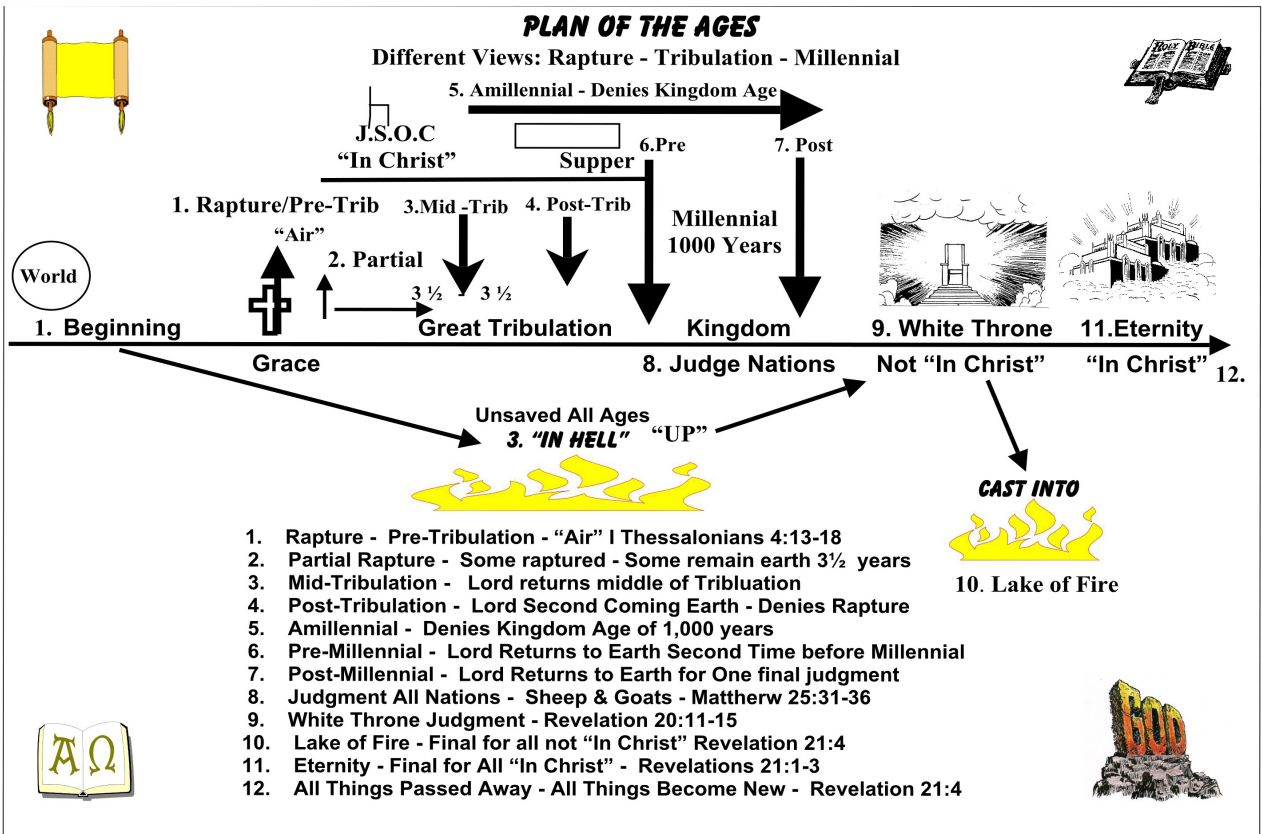
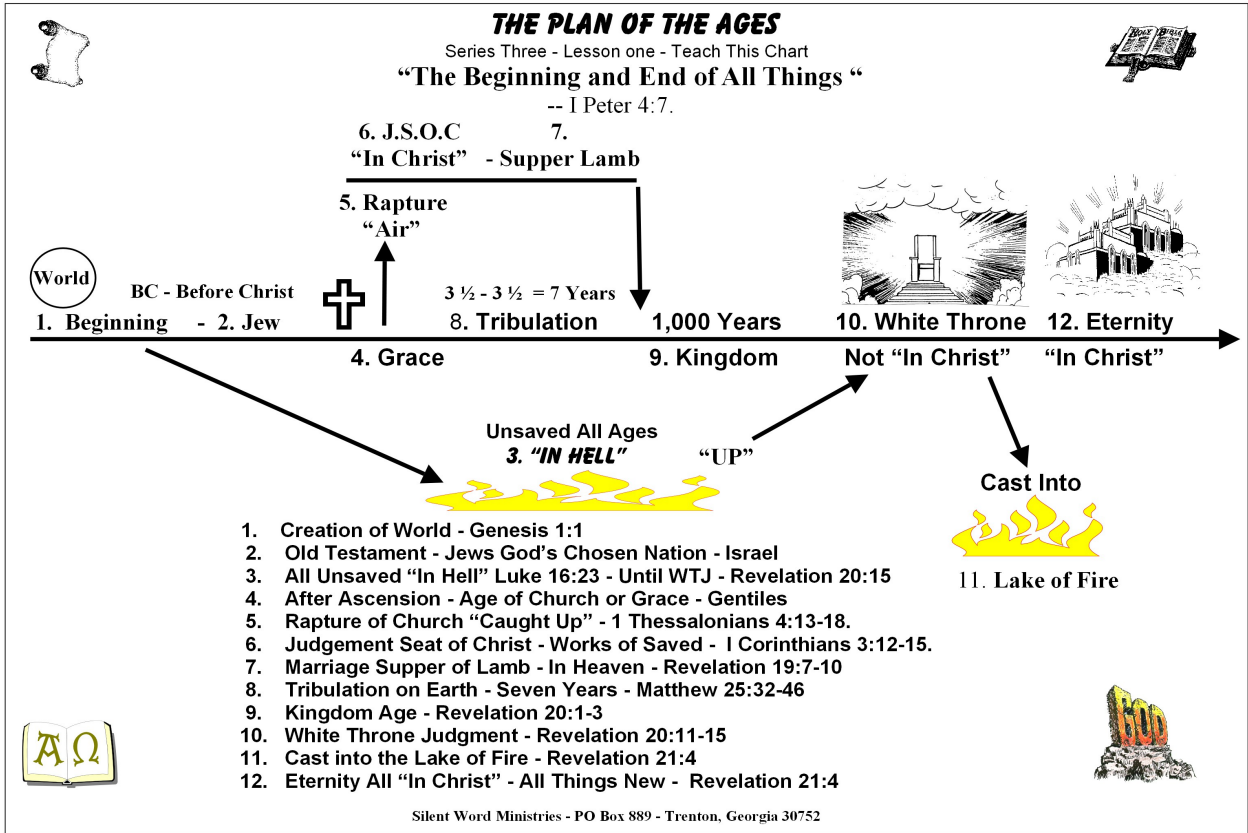
**“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout...and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”**

**– I Thessalonians 4:13-18**



**“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”**

**– I Corinthians 15:51-52**



## **THE TRUMP OF GOD**

**Trump of God** - His voice will be as a trumpet.  
The Trump was used for 4 events in Bible days.

1. **War** - On earth. 2. **Worship** - Saints. 3. **Welcome** - Travelers 4. **Warning** - Coming Wrath.

**Home at last!** The voice of the Lord will **separate** those “**in Christ**” and those “**without Christ.**” Those “**in Christ**” will be **caught up** with the Lord. Those “**without Christ**” will **remain** on earth to face tribulation time. All **unsaved** people since **Cain** will **remain** either in the **grave** or **alive** on the earth. All those “**in Christ**” **dead** and **alive** will **hear the call** of the Lord. For many Deaf people it will be the **first voice** they have ever heard. Christians should **listen** and **look** for the Lord to return.

**Dead in Christ Rise first** - Not dead in church. The dead in Christ will have foreknowledge of the rapture. They will come with the Lord and then join with their resurrected bodies.

**Then we which are alive and remain** - “We” includes **all** “in Christ.” Paul was alive when he wrote these verses. Paul **expecting** the Lord to come in his lifetime. The Lord could come today.

**Shall be caught up** - The words “**caught up**” means with **great force** and power. The Lord will **pull up** His Christians **from** this earth through the power and domain of the Devil.

**Two** types of Christians caught up: 1. **Enoch** before flood. 2. **Lot** taken out before the fire fell.

**All “in Christ”** will be **removed** and **all** who are **not “in Christ”** will **remain** on the earth. The Lord will **separate** the saved and the lost. At the rapture, all Christians will be **changed**. The blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Christians will say good bye to fleshly bodies, wheel chairs, hearing aids, death and all pain. God will change our bodies. “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be **changed**, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible (dying body) must put on incorruption (eternal body), and this mortal (human) must put on immortality (holy)” (1 Corinthians 15:51-53).

**Together** - The sweetest word in the Bible is “**together.**” One day all Christians will be united “**together**” (Philippians 3:21). All “in Christ” will be caught up **together**. Will we **know** one another in Heaven? **Yes!** We will meet **them** in the air. We will **know** one another. **Peter knew Moses** and **Elijah** on the mount of transfiguration (Luke 9:33). Think of loved ones who have died in the Lord. You miss **them** very much. A great homecoming day is coming. One day **forever - together!**

**With them** - **Four times** it mentions “**them.**” Notice the last “**them**” does not mention the word “**asleep.**” Why? Because they have been **awakened** by the trump to sleep no more. Also, the Lord permits a short time for a **reunion “with them”** before we see Him.

**In the clouds - to meet the Lord in the air** - “**In the air.**” Christ does not come to the earth. The word “**air**” is above the mountain top in the clouds. Before the **Kingdom age** the Lord will come to the earth, but before the rapture He only comes **in the clouds and in the air.**

**So shall we ever be with the Lord** - After the rapture the Lord promises we will **forever** be **with** Him. Where He goes we will go. “Ever be with the Lord.” The Lord promises never to leave you. One day all saved will be caught up to forever be **with** the Lord.

**Wherefore comfort one another with these words** - One day Jesus will come. This is your hope and comfort for the future. Paul gave comforting words to those who had just returned from a cemetery. These same words give **comfort** and **hope**. One day **home** at last to live happily **together** ever after. **This is the blessed hope!**

**The Lord Could Come Tonight!**

## **JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST**

*“According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder,  
I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon.  
But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.*

*For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.  
Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;  
Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it,  
because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.  
If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.  
If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss:  
but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.”*

--1 Corinthians 3:10-15

*“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ;  
that every one may receive the things done in his body,  
according to that he hath done (since salvation), whether it be good or bad”*

--II Corinthians 5:10.

**Introduction** - Judgment or reward day is coming for **all** of God's people. Christians will not be judged whether they are saved or lost, of going to Heaven or Hell. This is a judgment to determine **rewards** for **servants of the Lord**. All the works of **servants** will be judged and rewarded. Those **without Christ** will not be at this judgment. It is **only** for Christian servants. This is a time of **testing works** whether they are good or bad. The word **sin** is not mentioned at this judgment. **Only works as a servant** will be judged and rewarded. What have you **done** since salvation? **After** the rapture the Judgment Seat of Christ will happen. A time for all **“In Christ”** (servants) to be judged according to their works in the Lord.

### **Three Stages of a Christian Life**

1. Past - You were a **Sinner** 2. Present - You became a **Son** 3. Future - Judged as **Servant** (Future - Works)

The Judgment Seat of Christ will not judge you as a **sinner**, nor as a **son**, but at this time you will be **judged** or rewarded as a **servant for your works**. You will be judged or rewarded for the things your have **done** for the Lord since you were saved. It is not a time to judge **sin**, but **works**. **Sin** has already been judged on Calvary, but God keeps records of **all works** whether they are **good or bad**. **Remember, the Devil cannot make you sin, and God cannot make you serve. You must choose!**

### **TWO TYPES OF WORKS**

**Works** means **good actions** or **good things done in the body**

**I. Good Works:** These works are **permanent** and will **remain**.

- A. **Gold** - This is work done for God's glory. Gold represents God and deity.
- B. **Silver** - This is work of redemption or work in helping others be saved.
- C. **Precious Stones** - Many different kinds of works. All Christians have gifts.

**Good Works** - Are you using your gifts, talents, abilities and skills for God?

**What have you done since you have been saved?**

**You will be judged and rewarded for things done as a servant!**

**You will also be judged for things left undone!**

**What have you done? What have you left undone?**

**II. Bad Works:** These works will **perish** and be **removed**.

- A. **Wood** - Earthly works done in the flesh that will easily burn.
- B. **Hay** - Hay comes from the ground and it is soon gone.
- C. **Stubble** - This means left overs. Works done in flesh without love or heart.

At this judgment Seat of Christ **every** Christian will wish they had done **more!**

## **THE FIVE CROWNS**

**Introduction - Review** - Christian judgment day is coming for all of God's people. It will be a time of testing, not to see if you are saved or lost, but an accounting day for your life as a Christian. Notice that the word **sin** is not found, but only **works**. What have you done since you have been saved? After the rapture, the Lord will gather all the saints for an accounting as a servant. This judgment will not be to **judge** you as a sinner or a son, but you will be judged for deeds you **have done as a servant** of the Lord. It is not a time to judge sin, but **reward** works. All sin has already been judged on Calvary, but God has kept a record of **all works** (as a Christian) whether they are good or bad. One day you will be judged for your works as a servant of the Lord.

### **THE FIVE CROWNS**

These five crowns are not the same as crowns worn by kings, but crowns given to those who won races or wars in the great arena in Bible days. The crown was a **wreath** given to victors. Some were gold or silver wreaths. These are crowns given by the Lord Jesus Christ to His faithful servants at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

**Illustration:** Some are excited about winning a Super Bowl **Ring**. Winning a **green jacket** at Augusta PGA Championship. Winning **Final Four** basketball. Winning a **championship** boxing match. The greatest reward for Christians is to be awarded by the Lord. The Lord will reward you for the deeds you have done for Him as a servant. To some He will say, "Well done my good and faithful servant."

1. **Crown of Life** - *"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried... thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life"* (Revelation 2:10). All Christians who are **persecuted** or **die** for Christ will receive a Crown of Life.
2. **Crown of Glory** - *"And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away"* (1 Peter 5:4). All those who **feed the flock** will receive a crown of Glory.
3. **Crown of Rejoicing** - *"For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?"* (1 Thessalonians 2:19). Soul winners receive a Crown of Rejoicing.
4. **Crown of Righteousness** - *"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing"* (II Timothy 4:8). Christians who love the Lord's appearing will receive a Crown of Righteousness.
5. **Crown of Incorruption** - *"And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible"* (1 Corinthians 9:25). Christians who live right and seek purity will receive a Crown of Incorruption.

### **Can you lose your rewards?**

**Yes!** Christians can lose rewards because of sin, not trying or neglect you can lose or not receive rewards. Rewards are for those **things or works done** in the body.

References: (Revelation 3:11; Matthew 6:2,5,16,23; 2 Timothy 4:14).

**Illustration:** Pete Rose, a great baseball player. He broke many baseball records and was heading to the Hall of Fame. He never entered the Hall of Fame because he was caught gambling. He had his rewards but **lost his rewards** because of gambling. **You also can win rewards and you can also lose your rewards.**

**What Have You Done? What Have You Left Undone?**



## **TWO TYPES OF CHRISTIANS**

**Introduction** - The Lord gave two men, **Enoch** and **Lot** as examples of all Christians. **Enoch** was an example of a good and faithful servant. Enoch was taken **out** before the flood (tribulation) came. **Lot** was a bad example of a servant who wasted his life. Lot had to be pulled out of Sodom **before** the fire fell (as Christians will be pulled out of this world. Read Luke 17:26-32). All works will be judged to see whether they were good or bad works. The purpose of this judgment is to reward the **good and faithful** servant, **not** to punish the bad servant. No one will stand as a church group, but each one will stand **alone**. Everyone is responsible for only his life. It is a **personal** judgment.

***“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant ... Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.”***

--Matthew 24:42-46

**Illustration:** A gardener in England kept his beautiful flower garden clean and nice. One day a man asked him, “Why do you work so hard and keep everything trimmed? Your master is in America and cannot see it.” He answered, “Maybe my master will return today. I want to be ready.” Christians need to watch and be ready because our Master could come today!

**1. ENOCH** - This saint pleased God. He walked with God. He was taken up to be with God before the floods came. He was delivered from the wrath of God. Christians will be taken up, before the wrath of God (tribulation) falls upon the earth. Enoch is a type of the good servant who pleased God. Enoch had no regrets when God took him. **“And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him”** (Genesis 5:24). Are you pleasing God? Do you walk with God? Will you be ashamed at his appearing? It is sad, but many Christians are looking more to their **disappearing** than His **appearing**. Enoch will not suffer loss. He will receive a reward for his service.

**2. LOT** - This man was a Christian who lost his testimony, family and city. God also took him before the fire fell upon Sodom. This is a type of a worldly Christian who will suffer loss. He is saved, but he will suffer as he sees that his life was worthless. **Lot wasted his life.**

***“And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds; The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.”***

– 11 Peter 2:7-8

**Don't Waste Your Life** - What have you done with your life? One day you will stand before the Lord alone and you will be responsible for your life (Matthew 25:21-29). Lot could look at the ashes and suffer loss. When your life is tried by fire, will you look at the ashes of a wasted life and suffer loss as Lot? Have you been faithful? It is not too late to change your life and live for the Lord. You can make the days ahead the best that you have ever known. Will you be **ashamed** at His appearing? Are you an **Enoch** or a **Lot**? Enoch had **no regrets** but Lot had many regrets and was ashamed. Don't be as Lot but seek to be an Enoch and walk with God.

**Illustration:** Winston Churchill, the late Prime Minister of England, returned to speak to his cadet school. He looked at the young men and said only these words, “Young men, never quit, never, never, never!” A challenge to every Christian is, “Don't quit, never, never, never!” The challenge to every Christian is, “Never quit, never, never, never!” One day you will be glad you never quit.

**What Have You Done?**

**What Have You Left Undone?**

## **TRIBULATION TIME**

*“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel...  
Then let them which be in Judaea **flee** into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.  
And **woe unto them** that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!  
But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:  
For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was **not since the beginning of the world** to this time, no, **nor ever shall be**. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved  
...Immediately **after** the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened,  
and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven,  
and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.”*

– Matthew 24:15-29

**Illustration** - On July 16, 1945, at 5:30 a.m. a light brighter than a thousand suns lit the skies in New Mexico. One scientist watching, wept and screamed, **"My God! we have created Hell."** It was the Atom Bomb. On **August 6, 1945**, the atom bomb **"Little boy"** was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan and over 92,000 people were killed or missing. On **August 9, 1945** a second bomb, **"Fat man"** was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan. Over 40,000 were killed or missing. People were frightened as it looked like the end of the world. Many were deformed or injured for life. The disaster brought immediate peace. One day the greatest disaster **ever known** will come. It is called the **Tribulation Time**.

**The Great Tribulation will be worse than anything in the past. Why?** Because this coming event is from the wrath of God and it is between man and God. There will be no solutions or preventive means at that time. There will be no powers to challenge the might of God. There will be no hope or help during that time. It will be a world wide alert, a time of SOS, Mayday, sirens, warnings, and 911 calls. But no one will be able to respond to calls for help. It will be worse than the flood in Noah's day, the fire of Sodom, the Holocaust of the Jews or the dropping of the atomic bombs. This event is on the calendar of God and it will happen, just as the rains came in the flood and the fire fell on Sodom. God's people will be removed from the coming storm and the wrath of God will fall upon this earth. God promised one more week, or seven years, of tribulation to the nation of Israel. It is known as the **"Day of Wrath."** Be saved today and flee the wrath to come! **Be saved today!** *"And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come"* (1 Thessalonians 1:10; Romans 5:9). **Remember, the worst is yet to come!**

1. Can people be saved in tribulation? Answer (Revelation 7:9-15)
2. Who cannot be saved in tribulation? Answer (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12).
3. Who will preach in tribulation? Answer (Revelation 7:4-8).
4. Will the Holy Spirit convict hearts? No, he will be gone. Grace age is ended.

**After the Rapture** - After the rapture the Antichrist will be **revealed**. Notice the Scriptures say, **"And then shall that Wicked be revealed."** He will not be revealed before the rapture. The antichrist will use wonders, miracles and the promise of peace as he rides upon a white horse (duplicating Christ). He will change the truth into a lie, and many will be blinded with delusion. The Wrath of God and the Great Tribulation will be about to begin.

*“And then shall that Wicked be revealed ...  
the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders...  
because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.  
And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:  
That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”*  
--II Thessalonians 2:8-12

**Christians Removed Before Tribulation** - At the rapture all those **"in Christ"** will be taken out of this world. Those who are alive and not **"in Christ"** will remain on the earth to face the wrath of God. This is referred to as **Pre-tribulation rapture** which means Jesus will come for His church **before** tribulation time.

**Illustration:** In one service I preached about Jesus Coming and then the tribulation time. One deaf lady ran forward and wanted to quickly be saved because the Lord might come before she was saved. She had fear in her heart and face. She slowly signed and was saved. Then her face changed from fear unto joy. She stood and signed, "Come Jesus, Come Jesus." If Jesus came tonight, would you be removed or would you remain? All Christians should be able to shout, **"Come Jesus, Come Jesus!"**

**Are You Ready?**

## **GREAT TRIBULATION**

*“For then shall be **great tribulation**,  
such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.  
And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved...”  
-- Matthew 24:21-22*

**THE SEVEN SEALS** - Judgment begins on this earth **after** the rapture.

1. (6:1) **White** Horse- a rider with bow but no arrow - False peace - World accepts AntiChrist.
2. (6:3) **Red** Horse - Blood will be shed – No peace on earth - Great killing.
3. (6:5) **Black** Horse - Famine - Starvation - Shortage of food and much hunger.
4. (6:7,8) **Pale** Horse - Death - 4th part world will die - Hunger and death continues.
5. (6:9-11) Cry of the martyred
6. (6:12-17) World's greatest earthquake - World's greatest prayer meeting.
7. (7:1-17) Silence for half an hour - Conversion of 144,000 - Many saved.

**THE SEVEN TRUMPETS** - (Revelation 8:2;11:19) 7 Angels - 7 Trumpets

1. (8:7) Hail and fire with blood - One third all vegetation, trees and grass burned.
2. (8:8) Mountain of fire falls into sea - One third of sea life and ships destroyed.
3. (8:10) Great star falls upon rivers - Bitter (12) One third fresh water destroyed.
4. (8:12) One third of sun, moon and stars darkened.
5. (9:1-12) Bottomless pit opened - Sky dark - Locusts will sting - They will not kill.
6. (9:13) Four Angels against all mankind - One third people killed – They repented not.
7. (11:15-19) Closes with lightning - Thunder - Earthquakes - Hail from Heaven.

**THE SEVEN VIALS** (Bowls) (Revelation 16:1-17) God's wrath poured out.

1. (16:2) Painful grievous sores will fall upon people and there is no cure.
2. (16:2) Poisoning all salt water - blood of a dead man - all those who drink will die.
3. (16:4) Poisoning all fresh water - rivers as blood Why? Blood shed of prophets.
4. (16:8) Fire from sun will scorch and hurt the people.
5. (16:10) Darkness will come - People will gnaw tongues in pain – They repent not.
6. (16:12) Rivers dry up - Three unclean spirits - Preparing for Armageddon war.
7. (16:17) Closes lightning - **World's greatest earthquake** - **Greatest** hail storm.

## **Battle of Armageddon**

**This is a battle between God and the people on earth.**

*“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse;  
and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True,  
and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire,  
and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.  
And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

*And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses,  
clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword,  
that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron...*

*And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written,*

**KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS...**

*and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven,  
Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God.”*

*--Revelation 19:11-17*

**It will be the greatest war ever fought!  
God will win!**

## **THE KINGDOM AGE**

### **The Millennium – One-Thousand Years – Age of Peace – Kingdom Age**

**Introduction** - The next event **after the tribulation time** is called the Kingdom Age, the day of rest, the **Millennium Age** or the **one-thousand years** of peace on earth. Jesus Christ will be the King of Kings on the earth for one-thousand years. There will never be peace on this earth until the Prince of Peace comes to rule as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

***“But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.”***

--Revelation 20:1-10

During the Millennium, knowledge will increase and there will be peace on the earth. The lamb will lie with the lion. The Lord will rule with a rod of iron and no one will oppose Him. People will be born during this time and be in their earthly bodies.



***“And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse (Jesus)...And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him...the spirit of wisdom and understanding...and of the fear of the LORD...and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth... The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.”*** --Isaiah 11:1-9

**The Kingdom age will close** with one last effort from **Satan** to overthrow the Kingdom of God. It will end with a war **between man and Satan against God**. Satan will lose the war and he will be cast away forever. The war between Satan and God will finally be over. God will win!

***“And when the thousand years are expired,  
Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,  
And shall go out to deceive the nations... Gog and Magog,  
to gather them together to battle:  
the number of whom is as the sand of the sea ...  
and fire came down from God out of heaven,  
and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast  
into the lake of fire and brimstone,  
where the beast and the false prophet are,  
and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”***

--Revelation 20:1-10

The final conflict or war will end with Satan.

Satan will be cast into the lake of fire for ever and ever!

The Devil and all his angels will be cast into the lake of fire.

The war between God and Devil will be ended.

No more Devil!

**Amen!**

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD**

1. Ask yourself the questions. 2. Then you respond. 3. Compare your answer to the Bible.

1. **WHO IS GOD? *God is God.*** God is a being who is higher and more than man. God is not man, but God is a spirit. God made man and is to be worshipped by man (John 4:24).
2. **IS THERE MORE THAN ONE GOD? No!** There is only **one** true God (Isaiah 45:6; I Tim. 2:5). Discuss idols, Buddha, statues, etc.
3. **WHO MADE GOD? Nobody!** (Psalm 90:2). God is **self existing**. He does not need man. God does not need man, but man needs God.
4. **DID GOD HAVE A BEGINNING? No!** God has always been in the **past** without a beginning (Psalms 90:2; 93:2; Revelation 4:8).
5. **WILL GOD DIE? No!** Discuss people growing old, wrinkles, gray hair, glasses, etc. God will live forever - future (Psalm 90:2). God does not grow old. God will never die.
6. **DOES GOD CHANGE? No!** God does not grow old. God is never moody. God is faithful. God does not change. He always remains the same (Malachi 3:6). God never changes.
7. **WHERE IS GOD? Everywhere!** God is in Florida, California and China at the same time. God is in Heaven and on earth at the same time. God is everywhere at all times. God is **everywhere** (II Chronicles 2:6; Proverbs 15:3). God is omnipresent.
8. **CAN YOU SEE GOD? No!** God is spirit. You cannot see God, but God always sees you. You cannot hide from God (Jeremiah 23:23-24; John 1:18). God cannot be seen by man.
9. **DOES GOD KNOW ALL THINGS? Yes!** God does not need to study books. God is never surprised. God does not become smarter. God knows all things (Job 34:21; Psalm 94:11).
10. **CAN GOD DO ALL THINGS? Yes!** God does not need advice or counsel. God cannot increase in more wisdom (Matthew 19:26). God can do what, when and how He pleases.
11. **WHY DID GOD MAKE HEAVEN, EARTH, AND PEOPLE? God made all things for His glory!** God created and He is the creator (Genesis 1:1; Romans 11:36; I Corinthians 6:20).
12. **IS ANYONE STRONGER THAN GOD? No!** God does not need to exercise. God does not need vitamins? All power comes from God (Psalm 68:35). No one is stronger than God. God never becomes weak and He is all powerful.
13. **WHY DID GOD MAKE MAN? God made mankind to glorify, worship, honor, love and obey Him!** (Micah 6:8; John 15:8; I John 5:3). All of God's creation obey Him except mankind. **Nature**, sun, stars and even the wind obeys God. The animals, donkeys, fish, and even a rooster obeys God. But man is stubborn. Man was made to fellowship with and worship God.
14. **WHY DID GOD PERMIT MAN TO SIN? Love cannot be forced but love must be given.** God did not want to control man as robots, but God gave man the freedom to choose. Each person has the freewill to choose (Jeremiah 8:3; Joshua 24:15).
15. **HOW CAN WE KNOW ABOUT GOD? From the Bible!** God gave His plan for man in the Bible. The **ONLY** place to learn about God is from the Bible (Deuteronomy 30:11-16; II Timothy 2:15). From the Bible you can **personally** know God.

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST**

- 1. WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?** The Lord Jesus Christ is the **Son of God** (John 3:16-18).
- 2. WHO IS THE MOTHER OF JESUS?** **Mary** was the mother of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:18). She was a virgin and Jesus was her firstborn (Matthew 1:21-23).
- 3. WHO IS THE REAL FATHER OF JESUS?** **God!** Mary through the Holy Spirit (God) conceived Jesus Christ (John 1:34; Matthew 1:20). God is the Heavenly Father of Jesus Christ.
- 4. WAS JOSEPH THE FATHER OF JESUS CHRIST?** **No!** Joseph was the **husband** of Mary, but he was **NOT** the father of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:18, 23; 2:19-20).
- 5. HOW WAS THE BIRTH OF JESUS DIFFERENT?** **Jesus Christ was born from God.** All other people are born from **Adam**. Jesus had an earthly mother (Mary) and a heavenly Father (God). Jesus was not born in sin. Jesus was born of a **virgin** (Matthew 1:20-25).
- 6. DID JESUS CHRIST SIN?** **No!** Jesus Christ is and will always be holy, sinless and pure. (Isaiah 53:9; 11 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:21-23).
- 7. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT JESUS CHRIST BE WITHOUT SIN?** Because if Jesus were just another man, He could **not** save people from their sins. He also would need a Saviour (1 Peter 2:21,22; Romans 5:15-21). Only a sinless sacrifice could be the substitute for sin.
- 8. WHY WAS JESUS CHRIST BORN?** Jesus Christ was born to provide salvation to the world. (Luke 19:10). Jesus came to save sinners from Hell. Jesus came that sinners could again have fellowship with God (Matthew 1:21; John 3:16). Jesus was born to save those who are lost.
- 9. HOW DID JESUS CHRIST PROVE HE WAS MORE THAN MAN?** He **fulfilled** past Scriptures (Matthew 1:22). He did **miracles** that only God could do (John 2:11; 3:2). He forgave sins, and only God can forgive sins (Matthew 9:6; Mark 2:10; Luke 5:24). He made the wind and sea to obey Him (Mark 4:41). He was born a virgin, lived sinless, died and rose to prove He is God.
- 10. WHY MUST JESUS CHRIST DIE ON THE CROSS?** **To be the sacrifice for sin.** Jesus Christ became God's Lamb to pay for sins. In the Old Testament, a perfect lamb was offered to cover sin. Jesus Christ was the Lamb of God to **take away** our sins forever (John 1:29; John 3:14-16).
- 11. DID JESUS REALLY DIE ON THE CROSS?** **Yes!** (II Corinthians 5:15; John 19:30).
- 12. DID JESUS CHRIST RISE FROM THE DEAD?** **Yes!** Many witnessed and saw Him **after** he died (Acts 1:3; I Corinthians 15:4-8; Acts 10:40,41). Jesus was **resurrected** from the grave. (Romans 1:4; Hebrews 6:2). Jesus remains **alive** in Heaven (Acts 1:8-11; Acts 7:56).
- 13. WHAT DID THE ANGELS SAY?** **"He is not here, but is risen"** (Luke 24:4-6).
- 14. WHAT DID THE WOMEN FIND IN THE EMPTY TOMB?** They did not find a body (Luke 24:3). They found angels (Luke 24:4), Lord's grave clothes (Luke 24:12), stone moved (Luke 24:2).
- 15. WHY IS THE RESURRECTION IMPORTANT?** If there was **no resurrection** of Jesus Christ, then we would still be lost in our sins (I Corinthians 15:12-19).
- 16. WILL CHRISTIANS BE RESURRECTED?** **Yes!** Jesus was resurrected **first** so others could follow. In the resurrection all will have perfect bodies (I Corinthians 15:20-23; 15:51-57).
- 17. WHEN WILL CHRISTIANS BE RESURRECTED?** **At the rapture!** The rapture is when the Lord returns for those "in Christ." The dead and those alive "in Christ" will be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air (II Corinthians 5:6-7; I Thessalonians 4:13-16).
- 18. WHAT WAS THE LAST REQUEST OF THE LORD?** The Lord commanded His people to **go into all the world** and **preach** the Gospel and **teach** them (Mark 16:16; Matthew 28:18-20).

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT MANKIND**

- 1. WHO WERE THE FIRST PARENTS? Adam and Eve.** All people are born from Adam and Eve. (Genesis 2:7-3:20; Romans 5:12).
- 2. WAS ADAM EVER A BABY? No!** God made the body of Adam from the dust of the earth. He made him a grown man. Man was made for God (Genesis 2:7).
- 3. HOW DID GOD MAKE EVE? Eve was made from the body of Adam (Genesis 2:21-22).** Eve was never born. Eve was never a baby. The woman was made **for** the man (Genesis 2:23).
- 4. WHY WAS ADAM AND EVE DIFFERENT FROM ANIMALS? Adam and Eve had an eternal soul (Genesis 2:7).** Animals do not have an **eternal** soul. Animals are different than man.
- 5. DO PEOPLE TODAY HAVE A SOUL? Yes!** all people have an eternal soul. You are not a **body** with a soul, but a **soul** with a body (Ecclesiastes 12:7; Mark 8:36). The **body** dies but not the soul. The soul continues to live (II Corinthians 5:8 - *Christians* ; Luke 16:23 - *Not saved*).
- 6. DID ADAM OBEY GOD? No!** Adam chose to disobey God (Genesis 3:6). He fell by choice.
- 7. HOW DID ADAM FALL? Adam disobeyed God.** He chose to eat the **forbidden** fruit (Genesis 2:15-17; 3:6). God gave Adam many trees, but **only one** belonged to God.
- 8. WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL BECAUSE OF ADAM? All people are born sinners.** People do not become sinners, but all are born in sin (Romans 5:12;6:23).
- 9. HOW DID GOD PUNISH ADAM AND EVE? God separated them from the Garden of Eden.** He separated from them. Death started because of sin (Genesis 3:17-24; Romans 5:12).
- 10. HOW DID GOD PUNISH EVE? God made sorrow in childbirth.** God made the man to rule over the woman (Genesis 3:16). The woman was punished **after** the fall.
- 11. HOW DID GOD PUNISH ADAM? All people die and all people are sinners because of Adam.** God cast Adam from Eden. God made man to sweat as he worked (Genesis 3:17-19; 5:5). God separated man from God. **Adam died** (Genesis 5:5). Now all people die (Romans 5:12).
- 12. HOW DID GOD PUNISH THE EARTH? God cursed the earth with thorns and thistles (small thorns) (Genesis 3:18).** Now the earth naturally produces **weeds** and thorns.
- 13. WHAT IS SIN? Sin is not obeying God.** Sin is stealing, lying, cheating, temper etc. Sin is doing bad things. Sin is coming short of the mark or target (I John 3:4; Romans 3:23).
- 14. WHO HAS SIN? All people have sin (Romans 5:12).** Good people have sin. Blind or deaf people have sin. **All means all.** Not one person is free from sin (Romans 3:23).
- 15. CAN YOU NAME ONE PERSON WHO DID NOT SIN? Jesus Christ is the only person who never sinned (II Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15).** Jesus Christ is sinless and pure.
- 16. WHAT HAPPENS TO ALL SINNERS? All who die without Christ go to Hell (Luke 16:23).** The punishment for sin is death and Hell (Genesis 2:17; Psalms 89:30-32).
- 17. DOES GOD WANT PEOPLE IN HELL? No!** God is not willing (wanting) that any should perish in Hell, but He wants **all** to have eternal life (II Peter 3:9, John 3:16).
- 18. CAN ANYONE BE SAVED BY GOOD WORKS? No!** No one can be saved by his own works (Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7). There is **no exception** to this law.
- 19. HOW CAN A PERSON BE SAVED? There is only one way to be saved.** Jesus Christ is the **only way** to Heaven (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). There is no other way.
- 20. WHY IS JESUS THE ONLY WAY? Because it is the plan of God.** God gave His Son Jesus Christ to be the Saviour (John 3:16; John 14:6; John 1:12).

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE**

**Introduction** - Ask yourself a few questions before you start this study. Why was I born? Why am I here? What is the meaning of life? Why did God make me? The meaning of the word "**Life**" is "**being alive.**" You are able to see, touch, feel, know and reason. Naturally, the **opposite** of the "**life**" would be "**death.**" God wants Christians to have the best life possible.

- 1. HOW DID LIFE START?** Life started with Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:7). All people are born from Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve are the **first parents** of all mankind.
- 2. HOW DID YOU GET LIFE?** From your parents. Where did they get life? From their parents. All life continues back to Adam and Eve the **first parents** (Genesis 3:20).
- 3. WHO WAS THE OLDEST LIVING PERSON? Methuselah** (969 years old) (Genesis 5:27).
- 4. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THE BIBLE COMPARES LIFE?** **Dream** (Psalm 73:20), **shadow** (Ecclesiastes 6:12), **story** (Psalm 90:9), **vapor** (James 4:14), and a **flower** (Job 14:1-2).
- 5. WHAT ARE OTHER KINDS OF LIFE?** Plant life, animal life, insect life, germ life and even unseen life of atoms, etc. All things were created by God (Colossians 1:16-17).
- 6. CAN YOU NAME THREE KINDS OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE?** **1. Physical life** at birth. **2. Spiritual life** at salvation (Ephesians 2:1; John 3:3). **3. Eternal life** forever (John 10:28).
- 7. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN HUMAN AND ANIMAL LIFE?** Animals do not have an eternal soul. A dog can learn tricks, birds can talk, an elephant never forgets, but **animals are not the same as mankind.** Mankind is made in the image or likeness of God and have been given thought, laughter, tears, a conscience and a soul (Genesis 2:7).
- 8. WHEN THE BODY DIES, IS THAT THE END? No!** Once a person is born he has life with an eternal soul that will never die. The body will die, but the person still lives (Luke 12:20; Hebrews 9:27). When an animal dies it is the end. People and animals are different.
- 9. WHAT IS A SOUL?** You can see the **body**, but **not** the soul. The body is the same as a house and the soul lives within the body. When a Christian dies, the body dies but the soul still lives (II Corinthians 5:6-8). The soul never dies (Matthew 22:37). You are a **soul** with a body.
- 10. WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE AFTER DEATH?** Everyone will go to one of two places after death: **1. Heaven**, with the Lord (II Corinthians 5:6-8). **2. Hell**, without the Lord (Mark 9:43-45).
- 11. WHO WILL GO TO HELL?** Those people who have not accepted Jesus Christ, people who are not "in Christ." (I John 5:12; Luke 16:23; Matthew 18:9).
- 12. WHO WILL GO TO HEAVEN?** Those people who are "**in Christ**" (I Thessalonians 4:13-16). Those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour (John 1:12; John 14:6; I John 5:13).
- 13. WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING? To know that you are saved** (Matthew 16:26). If you have the whole world and lose your soul you will have nothing. One hundred years from now the only important thing will be, "**Are You Saved?**"
- 14. IF YOU DIED TODAY, WOULD YOU GO TO HEAVEN? Why?** The only answer is, "I have received Jesus Christ" (John 1:12). Jesus is the true way to Heaven (Acts 16:30-32; John 14:6). There are many churches and religions, but there is only **one** Gospel.
- 15. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?** God has given you a lifetime of opportunities to choose Him as your Lord and Saviour. You were separated from God because of Adam, and you can be together again with God because of Jesus Christ (Romans 5:12-15). Life is the only time you have to make preparation to make peace with God and live for Him (Romans 5:1).



## **QUESTIONS ABOUT DEATH**

**Introduction** - Think about recent deaths. Look at an obituary in a newspaper and remember that these people were alive yesterday. Think about the plane crashes, murders, cancer, earthquakes, hurricanes, and tornadoes. Life is uncertain and death is sure. One day you will die. You will not live forever. People die when they are young or old, rich or poor, black or white, deaf or hearing. Death means a time when the body dies, the heart stops, breath stops, eyes cannot see, hands cannot touch, mouths cannot speak, and ears cannot hear. The body dies, but the person still lives.

- 1. WHY DID DEATH COME? Because of the sin of Adam** (Romans 5:12).
- 2. WHO WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO DIE? Abel!** The son of Adam and Eve (Genesis 4:8).
- 3. WHO HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH DEATH?** You have an appointment with death (Hebrews 9:27). All people have an appointment with death. Some people make appointments with doctors, mechanics and dentists, but no one wants to make an appointment with death. You can cancel your appointment with doctors, but not with death.
- 4. WHEN WILL YOU DIE? No one knows!** The Bible warns, "Do not boast of tomorrow" (James 4:14-16). You could die today, tomorrow or next year or in the next 20 years. You do not know.
- 5. CAN YOU NAME TWO MEN IN THE BIBLE WHO DID NOT DIE?**
  - 1. Enoch** (Genesis 5:21-24).
  - 2. Elijah** (II Kings 2:11).
- 6. WHEN DID ALL PEOPLE DIE EXCEPT FOR EIGHT PEOPLE? During the flood!** Noah, his wife, three sons, and their wives were saved from the flood (Genesis 6:10,18).
- 7. HOW MANY WERE RAISED FROM THE DEAD IN NEW TESTAMENT?** The answer is **four**.
  - 1. A son** (Luke 7:12-15).
  - 2. A daughter** (Luke 8:49-55).
  - 3. A friend**, Lazarus (John 11).
  - 4. Jesus Christ** (John 20).
- 8. WHERE DOES THE BIBLE TELL ABOUT THE DEATH OF TWO MEN? Luke 16:19-31.**  
Jesus tells a true story about two men who **both** died and but went to **two** different places. One went to **Heaven** and the other went to **Hell**. All people will go to **one** of these two places.
- 9. WHAT HAPPENS TO THE BODY AT DEATH?** The **body** dies and stops living. The **soul** still lives after death. The body goes back to dust (Ecclesiastes 3:20-21;12:7; Psalm 104:29).
- 10. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?** God gave man a living soul that will never die. The body dies, but the soul still lives (Ecclesiastes 12:7).
- 11. WHERE DO CHRISTIANS GO AFTER DEATH? "With the Lord."** Those who are "**in Christ**" will go to be **with the Lord** (II Corinthians 5:6-8; Luke 16:22). Body = Grave - Soul = Lord.
- 12. WHERE DOES AN UNSAVED PERSON GO AFTER DEATH? Hell!** When an unsaved person dies the body goes to the grave and the soul will immediately go into Hell (Luke 16:23).

**Closing Notes:** The death of a **saved person** is precious to the Lord. "**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints**" (Psalm 116:15). The death of an **unsaved person** is sad to God. "**...I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked...that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways...**" (Ezekiel 33:11). Jesus Christ came to seek and save that which was lost (Luke 19:10). One hundred years from now the only important thing will be that you were saved in your lifetime. Those **in Hell** would give a thousand worlds to have **one more opportunity** to be saved. Don't waste your opportunities. When a person dies, it is too late to be saved.

**Hell is at the end of a Christless life!**

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT HELL**

**Introduction** - Think about Hell. Is it real? Is the Bible true? Some say there is no Hell, but this does not change the fact. **There is a Hell!** *"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God"* (Psalm 9:17). There are over **162 texts** in the New Testament that teach about Hell and over **70** were taught by Jesus Christ.

- 1. WHERE IS HELL? Down.** The Bible teaches that Hell is **"down"** (Isaiah 14:9, Ezekiel 32:27; Luke 16:23; Numbers 16:30;). Think about a **volcano** that erupts fire and lava **from** the earth.
- 2. WHY WAS HELL PREPARED?** Hell was made for the Devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10). God does not want anyone to go to Hell. Hell was not made for you.
- 3. DOES HELL REMAIN THE SAME SIZE? No!** Hell has **increased** and **enlarged** herself (Isaiah 5:14). Hell becomes larger each day with many going therein.
- 4. CAN YOU NAME THINGS IN HELL? Punishment** (Matthew 25:46), **torments** (Luke 16:23), **fire** (Matthew 13:42; 3:12), **sight** (Luke 16:23), **voice** (Luke 16:24), **prayer** (Luke 16:24, 27), **thirst** (Luke 16:24), **knowledge** (Luke 16:24), **great gulf** (Luke 16:26), **compassion** (Luke 16:27-28), **no hope** (Luke 16:25), **unsaved people** *"...in hell he lift up his eyes..."* (Luke 16:23).
- 5. CAN YOU NAME SOME THINGS NOT IN HELL? Abraham** (Luke 16:22), **Lazarus** (Luke 16:23), **rest** (Luke 16:23), **refreshments** (Luke 16:24), **comfort** (Luke 16:25), **peace, joy, fallen angels.** Can you name some more things **not** in Hell?
- 6. WHO GOES TO HELL?** Those people who are not "in Christ." All who are not "in Christ as good people (Matthew 7:21-23), the wicked (Psalm 9:17), Devil and his angels (future) (Matthew 25:41), those who neglect **"in thy lifetime"** (Luke 16:25), those who do not repent (Luke 16:30). Those who only depend upon churches, good works, baptism, ordinances to save them.
- 7. IS THERE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE SAVED AFTER DEATH? No!** Some teach that a person has an opportunity to be saved **after** death. This is wrong. There is **no other time** to be saved **after** death (Hebrews 9:27; Mark 9:42-50; Matthew 18:8-9).
- 8. DOES GOD SEND PEOPLE TO HELL? No!** People have the opportunity to receive or refuse Jesus Christ. The choice is made by individuals (John 1:12; 3:16; I John 5:12-13; Romans 10:9). God gives people the power of "free will" to make choices.
- 9. DOES GOD WANT PEOPLE TO GO TO HELL? No!** God so loved the world He gave His Son that whosoever will can be saved (John 3:16): God does not want anyone to go to Hell, but wants them saved. *"The Lord is ... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance"* (II Peter 3:9).
- 10. HOW IS A PERSON SAVED FROM HELL?** Jesus is the **only way** to be escape Hell. (John 14:6;3:16). In a hotel there is a plan of escape in case of fire. A map is drawn so all can see the way to escape out of the fire. The Bible is God's map to escape from Hell.
- 11. WHAT DOES GOD DO TO WARN THE UNSAVED?** God sends His people to warn people about Hell (Ezekiel 33:8). Christians are to preach and teach the Gospel to all people (Mark 16:15). Christians are to pray for the unsaved (Romans 10:1).
- 12. WHAT IS GOD'S PLAN TO SAVE PEOPLE?** God uses Christians to take His Gospel to the world. The Lord sends His disciples (John 20:21). He sent Philip (Acts 8:26-31), Paul (Acts 9:1), missionaries (Acts 13:2). Will you let God send you to help others be saved?
- 13. WHAT IS HELL?** Hell is a true place the same as Atlanta is a true place. After death all will know that there is a true place of Heaven and Hell. The worst thing that could happen to anyone is to die without Jesus and lift their eyes in Hell (Luke 16:23). Be warned! There is a **Hell!**

## QUESTIONS ABOUT HEAVEN

**Introduction** - Think about a better place than earth - a wonderful place called "**Heaven.**" It is a true place prepared by God. Some people think that Heaven is here on earth. What does the Bible teach about Heaven? The only way to know about Heaven is to learn what the Bible teaches.

1. **WHERE IS HEAVEN? Up!** Heaven is always "up" in the Bible (II Corinthians 12:2; Revelation 21:1; I Thessalonians 4:13-18). Heaven is **with** the Lord (II Corinthians 5:6-8).
2. **WHO MADE HEAVEN? God!** God made Heaven and earth (Genesis 1:1).
3. **WHY WAS HEAVEN MADE?** Heaven was made for God's people (II Corinthians 5: 6-8).
4. **HOW MANY HEAVENS ARE IN THE BIBLE? Three!** **First heaven** is where the birds fly. **Second heaven** is where man travels in space. **Third Heaven** with God (II Corinthians 12:2).
5. **HOW LONG WILL PEOPLE STAY IN HEAVEN? Forever!** Heaven is **everlasting** (I Thessalonians 4:17; Revelation 21:4; 22:5). Heaven will never end.
6. **CAN YOU NAME THINGS IN HEAVEN? Heavenly Father** (Matthew 6:9), **rest** (Hebrews 4:9), **saved people** (II Corinthians 5:6-8), **light** (Revelation 21:23), **angels** (Matthew 18:10), **Jesus** (I Thessalonians 4:17), **satisfaction** (Revelation 21:4), and **purity** (Revelation 22:3).
7. **CAN YOU NAME THINGS NOT IN HEAVEN? Thieves** (Luke 12:33), **unbelievers** (Revelations 21:8). No more tears, death, sorrow, crying, or pain (Revelation 21:4). No more darkness (Revelation 22:3-5). No more hunger or thirst (Revelation 7:16). Can you name more?
8. **WILL BODIES BE CHANGED IN HEAVEN? Yes!** people in Heaven will have glorified bodies that will be perfect. There will be no sickness or pain (I Corinthians 5:51-54). God will **change** our vile (earthly) bodies... like unto His glorious body (Philippians 3:21). In Heaven the deaf will hear and speak. The blind will see and the crippled will run. Bodies will be changed forever.
9. **WILL WE KNOW EACH OTHER IN HEAVEN? Yes!** There are many things we do not know about Heaven, but we will **know** one another (I Corinthians 2:9). "...*but then shall I know even as also I am known*" (I Corinthians 13:12). Peter knew Moses and Elijah (Matthew 17:4).
10. **WHAT DID THE LORD DO IN A GLORIFIED BODY?** He saw, touched, smelled, talked, ate, and walked **with** the disciples (John 20, 21). The disciples also knew Him, He knew His disciples. He entered into a house without going through a door. He fellowshiped with them.
11. **WHO WILL GO TO HEAVEN?** Those "**in Christ.**" Only those people who are saved. Those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life (Revelation 20:15; 21:27).
12. **WHOSE NAME IS WRITTEN IN HEAVEN?** Those "**in Christ.**" People who are saved have their names written in Heaven (Luke 10:20). Is your name in the Book of Life? (Revelation 20:12,15).
13. **HOW WERE THE OLD TESTAMENT PEOPLE SAVED? All people are saved by the one offering of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world** (John 1:29). The Old Testament saints were saved by faith in looking to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God to come (Hebrews 10:10). "*These all died in faith, not having received the promises (Jesus), but having seen them afar off*" (Hebrews 11:13).
14. **DOES GOD WANT ALL PEOPLE IN HEAVEN? Yes!** (II Peter 3:9). The saddest verse in the Bible is, "*And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life*" (John 5:40). Salvation is a **free choice** made by each individual (John 1:12). If a person is not saved, it is his fault.
15. **WILL YOU GO TO HEAVEN? Why? Jesus!** He is **only** way to Heaven. God has given the Bible to show the way (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). **No person** can go to Heaven without Jesus. One day all those "**in Christ**" will be in Heaven forever! Home at last to live happy forever after!

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT ETERNITY**

**Introduction** - Think about things that are temporal, and things that are eternal. Everything in this world will one day be gone. Today is a day of instant coffee, tea, eggs, potatoes and many other things. People want to hurry, run, and drive fast. They hate yellow lights, and lines in stores. The years go by quickly, but there is an eternity. They hurry and wait! Only God can give things that are eternal.

- 1. WHAT DOES ETERNAL, FOREVER, EVERLASTING, MEAN?** It is a time that continues always and it will never end (II Corinthians 4:18). It means that time will never end.
- 2. NAME THINGS THAT ARE NOT ETERNAL.** Everything **earthly** you **see** is not eternal. Trees, mountains, land, sun, moon and stars are not eternal (Matthew 24:35; Revelation 20:11).
- 3. NAME THINGS THAT ARE ETERNAL.** **God** (Deuteronomy 33:27), **Heaven** (II Corinthians 5:1), God's **purpose** (Ephesians 3:11), **salvation** with eternal glory (II Timothy 2:10), **Spirit of God** (Hebrews 9:14), **eternal fire** (Jude 7), **eternal life** for saved (Romans 6:23).
- 4. IF WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE, WHY DO WE DIE?** Because the **body is not eternal**. Because of the sin of Adam (Romans 5:12). The body dies, but the person still lives (Ecclesiastes 12:7; Hebrews 9:27; II Corinthians 5:6-8).
- 5. WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?** Eternal life means that **time will not end**. There is an eternity where you will never die. The saved will live forever with Christ (Revelation 11:15; 22:5). The unsaved will live forever and ever in torment (Revelation 20:10).
- 6. WHO CAN GIVE ETERNAL LIFE? God! Only God can give eternal life.** Eternal life is a **gift** from God (John 10:28; Romans 6:23).
- 7. WHERE ARE VERSES THAT PROMISE ETERNAL LIFE?** I John 5:11-13; John 3:16; 3:36; 5:24; Romans 10:9. Notice these verses are all conditionally meaning there is something you **must** do to have eternal life.
- 8. WHERE ARE VERSES THAT PROMISE ETERNAL PUNISHMENT?** "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matthew 25:46). Notice eternal "life" means the saved, but "death" is used with the unsaved as they are separated from God and life (Revelation 20:10; Matthew 18:8; 25:46).
- 9. WHEN IS THE LAST JUDGMENT OF THE UNSAVED? White Throne Judgment.** All people whose name is not in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:15).
- 10. WILL THE UNSAVED HAVE A BODY IN THE LAKE OF FIRE? Yes!** The body (**death**) and soul (**in Hell**) will be resurrected together again **as one body** and **soul** for final judgment at the White Throne (Revelation 20:11-15).
- 11. WILL ALL SAVED PEOPLE LIVE FOREVER? Yes!** once a person has life he is a living, eternal soul (Genesis 2:7). The body will die, but the soul continues to live. Those "**in Christ**" will live with eternally with God in Heaven (Revelation 21:1-5; 22). Because of Adam, all have sin and all die (Romans 5:12). Because of Jesus Christ all can have life eternal (Romans 5:15).
- 12. WILL THE SAVED PEOPLE HAVE BODIES IN ETERNITY? Yes!** The body and soul will be united (resurrected) become as **one body** and **soul** at the rapture (I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Philippians 3:21). The pronoun "**them**" means **those who died** in the Lord and who are **now with** the Lord in Heaven. God will make all things new - **Forever!** (Revelation 21:4-5).

**Note:** One day all things on earth will end. There will no more death, sorrow, pain or tears (Revelation 21:4-5). But it is sad that many are not saved. Don't live for **earthly** things, but live for **eternal** things. One day all **earthly** things will be gone and only **eternal** things will remain.

## **UNDERSTANDING HARD BIBLE WORDS**

**Doctrine** - Bible **doctrine** means simply the true **teachings** and beliefs of the Bible. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for **doctrine**...” (II Timothy 3:16). **Doctrine** simply means **that which is taught**. Doctrine is the **teachings** from a teacher. It is a belief that is taught concerning a religion. Even false cults have their doctrines or teachings.

**Covenant** - A **covenant** is a pact, treaty, alliance, or agreement between two parties of **equal or of unequal** authority. The covenant or testament is a central, unifying theme in Scripture, God's covenants with individuals and the nation Israel finding final fulfillment in the new covenant in Christ Jesus. God's covenants can be understood by humans because they are based on human covenants or treaties. **The Old Testament** story can be related as the story of God making covenants with His people and responding to them out of that covenant relationship. **The New Testament** can be described as the fulfillment of the **Old Testament covenant** hope in the establishment of God's new covenant in Christ.

**What is a Jot & Tittle?** “For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, **one jot** or **one tittle** shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled” (Matthew 5:18). What is a jot and tittle?

**Jot** = The **Jot (Hebrew) or Dot (English)** is generally held to be a mark and not a letter.

**Tittle** = “And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one **tittle** of the law to fail” (Luke 16:17).

**Tittle** is the **stroke** of a letter or pen. It also is **not a word** but a **mark**.

The **Greek word for tittle** is **iota** which is the same as jot or smallest letter or marking in Bible.

**Scribes** - The word **scribe** in the New Testament, what does it mean? Who and what were the scribes? Throughout the New Testament the scribes questioned Jesus. Today the word **scribe** means a writer. But it meant more than that in the New Testament. They were educated men who copied and studied the Old Testament. As the Jews gathered in the synagogues, they needed someone to be a leader to explain and teach the Scriptures. The name **scribe** comes from the word **Scripture**. They were also called lawyers. “But the Pharisees and lawyers (scribes) rejected the counsel of God (Luke 7:30).

**Synagogues** - Many in Bible days could not read the Jewish language (Hebrew) so they had to be taught from the Old Testament. They could not go into the **temple** because only the priests or the high priests could enter the temple. So they met in houses or fields to learn the Scriptures. In the synagogues the older Jews were losing and forgetting their knowledge of the Old Testament and the younger Jews did not know it. So the people gathered together to hear the reading and interpreting of the Scriptures in the **synagogues** (a building as a church house would be today). The leader of the congregation might invite others to read or discuss the Scriptures. The temple was the place to worship God but the synagogues were the places to hear, discuss and learn the Scriptures. Remember the Lord's church had not yet been established. There were only the **synagogues** for the people and the **temple** for priests. The synagogues were places for the Jewish people to discuss and learn the Scriptures. The synagogue was not a Christian church.

**Sadducees** - This was a religious group of Jews who did not believe in the resurrection, Hell or eternal life. They were the opposite of the Pharisees. They were usually wealthy, educated men and there were only a few in their group. They also were against Jesus and His teachings.

**Zealots** - These were people who were not interested in religion but politics. They were against the Roman government. The Zealots were common people; they were usually thieves, robbers or rebels. (Matthew 10:4; Mark 3:18.) This group hated the Roman government and fought against the ways of Roman control. They tried to overthrow the government and take control.

**Pharisees** - This was a religious group of leaders who were dedicated to keeping the Law. There were only about 6,000 Pharisees in the days of Christ. These men separated themselves from other religions. The name **Pharisee** means **separate**. They were very proud of their religion and believed in showing other people their strict ways of worship. They believed in the resurrection and eternal soul but refused to believe Jesus Christ was the Son of God. The Pharisees were a false religious group who tried to keep the Law and their strict rules but they were not saved. In Matthew 23:25-27, Jesus told them they kept the outward life clean but in their hearts they were unclean. The Pharisees from the beginning were against Jesus and tried to find fault with Him. A Pharisee is someone who **pretends** he is **right**, but he is **wrong**. A **religious** person is someone who **thinks** he is **right** but he is **wrong**.

**Herodians** - This was another group that was interested only in politics. They were for the cause of King Herod who was over their government. The Herodians were the Jewish people who were for their rule of Roman government. (Matthew 22:16; Mark 3:6; Mark 12:13).

**Christians - Who is a Christian?** What does the name "**Christian**" mean? When was the first time the name "**Christian**" was used? What does it mean to say, "**I am a Christian?**" The name "**Christian**" is found only **three times** in the Bible:

1. "**Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian**" (Acts 26:28).
2. "**Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed**" (I Peter 4:16).
3. "**And it came to pass...the disciples were called Christians, first in Antioch**" (Acts 11:26).

The people in the city of Antioch daily watched and talked about the **difference** in the lives of **those** who **followed Christ**. Ten years had passed since the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but the **followers of Christ** continued to follow **Him**. Soon those in the city called the **followers of Christ** a new name. The **followers of Christ** were **first called Christians** in the city of Antioch about 42 AD. They called them "**Christians**" because they "followed Christ" and were **different** in their ways, actions and lives. They were **followers** of Jesus Christ.

**What Is a Christian?** The name **Christian** means **Christ-like** or to act the same as Christ. A Christian is a **follower** or **disciple** of Jesus Christ. Notice the **first Christians** did not call themselves Christians but their name was given to them by the world. The first Christians were good Godly examples. One leader was a man named **Barnabas**. The Bible says he was, "...a good man, and full of...faith: and much people was added unto the Lord" because of him (Acts 11:24). It is important for the cause of Christ that the unsaved see good examples of Christ. The **greatest** witness for Christ is a changed and consistent Christian life. The greatest hindrance are Christians who are the same as the world.

**Epistles** - The word **epistle** simply means **a written letter**. The **epistle** of Ephesians simply meant that Paul **wrote a letter** to the church in the city of **Ephesus**. Letters of today and Bible days are different. Today people sign their **name** at the **end** of the letter. In Bible days the writer of a letter signed his at the **beginning** of the letter. (Romans 1:1; I Corinthians 1:1; II Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:1; etc.). **After the Book of Acts** or **actions** of the first church, there **begins** a series of **letters or epistles** from the Apostle Paul and other leaders to the different Christians and churches. The New Testament is a complete book telling God's complete plan for Jesus Christ, salvation, church, the end of the age and eternity. The New Testament is an **epistle** or **letter** from God to man. God used **different men** to write **His epistles** to the church, leaders and Christians.

**Predestination** - "*For whom he did foreknow, he also did **predestinate** to be conformed to the image of his Son*" (Romans 8:29). Other Scripture References: Ephesians 1:5,11 - Acts 4:28 - **Predestinate** means to **choose and determine a fixed unchangeable** plan or event. The Bible **does not** teach that some are predestined for Hell and some for Heaven. Predestination is always to the plan of God not a person. Predestination is always referring to **sons** not sinners. For sons to be conformed to the will of God. **Sons** are **predestined** to conformed (changed) or changed to **become** like Jesus. Sinners who **reject** or **refuse** God's program will go to Hell. God's program is predestinated and unchangeable by man. You do not have a vote in the matter. God's **program** was predestined before the foundation of the world. God is not willing that **any** should perish, **but some are not willing** to be saved.

## **25 HARD BIBLE WORDS TO UNDERSTAND**

1. **Omnipresent** - Present everywhere at the same time. The devil is not omnipresent.
2. **Omniscient** - All knowing. Knows all things at all time.
3. **Omnipotent** - All powerful. Has all power over all things at all times.
4. **Rapture** - Means to be taken up when the Lord returns for all believers.
5. **Millennium** - Means one-thousand year reign of Christ on earth.
6. **Atonement** - Means to cover or cancel sins.
7. **Revelation** - Means to reveal or make known.
8. **Preservation** - Means to keep, maintain, preserve and sustain.
9. **Orthodoxy** - Means conforming to **original** beliefs, doctrines, or teachings.
10. **Inspiration** - Means God breathed. Inspired from God.
11. **Redemption** - Means to buy back what was once yours.
12. **Conviction** - Means belief, or persuasion. What you believe or trust from God.
13. **Inerrancy** - Means it is true without error.
14. **Cults** - Means false religions or beliefs.
15. **Infallibility** - Means perfect. It is totally dependable, reliable without error.
16. **Plenary** - Means entire, total and complete.
17. **Parable** - Means an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.
18. **Prophecy** - Means to foretell or speak things about the future.
19. **Imputation** - Means to give to another what is not rightfully his.
20. **Evolution** - Means that all forms of life developed naturally without God.
21. **Philosophy** - Means personally organized **human** knowledge.
22. **Doctrine** - Means the **teachings** of what you believe. Doctrines are based upon Bible principles.
23. **Cosmological** - Means the cause and effect of happenings.
24. **Teleological** - Means that design must have a designer. Creation must have a creator.
25. **Presupposition** - Means to accept as true or a fact without testing it.

## **BIBLE DOCTRINE**

### **UNDERSTANDING SOME HARD BIBLE WORDS**

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| 1. OMNIPRESENT     | - Present <b>everywhere</b> at the same time.         |
| 2. OMNISCIENCE     | - All <b>knowing</b> and all knowledge                |
| 3. OMNIPOTENT      | - All <b>powerful</b>                                 |
| 4. RAPTURE         | - <b>First</b> phase of the Second coming of Christ   |
| 5. MILLENNIUM      | - <b>1,000</b> year reign of Christ on earth as King. |
| 6. INCARNATION     | - Embodiment (God in Christ)                          |
| 7. ATONEMENT       | - To <b>cover</b> or cancel                           |
| 8. REVELATION      | - <b>Reveal</b> , give vision, divine manifestation   |
| 9. PRESERVATION    | - <b>Keep</b> , maintain, sustain                     |
| 10. ORTHODOXY      | - <b>True</b> - Correct                               |
| 11. INSPIRATION    | - God <b>breathed</b>                                 |
| 12. REDEMPTION     | - To <b>buy back</b>                                  |
| 13. CONVICTION     | - <b>Belief</b> - Persuasion                          |
| 14. INERRANCY      | - Accurately  |
| 15. FANATICISM     | - To be <b>fanatical</b> - Over zealous               |
| 16. CULTS          | - <b>False</b> religion                               |
| 17. INFALLIBILITY  | - <b>Unerring</b> - Perfect - Reliable                |
| 18. PLENARY        | - <b>Entire</b> - Total - Whole                       |
| 19. PARABLE        | - Earthly <b>story</b> with heavenly meaning          |
| 20. PROPHECY       | - To <b>foretell</b>                                  |
| 21. REGENERATION   | - New birth   |
| 22. PREMILLENNIAL  | - Second coming <b>before</b> millennium              |
| 23. POSTMILLENNIAL | - Second coming <b>after</b> millennium               |
| 24. AMILLENNIAL    | - Denies the millennial - No millennial               |
| 25. MESSENGER      | - <b>Angel</b>  |
| 26. IMPUTATION     | - To move <b>from one</b> to <b>another</b>           |
| 27. ILLUMINATION   | - The Spirit <b>opens</b> Scriptures to believers     |
| 28. INDWELLING     | - The Spirit resides or <b>dwells</b> in believers    |
| 29. VICARIOUS      | - Receiving benefit <b>without</b> payment            |
| 30. EVOLUTION      | - All forms of life <b>developed</b> naturally        |
| 31. ANIMATION      | - Scriptures <b>opens</b> and lives for believers     |
| 32. PRESUPPOSITION | - Accepting as true <b>without</b> testing            |
| 33. PHILOSOPHY     | - Attempt to organize <b>human</b> knowledge          |
| 34. DOCTRINE       | - Dogma - Belief - <b>Teachings</b>                   |
| 35. COSMOLOGICAL   | - Cause and Effect                                    |
| 36. TELEOLOGICAL   | - Design must have a <b>designer</b>                  |

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## **THINGS THAT COME WITH SALVATION**

*“But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you,  
and things that accompany salvation,  
... And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence  
to the full assurance of hope **unto the end.**”*  
--Hebrews 6:9 -11

“**These things**” are “**things**” that accompany (come with) salvation. It has been estimated that when you are saved you receive 120 different things from God. These things come with salvation from God. When you receive Jesus Christ, you also receive everything that He has and everything that He has done for you. These things come with salvation. At Christmas you receive a gift which has your name on it. It is wrapped in a box. You receive the gift and there is something inside the box for you. Then you open the box and there are many different gifts inside the box. It is the same when you receive the gift of Jesus Christ. **After** you receive Him there are many other things you get. God gives us many wonderful things when we are saved. There are **fourteen things** that **come** with salvation when you accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

**1. Forgiveness** - *“In whom (Jesus Christ) we have redemption through his blood, even the **forgiveness** of sins”* (Colossians 1:14). **Forgive means to pardon, to cease fight, to cancel a debt.** In Christ we are pardoned for sins and our debt of sin is canceled. Jesus Christ paid in full our sin debt. The Lord has given a continual provision for sins for Christians (1 John 1:9). Christians are forgiven, not perfect.

**2. Atonement - Atone** - *“By whom we received **atonement**”* (Romans 5:11). This is a finished work of God. Man cannot atone or remove sin. In the Old Testament, sin was atoned (covered) once a year (Exodus 30:10). Jesus came to take away sin forever. ***“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world”*** (John 1:29). This is the **first time** that it mentions in the Bible that sin can be taken away. In the Old Testament, sin was always covered. Jesus Christ forgives and removes your sin. You are forgiven. You are now in the family of God. At the time you are saved, He atones or **takes away** your sin with His Blood. The blood of Jesus **atones** for our sin. Jesus did what the blood of lambs and sacrifices could not do. The Old Testament sacrifices **covered** sin, but Jesus Christ **takes away** sin.

**3. Ransom** - Ransom is the picture of a slave market or prison. People are in bondage and cannot free themselves. Someone comes and pays the price (provides ransom) to redeem those who are slaves. Jesus said that He came “to give his life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). *“Ye were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, as silver and gold... but with the precious blood of Christ”* (1 Peter 1:18-19).

**4. Imputation - Impute** - *“But for us also, to whom it shall be **imputed**, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification”* (Romans 4:24-25). Imputation means to reckon with your sin (Romans 4:5-8; 11:21-25). When you are saved God moves your sin upon Jesus Christ. God no longer sees you as a sinner but as a son. The account is paid in full because of Jesus Christ (Romans 4:3). At the time you are saved, God removes or puts your sin off of you and puts your sin upon Jesus. This is called **imputation**.

**5. Reconciliation - Reconcile** - *“And that he might **reconcile** both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby...”* (Ephesians 2:16). This is also a finished work of God at salvation. It means to **join in fellowship again with God**. It also means to change from **an enemy** to a friend, and to remove everything that made you an enemy and replace it with friendship and fellowship. Adam broke fellowship with God. Jesus Christ made a way for man to **return** to God (Romans 5:16). Jesus Christ joined **man and God together again in fellowship**. Because of Jesus Christ you now have fellowship with God. You can call him “Father.”

**6. Regeneration - Regenerate** - *“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of **regeneration**, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour...”* (Titus 3:5-7). When a person is saved, God makes them a **new creation** or a **new person** within (John 1:12-13). This is an act of God. The old man remains, but a new man is created within you. The work of regeneration begins on the inside out (Romans 12:1-2). God slowly changes you to become a mature Christian. God transforms us from within. Religion tries to change man from the **outside** to the inside. II Corinthians 5:17 could read, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passing away and behold all things are becoming new.” The new man slowly changes and grows into maturity (2 Peter 2:2).

**7. Justification - Justified** - "All that believe are **justified**" (Acts 13:39). **Justification** is an act of God when you are saved. Justified means to be **made right** or **just** in the sight of God. All Christians were sinners and became sons when they saved. All need to be **made right** because all are **made wrong**. Justification does not mean that you are perfect, but that the **sin** put upon you by Adam is forgiven and you are **now made right** with God (Romans 5:12). When you are saved, you become **justified** (Romans 5:1-2). God does not see your sin, but God sees **His Son** in your place. You are **now** justified in Christ.

**8. Grace** - "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by **grace** ye are saved; And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his **grace** in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by **grace** are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:5-10). Grace is an **act of love to a new Christian**. God loves you because of Christ. You cannot make God hate or love you more or less. God loves you **unconditionally** because of Christ. You are not saved because you love God, but because God loves you.

**9. Mercy** - "Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained **mercy...**" Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained **mercy...**" (1 Timothy 1:13-17). **Mercy** means that **pardon** or **freedom** is given to a **guilty person**. He is guilty, but he is forgiven. God does not give Christians **justice** (deserves) but mercy (pardon). After you are saved, God gives you mercy even though you are guilty. You have been forgiven of the penalty of sin, but not the presence of sin. It is the same as a man in prison who did wrong. The judge gives **him a pardon** to be free even though he is guilty. God gives **mercy** because of His Son Christ Jesus.

**10. Propitiation** - "Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation** through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God..." (Romans 3:25-27). **Propitiation** is an act of God. It means God is satisfied with you. When you accept Jesus Christ, God is satisfied and it is finished. Jesus pays for your sin and accepts your place. All you do is repent and believe and accept Jesus Christ, and Jesus pays your sin debt in full. You cannot be charged again for your sin. It is finished paid in full and it cannot be changed or undone - Amen!

**11. Adoption - Adopt** - "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of **adoption**, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit beareth witness with our spirit, that we are **the children of God...** waiting for the **adoption**, to wit, the redemption of our body." (Romans 8:15-23). **Adoption** means "the placing of a son into another family." When you are saved you become adopted into the family of God. You become the same as a true son. You become an heir to all that Jesus Christ possesses. **The law states that once a person is adopted, that he can never be disinherited.** You are accepted the same as a true son because of Jesus Christ.

**12. Redeem - Redemption** - "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with **the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18-19). **Redeem** means to **buy something**, to pay a ransom price for someone (Hebrews 4:12), to buy a slave (Galatians 3:13), or to release to freedom. In Adam all were sold in sin and bondage. In Christ we were bought (redeemed) from sin to make us free.

**13. Sanctification - Sanctify** - "If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, **sanctified**, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work" (1 Corinthians 1:2). Christians are to be used for the service of God. Some are pastors, evangelists, missionaries, teachers, or helpers. God does not call everyone to be a preacher but God can and will **use every Christian**. A Christian is set apart from the world for God's service. This is called **sanctification**. God uses him according to his ability in the ministry (2 Corinthians 12:8). God can use all Christians but He only uses those who are separated from sin.

**14. Peace** - "Therefore being justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1-2). **Peace** means to be **at rest**; to be **calm**; to be **free from stress** and war. **Only God can give you peace** within your heart. God made man **empty** within and only God can fill that emptiness (Psalm 107:9). The world and sin can never give you peace, but when you are saved you will have peace with God. People who are not saved do not have peace with God. It is important for Christians to have peace in their hearts. When a Christian has sin in his life there will not be peace in his heart. It is good to be able to say, "I have **peace** with God."

**“I AM”**  
**In The Book of John**

**Twenty Three “I AM” in the Greek text of John**

**Notice He says, “I Am” not “I Was” or “I Will Be.”**  
He is the ever present God from everlasting to everlasting.

John **4:26**; John **6:20, 35, 41, 48, 51**; John **8:12, 18, 24, 28, 58**;  
John **10:7, 9, 11, 14**; John **11:25**; John **13:19**; John; **14:6**;  
John **15:1, 5**; John **18:5, 6, 8**.

I **AM** the **Bread** of life  
-- John 6:35, 41, 48, 51

I **AM** the **Light** of the world  
-- John 8:12

I **AM** the **Door** of the sheep  
-- John 10:7, 9

I **AM** the **Good Shepherd**  
-- John 10:11, 14

I **AM** the **Resurrection** and the Life  
-- John 11:25

I **AM** the **Way, the Truth, the Life**  
-- John 14:6

I **AM** the true **Vine**  
-- John 15:1, 5

**God is the Eternal I AM!**

# THE BIBLE FROM GOD TO MAN

## HOW TO CORRECTLY RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



### [1] **ORIGINATION**

Begins in the Mind of God  
Isaiah 55: 8 -11

### [2] **REVELATION**

God's Thoughts in the Mind of Man

### [3] **INSPIRATION**

God's Thoughts in a Holy Book to Man  
II Timothy 3:16

### [4] **WRITTEN WORD OF GOD**

Inspired by God to 40 different men  
From God to Man for Man to Understand God



### [5] **TRANSLATION**

God's Thoughts Written in Man's Language



### **MISREPRESENTATION - WRONG**

Man's Thoughts Written in Error  
I John 4:1-3

### [6] **INTERPRETATION - RIGHT**

God's Thoughts  
Correctly Understood  
II Timothy 3:16

### **DISSIMULATION - WRONG**

Man using God's Word to Deceive  
Galatians 2:13 - Ephesians 5:6

### [7] **ILLUMINATION**

God's Word Correctly Received  
I Peter 1:23

### [8] **APPLICATION**

God's Word Changing Man to God's Way  
I Peter 2:2 - James 1:22

### [9] **COMMUNICATION**

Man sharing God's Word to Others  
Mark 16:15



### [10] **PRESERVATION**

God's Word Will Never Change - Continue Forever  
Matthew 24:35



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# Creation or Evolution?

## Which Is Right?



### Creation

**“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth”**

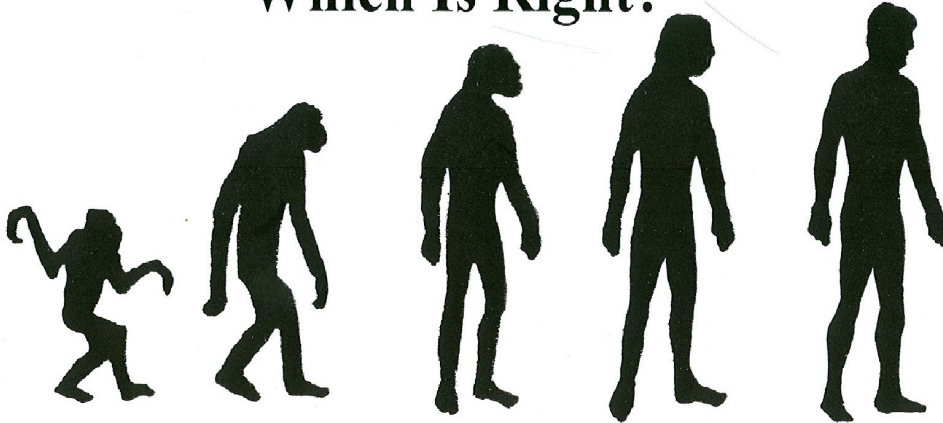
-- Genesis 1:1

**Creation means there had to be a Creator!  
God Created All Things From nothing!**

### Evolution

**Evolution Means To Evolve (Develop or Progress) Without A Creator!  
Evolve Does Not Create But Develops From Something Already Existing!**

## Which Is Right?



# Think About It!

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**Predictions: Over 8,000 - Number of Questions: 3,294**  
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**Longest Name: Mahershalalhashbaz (Isaiah 8:1)**  
**Longest Verse: Esther 8:9 (78 words)**  
**Shortest Verse: John 11:35 “Jesus wept”**  
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