6. **REMEMBER**:

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

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

Foundations

This booklet is a study and overview of the Bible. It was designed for a 14-week study class but can also be used independently to build and strengthen the foundations of our faith.

Our desire for you is that which was written by the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Colossians which reads "...As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

Colossians 2:6-7 (KJV)

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WEEK 1: REPENTANCE & FAITH

REPENTANCE

To repent means to change your mind and attitude about sin, so that you turn from your sin and you turn to God (Jesus Christ) for forgiveness and cleansing.

1	WHO	PRFACHED	REPENTANCE?
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a)	Matt. 3:2		

- b) Matt. 4:17 _____
- c) Mk. 6:12
- d) Acts 2:38 _____
- e) Acts 17:30 _____

2. WHAT ARE CHARACTERISTICS OF TRUE REPENTANCE?

- a) 2 Cor. 7:9,10 _____
- b) Luke 18:9-14
- c) 1 Thess. 1:9 _____

3. REPENTANCE IS A CHANGE OF 3 ELEMENTS:

- a) Intellectual element a change of mind. What we think.
- b) Emotional element a change of heart. What we desire.
- c) Volitional element a change of will. What we do.

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

Luke 24:44-48

FAITH

- 1. **HOW DOES THE BIBLE DEFINE FAITH?** Hebrews 11:1
 - a) What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see up ahead.
- 2. WHERE DOES FAITH COME FROM? Hebrews 12:1-2

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

- a) We receive power to witness for Jesus and to serve Him in whatever area He asks us to.
- b) We receive increased power to overcome sin.
- c) The Scripture comes alive to us.
- a) Our relationship with God is more alive and vital.
- b) We receive spiritual gifts when we pray to God and ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We receive it by faith (Luke 11:11-13; Gal. 3:2,5, 13, 14) just as we received Jesus Christ into our life by faith. At this time we will receive one or more spiritual gifts from God.

SHARING YOUR FAITH

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

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "SANCTIFY" THE LORD IN OUR HEARTS?

3. BASIC POINTS THAT SHOULD BE COVERED:

- a) All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Rom. 3:23
- b) The wages of sin is death. Rom 6:23
- c) God demonstrated His love to us by sending Jesus Christ to die. Romans 5:8
- d) We are saved by faith in Jesus Christ. Rom 10:9, 10,13.
- e) Optional verses. Isa. 59:1, 2; Jn. 3:3,16; Acts 3:19, 20; Eph. 1:17; 2:8, 9.

5. TOOLS FOR WITNESSING:

- a) A Bible. A pocket New Testament is sufficient.
- b) Tracts. "The Big Question" and "Bridge to Life" are excellent.
- c) Memorize scripture. Roman's road is best. (Rom. 3:23; 5:8; 6:23 & 10:9-10)

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WEEK 14: THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE, Part 2

What does it mean to you that you are part of the body of Christ?

THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE - Part 2

- 1. THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:
 - a) It was prophesied in the Old Testament. Joel 2:28-32.
 - b) It was promised by Jesus in the New Testament. John 14:16, 17, 26; 15:26, 27.

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

- TURN TO ACTS 1:8:
 - a) The word "power" comes from the Greek word "dunamis" which also means "dynamite". Where does the power (the ability) to witness for Christ come from?
 - b) Before we were Christians, the Holy Spirit was with (para) us convicting us of sin and drawing us to Christ. See John 16:7, 8.
 - c) When we became Christians, the Holy Spirit was in (en) us. See John 14:16, 17; 20:22; 1 Cor 3:16.
 - d) The third experience of the Holy Spirit is when He comes on or upon (epi) us and overflows out of our life. See John 7:37-39.
 - 1. Flow (Greek) literally means to gush forth.
 - 2. Baptize (Greek Baptizo) overflowed.

Look at these examples of the Spirit coming upon a believer:

Acts 10:44 _	
Acts 19:6	

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

4. THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITH:

- a) We should live by it 2 Cor. 5:7
- b) We are saved by it Eph. 2:8-9
- c) It is our defense (shield) against the enemy Eph. 6:16
- d) It never gives up Heb 11:7, 30
- e) It gives us victory over the world and it's problems 1 John 5:4

The principle element in repentance is a change of mind and attitude about Christ; a change from an unbelieving and rejecting attitude to a believing and accepting attitude. True faith in Christ involves the confession and forsaking of sin. True repentance and faith are inseparable. They are mutually dependent upon each other. Application Question: How have I repented and trusted in Christ?

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Notes/Questions	

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

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[~] We become a channel through which the Holy Spirit overflows to everyone around us.

WEEK 2: SIN, SALVATION & FORGIVENESS

How was your faith put into action this week?

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SIN		How was your faith put into action this week?	which is the most important, using our gifts or showing
		C CINIC	love?
1.	WHAT I		144 2
	a)	Isaiah 1:2 Isaiah 53:6	Why?
	b)	Isaiah 53:6	
	c)	1 John 3:4	child of God, and were placed into a new spiritual family; the family
_			which is the body of Christ. Just as a human body functions best when
2.	WHO SI		each member does its job, so the body of Christ, the church, is
	a) Romans 3:23	healthiest when each member is growing spiritually and fulfilling its
	b) 1 John 1:8	special role.
3.	WHERE I	DID SIN COME FROM?	Notes/Questions
	a) Is. 14:12-15	
	b	Romans 5:12	
4.	WHY DO	O I SIN?	
•		dam's decision in the Garden of Eden:	
	,) God told Adam not to eat the fruit of the tree of	
	ű	Knowledge and of the tree of Good and Evil – Gen. 2:9,	
		16, 17.	
	b) Sin in the human race originated in Adam's free decision	
		to disobey God's will – Gen. 3:1-6.	
	2) T	he effects of Adam's decision on us today:	
	,) Sin entered the world through one man, Adam.	
		Rom. 5:12	
	b) Adam's sin resulted in both physical and spiritual death	
		for man:	
		1. Physical Death – separation of the soul from the	
		body – Gen. 3:19	
		2. Spiritual Death – separation of the soul from God	Assignment: Read Galatians, memorize Philippians 1:6 and pray for one
		for eternity – Rom. 6:23; 2 Thess. 1:8-10; Rev. 21:8	another.
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Paul makes some very strong statements in 1 Cor. 13:1-3

concerning the importance of love. In these verses,

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WEEK 13: THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE, Part 1

In what way did you see the Holy Spirit at work in your life this week?

THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE - Part 1

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

L.	THE HO	LY SPIRIT PLACES US INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST:
	a)	Whose body is it according to 1 Cor. 12:27?
	b)	Are all the members in a church body the same?
		See 1 Cor. 12:14, 17; and Rom 12:4-5
	c)	Who gives us our place in the body? See 1 Cor. 12:18;
		Eph. 4:11-12.
	d)	Are we all needed in the body? See 1 Cor. 12:21-25;
	•	1 Peter 4:10.
	e)	Do you need the other members of the body?
	·	See 1 Cor. 12:21-26
	f)	Who is the head of the Body? See
	•	Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22
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2.	THE HO	LY SPIRIT GIVES EACH PERSON CERTAIN ABILITIES – Turn
	to 1 Co	rinthians 12
	a)	According to verses 4-6, does everyone have the same gifts?
	b)	Is there anyone who does not have at least one gift
	~,	according to verse 7?
	c)	For whose benefit did God give these gifts?
	ď)	What are some examples of these gifts in verses 8-10?
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	e)	Whose choice is it as to who receives which gifts?
	•	(vs. 11)
	f)	According to verse 31, what can we pray for?
	g)	What is the greatest gift according to Paul in verse 31?
	<i>3</i> ,	(See 1 Cor. 13)

SALVATION

1. **DEFINITION OF SALVATION**:

Being saved from the penalty, power and dominion of sin in our life and from eternity apart from God.

2.	WHAT	IS GOD'S GIFT TO US? John 3:16; Rom. 6:23	
3.	HOW A	RE YOU SAVED ? Eph. 2:8-9	
4.		DO WE PUT OUR FAITH IN FOR SALVATION? 0, 13	Romans —
FO	RGIVEN	IESS	
1.	THE DE	FINITION OF FORGIVENESS IS AN ACT OF PARE	ON.
	a)	What does God want to do with your sin? ~	1 Jn. 1:7-10
	b)	What must we be willing to do? ~ Mk 11:25,	26
	c)	How does God now see my sin? ~ Is. 43:25;	Jer. 31:34
2.		S OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT OF SALVATIO	N TO US?
REC God	CEIVE Jesu has give	free gift from God. We have to <i>RECOGNIZE</i> our s Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, and <i>RE</i> n us eternal life in His Son.	

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

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WEEK 3: GOD THE FATHER

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

GOD THE FATHER

1. THE EXISTENCE OF GOD:

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

2. THE NATURE OF GOD:

a)	God is Spirit – He is invisible.
	Jn. 1:18
	Jn. 4:24
b)	God is a person. Personal names are used in reference
	to Him.
	Ex. 3:14
	Ex. 6:3

3. THE ATTRIBUTES (CHARACTERISTICS) OF GOD:

- a) Omnipresent (present everywhere) Jer. 23:23, 24
- b) Omnipotent (all powerful) Jer. 32:17, 27
- c) Omniscient (all knowing) Job 34:21
- d) Eternal (everlasting) Deut. 33:27
- e) Holy (free from all defilement, absolutely pure) Isaiah 6:3

Notes/Questions	 	

Assignment: Read John 14-17, and memorize John 14:18.

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6. WHEN WE ARE SAVED:

- a) He regenerates us (makes us spiritually alive). Jn 3:3-8; Titus 3:4-7.
- b) He indwells us. 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19.
- c) He brings satisfaction for our needs.Jn 4:13-14; 7:37-39
- d) He is the seal of our salvation (Security of Ownership). Eph. 1:13, 14.

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

THE TRINITY

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

Singular word for God – El; dual tense – Elah; 3 or more – Elohim (uniplural noun). Used 2600 times in the Old Testament.

2. THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY IS NOT EXPLICIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, BUT IT IS IMPLIED:

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

- IT IS EXPLICIT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT: Matt. 3:16, 17; 1 Peter 1:2; Jude 20, 21.
- 4. **THE BIBLE TEACHES THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD**: Duet. 4:39; 2 Samuel 7:22; Isaiah 43:10.
- 5. EVEN CREATION IMPLIES THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY:

Space – length, width, depth in 1 space.

Man – body, soul, spirit in one man.

In the Holy Trinity we have one God manifested (revealed) to us in three distinct persons, all having the same attributes and all being called God. It is difficult to understand totally; we must accept it by faith.

- 1 x 1 x 1 = 1
- Water = liquid, ice, steam.
- Remember Deut. 29:29.

- f) Righteous or just (always does what is right) Psalm 145:17
- g) Merciful (doesn't give us what we deserve) Deut. 4:31
- h) Faithful (we can rely upon Him: He won't let us down) Duet. 7:9
- i) Immutable (He doesn't change) Mal. 3:6
- j) Truthful (cannot lie) Titus 1:1, 2
- k) Awesome (inspiring awe which is reverent wonder tinged with fear) Deut. 7:21
- l) Personal characteristics are ascribed to Him:
 - 1. Knowledge Isaiah 55:8-10
 - 2. Emotions Gen. 6:6
 - 3. Will Joshua 3:9.10

4. THE LOVE OF GOD

- a) What is the very essence of His nature? 1 Jn. 4:7, 8, 16
- b) Whom does God love?
 - 1. God loves His Son Matt. 3:17
 - 2. God loves the world Jn 3:16
- c) How did God demonstrate His love for us? Rom. 5:8
- d) How do I experience God's love each day? Romans 5:5

THE FATHER IS GOD

The Father holds the place of authority within the Godhead. He is not more important that the Son or the Holy Spirit, but authorizes their ministries (John 6:38, 14:16)

Notes/Questions _		

Assignment: Read John 8, memorize 1 John 1:3, and pray for one another.

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WEEK 4: **JESUS THE SON**

Are you able to call your Heavenly Father Papa/Daddy? See Romans 8:15.

JESUS THE SON

 JESUS POSSESSES ALL OF THE ATTRUIT 	BUTES	OF	GOD
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- a) Omnipresent Matt. 28:18-20
- b) Omnipotent Matt. 28:18
- c) Omniscient Jn 16:30
- d) Eternal Jn 1:1, 2
- e) Holy Acts 3:14
- f) Creator Col. 1:16, 17
- g) Faithful 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- h) Merciful Jude 21

2. JESUS IS CALLED GOD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- a) Jn. 10:29-33; Jn. 20:28
- b) Who is called God in Hebrews 1:8?
- THE UNIQUENESS OF JESUS (Webster's definition of unique-"being the only one").
 - a) Unique in His virgin birth:
 - 1. Prophesied in Is. 7:14
 - 2. Fulfilled in Matt. 1:18-25
 - b) Unique in His sinless life Hebrews 4:14-16
 - c) Unique in His death:
 - 1. Why did He die? 1 Peter 3:18
 - 2. He was separated from the Father for the first time Matt. 27:46
 - d) Unique in His resurrection from the dead (cannot be disproved).
 - 1. It is recorded in the Bible Matt. 28; Mk. 16; Lk. 24; Jn. 20, 21
 - 2. Witnessed by over 500 people 1 Cor. 15:1-8
 - Because of His power over death and sin, we too have spiritual power in our lives.
 Cor. 15:12-14, 56, Romans 5:10)

WEEK 12: THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

THE HOLY SPIRIT - HIS DEITY & PERSON

- 1. **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON:** In Greek, personal pronouns are used He, Him, etc.
 - a) Greek (parakletos) "One called alongside to help", Helper, Comforter, Counselor.
 - b) In John 14:16, who is the "He" referring to? _____

2. HE DOES THINGS ONLY A PERSON CAN DO:

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

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

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

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

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

5. **HE IS DISINCT FROM THE FATHER AND SON:** Matt. 28:19; Luke 3:21-22.

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7.	WHAT (a)	DO WE DO WHEN WE FELLOWSHIP? Heb. 10:25			4. The Cor. 1	hristian faith rests on His resurrection 5:17)	(1
	b)	James 5:16	4		NUMBER DECIDES TO	. N. C. LUC LUCE TUDOLICULUS CUIL DOCA	6.1
	c)	Heb. 10:24	4.			LIVE HIS LIFE THROUGH HIS CHILDREN	– Gai.
	d)	1 Cor 11:24-26			2:20	receive in exchange for my life before (hrist?
	e)	2 Cor 8:4; Rom 15:25			a) What do I	receive in exchange for my me before t	ZIIIISU:
	f)	Rom 12:13; Acts 11:29			b) How do I a	allow Christ to live through me?	
	g) h)	Rom 15:1-2			b) How do re	anow christ to live through the:	
	i)	1 Peter 2:2-3 Matt. 18:19-20					
	j)	Col. 3:16	5.		THE ONLY LIFE THAT	HAS PLEASED THE FATHER WAS THAT	OF HIS
8.	HEBREV	OWSHIP AN OPTION FOR CHRISTIANS ACCORDING TO WS 10:25? dangers of not fellowshipping with other Christians			6.The only way to th	ne Father is through Jesus ne life that pleased the Father – Jesus.	
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Not	es/Questi	ions	No	te	Questions		
Ass	ignment:	Read the book of Philippians, memorize Hebrews 10:25,	As s	_		and 4, memorize John 3:16 and pray for	rone

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and pray for one another.

WEEK 5: **THE WORD OF GOD** (Part 1)

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

THE WORD OF GOD, Part 1

1. **DEFINITION**

The Bible is God's revelation of Himself to man, His creation. The Bible forms one continuous story; the story of humanity in relation to God. From the beginning to the end, the Bible has one great theme: the Person and work of Jesus Christ.

READ HEBREWS 1:1-3

In these verses we see that God's Word is a progressive revelation.

- e) Sundry Times
- f) Divers manners
- g) Times past
- h) Unto the fathers by the prophets
- i) In these last days
- j) Unto us by / in / His Son (The express image of His person).

3. **READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17**

a)	What portion of scripture is inspired by God?
b)	The word "inspired" in this verses means "God
	Breathed". It's as if God spoke it Himself. (Gen. 2:7)
c)	What is God's word profitable for?
-	1)
	2)
	3)

4. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WORD OF GOD

a)	The Word of God is	1 Peter 1:23, 25.
b)	The Word is	Heb. 4:12 (the word for "quick
	is alive).	
a)	The Word is	Luke 21:33.
h)	The Word is	- "Gosnel" – Romans 1:16

WEEK 11: FELLOWSHIP

What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?

FELLOWSHIP

1. **DEFINITION:**

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

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2.	THE DIS	STINCTION BETWEEN THE SAVED AND THE LOST: 1Peter
	2:9-11.	
	d)	What names does the Lord call us in verse 9?
	e)	Have we always been His people according to verse 10?
	f)	How are we described in this present world in verse 11?
	g)	What should be our response to verse 9?
3.	WITH V	VHOM DO WE FELLOWSHIP?
	a)	2 Cor. 13:14
	b)	1 John 1:3
		1 John 1:7
4.	WHAT	S OUR MODIVATION TO FELLOWSHIP?
	a)	Romans 8:35-39
	b)	1 John 2:3-6
		Hebrews 10:25
5.	WHAT A	ACTIVITIES DID THE EARLY BELIEVERS SHARE IN?
	a)	Acts 2:42
	b)	Col. 3:15-16
6.	THE KE	Y ISSUE OF FELLOWSHIP IS LOVE
	a)	John 13:34-35
	b)	1 John 3:18
		Gal. 6:10

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4. WHAT IS THE BLESSING OF PUTTING CHRIST FIRST IN MY LIFE? c) 1 Peter 3:15-16 d) Romans 12:1-2 e) Romans 6:22	 HOW DO I KNOW THE BIBLE IS RELIABLE AND WITHOUT ERROR? a) 2 Peter 1:20-21 assures us that God's Word is true and reliable. Note: There are over 300 prophecies in the Old Testament fulfilled during the life and ministry of Jesus. If we analyze the probability of one person fulfilling just
The Lordship of Jesus Christ is the most crucial issue of any Christian's life. We are all aware of those around us who are reaping in their lives the by-products of the lack of obedience. Jesus has our best interests at hear. We must give Him our entire life and we must live only for Him daily. Only then will we experience the full life that He has promised us. As we continually confess Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives, we are assured of the true faith living in our hearts. (Romans	eight, the probability would be 1 in 10 with 17 zeroes after it! We can understand why Peter declares that the written word of prophecy is <i>more</i> sure. b) 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that all Scripture finds its origin in God. c) Titus 1:2 tells us that God cannot lie. d) What does this say about the reliability of God's Word?
10:9-10) Notes/Questions	Notes/Questions
Assignments: Read Romans 7 and 8, memorize Matthew 16:24, and pray for one another.	Assignments: Read Psalm 119:1-88, memorize Psalm 119:105, and pray for one another.

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WEEK 6: THE WORD OF GOD (Part 2)

How important is God's Word to you?

THE WORD OF GOD, Part 2

AN OVER VIEW OF THE BIBLE:

- a) The Bible contains 66 books: 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.
- b) The books are divided into chapters and verses for reference.
- c) The Old Testament was written in the Hebrew language.
- d) The New Testament was written in the Greek language. (Remember that our English Bible is a translation from these original languages.)
- e) Did God make a mistake? Why the need for a New Testament? What's wrong with the Old one? Read Hebrews 8:9-10.
 - 1) The foundation of the Old covenant with Israel was man's obedience to it (v. 9).
 - 2) The foundation of the New covenant is God's action on behalf of man. (Note the "I wills" in verse 10). It was enacted by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. (Luke 22:20).

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

- a) Precept upon precept is an established fact of God's Word, i.e. "all have sinned"; "God is love"; "Jesus has risen".
- b) Line upon line: The systematic story line of scripture that ties the established facts of God together.
- c) Here a little, there a little: The use of foundation facts of scripture to understand other portions of scripture.

Note: The New Testament is contained in the Old Testament, and the Old Testament is explained in the New Testament.

WEEK 10: PUTTING CHRIST FIRST

How did 1 John 4:4 minister to you this week?

PUTTING CHRIST FIRST

1. DEFINITION OF LORDSHIP

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

2. WHAT IS JESUS' PLAN FOR HIS DISCIPLES:

- a) Luke 9:23 states the heart of discipleship.
 - 1) **Deny yourself** Putting the Lord and others first; refusing to live my life to please myself.
 - 2) **Take up your cross daily –** Submitting our will to the will of God. Luke 22:42.
 - 3) **Follow Me** Following Jesus and on one or nothing else. Matt. 4:19; 1 Peter 2:21.
- b) The whole principle of Lordship is the removal of self off of the throne on one's life, and the invitation to Jesus to sit on the throne and rule, trusting Him to do what is best for us.
- c) The battle of submission: 2 reasons why people do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord of their life.
 - 1) We're afraid God may ask us to do something we don't want to do.
 - 2) We are not sure that God has our best interest at heart. Jer. 29:11.

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

- a) We show our love for Jesus by obeying His commands. John 14:15, 21, 23.
- b) We must read the Word of God, see what God's will is for our lives and then we must do it. James 1:22-25.
- c) Read John 13:35. What is the mark of a disciple?

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- b) The Breastplate of Righteousness This speaks of right acts as practiced by the believer. The breastplate was to protect the heart of the soldier. (1 Cor 1:30, Jesus is our righteousness)
- c) The Sandals of The Gospels The sandals speak of mobility and preparedness. We are to be ready to use God's Word in spiritual battle (1 Peter 3:15).
- d) The Shield of Faith- (Above all take this up) the shield of faith protects us from the attacks (those fiery darts) of Satan. (i.e. temptations, impure thoughts, etc.). (Rom 10:17, Faith comes by hearing God's word)
- e) The Helmet of Salvation It refers to the intake of the Word, which will help protect our thought from doubt and the world, the flesh, and the devil. It will make us secure in our relationship with the Lord. (II Cor 10:4-5)
- f) The Sword which is the Word of God It is the only offensive weapon. When attacked, we respond with the Word. (Hebrews 4:12)

3.		E IT IS NOT A PHYSICAL BATTLE, IT IS SPIRITUAL – vs. 12. Cor. 10:3-7. What can spiritual weapons accomplish?
4.		LLWAYS – IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT WE PRAY CONTINUALLY (1 5:17) – vs. 18
5.	HOW	DID JESUS RESPOND TO SATAN'S ATTACK?
	a)	Read Matthew 4:1-11
		1) What was Jesus' physical condition?

- vs. 4,7,10 ______
3) What is the only offensive weapon we have in the spiritual armor? See Eph. 6 ______

2) What did Jesus respond with to Satan's three offers?

4) What does this tell us about handling temptation, or trials of any kind?

b) What is the promise of 1 John 4:4?

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

3. BECAUSE THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED, WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US UNDERSTAND IT:

- a) The man without the Spirit does not understand the things that come from God 1 Cor. 2:14.
- b) The Holy Spirit (Greek Parakletos = one along side to help) will teach us and help us to remember Jn. 14:26.
- 4. **ONE METHOD OF STUDYING GOD'S WORD IS GIVEN BELOW. THERE ARE MANY OTHERS.** Turn to Mark 4:35 41 and read the passage. Now, answer the following questions from these verses:
 - a) Who? What is said about the person or people involved? What does the person (people) say?
 - b) What? What is happening? What are the events; in what order?
 - c) Where? Where is the event taking place? Where are people going to or coming from?
 - d) When? When did the events take place?
 - e) Why? Why is this story included? Why here in the text? Why does one person say what he does? Etc.
 - f) Wherefore? So what? What difference would it make in my life if I were to apply this truth?

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THE WORD OF GOD (Part 2, Continued)

5. BASIC DIVISIONS OF SCRIPTURE:

- a) Old Testament: Historical Preparation of the Messiah.
 - 1. 5 books by Moses Beginning history/ the law
 - 2. Joshua/Esther Messiah prep. History
 - 3. Job Poetic & Wisdom
 - 4. Isaiah to Daniel Major prophets
 - 5. Hosea to Malachi Minor prophets
- b) New Testament: Manifestation Consummation of Christ
 - 1. The Gospels: The life and works of Christ
 - 2. Acts: The further works of Christ through the Apostles.
 - 3. The Epistles: Church doctrine
 - 4. Revelation: Jesus' rule established

6. **BASIC THEMES OF SCRIPTURE:**

- a) God Gen. 1:1; Heb. 1:1; Psalms 103
- b) Man/Creation Gen. 2:7
- c) Sin 1 John 2:15-17; Rom. 3:23
- d) Jesus John 5:39; Luke 24:7, 44, 45
- e) Redemption Rom. 3:24; 10:8-13
- f) Salvation Rom. 1:16; 10:8-13
- g) Satan/spirit world Gen. 3:1, 2; 2 Cor. 4:4
- h) Prophecy 2nd coming of Jesus Christ Rev. 4:20
- i) Man Beginning and final end John 3:17-19

7. BASIC TYPES OF SCRIPTURE

- a) Historical: narrative that lays foundation for future things i.e. Genesis/Gospels.
- b) Poetical: song like, worshipful or proverb-like. Psalms
- c) Prophetical: the Word describing future events i.e. Isaiah, Revelation, portions of the Gospels.
- d) Instructional: Practical application of Scripture i.e. Romans, Deuteronomy, Corinthians, Proverbs.

Assignments: Read Psalm 119:89-176, memorize 119:18, and pray for one another.

WEEK 9: SATAN AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE

What keeps our prayers from being answered?

SATAN AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- 1. HIS NAMES GIVE US INSIGHT INTO HIS EVIL CHARACTER:
 - a) Satan (Greek Satanas = adversary or opponent) most common name used 52 times.
 - b) The devil (slanderer) 35 times.
 - c) A liar and murderer John 8:44.
 - d) The god of this age 2 Cor. 4:4.
 - e) An angel of light 2 Cor. 11:14, 15.
 - f) Ruler of the kingdom of the air Eph. 2:2.
 - g) The tempter 1 Thess. 3:5.
 - h) Apollyon (destroyer) Rev. 9:11.
 - i) The accuser of our brothers. Rev. 12:10.

2. HOW DOES SATAN OPERATE?

- a) As a schemer Eph. 6:11.
- b) As a lion 1 Peter 5:8, 9.
- c) As a liar John 8:44.
- d) As a deceiver Genesis 3:13; Rev. 20:10.

3.	BUT WHAT DOES JESUS DO? (1 John 3:8):

SPIRITUAL WARFARE – Ephesians 6:10 – 18

HOW DO WE STAND STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT AGAINST SATAN'S SCHEMES, LIES, AND ATTACKS?

- BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT; NOT BY OURSELVES – vs. 10.
- 2. PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR, NOT PART OF IT OR THERE WILL BE A WEAK SPOT FOR SATAN TO ATTACK vs. 11, 13.
 - a) The Belt of Truth Truth overcomes deceit and lies and is key to every area of the Christian life. (John 17:17 the word is truth; John 14:6: Jesus is the truth)

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7.	WHY PR	AY?
	a)	Luke 22:40
	b)	Eph. 6:10-12
	c)	Eph. 3:20
	d)	John 15:5
8.	HOW SE	HOULD WE PRAY?
0.		Rom. 8:26
	b)	1 Jn. 5:14, Matt. 6:5
	c)	Jude 20
	d)	1 Cor. 14:15
9.	HINDRA	NCES TO PRAYER:
		Isaiah 59:2
		1 Peter 3:7
	c)	James 1:6-8
		Luke 18:9-14
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Assignments: Read Ephesians 1:15-23 and 3:14-21, memorize James 5:16, and pray for one another.

WEEK 7: ASSURANCE

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

ASSURANCE

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

GOD F	ROMISES ETERNAL LIFE IN HIS WORD.
a)	According to John 1:12, what is the promise associated
	with receiving Jesus?
b)	John 3:16 states that whoever believes in Christ has
c)	John 5:24 says that the one who believes in God will not
	experience
d)	In John 10:27-28 we learn that we will never
THE H	OLY SPIRIT GIVES US ASSURANCE OF OUR SALVATION.
a)	According to Romans 8:16-17, what does the Holy Spirit
	bear witness of in our lives?
b)	Who is the guarantee of our future life according to
•	Ephesians 1:13-14?
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4. READ PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13. VERSE 12 STATES THAT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE.
But what power is available to live the Christian life according to verse 13?
God wants you and I to know that we have eternal life (1 John 5:11-13). It is not His will that we live our life on a daily basis wondering if we are saved. If you doubt your salvation remember that our salvation rests only on God's work for us. Even if our hearts as times forget that, it is still true. (1 John 3:19-20). Pray and ask God to remind you of His faithfulness to keep His promises.
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Assignments: Read 1 John, memorize Philippians 2:12-13 and 1:6, and

pray for one another.

WEEK 8: PRAYER

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

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

PRAYER

WHAT IS PRAYER? WHO SHOULD PRAY? Psalm 32:6	
WHA	T SHOULD WE PRAY FOR, AND ABOUT?
a)	Phil. 4:6
b)	Matt.6:10
c)	Matt. 9:38
	2 Thess. 3:1
e)	James 5:13
f)	Eph. 3:14-19
WHE	RE SHOULD WE PRAY?
a)	1 Cor. 1:2
b)	Luke 19:46
	Matt. 6:6
WHE	N SHOULD WE PRAY?
a)	Luke 18:1
	1 Thess. 3:10
c)	Psalm 61:2

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