

REPENTANCE

To repent means to change your mind, attitude, and behavior about sin. It is turning from your sin and turning toward God, who is Jesus Christ, for forgiveness and cleansing.

1. WHO PREACHED REPENTANCE?

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

2. WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF TRUE REPENTANCE?

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

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

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

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

Luke 24:44-48.

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

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

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

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

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

- a) It is what you live (walk) by (II Corinthians 5:7).
- b) Faith is what accesses (opens the door) grace which saves you (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- c) Faith is that piece of the armor of God which defends/shields you from the fiery darts of the wicked one (Ephesians 6:16).
- d) "Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)
- e) Faith gives you victory over the world. (I John 5:4)

The principle element in repentance is a change of mind, attitude, and behavior concerning Christ. It is a change from an unbelieving, rejecting, rebelling attitude to a believing, obeying, accepting attitude. *True faith* in Christ involves the confession *of* and turning *from* sin. *True repentance and faith* are inseparable. You cannot live a life with one and not the other. You cannot call yourself a Christian if either repentance or faith are absent. They are mutually dependent upon each other.

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

Notes or questions...

Assignments... Read First John, memorize John 1.12-13, and pray for one another by name.

WEEK 2

Sin, Salvation, and Forgiveness

How was your faith put into action this week?

SIN

1. WHAT IS SIN?

a) Isaiah 1:2... _____

b) Isaiah 53:6... _____

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

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

4. WHY DO I SIN?

1) Adam's decision in the Garden of Eden...

a) God told Adam not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:9,16,17).

b) Sin in the human race originated with Adam's voluntary (free-will) choice to disobey (rebel against) God's will (Genesis 3:1-6).

2) The effects of Adam's free-will decision is on us today.

a) Sin entered the world through one man, Adam (Romans 5:12).

b) Adam's sin separated man from God (Genesis 3:22).

c) Adam's sin resulted in physical and spiritual death for all mankind.

1. Physical Death... separation of the soul from the body (Genesis 3:19).

2. Spiritual Death... separation of the soul from God forever (for eternity). (Romans 6:23, II Thessalonians 1:8-10, Revelation 21:8).

3) Therefore I sin because I am a _____

4) Does a believer sin (I John 1:8)? _____

SALVATION

1. **DEFINITION...**Being saved from the power and dominion of sin in our life and from eternal separation from God.

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

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

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

FORGIVENESS

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

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

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

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

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

Salvation is a free gift from God. We have to *RECOGNIZE (ACKNOWLEDGE)* our sin, *RECEIVE (ACCEPT)* Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, and *REJOICE (SHOW JOY)* That God has given us eternal life through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Notes or questions...

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

WEEK 3

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 (exposure) of Himself to man, His creation.
The Bible forms one continuous story...the story of man in relation to God.
The Bible has one great theme: God's redemption of man.

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

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

- a) Distinct times.
- b) Various manners (ways).
- c) Times past.
- d) Unto the fathers by the prophets.
- e) In these last days.
- f) Unto us by His Son and in His Son (the express image of His Person).

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

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

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

c) What is God's word profitable for?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

4. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WORD OF GOD...

- a) The Word of God is...
I Peter 1:23, 25... _____
- b) The Word of God is...
Hebrews 4:12 ("quick"="alive")... _____
- c) The Word is...
Luke 21:33... _____
- d) The Word is...
"Gospel"... Romans 1:16... _____

5. HOW DO I KNOW THAT THE BIBLE IS RELIABLE AND WITHOUT ERROR?

- a) II Peter 1:20-21 assures us that God's Word is true and reliable.
(Note: there are over 300 prophecies in the Old Testament that Jesus fulfilled in His life and ministry on earth. If we analyze the probability of one normal human being fulfilling **just eight** of these prophecies, the probability would be 1 in 10, with 17 zeroes after the 10 (10+000000000000000000) of it being fulfilled! We can understand why Peter declares that the written word of prophecy is **more sure**.)
- b) II Timothy 3:16 tells us that all scripture, the entire Bible, originates from God.
- c) Titus 1:2 tells us that God cannot lie.
- d) What does this say about the reliability of God's Word?

Notes or questions...

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Assignments... Read Psalm 119:1-88, memorize Psalm 119:105, and pray for one another.

How important is God's Word to you?

THE WORD OF GOD... PART 2

1. AN OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE...

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

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

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

Note... The New Testament is concealed in the Old Testament, and the Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament.

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

- a) The man without the Spirit does not understand the things that come from God (1 Corinthians 2:14).
- b) The Holy Spirit (in the Greek "parakletos", one called along side to help) will teach us and help us to remember (John 14:26).

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

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

- b) WHAT?... What is happening?
In what order are the events taking place?
- c) WHERE?... Where are the events 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 *here* in the text? Why does one person do what he does or why doesn't he act? Etc.
- f) WHEREFORE OR THEREFORE?... So what? What difference will these truths make if I apply them to my life? How do these truths apply to me? Is there instruction on what to do or what not to do as a follower of Christ?

Notes or questions...

Assignments... Read Psalm 119.89-176, memorize 119.18, and pray for one another.

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 God exists is assumed in the Scriptures. The first verse of the Bible illustrates this fact, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1. God's existence is presented as a statement of fact needing no proof. Additionally, Psalm 14:1 states, "The man who says there is no God is a fool."
- b) Apart from the Bible there are absolute evidences for the existence of God.
 - 1. Mankind has always believed in a universal being.
 - 2. Creation must have a creator. The universe could not originate without a First Cause.
 - 3. The wonderful design, which we see in creation, demands an Infinite Designer.
 - 4. Since man is an intelligent being, his Creator must have a higher intelligence in order to create him.

2. THE NATURE OF GOD...

- a) God is Spirit. He is invisible.

John 1:18... _____

John 4:24... _____

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

Exodus 3:14... _____

Exodus 6:3... _____

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

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

l) Personal characteristics ascribed to Him:

1. Knowledge... Isaiah 55:8-10.
2. Emotions... Genesis 6:6.
3. Will... Joshua 3:9-10.

4. THE LOVE OF GOD...

a) What is the essence of His nature (I John 4:7- 8,16)?

b) Whom does God love?

1. God loves His Son... Matthew 3:17.
2. God loves everyone in the world... John 3:16.

c) How did God demonstrate His love for us (Romans 5:8)?

d) How do I experience God's love each day (Romans 5:5)?

5. THE FATHER IS GOD...

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

Notes or Questions...

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

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

JESUS THE SON

1. JESUS POSSESSES ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

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

2. JESUS IS CALLED "GOD" IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

- a) John 10:29-33, John 20:28 _____

- b) Who is called God in Hebrews 1:8? _____

3. THE UNIQUENESS OF JESUS (Webster defines "unique" as "being the only one.")

- a) Unique in His virgin birth...
 - 1. Prophesied in Isaiah 7:14.
 - 2. Fulfilled in Matthew 1:18-25.
- b) Unique in His sinless life... Hebrews 4:14-16.
- c) Unique in His death...
 - 1. Why did He die (I Peter 3:18)? _____

 - 2. He was separated from the Father for the first time... Matthew 27:46.
- d) Unique in His resurrection from the dead, which cannot be disproved.
 - 1. It is recorded in the Bible. Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20, 21.
 - 2. Witnessed by over 500 people... I Corinthians 15:1-8.
 - 3. Because of His power over death and sin, we, too, have spiritual power in our lives. I Corinthians 15:12-14, 56 and Romans 5:10.
 - 4. The Christian faith rests upon His resurrection. I Corinthians 15:17.

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

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

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

5. THE ONLY LIFE THAT PLEASES THE FATHER IS THAT OF HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST...

John 14:6... The only way to the Father is through Jesus.

Luke 9:35... There is only one life that pleases the Father, Jesus.

Notes or Questions...

Assignments... Read John 1, memorize John 3:16, and pray for one another.

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

ASSURANCE

Assurance (certainty) of salvation is based on the authority of God's Word.

There are many evidences we can look at so that we can know we are saved and have eternal life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF JOHN'S LETTER IN I JOHN 5:13?

John uses the phrase "we know" (assurance) throughout his letter to help believers come to a place of assurance concerning their salvation ("We know" is used over 30 times in the passage.)

a) According to I John 2:3-5, how do we know with certainty that we "know him"? _____

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

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

d) In I John 4:13, what has God provided his children for assurance of salvation? _____

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

4. **Read Philippians 2:12-13.** Verse 12 states that the Christian life is a life of obedience. What happens if we fail to obey? What promise is given to us in verse 13?

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

Notes or Questions... _____

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

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!"

Chuck Smith, Effective Prayer life, Page 43

PRAYER

1. **WHAT IS PRAYER?** _____
2. **WHO SHOULD PRAY?** Psalm 32:6

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

4. **WHAT SHOULD WE PRAY FOR, AND ABOUT?**
 - a) Philippians 4:6 _____
 - b) Matthew 6:10 _____
 - c) Matthew 9:38 _____
 - d) II Thessalonians 3:1 _____
 - e) James 5:13-16 _____
 - f) Ephesians 3:14-19 _____
5. **WHERE SHOULD WE PRAY?**
 - a) First Corinthians 1:2 _____
 - b) Luke 19:46 _____
 - c) Matthew 6:6 _____
6. **WHEN SHOULD WE PRAY?**
 - a) Luke 18:1 _____
 - b) I Thessalonians 3:10 _____
 - c) Psalm 61:2 _____

7. WHY PRAY?

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

8. HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?

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

9. HINDERANCES TO PRAYER...

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

Notes or Questions... _____

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

What keeps our prayers from being answered?

SATAN AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE

1. HIS NAME GIVES US INSIGHT INTO HIS EVIL CHARACTER...

- a) Satan... "Satan" in Greek means adversary or opponent. It is the most common name used 52 times.
- b) The devil, which means slanderer, is used 35 times.
- c) Liar and murderer... John 8:44.
- d) The god of this age... II Corinthians 4:4.
- e) The Angel of Light... II Corinthians 11:14-15.
- f) Ruler of the kingdom of the air... Ephesians 2:2.
- g) The Tempter... I Thessalonians 3:5.
- h) Apollyon, which means destroyer. Revelation 9:11.
- i) The Accuser of our brothers... Revelation 12:10.

2. HOW DOES SATAN OPERATE?

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

SPIRITUAL WARFARE... Ephesians 6:10-18

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

- 1. **BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT;** not of ourselves...**verse 10.**
- 2. **PUT ON THE FULL ARMOUR,** neglecting any part of the armor leaves a weak spot from which Satan can attack. **Verse 11 & 13.**

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

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

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

4. **PRAY ALWAYS... IS IT GOD'S WILL THAT WE PRAY CONTINUALLY? (I THESSALONIANS 5:17) VERSE 18**
- _____
- _____

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

a) Read Matthew 4:1-11.

1) What was Jesus' physical condition? _____

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

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

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

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

Notes or Questions... _____

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

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

PUTTING CHRIST FIRST

1. DEFINITION OF LORDSHIP...

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

2. WHAT IS JESUS' PLAN FOR HIS DISCIPLES?

- a) Luke 9:23 states the heart of discipleship.
 - 1) Deny **yourself**... Putting the Lord and others first; refusing to live my life to please myself.
 - 2) Take **up your cross daily**... Submitting our will to the will of God (Luke 22:42).
 - 3) Follow **Me**... Following Jesus and no one or anything else (Matthew 4:19, I Peter 2:21).
- b) The principle of Lordship is the removal of "Self" from the throne of one's heart; inviting Jesus to reign on that throne; and trusting Him that He will do what is best for us.
- c) The battle of submission... two reasons why people do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord of their life...
 - 1) We are afraid that God may ask us to do something we do not want to do.
 - 2) We are not sure that God has our best interest at heart (Jeremiah 29:11).

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

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

4. WHAT ARE THE BLESSINGS OF PUTTING CHRIST FIRST IN MY LIFE?

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

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

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What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?

FELLOWSHIP

1. **DEFINITION**...sharing something with another person in a deep way, friendly relation and companionship, an association of people with similar interests and tastes, to become "one" with another.

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

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

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

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

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

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

a) I John 1:1-9... _____

b) II Corinthians 13:14... _____

c) I John 1:3-7... _____

d) I John 1:7... _____

4. **WHAT IS OUR MOTIVATION TO FELLOWSHIP?**

a) Romans 8:35-39... _____

b) First John 2:3-6... _____

c) Hebrews 10:25... _____

5. **IN WHAT ACTIVITIES DID THE EARLY BELIEVERS SHARE?**

a) Acts 2:42... _____

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

6. THE KEY ISSUE OF FELLOWSHIP IS LOVE.

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

b) First John 3:18..._____

c) Galatians 6:10..._____

7. WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE FELLOWSHIP?

a) Hebrews 10:25..._____

b) James 5:16..._____

c) Hebrews 10:24..._____

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

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

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

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

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

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

j) Colossians 3:16..._____

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

Notes or questions..._____

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

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

THE HOLY SPIRIT... HIS DEITY AND PERSON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. WHEN HE SAVES US...

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

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

SUMMARY OF THE TRINITY

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

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

2. THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY IS NOT PLAINLY STATED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT (NEITHER IS THE WORD "TRINITY") IT IS IMPLIED (HINTED AT VERY STRONGLY).

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

3. THE DOCTRINE IS PLAINLY STATED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT THE WORD "TRINITY," HOWEVER, IS NOT MENTIONED.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$
- Water can be a liquid, solid, or gas yet each state is still water.
- Remember Deuteronomy 29:29.

Notes or questions... _____

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

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

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE...PART 1

I Corinthians 12:13 says every believer is baptized into, or identifies, with the body of Christ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES EACH PERSON CERTAIN ABILITIES... I Corinthians 12

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

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

c) Who should the gift/gifts that God gave benefit?

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

e) Whose decides who receives which gifts? _____

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

g) According to Paul, What is the greatest gift (I Corinthians 13:31)?

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

Why? _____

Summary... When you become a Christian you immediately become a child of God and are placed in a new spiritual family. This family consists of other followers of Jesus Christ. These followers make up the "Body of Christ." Just as a human body functions and works together best when each member does its job, the Body of Christ - the Church, is healthiest and most efficient when each member is growing spiritually and fulfilling their special role set before them by the Spirit.

Notes or questions... _____

Assignments... Read Galatians, memorize Philippians 1.6, and pray for one another.

What does it mean to you that you are now a part of the Body of Christ?

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE... PART 2

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

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

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

3. ACTS 1:8...

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

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

Acts 19:6...

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

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

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

SHARING YOUR FAITH

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

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

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

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

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

- a) Your personal, intimate relationship with Jesus lived out in front of unbelievers.
- b) A Bible... the New Testament is fine.
- c) Tracts (little pamphlets) containing the Gospel message.
- d) Memorize Scripture... the "Roman Road" is very effective (Romans 3:10-12; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Romans 5:8; John 3:16-18; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 20:31; 1 John 5:13; Jeremiah 29:11).

5. **REMEMBER...**

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

Notes or questions... _____

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

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