

Basic Training – Lesson 1: “Jesus Christ, Our Lord”

All throughout the word of God, Jesus is known by many names and titles. **100’s** of them. Some of them are as follows:

King of King’s	Bright & Morning Star	Mighty God
Lord of Host	Prince of Peace	Bread of Life
Son of God	Lamb of God	Lily of the Valley
Emmanuel	Alpha & Omega	The 2nd Adam

You all know him now as:

“Lord & Savior”

What did he save you from?

Why do we need him?

Is there another way?

At the end of this lesson, you will know the answer to these questions.

CREATION

In The Beginning: From the very first day of time as we know it, God was there. He was there before, during, and will be after. God’s unique power was also there, along with the Trinity; God the father, Jesus the son, and the Holy Spirit. God’s Glory and his presence were everywhere. No one could hide from it.

Trinity = God in three persons, all as one. ***John 10:30*** → (*Example: H2O; Egg*)

- **1 John 5:7** – ***“For there are three that bear witness in heaven: The Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.”***

Creation: Only God was there in the Beginning! No One Else (Scientist) was there!

Historical Science – Based upon Historical record from Scripture, we can believe in the Creation of the World and everything in it by the Word and Hand of God, and God Alone!

Observational Science – Is the method used by which observation & experimentation can prove the science to be factual and accurate.

Scientific Method – **OBSERVATION** is first step, so that you know how you want to go about your research. **HYPOTHESIS** is the answer you think you’ll find. **PREDICTION** is your specific belief about the scientific idea: If my hypothesis is true, then I predict we will discover this. **EXPERIMENT** is the tool that you invent to answer the question, and **CONCLUSION** is the answer that the experiment gives.

- To Say the Earth is Millions & Billions of Years old, Where’s the DATA?
- What Scientific Method has been used?
- ***Carbon Dating has been disproven. False Methods & Readings.***

FACT: God Alone was there in the Beginning, and HIS WORD is TRUTH.

- **Psalms 119:160** – ***“The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.”***

Gen. 1 “And God Said...” Let There Be: Light, Dark, Sky, Waters, Land, Seas, Vegetation, Seeds, animals, and so on, etc. ALL of CREATION was formed with the power of GOD’S WORD.

- **GOD'S WORD IS A CREATIVE FORCE** – Power of Life & Death!
- **God said: “Let US”** make man (& Woman) in OUR (Trinity) image (**Gen .1:26 - 27**)
- Who is “US?” _____

God always intended for man to rule over the earth and everything in it.

- God provided **EVERYTHING** for man including **4 rivers**, Gold, Freedom (**Gen. 2: 7-14**)

Read: Gen 2: 15-17 “First Command” → Gen.3 “The Fall of Man”

Q. Why would man die if he ate from this tree of Good & Evil? A: _____

THE FALL OF MAN:

DISOBEDIENCE = SIN - Sin entered the world.

- **Romans 6:23** “*The wages of sin is DEATH.*”
- When we **SIN**, We are “**EARNING**” our **WAGE**, which is **DEATH**.
- God’s law of judgment was enacted. **Gen. 3:14-19**
- Also, this sin caused **SEPARATION FROM GOD!** (Apple Computer Logo – Bite out of the Apple)
- Everyone born thereafter will be born with sin.
- It is impossible to serve Anything or Anyone you aren’t submitted to.

God Glory & Sin can’t mix. It’s like Light vs. Darkness> Light always wins!

Visual Example / Demonstration: Example/Demonstration:

Items Needed: Bucket Kleenex Matches, & cup of Red Juice.
 Kleenex = Man
 Match = God’s Glory
 Juice = Blood of Jesus
 Bucket = (Just to keep you safe from burning house down...)

1. Take a Kleenex and a light a match.
2. Put them together and let it burn. – (Place it in bucket for safety)
3. Now take a new Kleenex, wipe some ashes on it to make it dirty. That’s us covered in sin.
4. Now dip it in the Red Juice. Representing Blood of Jesus.
5. Next, light the match and touch it with the wet tissue. It will now go out.

That’s because God can’t be around sin. His Glory consumes Sin. He loves you, but sin is swallowed up by his glory. The only thing that can connect you with God and not have you burned is the Blood of Jesus.

Prior to this event, mankind had direct communication & relationship with God. The serpent (devil), wanted to destroy this relationship that man had with God, so that he could have dominion, and power OVER God’s creation. He was already banished to Earth & wanted to destroy God’s Work.

- **Read - Ez. 28: 12-19; Isaiah 14: 9-21**
- Little did he know that with this, he sealed his fate as well.

However, God would have his Glory on earth through a lesser being, US!
This is the 1st prophecy in the bible. → *“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”* Gen. 3:15

The Seed of Woman?

- *Woman Don't carry Seed > Jesus is the Seed of a Woman. (1st Prophecy in Scripture)*

JESUS – LAMB OF GOD, 2nd ADAM – GOD'S RECONCILIATION PLAN

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” John 3:16-18

God desires that NONE should perish. / But he had to make a way to reconcile himself back to Man. Furthermore, he proved his love for us (action/verb), by sending his only begotten son Jesus, the “2nd Adam” to redeem our sin.

Why Jesus? Why is He the 2nd Adam?

- 1 Cor. 15:22 – *“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.”*

Jesus took on the form of a Human, to save us all from inevitable doom.

Example: “Ant's & The Oncoming Bulldozer”

- Jesus, He was born of a virgin, and had NO SIN (Same as Adam – No Sin).
- Pure Unblemished and Uncontaminated Blood. (No Blood exchanged from Mother to Child)
- He came to fulfill the law & NOT to condemn.

Rom. 8: 1-4

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit”

Jesus paid our sin debt, on the Cross. He also forgave mankind, so that God the father could also forgive every one of us. (John 20:22-23)

- He Forgave us from the CROSS. If He didn't, the entire plan of Salvation would be Lost.
- We TOO must be willing to Forgive, or else we are trying to make ourselves bigger than God.

He also led the captives free> Psalms 68:18 & Eph. 4: 8-9

Jesus lived a life of example for us to follow. He was tempted and endured every hardship known to man. He loved us so much, that he voluntarily gave himself up unto death, even death on a cross, to reconcile us back to God. He purchased us with his own Blood, thus, **The Lamb of God**. He was our perfect sacrifice.

JESUS HAD TO DIE!

“For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”
1 Cor. 15: 21-22

THERE IS NO OTHER WAY

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.” **John 14:6**

C.S. Lewis said:

“Jesus was either a Lunatic, a Liar or He was Lord.”

Notes from Lesson 1:

Basic Training – Lesson 2: “A Closer Walk with Thee”

It’s been said before that ANYTHING we do 18 times or more, becomes a habit. It’s also been said that people are all “creatures of habit.” In many cases, this is true. Some of our habits or “vices” are the very things that keep us away from progress in our lives, families, career’s, etc. They also keep us away from a fruitful relationship with Jesus Christ.

This lesson will not be devoted to “Bad Habits.” It will, however, be devoted to developing good habits in our lives that will yield high rewards in Heaven and here on Earth.

We will be speaking (briefly) on several topics:

- **Daily Devotions & Why it is important to study God’s word.**
- **How to Study**
- **Prayer Life and Intimacy with God.**
- **Sanctification Process**
- **Overcoming Strongholds**

Daily Devotions:

The word tells us in **1 Pet. 5: 8-9** That our enemy the devil prowls around like a lion seeking someone to devour. We must resist him, and stand firm in our faith as our brothers throughout the world are also doing. We are at War! Spiritual War! Not arguments, but Life & Death! The Enemy Hates You! Why? Because YOU REMIND HIM OF GOD! So we need to be Guarded Up, Girded Up and Prayed Up EVERY DAY!

Here are some ways to do exactly that:

- Put on the full armor of God (**Eph. 6: 10:20**)
- Jesus is the Bread of Life (**John 6: 33-40**) → (The 7 I Am’s – Worldly Agenda)
- Everyone who drinks this water will never thirst again. (**John 4:13-14**)
- Crave spiritual Milk. (**1 Pet. 2: 1-3**)
- Study, to show thyself approved. (**2 Tim. 2:15**)
- Renew Your minds, & Living Sacrifice. (**Rom. 12:1-2**)

Each and every day, we must try to make time available for intimacy (“*Into Me See*”) with God.

- *How can we serve and love someone that we don’t know?*
- *How can we learn to hear his voice if we don’t recognize it?*
- *How is our faith in him going to be strengthened without intimacy?*
- God desires intimacy & Fellowship with you. Making time is not as difficult as we think.
- *How do we know God is speaking with us?*

→ **Discuss Together**

How to Study:

There are so many ways to study the word of God from Topical Study to Historical Research. There are many books and reference tools available for your assistance in learning more about God’s word. Some of these books are as follows:

- **Concordance** – To look up specific words or topics in a verse or chapter.
- **Bible Dictionary** – To get the meaning of some biblical people, places and things.

- **Bible Commentary** – Commentaries or interpretations from Theologians, Seminarians, and bible scholars.
- **Parallel Bibles** – Different translations of the bible at a glance.
- **Bible Maps, tables, and weights** - Most Bibles have these resources in the back pages.
- **Lexicon** – Translates the bible from the original language “Hebrew & Greek” into English
- **Interlinear** – This is keyed to the original Hebrew and Greek Text in the New King James Version.

Suggested readings for New Believers:

1. Start out by reading the “**Gospels**” - **Matthew, Mark, Luke & John**. Get to know & love Jesus; His Ministry, and what he has done for you. → We cannot fall in love with God if we don’t know Him. We can only get to know Him better through His word.
2. **Proverbs** in the Morning - Godly wisdom for your day. (**31 Chapters**)
 - *What’s the Difference between Knowledge & Wisdom?*
 - *Knowledge:* _____.
 - *Wisdom:* _____.
3. **Psalms** at Night – To replenish your spirit for what the day has taken from you.
4. **Old Testament** Study / or, **New Testament** Study.
5. “**Bible in a year**” → This is fine but not “highly recommended” as a source of study. Because you will be more focused on reading your required passages daily and not really grasp the meat of the word. It may take longer to read the word of God, but by taking your time, it is a life long experience getting to know God.

Prayer Life and Intimacy with God: PRAYER = CONVERSATION / DIALOG

God desires to meet with you where you are at. He is not concerned with how much scripture you know or how long you have been saved. All he wants to do is reveal himself to you. This takes place through prayer. There are types of Prayer such as personal, corporate, prayer of agreement, praying in the spirit, prayer & fasting, etc.

PRAYER PRODUCES INTIMACY WITH THE ONE WHOM YOU PRAY FOR.

- Pray without ceasing (1 **Thes. 5:16-18**) → For those who persecute you.
- Praying in the Spirit (Rom. **8:26-27**) → Heavenly Language; Tongues.
- Prayer of Agreement (Matt. **18 19-20 & 1 Cor. 1:10**) → 2 or more people together.
- Corporate Prayer / One accord (Acts **1:14, 4:24**) → Church Prayers.
- Prayer & Fasting (Matt. **6:16-18**) → Consecration and Separation times.

“Worry is only a Substitute for lack of prayer.”

“There is so much counseling in the church because there is so little prayer.”

The Lord’s Prayer: Acronym “**A.C.T.S.**” = Adoration; Confession; Thanksgiving; Supplication.

Please note: Prayer is a dialog between you & God. We often pray by telling God all of our “desires & demands,” and then we stop and leave. We rush out and DON’T take time to hear God’s voice or response. Than we wonder why some prayers take long to be answered. → **Discuss Together**

SANCTIFICATION IS AN EVENT & A PROCESS:

"We are ALL UNDER CONSTRUCTION"

When a person receives Jesus as Lord and Savior, he is sanctified by the blood, or he is in "right standing" with God. Just as if he or she has NEVER sinned. → **Jude 1 Heb. 2:11 1 Peter 1:2**

- **We are Sanctified once we are Born Again.**
- **We continue the Sanctification Process as we walk this Christian Journey.**
- **We are completed Once we get to Heaven.**

Our position with God is secure at Salvation. Next, the Holy Spirit in cooperation with the believer sanctifies us in our thoughts, actions, our hearts, and lives on a daily basis.

- This is the process of sanctification. We allow the Holy Spirit to daily work in our lives.
- We are completed when we get to heaven.
- Until then, we need to begin to pay attention to God's voice in our lives.
- The Holy Spirit of God is always speaking directly to you, and guiding you into paths of righteousness. → We must learn to listen, **TRUST, & OBEY.**

"God's power will ALWAYS be released in our lives to the degree of our obedience and no more."

"A ton of prayer will NEVER produce what an ounce of obedience can" Dr. Edwin Luis Cole

- Crucify our flesh (*Gal. 5: 22-25*)
- Work of the Holy Spirit (*2 Thes. 2: 13-14*)
- We are washed, sanctified, & justified through the Spirit (*1 Cor. 6:11*)

Overcoming Strongholds:

STRONGHOLDS = IDOLATRY

Idolatry (Webster's) – 1. Worship of Idols 2. Blind or Excessive devotion to something. Virtually every stronghold involves the worship of some kind of idol.

- Every Idol **DEMANDS WORSHIP!**
- We are created for Worship. If we are NOT worshipping God, **WE WILL FIND** something **ELSE** to worship.
- Drugs; Alcohol; Pornography; Sexual Immorality, and so on...
- The Act of Doing (Getting High, Drunk, Etc.), becomes the **WORSHIP** of THE IDOL!

The word says:

- ***"Where a man's treasure is, there his heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21).*** → ***"What's in your Wallet?"*** ☺

3 Stages of Strongholds: a. Atmosphere; b. Climate; c. Stronghold.

ADDICTION = SUBSTANCE OR HABIT = *To refuse to believe we have a problem or an addiction is to be full of Pride.*

- Pride is the very SAME SIN which kicked Lucifer and a 3rd of ALL Heaven's Angels OUT of HEAVEN.
- Pride puffs us up and makes us think we're more special, more talented than others.
- New Believers need to be very Careful of this sin of Pride, especially when it comes to Leadership.
- **Please Read:** **1 Timothy 3: 1-7**

PRIDE = SELF →

(PLEASE SEE THE "PRIDE POEM" on PAGE 31)

Something else taking the place of God in our lives.

2 Cor. 3:17 Read & Discuss

Make sure our focus and total attention is on the one whom has saved us from death, and has given us life. We are his representatives on earth. He calls us his “**Ambassadors.**” (*2 Cor. 5:20*)

Q. How are we representing Heaven on Earth?

In closing: Read **Col. 3: 1-17** “**Rules for Holy Living**”

Notes from Lesson 2:

Basic Training - Lesson 3: "Life Lessons, Faith & Ministry"

Walking with the Lord each day is a joyous experience. Being a Christian is not matter of what we "CAN'T" do, but instead, it's all about what we "CAN DO!" We are free in Christ, and have victory over sin through the shed blood of Jesus. When we fall, we can rise again and continue to walk with him without shame or guilt.

- Like the Garden, our enemy (Satan) will try to have us focus on the one tree we can't eat from instead of the millions of trees we can eat from.

Jesus himself said *"My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* **Matt. 11:30**

Q. What is the YOKE Jesus is speaking about here?

God's desire is to **reveal himself** to you each & every day of your life. His goal is to prepare you for an eternity with him. How? Through "Life Lessons." Sometimes, these lessons seem a bit tough, but each in their own way helps to refine you. After all, we are on Display for the world to see right?

Example - "Silversmith" Q. When is the Jewelry done? A. When he can see his reflection in it.

In this lesson, we will discuss three critical areas of development in your walk with Christ. These areas will be: **1. Life Lessons 2. Faith 3. Ministry**

LIFE LESSONS:

Read Scriptures & Discuss

(Notes)

James 1: 2-8 - _____

1 Cor. 10:13 - _____

Rom. 8:28 - _____

Rom. 8: 35-39 - _____

Q. What does it mean to be "More than Conquerors?"

Psalms 91: 9-13 - _____

Luke 10:19 - _____

2 Cor. 7:10 - _____

Godly Sorrow? _____

Human Sorrow? _____

All throughout God's word, there are hundreds of promises identifying God's unconditional love & commitment to you. Just as any good parent wants the very best for their children, our father God challenges us with lessons to prepare us for a future with him.

As we have read, we are NOT alone. We are protected & guarded in every way. Satan himself must ask for permission. God allows only what we can bear & handle, and in his infinite wisdom & power, everything turns up for our own good.

FAITH: *What is Faith? Do we all have it? Can we all use it? How much is needed? Does it work? How does it grow? What if I can't believe?*

Acronym: Fantastic Adventure In Trusting Him!

- Faith is where your weakness & God's Power Meet Up!

In EVERY believer's life, these questions have been asked at one time or another. In fact, they are probably still being asked today. Many people struggle with the "concept" of Faith, or believing in anything they can't see or touch. Sadly, many Christians believe more in the premise that they don't have Faith or not enough of it to make a difference. The end result is a life of powerlessness and defeat.

Examples: *1. Maps 2. Microwave Oven 3. Wind 4. Catalogs 5. Internet Shopping
6. Money or Currency 7. Calculators >>>> I can go on & on!*

In a natural sense, we can all believe in things we don't see. We can also agree together that something has value, even though in actuality, the item itself is useless. However, when it comes to spiritual matters, we immediately doubt ourselves and we allow a war to take place in our minds between belief & doubt. Let's look at the following scriptures.

Romans 12:3 All have been given a measure of faith...

Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the substance of things hoped for, & the evidence of things not seen

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith, it is IMPOSSIBLE to please God.

- It is impossible to please Satan without Fear.
- **Faith & Fear have the same definition:** → Believing that what you can't see will Happen.

Romans 10:17 Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- Read The Word Out Loud! As often as possible!

James 2:14-end Faith without deeds is dead. (Faith is an ACTION WORD)

- Q. How do we "Activate" our Faith?

Romans 14:2 One man's faith allows him to eat everything, yet another man whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables.

2 Corinthians 5:7 We walk by faith and not by sight...

- Q. Why must we walk by Faith and NOT sight?

Matthew 17:20 I tell you the truth, if you SAY to this mountain, Go...

- Key Word: "YOU SAY" You call it out by name and You tell it to go!

Mark 10:27 With man this is impossible, but with God, all things are possible.

John 14: 12-14 Anyone who believes will do even greater things than these...

Matthew 8:5 The faith of the centurion soldier...

Heb. 11:5

Enoch was taken from this life, without experiencing death...

MINISTRY:

MINISTRY / MISSIONS

Ministry = Is our service to **BELIEVERS**.

Missions = Is our service to **UNBELIEVERS**

“As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.” John 17:18

Our **1st Ministry** is to our family at home! We must be able to minister to each other in peace love and unity within our own homes. God expects our house to be in order before going outside the home to minister his good news.

What can we do to Minister to our family at home?

1. Pray
2. Study the Word
3. Live Life as an Example
4. Attend Church Reg.
5. Talk about God
6. Worship God
7. Be a Giver
8. Serve w/ Love
9. Honor Parents
10. Be Credible!

*“If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God’s church?” **1 Tim. 3:5***

To fulfill your **Ministry**, you must abandon our own agenda, and surrender yourselves to God’s agenda for your life.

- *“Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” **Matt. 16:24***

Many of us have strengths, skills, abilities, talents, and gifting’s which could be utilized for the body of Christ. >>> The problem is: → **Most Christians are: CONSUMERS, RATHER THAN CONTRIBUTORS!**

In most cases, people who are doing the most complaining are the ones not involved in any ministries. It is always easy to criticize or complain, but the hard part is finding solutions or better yet, being part of the solution.

There are members of your body that need your giftings and abilities for their own growth. We minister by sharing ourselves and our abilities with our church family. As you surrender to the call of God on your life, your will store up treasures in Heaven that will never perish and you will be blessed beyond measure here on Earth.

MISSIONS:

Our Mission is to continue Jesus’ mission on earth, to the world!

The Great Commission:

*“He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” – **Mark 16:15***

- **Jesus calls us to Make Disciples & Not Converts.**
- What’s the Difference between a Convert & a Disciple?
- Can a convert make a Disciple? _____
- Can a Disciple Make a Convert? _____
- How can we make another Disciple? → How did Jesus do it?
- If YOU have NOT made another Disciple, are YOU A DISCIPLE?

When we think of missions, the first thing that comes to mind is going abroad to distant lands, or remote parts of the globe. **Yes, this is missions.** However, this isn't the **ONLY** place for missions.

We can be missionaries in our own **circle of influence**. Our friends, family, and loved ones are our first Mission Field. We can conduct our missions at work, or at the supermarket. God raises special people for Ministry abroad. We should support them through prayer, and finances. We all know that not all of us are called to go to distant lands, but, we can make a difference right where we live.

- This is what EVANGELISM is all about! → We're **ALL CALLED** to **EVANGELISM**.

This is the **TRUEST FORM OF MISSIONS!** Pastor Rick Warren wrote:

- Our mission is a privilege.
- Telling others about eternal life is the greatest thing we can do for them.
- Our mission has eternal significance.
- Our mission gives our own life meaning.

NOTES:

Basic Training – Lesson 4: “The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit”

Who is the Holy Spirit? He is: _____ & _____ & _____.

The topic of the Holy Spirit is so vast, that it could take up the entire 10 weeks in itself to study. Even still, we would only be scratching the surface. The **Holy Spirit is GOD**, and **He is also JESUS**. He himself is part of the **Trinity**. For this lesson, we are going to try to broaden everyone’s perspective of the Holy Spirit of God. We are going to look specifically at the following areas:

Who is the Holy Spirit?

How did he get here?

What is his purpose & ministry?

What are the Fruits of the Spirit?

What are the Gifts of the Spirit?

What is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?

Before we begin the study, I’d like to reflect from Lesson 1; we were created in the image of God. We have a **Spirit, Soul & Body**. (1 Thes. 5:23) **Gen. 2:17** tells us that when Adam & Eve ate of the forbidden fruit, they passed onto humanity Spiritual & Physical Death.

- **Our Body** – The Shell that we live in here on Earth. We are Temporary – **James 4:14**
- **Our Soul** – The Psychological part of us; Our Intellect, Our Will, & Our Emotions.
- **Our Spirit** – Is the part of us that was created to KNOW GOD; TO BE ALIVE WITH GOD.

Once we accept Christ as Lord and Savior, our Spirits immediately **COME ALIVE** again; thus, the Born Again experience (**John 3** – Nicodemus & Jesus). Our Spirit is the place in us where God LIVES. **2 Cor. 1:21-22, & Eph. 1:13 (Sealed with the Holy Spirit)**

- *It is God who makes us stand firm in Christ.*
- *He anointed us.*
- *He set his seal of ownership upon us*
- *Put his spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*
- *Having Believed, We were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.*

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity> God the Father, Jesus the Son, and himself, the Holy Spirit. He is God living inside of us. He comes in to any home or heart that would welcome him.

- **Rom. 10:9-11** – **“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”**
- **Religion of Islam** – They believe Allah will NEVER ENTER into Man.
- **Christianity** – Jesus Christ, Yahweh, will enter in Man and Abide in him.
- **There is no longer a NEED for the Ark of the Covenant** – **We are the ARK!**

HOW DID HE GET HERE?

First of all, the spirit of God has always been in existence. In fact **Gen. 1:2** says that the **“Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”** After the fall of man, the Spirit of God became disconnected with man due to SIN. God & Sin have no fellowship together. God’s plan of reconciliation was to send Jesus to

earth as a man, to die for the remission of all sins, thus restoring and reconciling himself back to mankind **John 1:29**.

Just before Jesus died on the Cross, he said, **“it is finished,”** bowed his head and gave up HIS SPIRIT. **John 19-30**

His Spirit **IS THE HOLY SPIRIT**. When he gave it up for us, he literally made a way for God & Mankind to have a one on one relationship again. **Acts Chapter 1 & 2** speak of Jesus giving the apostles specific instructions not to leave anywhere until the gift his father promised comes upon them. This gift he referred to was the Holy Spirit.

After **40 days** together, the **Day of Pentecost** arrived. The Holy Spirit came to earth like a mighty wind and filled everyone in the house with himself. This was called the **Baptism of the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of Speaking in Tongues**. From this point in history to the present day, God’s Holy Spirit has been in communication with man. No matter what you have said or done in your life, if you have accepted Jesus as Lord & Savior, you are now able to have direct contact with God through His Holy Spirit.

WHAT IS HIS PURPOSE & MINISTRY?

1. First and foremost, the Holy Spirit is here to reconcile man back to God. - Many will listen and obey, many will not. The word says **“No one can come to me unless the father who sent me draws him...”** **John 6:44a** → He always points Man back to Christ!
2. We need to be careful of not interfering in the work of the Holy Spirit.
Example: Nagging your mate or loved one to go to church or they will burn in Hell.
3. Next, The Holy Spirit is here to help us **get sanctified!** → **“But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.”** - **2 Thes. 2: 13**
4. He is our Counselor, Comforter, Teacher, our Friend. **John 14:26, Is. 51:12** He will lead us into paths of righteousness and truth if we would only submit, trust, and obey. **“Sanctification”**

WHAT ARE THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT?

Read → **Galatians: 5: 22-26**

Love	Joy	Peace	Patience	Kindness	Goodness
Faithfulness		Gentleness	Self-Control		

What about the Flesh? Read → **Gal. 5:19-26**

- **Flesh** – Where the Will, Emotions, and Intellect reside.
- Our Flesh must be surrendered to God, and we must learn to **Walk in the Spirit**.

Jesus said **“A Tree is known by its fruit”** **Matt. 7:20** An apple tree is known because of it’s apples.

The characteristics of the Holy Spirit or **“fruits”** are the visible attributes in a person who is filled with the Holy Spirit. The word says **“Against such things there is no law.”** A person who walks in the spirit has already crucified his/her own flesh and has decided to live by the Spirit. The Spirit of God is what rules their hearts and these fruits are the manifestations of their actions.

WHAT ARE THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT?

Read: **1 Cor. 12: 4-11** & **27-31**

ALL GIFTS ARE FOR THE COMMON GOOD: We are all members of the same body!

1. Word of Wisdom - _____
2. Word of Knowledge - _____
3. Faith - _____
4. Gifts of Healing - _____
5. Working of Miracles - _____
6. Prophecy - _____
 - To Confirm God's Word – All Spirit / Not Intellect.
 - It is the work of the Holy Spirit to convict of Sin, of Righteousness & Judgment to come.
(*John 16: 8-11*)
7. Discerning of Spirits - _____
8. Speaking in Diverse Tongues - _____
9. Interpretation of Tongues - _____
10. Signs & Wonders - _____

PLEASE SEE: "The 20 Gifts of the Spirit" On Page 28-30 For Further Study.
• ***Please Review "20 Gifts" before going to Lesson 5.***

THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT:

When we are Born Again, we have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in us from that moment on! We must not think of the Holy Spirit as a "thing" or a "quantity." We don't receive **some now and some later**. The Holy Spirit is a **PERSON!** When he comes in, all of him is in **100%**!

Q. How can I receive the Holy Spirit, when he is already living in me?

R. You already have all of him in you.

Q. Do I receive some of the Holy Spirit at Salvation, and the rest later?

R. No. You have all of him in you at Salvation.

The key point we must understand is: **"When We Decide to Receive Him & the Gifts He brings."**

Example: "You may have a guest come over for dinner. They arrive earlier than expected. The food is prepared, but you are not ready to receive them. So, they are allowed to come inside and wait while you get ready. You powder your nose, comb your hair, and then go to greet them and receive them and their gifts. They have been in your house all along, but were not received fully until you were ready."

Once saved, the Holy Spirit is always in you. Until you are ready to **RECEIVE HIM**, you will not operate in the fullness of his power.

Jesus lived on Earth as God. Yet, he did not tell anyone until the right time. The Holy Spirit was always with Jesus. However, when Jesus was 30, he went to John the Baptist to get baptized in water. This was to fulfill the scriptures and give us the example. He was Baptized in water and the **"HOLY SPIRIT CAME UPON HIM & RESTED ON HIM"** Read **Matt. 3:13-17**

Once Jesus "RECEIVED" the HOLY SPIRIT, the POWER was **LET LOOSE!!!!**
The world has NEVER been the same since!
This was the beginning of his ministry on earth.

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT = Receiving the power given by God for the purpose of witnessing, ministry, & for God's own use. Read **Acts 1:8** & **Acts 2:1-4** & **Joel 2:28-32**

TONGUES:

- Speaking with tongues as the Holy Spirit enables you, is your spiritual prayer language to God, which edifies you yourself only. **1 Cor. 14:2**
- While speaking in tongues / prayer language, the Holy Spirit himself makes intercession on your behalf to God. **Rom. 8: 26-27** This is a powerful tool in your arsenal!
- Speaking in tongues for the purpose of Prophecy edifies the church.

Please note: Prophecy **ISN'T** telling the future or Giving Predictions; It **IS** speaking God's Word as the Holy Spirit enables you or the prophet being used by God. **1 Cor. 14:4**

AT HOME: Read **1 Corinthians 12, 13, & 14**

This will help you understand a little deeper. You may have questions after reading these chapters. If you do, simply write them down and bring them in to the next class. We will take time to address every question you all may have before moving onto the next lesson.

HOMEWORK:

YouTube: **"Kundalini Warning: Are False Spirits Invading The Church?" Parts 1, 2, & 3.**

- Really Good documentary regarding the looniness that is often seen in the Pentecostal Church that is attributed to the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit."
- Convulsions; Severe Shaking; Animal sounds; Screaming; Falling Backwards; Soaking; Etc.
- These are NOT Holy Spirit Baptism's but FLESH.
- I recommend taking the 30 minutes to watch all three clips.

NOTES:

Basic Training – Lesson 5:

“Worship & Sacrifice”

We were all created to Worship! We bring pleasure and joy to God through our worship of him. If we are **NOT** worshipping God, then who or what are we going to worship? Typically it's ourselves. No matter who you are, you will **instinctually worship something, or someone**. In most cases, we worship celebrities, loved ones, or sadly enough, ourselves. We look out for number one.

What is Worship? How can we worship God? Why should we worship God?

1. What is Worship?

- The truest definition of worship is simply this: ***“Anything you do which brings pleasure to God, is worship”*** (Obedience)
- Worship is far more than singing songs!
- Worship is a lifestyle.
- Worship is **NOT** for our benefit, but for God's benefit.
- Worship comes from you naturally as you get to know God. (Not Cheerleading)
- ***“Worship is the thank you that cannot be silenced.”*** Max Lucado (Jer. 20:9)
- ***Worship is in the pain and in the gain.***

TRUE or FALSE: “It is impossible to know God without Worship!” _____

2. How can we Worship God?

There are many forms of worship. Everything we do in life that brings glory to God **IS** worship. However, most of us think that worship consist primarily of singing, clapping, shouting, dancing, etc. This too **IS** worship, however, worship is not narrowed down to just that.

Other ways we can worship God: ***Our Expressions of Worship Unto God***

- Give to the needy
- Praying for your enemies
- Being a peacemaker at home & work.
- Trusting & Obeying God.
- Tithing / Giving
- Loving God
- And the list goes on, and on, and on... (Phil. 4:8-9 – ***“Think on these things...”***)

Worship sets the table... God serves the Hot meal. = We all eat together at the Table of the Lord.

As new converts, we immediately recognize that God died for our sins, and made a way of Salvation for us. So, initially, we worship him based on the Gratitude for our Salvation. As time goes on, and we draw nearer to God, we get prayers answered, our sicknesses are healed, we begin to understand grace, we learn that God is a promise keeper, we received the baptism of the Holy spirit, and so many more things. This is when our worship becomes as natural as breathing. ***“This is the air I breathe”***

PLEASE NOTE: God's Love for us is **UNCONDITIONAL**. God's Promises are **CONDITIONAL**.

We should come to a point where we don't worship God to **“Get things”** or for **OUR** benefit, but instead, worship him for who **He is**, and thank him for what He has and continues to do.

*** God is NOT SANTA CLAUS. He doesn't serve us, we serve him.**

The word of God gives us many examples of worship. Here are a few:

- **Psalms 95:1-7** – Assemble; Sing for Joy; Shout Aloud; Come with thanksgiving; Extol him with music and song; Bow Down; Kneel before him.
- **Psalms 121:1-2** – Lift up my eyes to the hills, where my help comes from...
- **1 Tim. 2:8** – Men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer without anger or disputing.
- **John 4:24** – God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship him in spirit and in truth.
- **Rom. 12:1** – Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice... This is our spiritual act of worship.
- **1 Chron. 16:29** – Ascribe to the Lord... Bring an offering and come before him...
- **Matt. 5: 23-24** – If you have a gift offering at the altar and remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift and go be reconciled to your brother.
- **Read & Discuss: Rom. 8:8 & Matt. 15:8 = (FLESH & HEART – SPIRIT & TRUTH)**

3. Why should we worship God?

- To please him → To know him → To express our love to him.
- Why do we lift our Hands in worship? A. _____ .

Example: Christmas Gifts or Birthday gifts to our kids or loved ones:

Happiness doesn't need to be taught to them. They immediately demonstrate their joy and happiness with you. You also feel appreciated and loved for giving. Everybody is happy! The Giver and Receiver.

- The Opposite of Gratitude is Entitlement.

IMPORTANT: Lucifer lost his job in Heaven as Worship Leader of God's Angels. **He didn't lose the gift.**

* **Rom. 11:29** – *“For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”*

* That's why our Music is **SO DISGUSTINGLY** and **REPULSIVELY PERVERTED, Twisted and Evil!**

* Satan uses his God given gifts to defile God. He knows how to stir the hearts of people through music. He knows how to invade your soul without permission. He knows how to mimic the throne room of God here on earth to seduce you into a music induced trance or frenzy. **BE CAREFUL! BE ON GUARD!**

* Worship is now OUR RESPONSIBILITY and OUR MINISTRY.

* We must worship our God in Spirit and In Truth.

John 4:24 – *“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.”*

* **Discuss Together (I Am's → Ez. 28: 2-10 & Lucifer Ez. 28: 12-19)**

SACRIFICE

Worship and sacrifice go **hand in hand**. **Sacrifice cost us something.** God shows up at the place of sacrifice. When we let go of “Self” or “possessions” or “obstructions”, God shows up. God wants our focus on him, not anything else.

“RE-GIFT” – Mean Nothing! There's NO SACRIFICE ATTACHED TO IT! / NO BLESSINGS!

Sometimes we get too comfortable in our lifestyle and we forget about God. We don't want to pray. We are tired from working. We also don't want to give a portion of the finances that we worked so hard for. We forget that everything in our life, God has provided for us. **“What we are not willing to sacrifice, we will never get beyond”**

“We learn how to act religious, but there is no change in our life” Our sacrifice should be something that brings us closer to God. Not negotiating **what we want**, but telling him **how great He is**. Everything else will fall into his perfect plan for us.

Read & Discuss: Rom. 12:1-2 1 Sam. 15:22 Ps 51:15-19 & 54: 6-7 Heb. 13: 15-16

1. Rom. 12:1 - _____
2. 1 Sam. 15:22 - _____
3. Ps. 51: 15-19 - _____
4. Ps. 54: 6-7 - _____
5. Heb. 13: 15-16 - _____

Q. We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise ??? / We Give Him the Fruit of Our Lips ???

Through these passages of scripture, what have we learned?

- We are to be a living Sacrifice (Pleasing to God) It's our Act of Worship
- Obedience is better than sacrifice. → Example: Fasting & Prayer 40 days, 1 act of disobedience nullifies the fasting and praying.
- God will never turn away a broken spirited heart, or contrite spirit. He nurtures that in a person.
- Sacrifice a FREEWILL offering when you are glad, cheerful and joyous.
- Continually offer up a sacrifice of praise, fruit of your lips, even when your body and mind doesn't want to!

What are some ways we can present sacrifice to the Lord?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

80 % of Success in Life is Just Showing Up. (On Time) ☺ Be Faithful!

The entire theme of this lesson can be derived from this short portion of scripture:

Heb. 13:20-21

"20 May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, 21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Basic Training – Lesson 6: “The Three T’s – Time, Talent, & Treasury”

3 Principles to understand before Getting Started:

- Every Seed Begets Itself – **Gen. 1:11**
- Whatever you sow, you will reap – **Gal 6: 7-10**
- Every Seed requires Time before Harvest – **Gen. 8:22**

Q. *How can we be more involved and effective in the life of our families & Soul Purpose?*

R. By cheerfully applying the “3 T’s” = “**Time, Talent, Treasury**”

TIME: **Measurable** **Never Stops** **Can’t get it back**

Ecc. 3: 1-8 **“A Time for Everything”** **(Solomon = The Wisest Man who EVER lived)**

- God is not bound to time at all, he lives in the realm of Eternity.
- Jesus split time in half at the Cross. **BC/AD**
- We are born into time; All we have is Time.

Our life is like a vapor – **James 4:14** *“Why you do not know what will even happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”*

- *The Enemy wants us to think there’s still time to decide to follow Jesus...*

What is important to God is the Time we set apart to be with him. → Holy & Acceptable.

Read: 1 Peter 1: 13-16 *“Be Holy Because I am Holy...”*

What exactly is being HOLY? (To be Holy is to be Set Apart)

Q. Give me 3 Words That Best Describe you? 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Apostle Paul called himself the Chief of all sinners (**1 Tim. 1:15**); Yet he wrote the Majority of the New Testament.

Hosea 10:12 – *“ Sow for yourselves righteousness and reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is TIME to SEEK until he comes and showers righteousness on you.”*

TALENT: **Gift’s** **Unique Abilities** **Call** **Purpose**

Parable of the Talents: Story found at **Matt: 25:14-30**

Key Verses: **vs.15** *“To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, to another one talent, each according to his ability...”*

vs. 28-30 speaks of the masters return and his swift judgment on the ones who did nothing with their talents.

- Each according to their OWN ABILITY
- Take from one and Give to another
- Upset with the lack of use with the gift.

Example: Parents giving gifts to children > ***“Joshua’s Bike?”***

Also: Principle of Consumers vs. Contributors, **80% / 20%**

* Same holds true in Banking: **80%** Live check to check without saving / **20%** Invest and Prepare.

GIFT: Rom. 11:29 *“For God’s GIFT’S and his Call are Irrevocable”*

CALL: 1 Thes. 4:7 *“For God didn’t CALL us to be impure, but to live a Holy Life”*

TREASURY: 10% First fruits Not Optional

Q. Where did the tithe come from?

R. God **Duet. 14:22**

Q. Why must we tithe?

R. God’s house **Duet. 14:29**

R. Holy to the Lord **Lev. 27:30**

Q. What happens if we don’t?

R. Curse & Consequences – God is the One who releases Curse.
God Allows Financial Hardship **Mal. 3:8-12**

Q. What if we borrow from it?

R. Add a 5th to it = **20%** = So now it’s **30%** Tithe **Lev. 27:31**

* **Only 3 Reasons why any person will NOT Tithe – 1. FEAR 2. GREED 3. UNBELIEF**

Key Scriptures:

Duet. 14:22 *“Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year.”*

Mal. 3:8-12 *“Will a man rob God? Yet you Rob me. But you ask, How do we Rob you? In Tithes and offerings. You are under a curse – the whole nation of you – because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. TEST ME IN THIS, say’s the Lord Almighty “and see that I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pest from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit” Says the Lord Almighty. Then all nations will call you blessed for your is a delightful land. Says the Lord Almighty.”*

Hag. 1: 5-11 *You have planted much, but harvested little... You eat but never have enough You drink and never have your fill. You put on clothes and you are never warm. You earn wages only to put it them in a purse with holes in it.*

Why? Each of us is busy with our own house.

Prov. 3:9-10 *“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. Then your barns will be filled to overflowing and your vats will brim over with new wine.*

Prov. 11:24-25 *24 One man gives freely, yet gains even more... Another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. 25 A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.*

Prov. 21:13 *If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.*

Luke 6:38 Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured onto your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Read: **2 Cor. 9:6-15** Instructions on Sowing Generously: Or How to Give.

<u>MATH EXAMPLE:</u>	Weekly Pay: \$ 850.74	Move Decimal 1 space to left	\$ 85.07	Tithe
	Weekly Pay: \$ 1,206.84	Move Decimal	\$120.68	Tithe
	Weekly Allowance: \$5.00	Move Decimal	\$.50	Tithe

The Amount doesn't matter at all. **The Obedience Does.**

We can Trust God with our finances. He will take the **90%** left over and stretch it to meet ALL your needs. Furthermore, there will be an overflow, where you will not have room to store your goods. Miracle Living! A True Disciple, Tithes. A Person who isn't tithing properly, is robbing God, and has allowed the devourer to wreak havoc in their finances.

**** If they are robbing God, then they cannot be trusted to serve in Leadership or any ministry capacity.***

If we could all apply the "**3 T's**" in our lives, Our home, family and in our church, we will all be blessed to overflowing by God. I pray that this lesson motivates you into the knowledge that we are all workers in the Lords vineyard.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few..." (Matt. 9:37)

Let's be on the "**contributing**" side and be a blessing to others, besides ourselves alone. As we begin to give God the first fruits, we will begin to see not only a change in our own lives, but in those around us whom we serve and love.

NOTES:

Basic training: - Lesson 7: *“Be The Church”*

The only institution ever directly begun by Jesus is “His church.”

- In Matthew 16:18, He said, *“I will build My church, and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it.”*
- Ephesians 5:25 says that Christ **“gave Himself for the church.”**
- Jesus prayed for the church in Gethsemane before He died on the Cross.
- He gave *Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers* (**Five Fold Office Gifts**) to build up the church. (Ephesians 4:11-12).
- Paul instructed Timothy on proper order in the church; He also called the church the Pillar and the Ground of Truth. (1 Timothy 3:15).
- Most New Testament letters were written to specific bodies or assembled groups of believers, and were often named by the city in which the church was located. (*Corinthians, Ephesians, Galatians, Philippians, Colossians, etc.*)
- Jesus did not merely die for the salvation of individuals; He also established that Christians are a part of a larger body, His church.

Church Membership is Biblical

Eph. 2: 19-22 *19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*

There are **Numerous Signs** which point to our current day’s as the **“Last days”** of the Church age.

- Church Age Began at day of Pentecost, and will End at Rapture of the Church.

Jesus originally came to earth to deal with the SIN, & Death Problem and to Appease God’s wrath with Mankind. He had to make a way to be reunited with His bride, the Church. (Unblemished)

- So, He purchased her, with His own **BLOOD**. = **SACRIFICE** → God’s WRATH = Satisfied
- **Read = Gen. 2:24** – What did Jesus do for us? _____
- Why? _____

Ex. = Jewish Wedding Rituals: (Parallel) Ancient Jewish Custom during Christ Time on Earth.

- When a Bride and Groom were **“Betrothed to Each other”** for Marriage.
- A **dowry had to be paid**. – Great Price had to be paid. (Protect wife & Guarantee security)
- The Groom also had to work to expand his father’s tent, home, and territory to receive the Bride.
- The groom would work for a time to prepare a new home for his new family.
- Prior to wedding, a servant of the household would be sent out to announce the wedding.
- At Wedding, Both Families would meet first in the streets, and then the wedding would take place.
- Afterwards, they would go to the Fathers House. (All Biblical Parallel’s)

Jesus came to Earth to be with His bride. → **Perfect Lamb of God.**

- John the Baptist was sent first to Prepare the way of the Lord.

- Jesus came. He died, rose again & ascended to Heaven to prepare a place for us:

John 14:1-3 *“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”*

One of the Scariest & Most Horrifying Statements in the Entire Bible: **“GOD is GOOD.”**

- **Why?** = Because God is Good, and We’re NOT!
- If He is good, then He must satisfy His Own Justice by dealing with the worlds SIN.
- Jesus paid our SIN debt in FULL. However, anyone outside of Jesus, is doomed to face a Holy, Righteous & GOOD GOD. → HE will have JUSTICE!

Opening Scripture **Eph. 2:19-22**, is talking about a building or a structure, not built with **WOOD, STEEL** or **STONE**, but a **Household** built by the **SPIRIT of God! (PEOPLE)**

- **JC** is the **Chief Corner Stone**. (Cornerstone is the **FIRST STONE** used in building project)
- Through Jesus, all the **rest of the stones** come together to form the **HOLY TEMPLE!**
- **1 Peter 2:5 – Living Stones** *“You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”*
- **Living Stones? Spiritual House?** What is this all about? = **The Church, The BRIDE of CHRIST!**
- The cornerstone is the **strongest stone** which typically is the **weight bearing stone** that takes the entire load of the structure onto itself. - **JESUS is our CORNERSTONE!**

This building’s foundation was built by the Apostles and Prophets of old, even those who were Martyred. (All Disciples were martyred except 2)

- To you Peter and **ALL Disciples**, (Members of His church) I give the Keys to the Kingdom!
- **Matt. 16:18-19** – *“...And the Gates of Hades (HELL) Shall NOT prevail against it.”*
- Whatever you Bind on earth; whatever you Loose on earth; Bound and Loosed in Heaven.
- We have **SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY!** **WE REPRESENT HEAVEN ON THE EARTH.**
- ***If there is a church out there where Hell is winning, It’s NOT JESUS’ CHURCH!***

Passage: 1 Cor. 12: 12-31 – We are members of Each other. Like it or NOT, We’re members EACH OTHER! We’re ONE BODY, Baptized into it by ONE SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS.

- God himself is the one who Set the BODY TOGETHER as HE PLEASED! = It’s HIS PLAN!
- Every Part in the Body has different functions that HELPS, ASSIST, EDIFY the ENTIRE BODY!
- In other words, we NEED EACH OTHER! → We EACH serve a Purpose in the Body!
- One part can’t say to the other, *“I HAVE NO NEED OF YOU.”* Instead, we should be saying, *“I NEED YOU AND YOU NEED ME!”* → Together Forever!
- Body of Christ – CHURCH Family – WILL Last Forever! Into Eternity!

Christ Loves His BRIDE the Church, He gave himself for Her. (**John 3:16**)

- **Eph. 5:25-27** – *“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”*
- The Word of God should be the Central FOCUS at every meeting in Every church!

- ***A church that compromises the message, compromises the church.***
- The Gospel of Jesus Christ must be taught in Truth, without softening the message.

Jesus is Coming for a church that is UNITED! NOT DIVIDED.

PLEASE NOTE: It is IMPOSSIBLE to BE THE CHURCH by yourself!

- **Matt. 18:20** – *“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”* Church = GROUP!
- **Heb. 10:25** – *“not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

You can't sit home and watch Christian TV & Be The Church. *Benny Hinn; Joseph Prince, Creflo dollar; Joyce Meyers, TD Jakes, etc.* - You can learn YES, but you GROW and MATURE in Christ, by being PART of the BODY! → Jesus HIMSELF was not ALONE! = He had 12 Disciples! He was ONLY ALONE for Prayer & CONSECRATION!

Too Many Lone Rangers out there! → Gypsy's, Nomads, Wanderers, Drifters, Vagabonds.

- All having gifting and calls on their life but not wanting to commit to a local assembly.
- Wanting **AUTHORITY** without **ACCOUNTABILITY!**
- Wanting the platform, but not the pastor or the parishner's.
- Want a Place to Visit and draw from when they are in need. = **But NO COMMITMENT!**
- Why, Cause they DON'T want to be a part of the CHURCH!

Illustration: It's like saying to your friend: *“Dude, I love you, but I can't stand your wife!”*

- Is this a compliment? Is this genuine friendship? = MY wife & I are one!
- If you don't like my wife, you don't like me, or my family!

With Christ it is the same = We can't say, *“I love Jesus”* *“He is my Lord”* But *“I can't stand the church!”* *“I don't need no church.”* *“All they want is my money.”*

- You can't be committed to Christ, and NOT the CHURCH! (OXYMORON)
- That's like saying - *“He is a Wise Fool.”* = Double Meaning. (OXYMORON)
- ***To exclude yourself from the church is to exclude yourself from Christ.***
- Not going to church, should Not ever be an OPTION.

The Church is HIS LIVING ORGANISM ON EARTH! HIS INSTITUTION! HIS KINGDOM ON EARTH!

- The church is made up of Born Again believers that are **actively involved** in the life of the church.
- The Purpose of the Church is to assemble, Grow and Mature together, multiplying and making disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Church is a **SPIRITUAL REFUELING STATION!**

The Members: Pray together; Worship together; Study God's Word together; Encourage, Exhort and Build each other up; Share together; Serve Each other; Stand in Gap for one another; Are accountable to each other; Live lives without Compromise together; Evangelize together; Cast out Devils; Etc.

- Bible Literacy is the Heartbeat of the Church.
- Members of the Body wear the Full Armor of God – **Eph. 6**

NOT EVERYONE is PART of this BODY! NOT ALL ARE CHILDREN OF GOD! MISCONCEPTION!

- **John 1:10-13** – “He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”
- We are not all God’s Children (OPRAH WINFREY)! **YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN!**
- **(JOHN 1:12) (Rom. 10:9-10)**

CHURCH is the BRIDE of CHRIST: God has given gifts to His church – **To EQUIPT US!**

- **5 Fold OFFICE GIFTS** of the Church (**Eph. 4:11-13**) **Apostles; Prophets; Evangelist; Pastors; Teachers** – All for edification of the Church.
- **20 Gifts of the Spirit** – (We have covered these in detail in previous classes, pages: **28-30**)
- Without these Gifts, the body cannot function normally and will die.

God is also so faithful, He gave us His HOLY SPIRIT to comfort us and guide us until He comes for us!

HE NEVER LEFT US ALONE AS ORPHANS! → John 14:8 “I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you.”

- He gave us HIMSELF! → HIS HOLY SPIRIT! → Because of HIS GREAT LOVE!
- It’s through the Holy Spirit that we have Power to be Witnesses / To go & Make Disciples, to Preach the Gospel (**Acts 1:8**)
- The Power to Forgive one another (**John 20:22-23**).
- The Holy Spirit is GOD dwelling Inside of Us. (**2 Tim. 1:14**)

Jesus gave His CHURCH a MANDATE – The GREAT COMMISSION! Evangelism!

- **Mark 16:15** – “And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.””
- The Church is to COMMISSIONED, to **CONTINUE the Mission**, that Jesus started on Earth until He comes again! → It’s that SIMPLE!
- God has **EQUIPPED US TO BE THE CHURCH** among this EVIL WORLD and DEMONIC FORCES of WICKEDNESS which LURK all around us! AND → WE HAVE AUTHORITY AND DOMINION OVER IT ALL! (**Luke 10:19**)

So where am I going with all of this? It’s TIME FOR THE CHURCH TO = BE THE CHURCH!

- Not a building of 4 walls, but a **BODY**, a **LIVING ORGANISM** of GOD’S LOVE on earth!
- Not a place to pass out business cards and networking.
- **A House of Prayer** = A place for BROKEN PEOPLE; For the SICK & HURTING; THE OUTCAST!
- **Home for** = Pimp; Prostitute; Drug Dealer; Homosexual; Liar; Cheat; Crook; Bum.
- **ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORDS TABLE!**

The CHURCH is GOD’S NEXT LEVEL! → VICTORIOUS over the ENEMY!

- The Only way we can be the CHURCH – is to **WALK in LOVE!** = NO OTHER WAY!
- **LOVE TIES EVERYTHING TOGETHER!** → **WITHOUT LOVE, we are NOTHING!** **1 Cor. 13**
- Can’t be the church or the body of CHRIST **without LOVE.** (Shame on us)

Col. 3:14 – “But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.”

Eph. 5:1-2 – *“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”*
Christ was and is our example.

John 13:35 – *“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

There is NO SUCH THING AS A “LOVELESS CHRISTIAN!” → IT’S IMPOSSIBLE!

LOVE FOSTERS = UNITY; FELLOWSHIP; OBEDIENCE; FORGIVENESS; Compassion; PEACE; JOY!

LOVE – COVERS MULTITUDES OF SIN! → LOVE – Hold’s no records or wrong doing.

LOVE – Conquers ALL! → Love Endures all. → LOVE is FAITHFUL! → LOVE is NOT PHONY!

LOVE is INTENTIONAL! → It’s an ACTION!

LOVE is NOT = PROUD = PRIDEFUL = or ARROGANT! = SHALLOW = SHADY = COLD or DISTANT!

LOVE IS = MERCIFUL = PATIENT = KIND = GENTLE and RESPECTFUL!

GOD IS LOVE! **1 John 4:7-8** – *“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”*

LOVE is CREDIBLE & VISIBLE

Eph. 2:19-22 (Opening Scripture) says: “We are no longer Strangers or Foreigners”

- We KNOW what it is to WALK with Christ → We know what it is to BE THE CHURCH!
- It’s time for the body of Christ to BE THE CHURCH. = Not talk about it anymore, BE THE CHURCH!

CHRISTIAN AUTHENTICITY: TRUE CONVERSION = CHANGE!

- A Christian is not known by how well they “ACT THE PART.”
- They are not known by how well they Shout, Clap, Dance, Sing aloud, or even how big their bible is under their arms. (Ten Commandment Tablet Bibles)
- A Christian is not known by how many “Hallelujah’s” “Amen’s” or “Praise the Lords” they say.
- They aren’t known by how much “Christian-ese” they know, or how big their SMILE is.
- Christians are known because of their FAITH in JESUS CHRIST and because of their LOVE for GOD and Love for Others! → LOVE can’t be faked!

Be the CHURCH. → Stay Connected!

- Love more.
- Pray More.
- Learn More.
- Share more.
- Give More.
- Be More!

GOD BLESS YOU!

CLASS COMPLETED! ☺

Soul Purpose Evangelical Church!
Basic Training Course

The 20 Gifts of the Spirit in BRIEF: (GET DVD FOR BETTER NOTES)

1. **WISDOM** – The ability to perceive life & truth from Gods word, make decisions, and give guidance according to God’s will.
 - **James 3:7** – But the **wisdom that is from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.
2. **KNOWLEDGE** – The ability to have an in depth understanding, and an ability to communicate Spiritual truth into a specific situation.
3. **FAITH** – The Spiritual ability to see what isn’t, as though it is, and trust God to do it His way and in His timing. Further, being able to Trust God yourself, and encourage others to trust Him as well, no matter what! **Heb. 11**
4. **HEALING** – Miraculous ability to be used in God’s Healing power to restore a person who is sick, injured, or suffering. (*Countless Scriptures*)
5. **MIRACLES** – Being able to perform supernatural works, signs and wonders that give authenticity to God’s word and gospel Message. **MIRACLES DON’T SAVE > THEY POINT TO CHRIST!!!**
6. **DISCERNING SPIRITS** – A spiritual Ability to determine whether or not a message, person, or event is truly from God. To discern between spirit of evil, and spirit of God, between flesh & spirit, and between truth and error. (**Acts. 13: 9-12**) *“Paul had experience with Elymas the Sorcerer.”*
7. **TONGUES** – The ability to speak in a foreign language that you have no knowledge of, in order to communicate with someone who speaks that language.
 - The gift is to be used publically to bring praise to God **1 Cor. 14:12**;
 - To edify the body of believers **1 Cor. 14:5**;
 - To be used as a sign of judgment against unbelievers **1 Cor. 14:21-22**.

TONGUES are a supernatural Heavenly LANGUAGE; The ENEMY does NOT understand it!

There are 2 types of Tongues = “PUBLIC / PERSONAL”

- **PERSONAL** = For Edification of Self - **1 Cor. 14:4 & 26**
- *Holy Spirit makes intercession for us through the tongues. **Rom. 8:26***
- **PUBLIC** = Corporate/Assembly = **1 Cor. 14:5** Interpretation is for the edification of the church.

“SHATTER THE MYTH”: Tongues were for the “OLD DAYS, OLD TESTAMENT”

- Not ONE SINGLE PERSON spoke in tongues in the OLD TESTAMENT!
 - UNDER NEW COVENANT – HOLY SPIRIT = SEALED US, NOW WE HAVE TONGUES, GIFTS!
 - **UNTIL HOLY SPIRIT DEPARTS AT RAPTURE!**
8. **INTERPRETING TONGUES** – The ability to translate tongues and communicate it back to others in their own language without having studied that language. **1 Cor. 14:27**
9. **ADMINISTRATION** – The Spiritual ability to give guidance, pilot, or steer. The help the people of God direct its life and order. One who deals with People and not necessarily paper, and who is able to keep things organized and in accordance with God’s principles.
10. **HELPS**– The spiritual Ability to come alongside others and support them. Always having the desire and ability to help others and to do whatever it takes to get a task accomplished.
11. **ENCOURAGEMENT** – The Spiritual ability to come along side a person who may be hurting Spiritually or Emotionally and offer them a word of comfort, encouragement, admonishment and the Truth in Love. To gently challenge them to Walk in the Spirit.
- There was a man named **Joseph**, renamed **Barnabas**(Son of Encouragement) by the apostles based on his work with the early church. **Acts 4: 36-37**
12. **GIVING** – The spiritual ability to give financially or materially to the needs of others within the body of Christ or the community in which they live. They express this gift with simplicity **without drawing attention to themselves.**
13. **MERCY** – The spiritual ability to give aid and/or manifest pity to those who are physically, emotionally, or spiritually help-less. An expression of compassionate Love in action.
- TABITHA – abounding with deeds of kindness and charity **Acts 9:36**
14. **SERVICE** – The spiritual ability to meet the physical needs of people within a community of believers/unbelievers. **EVERYONE HAS THE ANOINTING TO SERVE!**
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15. **LEADERSHIP** – The Spiritual ability to stand before a group of people and lead them in a deep walk with the Lord, or mission project, the building of a new community of Christians or elders in a meeting.
16. **EVANGELIST** – The Spiritual ability to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ redemptive story to a dying and lost world, lost in their sin and shame. Evangelist are also called to equip others to develop their spiritual gifts. **Eph. 4: 11-12**

17. **PROPHET/PROPHECY** – The spiritual ability to speak forth the mind and counsel of God.
- Some may argue that prophets were used in Old Testament but now God doesn't use Prophets.
 - NOW, Prophetic **ALWAYS CONFIRMS** what God has **ALREADY SPOKEN!**
 - Prophecy's should always encourage, comfort, strengthen. **1 Cor. 14:3**
 - Weigh it, Discern it. **Eat Fish = Spit out bones 1 Cor. 14:29**
 - Many **LIVES HAV BEEN WRECKED** by **FALSE PROPHECY'S!**
 - **JUDGE EVERY PROPHETIC WORD** to see if it is from the LORD! (In-Line w/ Word of God)
 - God **STILL USES** the gift of Prophecy.
 - New Test. **EAGERLY DESIRE TO PROPHECY!** **1 Cor. 14: 1&3**
18. **APOSTLE** – One who is Sent forth empowered by the Holy Spirit with the Good News of Salvation and the universal authority in matters of Doctrine for the disciples.
- Apostles are also **CHURCH PLANTERS!**
19. **PASTOR** – The spiritual Ability to shepherd the flock of God (guarding, guiding, encouraging, warning, etc.), feed them the word of God, and equip them to find/discover their gifts so that they to can do the work of the ministry. **Eph. 4: 11-12**
- Pastor is one of the “**5 Fold Office gifts**”
 - Pastor's **MUST HAVE TEACHING GIFT!** **IMPOSSIBLE TO PASTOR W/O GIFT**
20. **TEACHER** – The spiritual ability to take the TRUTH from Gods Holy word and explain it clearly so that the flock will understand it and apply those spiritual truths to their lives.
- **A TEACHER** can teach without being a **PASTOR**, but **PASTOR CANNOT** be a **PASTOR without** the **TEACHING ANOINTING/GIFT.** (**Impossible**)
 - Natural teaching teaches on any given subject as it relates to that subject.

Spiritual Teaching communicates biblical truths and motivates men and women to live a life of godly obedience to that TRUTH. **To live for Christ.**

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PRIDE POEM

Author Unknown

**My name is Pride. I am a cheater.
I cheat you on your God given destiny...
because you demand your own way.
I cheat you of contentment...
because "you deserve better than this."
I cheat you of knowledge...
because you already know it all.
I cheat you of healing...
because you're too full of me to forgive.
I cheat you of holiness...
because you refuse to admit that you're wrong.**

**I cheat you of Vision...
because you'd rather look in the mirror than out of a window.
I cheat you of genuine friendship...
because nobody's going to know the real you.
I cheat you of Love...
because real romance demands sacrifice.
I cheat you of greatness in heaven...
because you refuse to wash another's feet on earth.
I cheat you of God's Glory...
because I convince you to seek your own.**

**My name is Pride. I am a cheater.
You like me because you think I'm always looking out for you.
Untrue.
I'm looking to make a fool of you.
God has so much for you, I admit, but don't worry...
If you stick with me,
You'll never know.**