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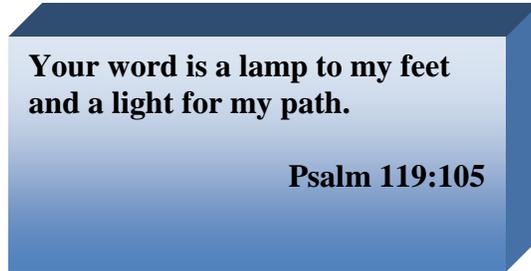
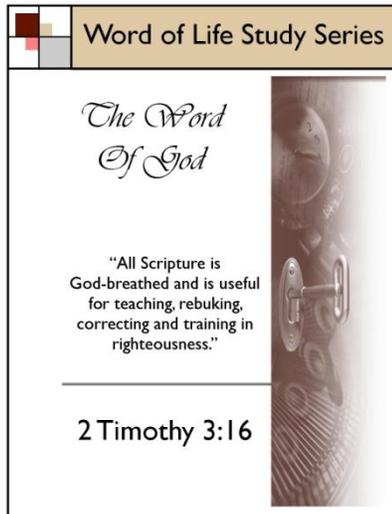
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## Unit 1: How the Bible Came to Us

**How is it possible that over 35 writers over a time period of around 1500 years were able to write the various books that comprise our Bible today without any contradictions?**

The only solution is a divine author spoke through them. The Bible is the Word of God, preserved by God, and inspired by God.

**How were the books of the Bible written and then copied?**

By using various writing material such as papyrus(reed), parchments(animal skin), stone tablets, wood, a group of scholars arose whose responsibility was to study and copy the books of the Old Testament. They were called scribes, or the doctors of the law, experts in the Law of Moses.

**How does it affect your faith, now having a better understanding of how the Scriptures came to us?**

The journey by which our present day Bible has made, to get into our hands is nothing short of a supernatural act of God. He is faithful watched over His Word- Jeremiah 1:12

## Unit 2: The Canon of the Bible

**What does the word “Canon” mean?**

The word “canon” comes from the Greek *kanon*, meaning “a measuring rod or reed,” and signifies a rule, a standard. Hence, the Canon of the Bible consists of those books considered worthy to be included in the Holy Scriptures.

**The Old Testament was divided into three parts, name them:**

The Law, The Prophets & The Writings.

## **What is the significance of the “Dead Sea Scrolls?”**

They testify to the early existence of the Old Testament Canon and further validates our existing collection of Old Testament books.

Why are the Apocryphal Books not considered to be inspired?

Not one of the apocryphal book is quoted in the New Testament and in order for a book be considered a part of the canon, it had to have been written by a prophet. As far as the New Testament was concerned, was the book written by an Apostle, or one who was closely associated with the Apostles?  
What examples of internal evidence do we have that the New Testament is inspired?

Jesus promised his disciples that the Holy Spirit would bring all that He had said to their remembrance in John 14:26. The various writers of the New Testament documents were either eyewitnesses or had access to those who were.

## **Unit 3: Bible Translations**

### **The Bible was written in what three original languages?**

Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. These languages are still spoken in some parts of the world today.

### **What assurances do we have that modern Bible we have today is accurate?**

At present we have 4,500 manuscripts of the New Testament. This number is significant when it is considered that scholars are willing to accept ten or twenty manuscripts of classical writings to consider a work genuine. Contrast ten or twenty with thousands of manuscripts of the Bible.

## **Section 1 Bible Reading:**

### **John Chapter 1**

#### **Why did Jesus come into the world?**

vs. 4-5: To bring eternal life that is the light of men that overcomes the darkness.

vs. 12-13: So people could be become children of God.

vs. 16: So from that from the fullness of His Grace we would all receive one blessing after another.

vs. 29: As the Lamb of God He came to take away the sin of the world.

vs. 33: Baptize us with the Holy Spirit

### **John Chapter 2**

#### **What did Jesus mean by this statement in verse 19, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days?” See Also \*John 2:20\***

Jesus spoke of His resurrection from the dead (Psalms 16:10; Acts 2:27; 13:35), He would be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth- Matthew 12:40.

### **John Chapter 3**

**What did Jesus mean when He said, “You must be born again?”**

A spiritual new birth must occur for people to enter God’s Kingdom – 2 Corinthians 5:17; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:23; 1 John 3:9-10

### **John Chapter 1**

**Who is the “Lamb of God” and what does it mean?**

Jesus is the lamb of God, our substitute for sin- Romans 3:25- Atonement- Hebrews 9:25 & 10

### **John Chapter 2**

**Why did Jesus clear the temple? How does that apply to us today?**

God’s house is meant to be a house of prayer not of extortion and of the love of money.

### **John Chapter 3**

**In verse 15 Jesus talked about eternal life, what does that mean?**

John 10:10- God imparting His very nature, substance, and being to our human spirits.  
2 Corinthians 5:21

## **Unit 4: Inspiration Explained**

**What role does the Holy Spirit play in bringing about the inspiration of the Scriptures?**

Men spoke from God as they were carried by the Holy Spirit. Assured the existence of an exact and true record of the redeeming work of Christ God overruled human limitations and sinful biases so that His spokesmen were able to write what He wanted written. God guided the thought conveyed so that it was without error, accomplishing the objectives He intended.

**Does inspiration mean that everything that is recorded in the Bible came from the mouth of God? Explain.**

Certainly not, the Bible records the words and acts of God, men and the Devil. It is very important to take careful note of who is speaking.

**What is meant by “God-Breathed” as it pertains to the Scriptures?**

Just as God breathed into Adam spiritual life, the “breath of life,” so He breathed into the body of Scripture the breath of His life.

## **Unit 5: God's Final Authority**

### **Why cannot one come to the Bible as he/she does any other book?**

Since all the words of the Bible are God-breathed, it contains their very spiritual life of God in it. This spiritual element places the Bible in a class all by itself!

### **What does the “Verbal, Plenary Inspirational View” mean to us as Christians?**

“Verbal” signifies the words, and “plenary” means “full,” or “complete,” as opposed to partial. Through the miracle of inspiration, the Bible is the Word of God, while being the words of men. Inspiration, then, is the process whereby Spirit-moved men (2 Peter 1:21), produced Spirit-breathed writings (2 Timothy 3:16)

### **Why do atheists, agnostics and liberal theologians have a problem accepting the Bible as infallible?**

Their natural minds are unable to comprehend spiritual realities. Due to deep seated philosophical reasoning, and a spiritually dead condition, they are incapable of understanding and accepting that the Bible is God's Final Authority for all matters that pertain to life and conduct.

## **Unit 6: Revelation Knowledge**

### **What is the difference between “General” and “Special” revelation?**

General revelation is acquired by observation about God that can be known through nature and through the human conscience. Special revelation comes to us through the Bible. In it we come to know the nature of God and the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.

### **How has the Holy Spirit illuminated you in regards to God's Word recently?**

*Your Own Comments!*

## **Section 2 Bible Reading:**

### **John Chapter 4**

#### **What is eternal life?**

It is the God-Kind of life that is imparted into the human spirit through the new birth. It is the very nature of God becoming our nature. God is love, and we have that same nature in us as new creations in Christ Jesus. It also means that we will spend eternity in the very presence of God.

### **John Chapter 5**

#### **How has crossing over from death to life affected you personally?**

*Your Own Comments!*

## **John Chapter 6**

**Jesus said, “I am the bread of life,” what does that mean to you?**

He is the source of all I need for life. In him I live, and move and have my being- Acts 17:28 . Nothing else in this world satisfies like Jesus!!!

## **John Chapter 6**

**Why did many of the disciples of Jesus desert Him?**

Impure motives! Just because they did not understand fully at the time what Jesus meant, was no reason to leave Him. It certainly separated the curious seekers from the truly devoted.

## **Unit 7: God’s Word - Power**

**How is spiritual warfare waged in the spirit realm?**

Through words, it is through words that spiritual authority is released. Jesus gave us the keys to the kingdom of Heaven.

**Fire as it pertains to the Bible is referring to what?**

An act of judgment, and purification. Just think of it, as the Word of God is being spoken, the fire of God consumes the enemies of God, and purges our life.

**How does God’s Word act as a hammer, what affect does it have upon a hard heart?**

God uses his Word to break stony hearts, and bring the new birth to the sinner or new life to the saint.

**Does God purposely put evil in our lives like cancer or accidents to teach and discipline us?**

Satan is the thief that comes in an attempt to kill, steal and destroy through trials, tests and temptations. However, God he can salvage, and work the best out of a situation so that it is not a total loss- it is never God’s best that we suffer at the hand of the evil one. How much better to read the Bible and heed it’s warnings, instructions, and admonitions and avoid tragedy all together, at least that is the goal we should all strive for. Remember, God uses his Word to train and discipline us, in order to produce a harvest of righteousness (Hebrews 12:4-11).

**What is meant by, “cleansing her by the washing with water through the word” in Ephesians 5:25-27?**

By implementing the word of faith principles in Romans chapter 10 concerning the Scriptures that cover sanctification, holiness will result in a transformation by grace. To put on Christ, and to clothe ourselves with the new creation as spoken of in Ephesians 4:20-24 & Colossians 3:1-14, we must put the Word in our mouth, and our heart. Put the creative power of God’s Word to work in your life.

## **Unit 8: God's Word - Sustenance**

### **What is meant by God's Word being incorruptible seed?**

Just as the potential for life is within a natural seed, so the Word of God is waiting to germinate, and produce life in the heart of the believer. This seed lives and abides forever- Matthew 24:35

### **How do we get God's Word down into our spirit in order for it to nourish us?**

God's Word is our primary way of nourishing ourselves spiritually. The Word of God is our bread of life. When we meditate on God's Word, we are eating God's word and ingesting it into our spirits- Psalm 119:103

### **What is God's medicine and how do we take it so we can experience healing in our bodies?**

God's Word is health in a man's whole body- Proverbs 4:20-23. As you meditate (mutter) his healing Scriptures they will eventually get in your spirit, where faith will grow, and release the healing power of Jesus into your body.

## **Unit 9: God's Word - Revelation**

### **God's Word is spiritual light, what does that mean?**

Just as natural light reveals this natural world, the Word of God reveals the kingdom of God to us. We can walk with God, and not stumble around in ignorance. The measure of God's Word that you are walking in, and living from day to day is the measure of spiritual light you are walking in.

### **What do we see when we look into the mirror of God's Word?**

God's Word is a spiritual mirror that reflects a spiritual image unseen to the natural eyes. This true image of who you are in Christ Jesus can only be seen through the eyes of God's Word. This is the way God sees you, and this is the way you stand positionally before him through Jesus.

### **If God's Word is the rock on which we build our lives, what benefit does that give us as Christians?**

Regardless of the prevailing winds of false doctrine and crisis, God's Word sustains us, and supplies the grace we need in order to overcome.

## **Section 3 Bible Reading:**

### **John Chapter 7**

**What was Jesus talking about when He said, “Streams of living water will flow from within him”?**

Jesus spoke of the effect that the Holy Spirit would have upon the life of the believer, in regards to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. A river speaks of power that flows, it contains the same substance of water that is within the well of salvation. The river speaks of the anointing of the Holy Spirit for service, to be a witness.

### **John Chapter 8**

**How did Jesus deal with the woman caught in the act of adultery?**

Jesus was ushering in the New Covenant which is based on mercy and grace. He dealt with her as he deals with us, forgiving of sin and exhorting us to sin no more. Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ, that does not condone sin, but gets to the root of sin in order to remove it.

### **John Chapter 8**

**How does the truth of God’s Word set us free?**

The King James Version of the Bible states that the truth will, “Make you free.” John 17:17 *“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”* Through the washing of the Word of God, we are cleansed from sin and those things that try to hold us in bondage. God’s Word has the power to set us free from any bondage. Remember, the Word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword!

## **Unit 10: Why Study The Bible**

**What is meant by, “The Clarity of Scripture”?**

Martin Luther, the sixteenth century Reformer was convinced that what was obscure and difficult in one part of Scripture was stated more clearly and simply in other parts of Scripture. Some parts of the Bible are so clear and simple that they are offensive to those suffering from intellectual arrogance.

**Why is it so important that we study the Bible?**

Number one, the Bible tells us in Hosea 4:6, “my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge”. The Word also tells us in 2 Timothy 2:15, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” Jesus said the Truth sets us free, so we see that it’s in our best interest to the study God’s Word and God commands us to as well.

**The Bible among many other things gives us an “Eternal” perspective, what does that mean? is it so important that we study the Bible?**

Only God can provide us with an eternal perspective and speak to us with absolute and final authority. The Scriptures come to us as divine self-disclosure. Here the mind of God is laid bare on many matters. With a knowledge of the Scripture we do not have to rely on secondhand information or bare speculation to learn who God is and what he values. In the Bible he reveals himself.

## **What is the sensuous Christian, and how can we avoid that trap?**

What is the worldly or sensuous Christian? “One who is highly susceptible to influence through the senses,” as one dictionary puts it. The sensuous Christian lives like the world does, by his feelings rather than through his understanding of the Word of God. The mature believer is rooted and grounded in God’s Word, speaking and acting according to Biblical beliefs whether he feels like it or not, or whether it is popular or not.

## **Unit 11: How to Study the Bible**

### **What is the benefit of having a spiritual diary as you study God’s Word?**

One of the dangers of devotional reading of the Bible is the tendency to skim over the pages of our Bible without thinking about what we are reading. Later on we don’t have the faintest idea of what we read. The best way to prepare the mind for Bible reading is to have a pencil ready to write down what we observe in the passage. We more readily learn something if we write it down.

### **What is the purpose of using the synthetic method of Bible study?**

Since the Bible is comprised of 66 books, a very effective way to learn the basic message of each book is to use the synthetic Bible study method. This method helps us overcome one of the most common mistakes in Bible reading which is the tendency to see Scripture as isolated verses instead of understanding the message of the natural literary divisions. The purpose of synthetic Bible study is to get to know a book of the Bible as a whole. By using this method, we will be able to see the unity of the book and better understand the reason why the author wrote as he did.

### **What is the difference between the topical and biographical methods of Bible study?**

The purpose of the topical method is to know what the Bible says about a certain topic. The topic can be limited to a certain book of the Bible or it can be a study of what the whole Bible says about a concept, an idea or a question which you may have. Perhaps you have been asked a question that you can’t answer at the moment. Or perhaps you want to develop a Bible lesson about a certain topic. The topical method gives you the opportunity to develop a study over whatever topic you wish. If you choose a broad topic, such as Love, try to subdivide your topic into more concrete topics, such as “The Love of God”, “Love Your Neighbor”, “Love Demonstrated in the Body of Christ.”

The purpose of the biographical method is to learn everything possible about a Bible character by studying the biographical details in one book of the Bible, or by doing a complete Bible search for information about him or her. There are around three thousand persons mentioned in the Bible. The narratives of their lives is a rich source of information about the plan of God for all humanity.

## **Unit 12: Bible Interpretation**

### **What is the difference between Objectivity and Subjectivity when it comes to interpreting the Bible?**

The greatest danger of private interpretation is the clear and present danger of subjectivism in biblical interpretation. Which simply means, placing a personal bias on explaining the meaning of what the Bible is saying. When people read into the Bible what they want, project their personal view or put words into God's mouth, error occurs. Which is a place where none of us wants to be.

### **Having read a number of Bible interpretation principles, which one stands out to you the most, and why?**

Understanding Dispensations:

The subject of dispensations is most important as it weighs heavily upon the subject of Bible interpretation. Ignorance or lack of regard in this area can result in a lot of problems. The NIV translation uses the words "times" while many other translations uses "dispensation". It refers to a measure of time with a beginning and an end. From the beginning of time as we know it in the Garden of Eden to the endless age where the Book of Revelation ends; human history from a Biblical perspective is divided into dispensations, times and ages. These unique periods of time require from us special consideration, understanding the specific circumstances that ruled that period, unique revelation given by God. Most importantly, realizing that when a new dispensation starts some of the rules change.

### **What is meant by, "The Analogy of Faith?"**

When the Reformers broke with Rome and claimed the view that the Bible was to be the supreme authority of the church, they were very careful to define basic principles of interpretation. The primary rule of Bible interpretation was called "the analogy of faith." The analogy of faith is the rule that Scripture is to interpret Scripture. In other words, Sacred Scripture is its own interpreter. This means, quite simply, that no part of Scripture can be interpreted in such a way as to render it in conflict with what is clearly taught elsewhere in Scripture. For example, if a given verse is capable of two renditions or variant interpretations and one of those interpretations goes against the rest of Scripture while the other is in harmony with it, then the latter interpretation must be used.

## **Section 4 Bible Reading:**

### **John Chapter 9**

**What do you think Jesus meant by that statement, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."**

Jesus was referring to exposing hypocrisy and the traditions of men. Though individuals sincerely seeking God will find Him, but those using God for their own personal advantage will not see the truth, but will remain in spiritual darkness.

## **John Chapter 10**

### **How is Jesus our Shepherd, what does that mean to you?**

For me, I like to reference Psalms 24 and 91 which speak of God's protecting, providing and guiding hand in my life. The Israelites were big time shepherds, so God used that vocation to draw parallels in regards to His indescribable love upon our lives.

## **John Chapter 10**

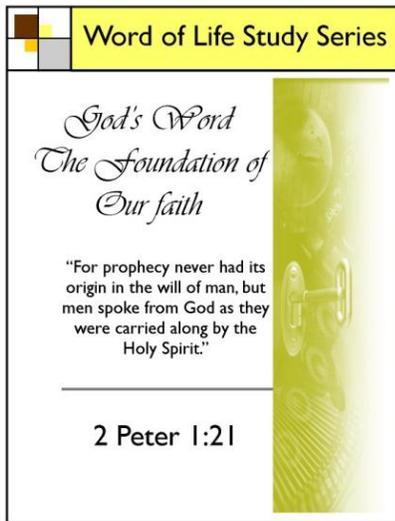
### **Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." What does that mean for us today?**

Every Good and Perfect gift comes from our Father God according to James chapter 1. Unless we see things as children, and not complicate God we will see this awesome revelation of this truth- "Good God and Bad devil". Simple, profound and Biblical theology that will revolutionize a believers' life.

## **John Chapter 11**

### **What is Jesus talking about when He referred to Himself as "the resurrection and the life?"**

Jesus came into the world to destroy the Devil's work according to 1 John chapter 3. Satan had the power of death, but Jesus defeated and stripped him of that power through His Death, Burial and Resurrection. If that same Spirit that raised Christ lives in you, He will also quicken your mortal body. Jesus not only gives us spiritual life but also for our soul, body and every other area that concerns you- let's not limit God, for he has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness!



**And we also thank God continually, because when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.**

**1 Thessalonians 2:13**

## **Lesson 1: The Inspiration of the Scriptures**

**What circumstances surround the writings of the Bible that prove it's inspired by God himself?**

The Bible was written by 40 different men over a 1,500 year period, in different parts of the world, time, environment, personalities and culture. Yet they were consistent in what they wrote and did not contradict one another. The only solution is a divine author spoke through them. The Bible is the Word of God, preserved by God, and inspired by God.

**Why are the fulfillment of thousands of prophecies of the Bible so important?**

About 3,300 verses of prophecy have been fulfilled, predictions made hundreds and even thousands of years before fulfillment. Not one detail has failed. Already, most of them have been fulfilled and are being fulfilled today. The Bible is not a man originated book but God's blueprint for the redemption of mankind, outlining his strategies and recording his victories. It is plain to see that by the prophetic nature of the Scriptures that it is a book inspired by God.

**Does the Bible contradict true science?**

The Bible is scientifically and historically correct. No one man has ever found the Bible at fault in any of its hundreds of statements on history, astronomy, botany, geology, or any other branch of learning. When science sets out to disprove the Bible, it only confirms it as our final authority for all matters of human existence.

**What is it about the Scriptures themselves that speak for themselves concerning inspiration?**

The Bible is the inspired, God-breathed Word of God. The Bible is an inherent, infallible book. It contains words, phrases, and sentences as it was originally written. The Word of God contains no errors. Doctrinally there is no error. The essence of the Word is still intact even when it is translated into other languages. God is more than able to preserve the integrity of his Word and to protect his eternal truths for all generations.

## **What happens to the individual who reads the Bible but does not put it into practice?**

The Bible was not meant to be read like a magazine or newspaper. Just pick it up at our leisure and flip through the pages and read the articles we only like and say, “Oh that’s nice, hey John come look at the pretty pictures in the back of my Bible,” and then the next minute forget what we just read (like the Sunday morning message we heard last week). At least that is better than what happens to some Bibles, they become beautiful ornaments on the coffee table to display our piety, yet the pages are still stuck together because they are never opened. God is calling us to a vibrant living faith that starts by getting back to the Bible and seriously reading it with the intention of putting it into practice in every area of life.

## **What kind of an attitude do we need to approach the Bible?**

The Bible is a spiritual book that is only unlocked to the reader by the Holy Spirit. The believer must approach it as a child who, without question, accepts the sacred writings as absolute truth. Unfortunately, in our zeal for accuracy, biblical criticism has left the sensible boundaries of proper hermeneutics and has reasoned away the supernatural. This practice has thrown many people into a black hole of unbelief and confusion. God says what he means and means what he says. The Word of God will challenge you and will require change- we must be open to change!

## **Lesson 2: The Power of God’s Word**

### **If words are containers, than what does God’s Word contain?**

Words are containers of the substance by which they are communicated- love or hate, good or evil, blessing or cursing. God’s Word contains his grace (God’s Power & Ability). A spiritual force of life and power at work in us who believe. God’s Word is anointed with the Holy Spirit’s power!

### **What is meant by the Scriptures being “Living and Active”?**

The Word of God is living and active- Another Greek rendering for living is “Quick and Alive” and for active, “Operative, Effectual, and Powerfully Working”. In other words the Bible is not another dead book. The pages of the Bible record living words that DO SOMETHING!

### **Jesus said in Luke 8:11 that “The Seed is the Word of God” what does that mean?**

God’s Word is living seed that germinates and produces life and substance to meet every need of our lives. Our spirit is the ground in which the living seed is planted to produce an abundant harvest. Take God’s word and sow it in your life by confessing the Scriptures and in time you will reap a harvest.

### **What does the Greek Word “ZOE” stand for?**

We have been speaking about the life of God “ZOE” eternal life. This life is packed into God’s Word, the Bible. Here we see where that life comes from- Jesus Christ. This life produces light which produces revelation knowledge and understanding of who God is and his plan of redemption for our lives.

## **How is the Bible transformed into living bread for us to eat spiritually?**

Our daily bread consists of the Word of God. As we have already discussed, Jesus is the incarnated Word from the Father. Eternal life is released through his Word. Breaking open the daily bread of the Bible, gives us the spiritual strength to walk out our Christian faith. The Holy Spirit is faithful to serve us the bread from heaven (Revealing Jesus) as we partake of the Scriptures.

## **What is meant by the phrase “Crave Pure Spiritual Milk” in 1 Peter 2:2?**

The Milk of God’s Word speaks of the very basics that new believers should be exposed to in order to build foundational truths for their Christian life. Natural milk is very easy to consume and digest, God designed the mother’s formula to be perfectly suited for the baby’s physical growth needs. The same is true for certain biblical subjects which is God’s formula for spiritual babies-feed and develop spiritually.

## **Lesson 3: The Entrance of His Word Gives Light**

### **According to Acts 20:32, what is “The Word of Grace” capable of doing?**

God has made ample provision to meet all the needs of his children. He has given us his written will and testament, the Bible which spells out our inheritance as his sons and daughters. The natural use of the word inheritance infers the death of the father and his children inherit his estate. Jesus came to earth to bring the kingdom of God into our lives.

### **The Bible talks about a “Deposit” of the Holy Spirit, what does that entail?**

God wants us to enjoy heaven on earth today and not wait until we are absent from the body and present with the Lord. He wants us to enjoy his presence, love, joy, peace, righteousness, holiness, victory, healing, prosperity and fellowship with the family of God right now on the earth! Praise God, he has given us the earnest of our inheritance: a deposit, portion, firstfruits, sample, taste, and example of heaven in our lives today.

### **What does it mean to be redeemed from the “Curse of the Law?”**

Jesus has redeemed us from the curse of not keeping the law of God perfectly in our lives- read Deuteronomy 28:15-68 for a full account of the curse (via the work of Satan). The curse follows sin, but Jesus, *“Sacrificed for our sins once for all when he offered himself.”* and *“And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood”* (Hebrews 7:27; 13:12). The curse should not oppress our lives anymore- Acts 10:38. Since we are in Christ, who redeemed us and lived the perfect life in our place (we are His righteousness) the blessing of Abraham and of keeping the law (Deuteronomy 28:1-14) belongs to us to enjoy today.

### **So where is our Glorious Inheritance revealed to us?**

God’s Holy Written Word has recorded upon its sacred pages every detail of our inheritance on earth and gives us a glimpse of what we will receive in heaven.

### **What does it mean to walk in the Light?**

Jesus is the Word and the light of the world. His Word is truth and light. When we walk in obedience to the Word of God, we are walking in the truth and the light. According to 1 John chapter one, we have fellowship with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. Remember that light produces the quality of life we experience on earth both naturally and spiritually. More light means more life; less light means less life and more darkness.

### **What is God’s primary source of revelation knowledge for us?**

The Word of God is our treasure chest which reveals the mystery of Jesus Christ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:3). Consider the Bible as the gold mine of God, full of precious gold and rare jewels. Through prayerful study and meditation in the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit will lead us to the treasure and write them upon the tablets of our heart. Our lives will be enriched and we will prosper and be in health even as our soul prospers with the Word of God (3 John 2). God has no greater joy then to see his children walking in the truth of his Word and enjoy his good and perfect gifts (3 John 4).

## **Lesson 4: Faith Begins Where the Will of God is Known**

### **Why is the preaching and teaching of God’s Word so important?**

Both vehicles or modes of communication brings the Word to light. There is something so powerful when the Word of God is spoken from the heart. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God; without hearing the gospel, the good news concerning the redemptive work of Jesus, it is impossible to be saved. Upon hearing the Word, faith comes; believing that Word in your heart and confessing it out of your mouth brings the manifestation of the promise.

### **What is meant by the phrase, “The Holy Spirit and Word of God Agree?”**

The Holy Spirit would never lead you to do anything contrary to Scripture. The Holy Spirit leads us into all truth and unveils Jesus to us. Without the aid of the Holy Spirit, it is impossible to understand God and his kingdom.

### **What does it mean to “Have Ears to Hear” according to the Bible?**

The Bible often speaks of our ears as representing the pliability, openness, and receptiveness of our heart to the truth of God’s Word. When people hear the Word of God, there are many different responses based on the condition of the heart- refer to the parable of the sower.

### **List some of the benefits of praying the Scriptures?**

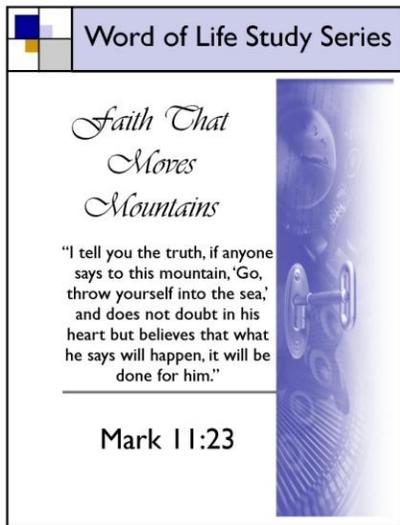
The epistle prayers that the Holy Spirit inspired the Apostle Paul to write are for the Church today to incorporate in their prayer lives. There is no doubt concerning praying according to God’s will when you pray the Scriptures.

### **How can we know what God's will is?**

If you are wondering what God's will is for your life, look no further, the Bible is God's will and testament. The Bible contains God's will and plan of redemption for our lives on earth and for all eternity. The Bible is the 'Logos' or written word of God, the 'Rhema' is the spoken word of God that is revealed by the Holy Spirit through the inward witness, voice of the Spirit or spiritual gifts. Remember that the 'Rhema' will never contradict the 'Logos'!

### **Why is it so important to differentiate between the activities of God and the devil?**

If we can learn to distinguish who does what and what comes from whom, then we can receive what comes from God and resist the Devil. So many Christians are confused in this matter and find themselves receiving evil from Satan, thinking it's from God; as a result; they don't stand against it in "Jesus Name" and they get ripped off and become a victim. Worse yet, God gets blamed for things he never authored or sent. Natural occurrences that are labeled as a so-called "Act of God" are nothing less than acts of a fallen creation that is often initiated by the prince of the power of the air- the Devil himself.



**I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...**

**Romans 1:16**

## **Lesson 1: The Word of His Grace**

### **What is the definition of Grace in this lesson?**

God's power and ability to do in and for you what you are unable to accomplish for yourself. Grace is also God's provision on our behalf concerning salvation, and all things that pertain to life and godliness. Every need, spirit, soul and body has been so abundantly provided by God through the redemptive work of grace that was accomplished by Jesus Christ.

### **How is God's grace released in our lives?**

The Bible is a living book, the words on those pages are containers of God's grace. This grace is released in your life when you mix God's Word with your faith. Heavens resources are at your finger tips, by just flipping through the pages of God's Word.

### **Where do we find everything that pertains to life and godliness?**

As we have mentioned earlier, grace is the power of God. According to 2 Peter 1:3, "*His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of God's Word.*"

### **What can diminish the power in God's Word for our lives?**

A number of things can: sin, ignorance, lack of faith to name a few. The message of the cross is the power of God for the salvation of the world. However, when God's Word is watered down by religious teachings that add, and take away from the gospel, the Word loses its power. Jesus made it plain, "Woe to you experts of the law, because you have taken away the key of knowledge" in Luke 11:52.

### **Why is the Bible more than just any book?**

The Word of God is more than just a book, it is the person of Jesus Christ. Before the incarnation of Jesus, He was known in eternity past as the Word of God. That is why the Bible is more than just a book, but is the second person of the Godhead in written form. His very life and essence is contained in God's Word- Jesus said, "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life." John 6:63.

## **Lesson 2: The Truth and The Anointing**

### **What does the word “Anointing” mean?**

The idea of contact, to smear or rub with oil. To smear something on a object. The Word of God is anointed by the Holy Spirit, smeared with his presence and full of power. *“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.”*

### **The phrase, “The Spirit and the Word Agree” what does that mean?**

The Holy Spirit will never lead or say anything contrary to God’s Word. The Holy Spirit was sent to reveal the truth of God’s Word to our spirit. Without the Spirit there would be no spiritual comprehension of God, and His kingdom. He uses the Bible as His text book to train the believer in the way of righteousness and truth.

### **Why is it important to “Always put the Word first, then the Spirit of God?”**

God’s Word is our final authority for all matters that pertain to life and godliness. It is the standard by which truth comes from. Since the Holy Spirit serves as a supportive role to Word of God, He does not speak apart from the Word. Therefore any prophecy, word of instruction or revelation that does not agree with the Scriptures is not from the Spirit of God- this principle keeps us from going flaky.

### **How does the “Truth” set us free?**

When a human being embraces the truth of God’s Word in their spirit, it will set them free. The Word has the power to deliver the worst sinner, drug addict or atheist on the face of the earth. Believers also need to submit themselves to the saving power of Jesus through his Word. Whatever the problem is, God has your solution in His Holy Written Word.

### **What did Jesus mean when He said “Knowing the Truth” will set you free?**

Not a head knowledge, but believing the Word of God in your heart where faith works. True, lasting freedom for our lives will come no other way. Prayer is a powerful means to bring God on the scene, but it is never designed to take the place of God’s Word. It’s the incorruptible seed that brings lasting life and changes in people.

## **Lesson 3: The Symbols of God’s Word- Part 1**

### **What is our spiritual sword and how is it wielded?**

Our primary spiritual offensive weapon is the Word of God. It is the key to winning successfully. Our objective is to get the Word of God in your heart, and out of your mouth. Waving the Bible in the air is not wielding the sword of the spirit. Only when you speak that word out of your mouth in faith, does it become the ultimate weapon in the universe.

### **An important symbolism of God's Word is "Fire", what does that mean?**

Fire in the Bible is referred to as an act of judgment and purification. Just think of it, as the Word of God is being spoken, the fire of God consumes the enemies of God, and purges our life.

### **God's Word is referred to as a "Hammer" how is it used in this fashion?**

God uses his Word to break stony hearts, and bring the new birth to the sinner or new life to the saint. He also uses that hammer to chisel his character, and nature on the tablets of our heart. He inscribes the new covenant in our spirit like he wrote the 10 commandments on the stone tablets- 2 Corinthians 3:3 *"Not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."*

### **Why is God's Word the key to our sanctification in our lives?**

By implementing the word of faith principles in Romans chapter 10 concerning the Scriptures that cover sanctification, holiness will result in a transformation by grace. To put on Christ, and to clothe ourselves with the new creation as spoken of in Ephesians 4:20-24 & Colossians 3:1-14, we must put the Word in our mouth, and our heart. Put the creative power of God's Word to work in your life.

### **What is meant by God's Word as a "Rod" and how do Christians get confused on this matter?**

God uses his Word to correct his children, not trials, tests, and temptations. Some people have the notion that God, and the devil work together to perfect the believer through crisis and tragedy. Nothing could be further from the truth! Good God, bad devil! Simple doctrine, but if you get them confused, you will find yourself in a heap of trouble.

### **How does one take God's medicine for his/her body?**

You may be asking yourself, "Well how do I take my medicine?" When you go to the great physician (Jesus) for healing, He will prescribe for you to ingest his Word day and night until your healing manifests. He will also tell you to continue in his Word, in order to keep the condition from ever coming back on you. As you meditate (mutter) His healing Scriptures, they will eventually get in your spirit, where faith will grow and releases the healing power of Jesus into your body. What is one of the two laws of Genesis and how does it pertain to God's Word?

## **Lesson 4: The Symbols of God's Word- Part 2**

### **Identify one of the two laws of Genesis and how does they pertain to God's Word?**

The first law is this, "Everything produces after its own kind." There is a natural side as well as a spiritual side to this law that God set in motion in Genesis chapter one. The seed of every living thing is within itself to reproduce itself. Trees reproduce trees of the same species. A bird and a fish cannot reproduce together.

## **Identify the other law of Genesis and how does they pertain to God's Word?**

The second law of Genesis is that, "As long as the earth endures, there will be seed time and harvest." Notice the Scriptures do not say, "Harvest then seed time." Before every harvest, there is always a season of planting. This principle is true in the spiritual as it is in the natural. To reap a spiritual harvest, spiritual seed must be planted first. The seed is the Word of God. Sow the Word in your heart through faith and reap a harvest of God's provision in your life.

## **How do we feed our spirit and with what?**

We feed our spirit through meditating in the Word of God. In our western world we are the fastest readers on the earth. Like the rest of our culture, everything is fast- quantity without a whole lot of quality. Meditation speaks of a slow savoring process that submerges oneself in the Bible to extract spiritual truth by the Holy Spirit.

## **What is meant by God's Word being spiritual light?**

The Word of God is a light that guides our life along the path of eternal life. It is our only source, and final authority for all matters that pertain to life and conduct. The Bible will always lead us into the presence of God to receive salvation, and all things that pertain to life and godliness.

## **What is it about God's Word that makes it a spiritual mirror?**

Mirrors in the natural are used by us every day. They give us an accurate reflection of what we look like. We have learned to trust them in that they portray a proper reflection of how we look from a natural standpoint. We have learned to appreciate and sometimes disgust the blatant honesty of a mirror. It reveals our good days and our bad days without any prejudice or bias. God's Word is a spiritual mirror that reflects a spiritual image unseen to the natural eyes. This true image of who you are in Christ Jesus can only be seen through the eyes of God's Word. This is the way God sees you and this is the way you stand positionally before him through Jesus.

## **How does God's Word act as a solid foundation for our lives?**

In the natural, the ideal foundation on which to build any structure is upon solid rock. The engineers will direct the construction crew to drill pylons deep into the ground until they can be anchored into sheer bedrock. This solid foundation stabilizes the structure against storms and earth quakes. When the believer, learns to practice the Word in every area of life, he/she is building their house upon a rock. Regardless of the prevailing winds of false doctrine and crisis, God's Word sustains us and supplies the grace we need in order to overcome.

## **Lesson 5: Man was Created in God's Class**

### **What is the significance of being created in God's image as it pertains to faith?**

This principle is absolutely essential to understanding faith, and its biblical operation in the child of God. God made mankind in his class, not that we are God, but we are his offspring according to Acts 17:28. Since faith operates out of the heart of God's people, being created as a spirit being means everything to the operation of faith!

## **In what way did Jesus demonstrate that our dominion has been restored?**

When Jesus was functioning in his earthly ministry, he exercised spiritual authority over the Devil, and the natural elements. He caused water to be turned to wine, multiplied bread and fish to feed thousands, raised the dead, cast out devils, healed the sick, and stilled raging storms. Jesus did all of these things by the Spirit of God through the faith as an example for us to walk in (Jn.14:12-14; 1 Jn. 2:5-6). All these feats were accomplished through the power of the spoken word!

## **Explain the tri-cotomy of man- particularly the unique aspects of each part?**

I am a spirit, I have a soul, and I live in a body. With my spirit, the real me I contact the spirit realm, conscience is the voice of my spirit. With my soul I contact the intellectual realm; reason is the voice of my mind. My soul is made up of my mind, will and emotions. With the physical body I contact this natural world and feelings are the voice of my body.

## **How is our spirit being developed- what constitutes spiritual growth?**

As you meditate on the Scriptures, your spirit is nourished and built up:

- Meditate On The Word Of God
- Practice The Word Of God In Your Life
- Put The Word Of God First Place In Your Life
- Instantly Obey The Voice Of Your Spirit

## **Lesson 6: Life and Death are in the Power of the Tongue**

### **Why does it matter what we say; what affect do words have on our lives?**

We are partakers of the fruit of our mouths all our lives whether we know it or not. We alone possess the power to choose the words we speak; as a result, our lives are either full of life or death. Jesus said in Mark 11:23 that, “*you can have what you say.*” We are the ones who make the beds we lay in. In other words I am a product today of the words I spoke yesterday.

### **What is meant by “Careless” or “Idle” words?**

Careless Word (Greek)= Useless, barren, idle, and inactive words. Words that are void of faith. What I mean by careless words is simply speaking words that are contrary to what the Bible says about the situation. Very often these people will speak what they feel or what they see in the natural. Perverse speech is speaking contrary to the truth, the truth of God’s Word says about you.

### **When the ten spies returned and reported to Moses, what does the Scriptures mean by a “Bad Report?”**

Let me suggest to you that it was not so much the testimony about what they saw- the people who were powerful, and the fortified cities, because that was true (Faith never denies the existence of circumstances, it denies the circumstance from exalting itself above the Word of God). It was the conclusion they came to. They had God’s promise on one hand, and the report of the spies (The report went beyond facts to opinion- a problem our journalists have today) on the other.

## What are the three things that words will do for us?

- a) **Locates us spiritually:** Matthew 12:34-35; Proverbs 16:23- You can locate a person by what they say if they are in faith or fear.
- b) **Sets the land marks of our life:** James 3:3-4- You will never rise nor experience God's blessing beyond your confession of God's Word. If you say you can't, then you can't!
- c) **Words you speak will affect our spirit:** Proverbs 18:4,8- Words that you speak are like seeds that are planted in your heart and will produce in time.

## People who talk a lot are usually guilty of one or more of these three sins- explain?

### **FOOLISH TALKING-** Ephesians 4:28

(Greek)-Useless, silly talk, idle speech, foolishness, buffoonery, dull or stupid, absurd & heedless. This kind of sin is typical of adolescents and people under some kind of substance abuse.

Jesting (Greek)-Witticism in a vulgar sense. Corrupt Talk (Greek)-Worthless and rotten.

### **EVIL SPEECH-** 2 Corinthians 12:20; Proverbs.20:19; Proverbs 10:8; James.4:11

Gossip(Greek)- Whisperer, talebearer. Slander(Greek)- Defaming, evil report, infamy, scandal. This kind of speech is directed towards others with the express purpose of hurting, and destroying their reputation.

### **VAIN SPEECH-** Ephesians 5:6 KJV; Psalm 59:12

(Greek)- Untruth, a sham, deceit, falsehood, a lie, empty words and long winded speeches. This refers to people who are always talking about who they are, what they have, and what they are going to do- James 4:13-16. Basically boasting, and bragging on themselves.

## **Lesson 7: Spiritual Laws**

### What is meant by words being a “Creative Force” and how does that apply to the believer?

God's Word that is conceived in your heart, then formed by the tongue, and spoken out of your own mouth, becomes a spiritual force releasing the ability of God within you. The spoken word of God is creative power. The kingdom of God responds to faith filled words. God never did anything that he didn't say first. He said it, then he did it. For believers, our lives are to be patterned after God- Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect; imitate your heavenly Father; anyone who claims to be in Him must walk as Jesus did.

### Why are words so important to the principles of Faith?

Words are unseen to the five senses but they are real. We cannot see electricity, but it has power to bless or destroy. We cannot see atoms but they are the building blocks of the universe. Words are the building blocks of the universe and through which our lives are constructed. If faith is the substance of things hoped for, than words are the raw material that faith uses to create the substance that manifests God's will and makes our dreams come true.

## **If words are containers, what do they contain and why is that significant?**

Words are spiritual forces that carry, and transport faith or fear, love or hate. What is in your heart will fill the words you speak, and produce what is contained in those words- *“For out of the fullness, the overflow, the superabundance of the heart the mouth speaks”* (Mt.12:34). Whenever Jesus spoke, his words contained spiritual life, because that is what he is full of.

Words contain life or death, faith or doubt, love or hate. Words can actually change, and create the very atmosphere of a room. If harsh words were spoken to your spouse or children in the morning, those words will hang over them throughout the day. If you saw someone with a gun, you would ask, “Hey, is that thing loaded.” Have you ever seen someone shoot their mouth off, wounding people, and killing their dreams. There is nothing more dangerous than a person with an unbridled tongue.

## **What is the “Law of Genesis?”**

The law of Genesis was established by God as a fixed law from the very beginning of creation. This law operates in the spiritual realm as well as the natural. The law of Genesis is this, “Everything produces after its own kind, and the seed is in itself.” It works this way all the time, it is an absolute law.

**Genesis 1:11-12, 29**

## **If “Faith Operates as a Seed,” what are the implications and applications of that statement?**

The promise of God won’t be realized in your life just because it is in the Bible, it must be mixed with faith! It requires faith, which works the Word in order to produce a harvest. The Word produces when it is planted in our hearts through meditation (Muttering the Word- Joshua 1:8-9).

## **Explain the “Law of Increase?”**

Whatever seed you sow, God will multiply it many times back to you. As mentioned by Jesus in the parable of the sower, we can expect a 30, 60, 100 fold return on our seed. God wants his children to live in abundance, to have a fully supply in every area of life. This is accomplished by taking the seed of God’s Word, and sowing it into your areas of need. God’s super abundance will overtake, and fill those areas with his bountiful increase.

## **Lesson 8: Introduction to Faith**

### **From a Biblical point of view, what is faith?**

Faith is the substance, confirmation, title deed, confidence, assurance and being sure of what we hope for. Faith is comes from God’s Word, and God’s Word is a person- Jesus Christ. Therefore, faith is of God, comes from God and it is through faith that everything is created and has it’s being!

### **What is meant by the statement- “Faith is Now?”**

Faith is always speaks in the present tense- Faith is NOW! If it is not happening now then it is not faith, because faith begins working the moment it is released out of your heart, and through your mouth. Hope on the other hand is always future tense. Faith says, *“I have it now* according to God’s Word. Thank you Jesus, by your stripes I was healed.”

## **Explain the principle of Faith being a “Substance” according to God’s Word.**

I am talking about a faith in God that manifests the kingdom of God on the earth, something that is real and tangible- Hebrews 11:3, is how the universe was formed. Just think about it, faith is not visible nor are words, but faith takes words, and releases them into space to create substance, and reality in our lives.

## **Faith is the “Evidence” please elaborate on this.**

Now the word, “Evidence” is a legal term that denotes words like, “Proof or Title-Deed.” The evidence is the Bible itself, God’s Holy written Word for humanity. It contains the Grace of God to release His power to reproduce after itself as spiritual seed and create a manifestation of it in the natural realm. Since it is impossible for God to lie, the integrity of God hinges upon His ability to honor and bring His Word to pass. Matthew 24:35, *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”*

## **List the three kinds of faith and provide a brief description for each.**

**Natural Human Faith:** It is simply believing with the five physical senses. What you feel, taste, touch, smell and hear. With the five physical senses we contact this natural world. This natural world is real to us because we detect it’s presence through our physical body.

**Bible Believing Faith:** According to Romans 12:3 God has given every child of God, “The measure of faith.” Over time, through the knowledge of God’s Word and experience of putting it into practice, you will acquire highly developed faith to receive what the Bible says is yours in Jesus.

**Special Faith:** Special faith is a temporary deposit of faith from God in your heart. Usually it is given in conjunction with the working of miracles. Special faith is a manifestation of the Spirit of God in a particular instance. This deposit of faith is beyond our capacity to believe.

## **Lesson 9: The Word of Faith – Part 1**

### **Is faith some sort of “Magic Wand” or “Formula?”**

Understand this, faith is not some, “Magic Wand” or “Formula” that anybody, regardless of their lifestyle or relationship with God can use. In other words, living by faith is a lifestyle, not a get rich scheme. We do not use our faith to manipulate or demand God for anything. Faith is simply receiving from God what he has already given us through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

### **When it comes to religious works, why is it such a curse?**

People who rely on a law of works, code of ethics, morals, and good behavior to earn their way into heaven are under a curse and have fallen away from grace. Our own works of righteousness in God’s sight is as filthy rags- Isaiah 64:6. Another thing, it puts all the burden on the individual; rituals performed in their strength.

## **What is the first “Word of Faith” Principle and how does it work?**

**The Word In Your Mouth:** Bible meditation is the way that we get God’s Word in our mouth. The very word “Meditate”, means to mutter or utter sounds. In Biblical context, meditation simply means to speak the Word of God over and over to yourself. To the world, this practice may appear strange, but it is so very fundamental to spiritual growth.

## **So what does the Bible instruct us to do in order to overcome bad habits?**

So if there is a area in your life where you are struggling to obey God, find the Scriptures that cover that area and begin meditating on them. Jesus said in John 15:7, *“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”* Instead of feeble attempts to obey God’s Word in your own strength, let the grace of God in his Word put you over into victory.

*Psalms 119:11*

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

## **How do we get God’s Word in our heart?**

Generally speaking, you must say it over a period of time for it to be really planted in the soil of your heart. The sowing is in the saying; God’s Word is sowed in our hearts when we speak it through meditating on the promises of God.

## **How do we dig up the seed out of our heart?**

We have seen that seeds are words, and the soil is the human spirit or heart. However, what instrument do we use to sow the seed- the tongue! The tongue has the potential to sow God’s Word for a harvest of blessing, but it can also dig it up, and sow weeds that will produce a curse. When we speak contrary, to God’s Word, speaking the circumstances or the words of the enemy we dig up God’s Word out of heart.

## **Lesson 10: The Word of Faith – Part 2**

### **What affect does “Right and Wrong” thinking have on our faith?**

Some people are in such a mess, because their minds are all screwed up with stinking thinking. They have all kinds of crazy off the wall concepts about God and life that have been placed there by the world and religious teachers. The Bible warns us about false teachers, and doctrines of devils that are poisonous to our faith. What we think is what we believe, and what we believe is what we do and receive in this life- good or bad!

### **How do we “Renew” our mind and why is it so important?**

The Word of God is given to us in order to straighten out our thinking by hearing the truth- via meditation. If our believing is wrong, our confession will be wrong. In other words, what we say will be wrong, and it will all hinge on our thinking. Our thinking has to be in line with the Word of God If you can control how a man thinks you can control the man- Proverbs 23:7.

## **Explain the difference between believing with your heart and mental ascent.**

**Mental Assent:** has been called the, “devil’s counterfeit” to true Bible believing faith. Mental assent can be simply defined as pre-mature faith in the form of head knowledge.

**Bible Believing Faith:** operating within the heart of a believer, produces a sense of being fully persuaded, having reliance, assurance, and confidence in what God says in his Word; in spite of what the five senses, and reasoning faculties may say about it. You can identify a believer who is operating out of this kind of heart faith by these signs:

A supernatural boldness in the face of insurmountable odds: David & Goliath- 1 Samuel 17:45

Such a peace that boggles the imagination: Elisha and the chariots of fire- 2 Kings 6:17

A confidence that holds onto the end: Abraham receiving the promise- Hebrews 11:11-13

## **What is the “Tricotomy” of man- explain the parts?**

God created us a three-part being- I am a spirit I have a soul and I live in a body:

**Spirit-** Voice is conscience, eternal and core of the human being

**Soul-** Voice is reason, made up of mind, will and emotions, is also eternal part of man

**Body-** Voice is feelings, the earth suit, vessel that gives us mobility and expression in the natural realm

## **List the three enemies of faith and how they affect our faith?**

Fear, Doubt & Unbelief. These are Satan’s main weapons that are designed to undermine, and destroy your faith in God.

**FEAR:** Fear is a paralyzing force that holds people in a helpless grip of torment. Fear is faith in the devil, in what he threatens to do. It comes in subtle disguises like worry and anxiety.

**DOUBT:** Questions the veracity of God’s Word as Satan did to Eve in the Garden of Eden- “Did God say...””. When doubts rise in your mind, they are thoughts from the enemy to contradict the truth of God’s Word. The Devil is the father of lies, and they produce doubt and fear- resist him with the Word in Jesus Name.

**UNBELIEF:** If doubt deals with the mind, then unbelief deals with the heart- a stubborn refusal to believe the truth. It is a rebellious, disobedient, hardened, and callused heart that knows the will of God but stubbornly chooses to disobey it.

## **Lesson 11: The Spirit of Faith – Part 1**

### **What is the difference between the “Word of Faith” and the “Spirit of Faith?”**

Word of Faith: Confession of God’s Word to cause faith to be planted in the heart- Heart Faith

Spirit of Faith: Confession of God’s Word from the Heart that causes mountains to move

Just having faith in your heart is not enough. Faith has to be released, and sustained in order to ensure a harvest.

## **List the three kinds of confessions; what is confession and what should we confess?**

### **Three Kinds of Confession:**

The lordship of Jesus Christ- Romans 10:9

The Believer's confession of his/her sins- 1 John 1:9

Faith in the Word, Jesus Christ, and God the Father- 2 Peter 1:2-4

### **What is Confession:**

It's affirming something that we believe

It's testifying to something that we know

It's witnessing to a truth that we've embraced

### **What we are to confess:**

What God in Christ wrought for us in the plan of redemption

What God through the Word, and the Holy Spirit wrought for us in the new birth, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

What we are to God the Father in Christ Jesus

What Jesus is doing for us now, seated at the right hand of the Father, where He ever lives to make intercession for us (Heb.7:25).

What God can do through us, or what His Word will do through our lips.

## **Explain the "Two" spiritual dynamics of Confession?**

**First It Locates You:** You can locate the spiritual position a person is in by just listening to them. Our words give us away, to whether or not we are in faith or in fear.

**Second, It Fixes The Landmarks Of Your Life:** We do not receive beyond what we say. If you say you can't, then you can't. You get nothing. But if you say you can, then you can.

## **So what constitutes a "Wrong" confession?**

To put it simply, a wrong confession either indirectly or directly glorifies the devil. A wrong confession, of course, is a confession of defeat, failure, and of the supremacy of Satan. Some Christians are always talking about their combat with the devil. They magnify the devil, and what he is doing. Anytime one talks of how the devil is holding him in bondage, how he makes him sick, how he is kept from success, it is a confession of defeat and failure.

## **Explain the two sides of redemption?**

It is necessary that there be a continual confession of redemption from Satan's dominion, and of the fact that he no longer rules over us with condemnation or the curse of the law. We are to, "Hold Fast" to our confession, because our confession is Satan's defeat. Jesus defeated the devil nearly 2,000 years ago at Calvary, but what he did for us legally has to become a vital, living reality in our lives. We will never understand thoroughly the Word of God until we can see clearly the two different sides of our redemption- the legal side and the vital side.

## **Lesson 12: The Spirit of Faith – Part 2**

### **Explain the principle of “Calling those things that be not as though they were?”**

This is what Abraham had done, he just took God at his Word and obeyed the promise, and called himself a father of nations even before he was one! So call yourself healed, prosperous, and full of victory, even before you have it physically in your life. For faith will add the substance (Healing, Financial, and Victory substance) that you hope for into your life (Heb.11:1).

Confession is a method of calling things that are not as though they are. If I am sick, I will confess, “I am healed by the stripes of Jesus. I am delivered from the authority of darkness. I am redeemed from the curse of the law.” I am calling my body well, and healthy on the authority of God’s Word.

When you call health into your body, it will nullify sickness and disease. Call abundance into your finances, and it will nullify lack. Calling things that be not is acting on the faith principles found in Mark 11:23. We are not denying the things that exist, by calling for something else in its place. Call it the way God promised it would be. Call the promise into manifestation. Use God’s method to change the problems that exist. Joel 3:10- *“Let the weakling say, ‘I am strong!’”*

### **Does the Bible teach that the promises of God in this life are automatic- why or why not?**

The promises in the Bible are God’s will for you. But they will not come to you just because they are in the Bible. You must call them into your life. I challenge you to check up on yourself. You have been calling things for years, and this is the reason you are in the situation you are in. You have been calling the wrong things. To change your situation, all you have to do is switch over to the positive side of the same principle.

### **Why is “Biblical Confession” not the same as lying?**

God and Abraham were calling those things that be not as though they were. The Bible does not say, they were calling those things that were as though they were not. Abraham did not go around saying, “I’m not old, I’m not old.” If he had said that, he would have been lying. Some have never understood the difference between a lie and a confession. A confession is based on the Word of God. It may seem to the world as a lie, but if God said it, how could you lie by saying what God said? Abraham did not deny the facts by saying, “I’m not old.” He called it the way God had called it, and his confession (Agreement with what God already said), overcame the natural facts, that said it was impossible for him and Sarah to have a child together.

### **Is there a danger for Christians to be guilty of praying the problem?**

The temptation comes to share your problems with others. Unfortunately, all this does is reinforce the problem. Remember the cardinal truth of faith, “Faith comes by hearing the Word.” Sharing the problem is calling those things that are as though they are, but worse! This is a big mistake that we make. By calling things that are as though they are, we are establishing the present circumstances. Why would we want to just talk about what we already have.

## **Explain the Biblical principle of “Believe you Receive”?**

*Mark 11:24*

*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

This principle, “Believe that you have received it” is such a crucial facet to the whole area of operating in the, “Spirit Of Faith.” Once you have released the spirit of faith through the confession of God’s Word out of your mouth, the vital process of standing in faith until the manifestation of the promise, begins.

## **What is meant by the “Eye of Faith” and the “Note of Victory?”**

**The Eye of Faith:** The eye of faith always sees itself with the answer in hand before it has ever manifested. We have been saying that faith always speaks the end result. If it’s not now, it’s not faith.

**The Note of Victory:** Faith sings best when there is nothing to sing about from a natural standpoint. When feelings of self-pity rise up, and the devil is playing a violin in the background, singing the blues, it’s time to stand up in the Spirit, and stop the music. The music of faith always gives glory to God, even in the deepest test or trial. According to the Scripture above, faith is strengthened when we lift our voices to heaven in praise, and adoration to the Most High. Faith has its highest expression through praise and worship, it is the note of victory- Acts 16:25-26- Paul and Silas in Jail

## **Lesson 13: Faith Works by Love**

### **Why is the “Law of Love” so crucial to the Biblical operation of Faith?**

God’s laws always work in conjunction to the whole counsel of God’s Word. If I am trying to operate in faith, and yet am violating other Biblical laws, my faith will be undermined and short-circuited from working. When I put the principles of the Love of God first place in my life, then I can rest assured that my faith will flow without a hitch. Walking in love keeps our hearts pure, free from sin with right motives. If a person with wrong motives or someone is living in blatant sin, tries to operate in faith principles, it simply won’t work. Like a person trying to start a car with a dead battery, nothing happens.

### **What major role does “Hope” play in conjunction with Faith?**

Hope provides the vision, goals, and objectives- target values, and mission statement. It’s the purpose for what we do, the plans, and blueprints for God’s dreams. Without Hope there is no ‘Reason’ to believe God and use your faith.

Hope can be defined as eager expectation. It provides us with the purpose, and incentive to press on with God to the finish line. It keeps the goal, objective, and destination before us as motivation to keep on keeping on. It produces purity, comfort, joy, boldness and vision for our lives!

## **Explain the Biblical implications to the principle of “By Grace Through Faith?”**

There is a God-ward side and man-ward side to every spiritual transaction or encounter that we will ever have with God. God’s side or responsibility is to supply his grace- Grace: God’s power and ability in us to perform on our behalf, that which we are unable to do for ourselves. Man’s side or responsibility is to respond to God’s provision of Grace by releasing faith in God- Faith: Acting on what you believe in your heart in regards to God’s promises, and provisions of grace. Grace is God’s gift to man, but it is through faith, that one’s receives the gift- God’s grace gives, and our faith in God receives these gifts from his hand. FAITH RELEASES GOD’S GRACE IN OUR LIVES AND IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS!

## **Why did Jesus put so much emphasis on the individual’s faith to receive from God?**

Since around 90% of the people under Jesus’ ministry received their healing through their faith in him; will we receive any other way either?

## **What are three reasons, why people fail to receive from God?**

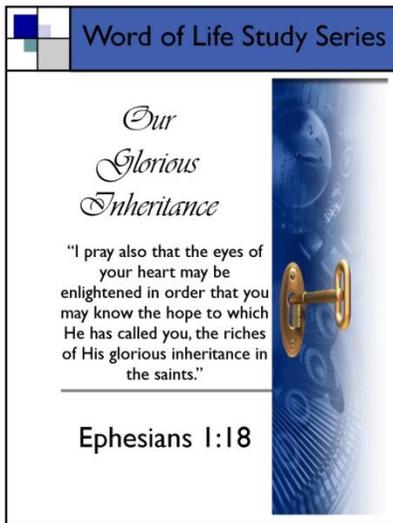
**Lack of Knowledge:** We cannot experience what we do not know exists.

**Disobedience:** Believers who tolerate habitual sin in their own lives will not see the answer to their prayers.

**Lack of Faith:** Jesus is saying that your faith will determine whether or not you will receive God’s provision for your life. Matthew 9:29- *“According to your faith will it be done to you.”*

## **What does it mean to write your own ticket with God?**

We are responsible for the bed we lay in, not God. The Lord has given us the sky as the limit, so it is ourselves not God that limits our experiences with him. God has given us a blank check to fill out.



**In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.**

**Ephesians 1:7-8**

## **Lesson 1: The Miracle of Regeneration – Part 1**

### **What are the two forms of spiritual death?**

**Separation from God:** The first effect of spiritual death is spiritual alienation from God. First they had realized that they were naked, only because the Glory of God had been their raiment or covering before. Next, when God comes looking for them, they run and hide out of shame, fear and guilt. Satan has successfully separated man from God through the sin of disobedience.

**Becoming a child of the devil:** If you are born again by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, then you are a child of God, if you are not, than you are a child of the devil. You are one or the other, there is no middle class! Before Christ we were in a pitiful condition.

### **Describe what the Bible refers to as the “Power of the Cross” in 1 Corinthians 1:18?**

It was at the cross that God the Father nailed not only our sin but our former sinful spiritual nature. When Christ died on the cross so did we, in the mind of God, we were identified with Christ. As a result, we are as dead to sin today as Jesus is. Sin has as much power and dominion over our lives as it does Jesus, which is none!

### **So what does it mean to be “Born Again” according to the Bible?**

The greatest of all God’s miracles is the transformation, re-creation and metamorphosis of the human spirit from Satan’s nature to God’s nature, from Death to Life, and from Darkness to Light. Another translation for “New Creation” is a “New Species” something totally brand new, something that never existed before, a brand new start, a new beginning, starting all over again.

## **The Bible depicts an analogy of Jesus being the vine and us be the branches- explain.**

Through the new birth we are vitally connected to the Lord Jesus Christ like a fetus in the womb is connected by an umbilical cord to his/her mother. Without the connection which sustains and perpetuates life, the child would die. We are forever connected in Jesus through the Holy Spirit who indwells us. Jesus uses the analogy of the vine and branches to illustrate the vital link between us and the Savior, without it we would shrivel up and die as it is written in *Acts 17:28*, “*For in him we live and move and have our being.*”. Jesus is the source of eternal salvation according to Hebrews 5:9, apart from Him we are nothing! We have been grafted into the vine and now share in the nourishing sap (Grace) of Jesus- Romans 11:17. We are a part of the Vine life. We are bearing the love fruit of the vine life.

## **What does water Baptism symbolize?**

Hence water baptism, symbolizes the death of the old man and the emergence of the new man in Christ. The actual change of regeneration is an instantaneous experience brought about by the Holy Spirit. Baptism becomes a means of demonstrating publicly and outwardly the nature of this change. Water Baptism is known as an outward demonstration of an inward work. The immersion or dipping of a believer in water symbolizing the complete renewal and change in the believer's life and testifying to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the way of salvation. This beautiful act of identification with Christ is also found in Romans 6:3-11.

## **What does Sanctification mean?**

According to the Greek, it simply means, “To Make Holy”- Hebrews 13:12 “*And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.*” Sanctification also means to be made separate from sin and death and consecrated unto God for his exclusive devotion and purpose. There are two forms of Sanctification that the Holy Spirit and the Word of God play in a believer's life. The first is instantaneous Sanctification, this takes place when a new believer is just born again. All born again children of God have been sanctified in Christ Jesus. Spiritually speaking, we take on the Father's character of perfect Holiness & Righteousness. This is the legal side of regeneration that is imputed or credited to our account.

Sanctification is also a progressive work of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God over the course of a believer's life. As our minds are renewed and our physical body becomes subject to our spirit through the Word of God, we become a vessel for the Lord's own use.

## **Lesson 2: The Miracle of Regeneration – Part 2**

### **Describe what it means to “Offer our bodies as a living sacrifice” in Romans 12:1.**

The Bible says we have to keep our flesh under the control of the man on the inside. Our spirit man has to dominate our flesh. The inward man is to rule and dominate the outward man. That's why we must keep our body under and rule our body; we don't let our rule us and do what we allowed it to do in the past. You have got to keep the whole body under subjection to your recreated spirit- all parts!

## **What is the fruit of our human spirits by the Holy Spirit?**

We are love children of a love God, his nature and character resides in our spirit nature as his offspring. Since God is the Father of our spirits we have been created in his image and likeness- *Hebrews 12:9* Fruit grows on the branches, not on the trunk of the tree. Therefore, since we are the branches, we know that the fruit of the spirit refers to the fruit of our recreated human spirit. The fruit of love is produced from our born again human spirit because of the life that comes from abiding in the Vine, the Lord Jesus Christ. That life has been imparted into our spirits through the Word of God by the Holy Spirit.

## **Of the nine fruits which one is your favorite?**

For me it is “Love” because from it comes all the other fruit. White light is a combination of all colors, to walk in love is to walk in the light which is a combination of all the fruit of our re-created spirits- 1 John 2:10, “*Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.*” According to Galatians chapter five, to walk in the Spirit is to walk in love, allow the new creation to dominate your life.

## **So what does “Eternal Life” mean?**

Jesus came that we may experience an abundant life, but what kind of life was Jesus talking about in the above passage of Scripture. The Greek word translated “life” in this verse is zoe- the God-kind of life. We possess in our spirit man the very nature of God Almighty right now, that is what eternal life means. If we have the nature of God, we will do the things that the nature of God would do. Receiving eternal life is in reality, God imparting His very nature, substance, and being to our human spirits- read 2 Corinthians 5:17-18. This new kind of life (God’s Nature), produces certain changes in a person. You can see the effects of that life almost at once. You can see it in a person’s habits and speech. It changes conduct, corrects habits, and forms new ones- Eternal life is the answer to all of man’s social ills !!!

## **Why is it hard for religious folks to accept the Biblical realities of Eternal Life?**

This is hard for religious people to accept because they have been ruled by the teaching of the Dark Ages- the teaching of works. The Church is under bondage today to the blend of Hinduism, Grecian philosophy, and the Christianity that we find during the Middle Ages. All that Martin Luther saw was justification by faith. No matter from what angle you look at eternal life as it contacts the human spirit, it is miraculous.

## **When Christians sin, what happens between them and God?**

The message of reconciliation is not for sinners only but also for the saints. As believers we will continue to sin and make mistakes. Our relationship as children of God does not change but our fellowship with God does- sin results in broken fellowship. The answer is godly repentance and confession of sin. These Biblical principles promise to restore our broken fellowship with God and deliver us from condemnation, guilt, and the dangers of prolonged disobedience.

## **Lesson 3: Our Glorious Redemption**

### **Explain the essence of Biblical “Justification.”**

The whole plan of redemption revolves around the central theme of justification through Jesus Christ as mentioned in Isaiah 53:11 *“After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied ; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.”* The Apostle Paul through the book of Romans discourses on the awesome ramifications of Biblical justification through Jesus Christ. One thing for certain, the Bible makes it very plain that the sinner is justified through faith in Jesus Christ alone, there is no other way. Only by placing our faith in the substitutionary redemptive work of Jesus Christ does anyone stand perfectly vindicated and innocent before God. Please also refer to Romans 5:16, 18.

### **Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ so important?**

Through his death, burial and resurrection Jesus set us free from the dominion of Satan and his kingdom. It was through sin that the devil had legal claim to our soul. However, the blood of Jesus satisfied the claims of justice and transferred our legal ownership into the hands of God for those who respond to the eternal gospel of Jesus Christ. Without the resurrection, according to 1 Corinthians 15, we would still be lost in our sins!

### **Why is the blood of Jesus so important?**

Blood sacrifice to our western thinking is a foreign concept for sure. However, from the beginning of time, it was God’s method of choice in dealing with the sin problem. The best definition for sin is, “To miss the mark”; in other words, it means anything less than perfection. Sin has a horrible consequence called death as mentioned in Romans 6:23, *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* The blood of Jesus speaks a more powerful word than the blood of animals. Jesus went into the heavenly holy of Holies to offer his own blood upon the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant to purchase our eternal redemption, but this was done only once, never to be repeated again!

### **What does Biblical “Righteousness” mean?**

For biblical authors, righteousness is the fulfillment of the terms of a covenant between God and humanity through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Thus righteousness is imputed unto us as a free gift. Imputed means to credit to ones account, to impart or transfer, or reckoning something to another person.- like a electronic transfer of your pay check into your checking account or someone sending a wire transfer that automatically credits your bank account. . Through the new birth we become partakers of the Divine Nature, so that we are made righteous by nature and righteous by faith, not by religious works that are but filthy rags. Righteousness is the ability to stand in the Father’s presence as through sin had never been, as free as Adam was before he transgressed- John 8:36.

### **Explain the two kinds of righteousness.**

The first side is the legal side in which case righteousness is imputed (Accredited, Accounted, Attributed & Ascribed) unto the new believer by grace through faith as a result of the work of regeneration by the Holy Spirit. The second side is the vital side which makes righteousness a walk or lifestyle every day of our life through the Word and by the Spirit.

## **So what does righteousness do for us?**

**Free From Condemnation, Guilt and Shame:** God has made provision to make us a new creation, with his image, likeness and nature in place of the old Satanic sinful nature. A revelation of this reality absolutely destroys sin consciousness. The truth is that the Father loves us John 14:23; 16:27; 17:23. When we know him as a loving, tender Father who longs for our fellowship and longs to live with us according to the Word, our whole image of the Father changes.

**Prayers That Avail Much:** Prayer takes on a whole new meaning when the believer grasps a hold of their legal position before the Father. Since it is the righteousness of Jesus that God sees in us (not our own), we can stand before the Father with the same confidence as Jesus does! During the life and ministry of Jesus, he approached the Father with the same liberty and freedom as a child approaches his parent.

**The Weapon Of Righteousness:** Until the believer gets a hold of the revelation of righteousness, Satan will dominate his life, sin and sickness will be his masters. However, the instant the believer knows that they are the righteousness of God in Christ, and knows what it means, Satan is defeated. Spiritual warfare has everything to do with your revelation knowledge concerning righteousness. We need to get this, it is not a matter of being the righteousness of God in Christ, but it is knowing it and acting the part through faith in God's Word. This right standing that we have with God needs to acting upon and acted out in our lives.

## **Lesson 4: The Present Day Ministry of Jesus Christ**

### **In what way do we inadvertently under estimate the work of Christ?**

Jesus has already made you and me as holy and worthy as we will ever be for all eternity! Please don't belittle what Christ has accomplished for you and in you through his redemptive work. We belittle the work of Christ when we begin to say how unworthy we are, a sinner saved by grace, inferring the present tense. Yes we were a sinner and yes we were saved by grace, but now we are the righteousness of God in Christ- walk in it!

### **What does it mean, when the Bible speaks of Jesus as our High Priest?**

Through Jesus we have a perfect, absolute, and complete redemption, sustained and perpetuated throughout all eternity- Hebrews 7:23-28! As we have already mentioned, Jesus is our great High Priest who appropriates the terms of the New Covenant on our behalf. After his resurrection he took his own blood into the heavenly Holy of Holies and sprinkled it upon the mercy seat, the place of atonement and thus purchased our eternal redemption.

### **How does Jesus make intercession for us?**

In the original Greek, the word translated "intercession" is a technical term for approaching a king. Therefore, the above Scriptures mean that Christ is seeking the presence and hearing of God on behalf of others. The Greek word for "intercede" means "to plead". Intercession: The act of intervening or mediating between differing parties; particularly the act of praying to God on behalf of another person. When we come through Jesus, we have a guarantee to get the attention of Father God. We cannot approach Him in any other way except through His son- John 14:6, "*Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'*"

## **In what way is Jesus our mediator?**

Another office He fills today is that of Mediator. He mediates on our behalf as High Priest between God and man. Akin to intercessor, a mediator is a person midway between two parties who establishes an agreement or relationship between the parties and may act as a guarantor of that relationship. Mankind having been in a hopeless position of eternal separation from God, needed a mediator, one to represent their cause before God.

## **How does Jesus function as our Advocate?**

The epistle of John portrayed a courtroom scene in which Jesus Christ, the righteous One, intercedes with the Father on behalf of sinners. 1 John 2:1 (KJV) *“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”* The word “advocate” means lawyer, or one who pleads our cause or case. When a believer sins he/she has broken fellowship with the Father, the devil has an open door to attack. Unless we shut the door by activating the promise found in 1 John 1:9, *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”* The context of this Epistle from John was written to Christians not the unsaved.

## **What are some of the ministry aspects of Jesus being our “Good Shepherd?”**

One of the most endearing and yet practical offices that Jesus holds for us today is that of our Great Shepherd! The Bible mentions shepherds and shepherding over 200 times. However, the Hebrew word for shepherding is often translated, “feeding.” Shepherds led sheep to pasture and water (Psalms 23) and protected them from wild animals (1 Samuel 17:34-35). Shepherds guarded their flocks at night whether in the open (Luke 2:8) or in sheepfolds (Zephaniah 2:6) where they counted the sheep as they entered (Jeremiah 33:13). They took care of the sheep and even carried weak lambs in their arms (Isaiah 40:11). Some New Testament references used a shepherd and the sheep to illustrate Christ's relationship to the Church who referred to Him as *“our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep”* (Hebrews 13:20). Jesus spoke of Himself as “the good shepherd” who knew His sheep and would lay down His life for them (John 10:7-18).

## **Lesson 5: The Holy Spirit Within the Believer**

### **When does the Holy Spirit come to reside within us?**

At the very moment the sinner confesses Jesus as Lord and Savior, the spiritual transaction is made from death unto life. The Holy Spirit at that moment comes to dwell within the spirit of the new believer forever!

### **What is significant about us becoming the temple in which God now lives?**

In the Old Testament, the temple in Jerusalem was where the Ark of the Covenant was located in the Most Holy Place. This was an inner room with no natural light enter into it. The very Glory of God residing inside this room. No one had direct access to God accept the High Priest and that only once a year. Now for the good news, once Jesus arose from the dead an incredible event took place, the vile that separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place was ripped in half by the hand of God! Now God dwells in each of us individually, no longer to you have to make some pilgrimage to some sacred shrine- you are that sacred temple in which God lives by his Spirit!

## **When the Bible talks about the “Well of Salvation” what is that?**

Only God living on the inside of the human spirit can ever bring the complete satisfaction, harmony and eternal well being that people are looking for. Without reconciliation with the Father through Jesus Christ, mankind will never attain what they are so desperately seeking. Thanks be to God, through the new birth the third person of the Godhead, the precious Holy Spirit resides within the believer forever! While Jesus was on earth, he eluded to this incredible existence to the Samaritan woman

## **Explain two ways by which the Holy Spirit leads us?**

**The Inward Witness:** This inward witness or prompting is not a language but rather a confirmation of peace in the inward part of your belly- Proverbs 20:27 KJV. I am not talking about a physical feeling like indigestion. It is more of a knowing, a sixth sense, revelation, perception, hunch or intuition that is always surrounding by joy and peace concerning that course of action you are about to take

**The Voice of the Spirit:** There is a difference between the inward Voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to our spirits, and that still small voice which is the voice of our own spirit speaking to us. When the Holy Spirit within you speaks, it is more authoritative. Sometimes, it can be so real (although it is inside you) that you look around to see who said it. You think somebody behind you said something, then you realize it was in you.

## **In the Greek, the Holy Spirit is referred to as our “Paraclete” what does that mean?**

One called alongside to help! I personally believe that the greatest element of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is as our personal mentor, coach and trainer. The Holy Spirit’s main objective is to conform us into the image of Jesus Christ. To cause the nature and life of God within us to rise up and charge in our lives. He is our ‘Teacher,’ ‘Counselor,’ and ‘Comforter.’

## **What role does the Holy Spirit play in our “Progressive” sanctification?**

Through the New Birth we have been made righteous, perfectly redeemed, but not fully developed mature Christians. As babes in Christ we still had a carnal flesh and unrenewed mind to deal with. So the work of sanctification through the Holy Spirit does not end with the new birth. Our minds need renewing, our bodies put under subjection and our spirit nature developed in the things of God. This is where the Holy Spirit comes to our rescue. He leads us down the path of holiness in all aspects of our lives.

## **Lesson 6: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

### **What analogy does the Bible use for the New Birth and Baptism with the Holy Spirit?**

**The Well of Salvation:** The key word in this passage is “Eternal Life” which is referring to the New Birth. Notice also that Jesus said that the spring of water is for you to drink and enjoy. Jesus referred to this well of salvation as a first person experience, a water that satisfies the desires of the human heart. This spiritual thirst quencher is for the individual receiving it not for others. This well of salvation in your spirit is for you to enjoy.

**The Rivers of the Infilling:** With a river there is a forward thrust of power and volume that flows out from its source. As if the well was not enough, now Jesus satisfies our spiritual thirst with a torrent of power and grace. Since this river flows out of our spirit through the Holy Spirit, this virtue of power meant to bless others, particularly for witnessing to the lost with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**What is the Greek word for “Power” in Acts 1:8 and what does it mean?**

The Greek word for power is “Dunamis” as described below- our English word “Dynamite” comes from the Greek word. It’s no wonder that Jesus told the early Church to wait to be endued with this explosive power of the Holy Spirit in order to fulfill the great commission.

**Explain the initial sign of a Christian being Baptized with the Holy Spirit?**

The initial sign of one receiving the “Spirit Upon”, is the ability to speak in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives the individual utterance. In other words, speaking in a language unknown to the one speaking because the origin of the utterance is from the Holy Spirit not the his/her intellect. This language may be another human language as is further noted in Acts chapter 2.

**Does the Bible teach a distinct separation between the New Birth and the Infilling?**

Yes, a great example is found in Acts 8:4-8,12, 14-21. Phillip the evangelist had a revival meeting in Samaria and many folks got saved. Yet none of them had received the subsequent, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, they had just been born again. So the Church in Jerusalem sends a support team after Phillip the evangelist moves onto his next crusade to introduce the new believers to this second experience in the Holy Spirit. Notice, that the laying on of hands is appropriated, and the new believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

**What is the difference between devotional tongues and intercession in tongues?**

Devotional tongues is where a believer is building himself/herself up, charging their spiritual batteries if you will. The prayer of intercession is only one kind of prayer as stated in Ephesians chapter 6 verse 18. There will always be the need for the Holy Spirit to intercede with groanings. We may know the will of God but only the Holy Spirit knows how to effectively present the need. There are circumstances in which we are not sure of how to pray. We need the groaning of the Holy Spirit in intercession. This form of prayer takes on a greater authority and intensity like a woman going into labor. It is serious and can determine the difference between life and death or for someone to get saved or delivered. The key is to ‘pray through’ until you get a release that you are done- this comes in the form of peace or joy. We must be available day or night and for as long as it takes for the Holy Spirit to accomplish His will.

**Why is the wording “Manifestations” more accurate than “Gifts” in 1 Corinthians 12:7?**

However, as we read first Corinthians chapter 12, it becomes quickly apparent that the nine manifestations of the Spirit are not to be confused with the Body of Christ motivational gifts. Certainly the Holy Spirit will manifest himself according to these nine methods through believers throughout the Body of Christ and in various ways, but these manifestations are never the possession of the individual believer to operate when ever he/she fits.

## **Lesson 7: The Nine Manifestations of the Holy Spirit**

### **Explain the difference between the “Word of Knowledge” and the “Word of Wisdom?”**

**Word of Knowledge:** The Word of Knowledge is the supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit of certain facts in the mind of God. God is all knowledge and He knows everything. Fortunately for us, He does not reveal everything He knows to man. He gives him just a word, or a part of what He knows. A word is a fragmentary part of a sentence, so a word of knowledge is simply a fragmentary part of knowledge- just that part which he wants us to know concerning things in the past and present.

**Word of Wisdom:** The word of wisdom is a supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God concerning the divine purpose in the mind and will of God. Like the word of knowledge, the word of wisdom must not be confused with natural wisdom that an individual acquires by experience.

The difference between the word of knowledge and the word of wisdom is this. The word of knowledge always brings revelation knowledge that deals with present or past information. On the other hand, the word of wisdom always deals with future events that have not occurred yet.

### **Is there such a thing in the Bible as the “Gift of Discernment?”**

NO! Someone has said that the best way to find out what something is, is to find out what it is not. So let us look at some things the gift of discerning of spirits is not. First, discerning of spirits is not discernment.” Some people say, “Well, I have the gift of discernment.” Actually, there is not such gift mentioned in the Bible. What they really have is a bad case of suspicion and prying into other people’s business.

### **What is the difference between “Bible Faith” and “Special Faith?”**

The gift of faith or special faith (Unique form of faith) is a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit, which is imparted after the baptism of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of God wills. Weymouth’s translations puts 1 Corinthians 12:9 as “... to a third man, by means of the same Spirit, special faith.” It is a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit to receive a miracle. By the gift of faith one does not work a miracle, but passively receives a miracle.

Bible faith is what we receive initially as a measure according to Romans 12:3 at the New Birth- Galatians 5:23. This measure can grow and increase as we study and meditate on God’s Word.

### **Explain how we can interpret “Gifts of Healings” in the Greek- as plural?**

Jesus during His earthly ministry was anointed with the Spirit of God without measure in John 3:34. However, it seems to me this text infers that the entire Body of Christ- collectively- has the same measure of the Spirit which Jesus had. Why are they “gifts of healings” and not the “gift of healing”? I really don’t know, but I have my opinion. I don’t think any of us could know for a certainty, because the Scripture doesn’t tell us specifically, but I think there are gifts of healings because there are different kinds of diseases- and one gift wouldn’t heal all kinds. Different believers in the Body of Christ are used by the Holy Spirit to minister to different diseases like specialists.

### **If a believer is used by the Spirit in “Prophecy” does that make him/her a prophet?**

The simple gift of prophecy should not be confused with the prophetic office. 1 Corinthians 14:3, says, *“But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.”* Thus, we can readily see that in the simple gift of prophecy there is no revelation. In the office of a prophet, however, we often find revelation coming forth even by prophecy. It is also interesting to note the difference between prophecy in the Old and New Testaments.

According to 1 Corinthians 14:29, to stand in the office of the prophet, a person must have operating in his ministry the gift of prophecy plus at least two of the revelation gifts: either the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, and/or the gift of discerning of spirits

### **Is there a “Private” and “Public” ministry of speaking in other tongues?**

Paul was teaching that only a few believers will be used in what we would call the public ministry of tongues, because he said in First Corinthians 12:30, “do all speak with tongues?” Some take that out of context and say, “Speaking in tongues isn’t for everyone. You can be filled with the Spirit without speaking with tongues.” We should be primarily concerned with maintaining tongues in the place where they principally belong as a devotional gift to assist us in the worship of God. When the message of tongues is given out loud in a public gathering it should always be followed up with an interpretation.

## **Lesson 8: The Anointing**

### **So what does the word “Anointing” mean?**

As a born again Christian, you are already anointed. What does “anointing” mean. Well this term has its use from Genesis to revelation. In the Old Testament, olive oil was poured upon the head of the prophet, priest and the king to be commissioned for service. It represented the Holy Spirit upon their lives, to empower them to carry out God’s work in the earth.

### **Is the “Anointing” simply talking about God’s power or could it be referring to a Person?**

The anointing is the result of a person, the person of the Holy Spirit. The anointing is the grace of God, the power of God, the creative force of God manifested through the person of the Holy Spirit. When you study the roles of the triune God head you can readily see that the Holy Spirit is the agent through whom the workings of God’s occur. During the ministry of Jesus on earth the Word was made flesh and the anointing upon the Word (Jesus) was the Holy Spirit.

### **Can the anointing be increased in one’s life?**

There is an anointing on you, whether you recognize it or not, if you’re called to any office or ministry. Furthermore, the anointing can be increased. You can increase the anointing by studying the Word and by being prayerful. You can decrease the anointing by neglecting to study and pray. Obviously, walking in love and faith will have a large affect as well.

## **In what ways can the anointing be transferred or transmitted to others?**

**The Spoken Word:** God's Word spoken from a heart full of faith, will tap into the same creative force that God had spoken when He had re-created the world in Genesis chapter 1- just on a different level of anointing, but the same principle would be in use. God's Word is anointed, saturated with the Holy Spirit's power!

**Personal Contact:** The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 6:19 that our physical bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Most containers will have a residual trace on its surface of the contents that it holds. We have the life, nature and power of God in our spirit. Our physical body is the earthen vessel that contains this treasure- 2 Cor.4:7. Should it be surprising that the power of God on the inside is drawn out through faith when someone in need places a demand on the anointing within us.

## **Can ordinary items like handkerchiefs be used to carry the anointing for others?**

Yes, consider **Acts 19:11-12** where handkerchiefs were used. Elisha's bones in 2 Kings 13:21 still had the anointing on them to raise a man from the dead. In Acts 5:15, Peter's shadow was used by God to bring healing. Acts 20:10 Paul laid himself on of a young man who just died and brought back to life.

## **What are some examples of the Anointing working in the lives of Bible characters?**

Consider the life of David, after he was anointed by Samuel to be the next King of Israel in place of Saul. Like Samson, the Spirit of God came upon David, who was only a teenager at the time to kill a lion and a bear. David, through faith in His God and the anointing upon his life, faced Goliath, who was one big bad dude. It was his faith in God that released the power of God, the anointing upon David the kill Goliath.

## **Lesson 9: An Invisible Kingdom Made Visible**

### **How does the Bible reference in Acts 5:20, "The Full Message" apply to us today?**

*Acts 5:20*

*"Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life."*

The Scripture above makes reference to the "full message of this new life" as a result of the life, ministry and redemptive realities brought about by Jesus Christ. If all we present is the forgiveness of sins part of "Salvation," we are only presenting part of the Good News, a "partial Gospel" when there is so much more to the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In response to this limited presentation of the Gospel message, a term to describe "Full Gospel" churches has arisen; whose mission is to present all the glorious benefits, precious promises and redemptive realities we have in Jesus Christ. This term is used to describe non-denominational churches that are considered charismatic by nature. These churches are known to embrace New Testament teachings on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, healing, prosperity, deliverance and abundant life. These Biblical positions are soundly supported by the Scriptures, and by Jesus Christ Himself.

## **Is it possible to have too much emphasis on the cross of Jesus in Christian discipleship?**

Please do not misunderstand what I am about to say, please stay open minded to the concept I am about to share. I believe the church has had too much emphasis on the cross of Jesus instead of the throne that Jesus sits on. As a consequence, the Church does not understand the power of the resurrection like they should. We have sung “Lord keep me near the cross,” no we don’t want to stay near the cross; some folks only preach a cross religion- that is a religion of death, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20.

Don’t misunderstand me, we have to go by the cross, but don’t stop there go by the empty tomb and the resurrection, but don’t stop there, go by the day of Pentecost, but don’t stop there! We must dive into the reality of the Epistles and who we are in Christ which is where we are today in Christ Jesus- seated with Him at the right hand of the Father. We will never live a successful Christian life until we learn to live in the Epistles, the letters written to the Church- it’s the absolute truth! Teach the cross, but major on the Resurrection, Pentecost and the Epistles.

## **If the Kingdom of God is within us, why isn’t it automatically displayed in our lives?**

*Luke 17:20-21*

*Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is within you.”*

As I have been saying, at present the Kingdom of God is a spiritual Kingdom, and it is located in our spirit by the Holy Spirit- that does not make it any less real because it is a spiritual Kingdom and not a physical one yet. This kingdom within is manifested in our lives and in the natural realm through our faith in God’s Word- we bring it out on display for the world to see, it’s not automatic. The Kingdom of God will appear in full physical manifestation at the Second Advent, and Jesus will personally rule and reign on earth during the Millennium- we will be government employees working for Jesus.

## **So what is a “Parable” and how did Jesus use it to describe the Kingdom of God?**

So what is a parable you may ask? It is a short, simple story designed to communicate a spiritual truth, religious principle, or moral lesson; a figure of speech in which truth is illustrated by a comparison or example drawn from everyday experiences. A parable is often no more than an extended metaphor or simile, using figurative language in the form of a story to illustrate a particular truth. The Greek word for parable literally means “a laying by the side of” or “a casting alongside,” thus “a comparison or likeness.” In a parable something is placed alongside something else, in order that one may throw light on the other. A familiar custom or incident is used to illustrate some truth less familiar.

*Matthew 13:34-35*

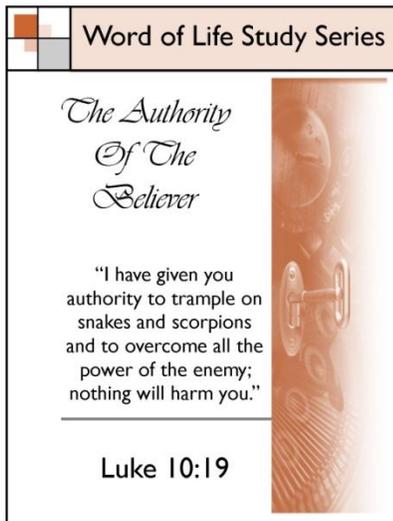
*Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”*

## **Why does the Bible admonish us to, “Forget not all His Benefits” in Psalms 103:2?**

It may be self-explanatory why the Scriptures would make the admonition to, “forget not all his benefits.” However, let’s discuss the matter briefly now as we bring “Our Glorious Inheritance” to a conclusion. First of all, it seems to be human nature to have a short memory span, so the Bible is great about putting us into remembrance of essential truths. Knowing God’s precious promises should be a priority for every believer. If the Lord had went to all the trouble to provide a benefit, it would be rude on our part to ignore it- take the general area of salvation for example: Hebrews 2:1-4; 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

## **What is God’s intent for us receiving the “Firstfruits of the Spirit” and the “Deposit?”**

The Bible refers to a “Deposit” or as the previous Scripture reference states, “The Firstfruits of the Spirit.” This is talking about having a little heaven here on earth to go into heaven with. Just as Jesus stated in the prayer He had taught His disciples in Matthew 6:10-11, “*Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.*” So my encouragement to all those who are reading this material is, let’s find out what’s in His will and receive it personally in our lives for His glory so that we can be blessed to be a greater blessing to others.  
2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Ephesians 1:11-14; 2 Peter 1:2-4



**He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you."**

**Luke 10:18-19**

## **Lesson 1: The Origin of Man**

### **What makes us unique amongst God's creation on the earth?**

According to the above Scripture, the soul and spirit of man can be divided or distinguished as separate entities. Only through God's Word can we make that distinction. Something needs to be pointed out here, man is the only creature in this class on earth- spirit beings. The animal kingdom is not comprised of spirit beings. They are physical beings that are driven by instinct. Animals do have souls, because they have limited reasoning faculties, and these faculties are of the soul.

### **What are the implications of God giving dominion over His Earthly creation?**

Yet as soon as he finished restoring the earth to an habitable state, He turned it over to Adam on a lease, to be a steward and caretaker of it. God gave Adam the keys to the car so to speak, to get in the driver's seat and take charge for a specified period of time- we call this "Adam's Lease." God made Adam and Eve the gods of this world!

"Ruler", "Dominion", "In Charge" "gods" is what God had done for man in the beginning! Now before you get too much of a big head, remember the fall of man in the garden. However, it is imperative that we realize the significance of the position of authority that God had originally elevated man to in the beginning.

### **Mankind was endowed with a free-will, why is this significant?**

Man was created in God's image. He was endowed with intelligence, emotion and will. He was a free moral agent, therefore, he was capable of making a choice. Since man was created for God's glory (Isaiah 43:7), and since he could best glorify God by freely choosing to worship and serve Him, it was necessary that Adam be given an opportunity to make a choice.

## **What are the ramifications of Adam and Eve listening to Satan and taking the fatal bite?**

But they were already like God, created in His class, in His image and likeness. They already had everything, all Satan was offering them in disguise was for them to give him everything and become his slave. Here is something important that you should know, it's a universal law, that a person becomes a slave to the person he/she obeys. If Satan could get Adam and Eve to obey his words and do what he says, Adam and Eve would then become his slave and Satan would gain Adam's domain. Satan became the god of this world- Romans 6:16-17.

## **What does "Death" mean and what are the three forms of death?**

The basic definition for death is "Separation." The three forms of death are- Physical death, Spiritual death and eternal death. When Adam and Eve sinned, their spiritual nature was changed into the image of that of Satan himself. Instead of the nature of God to do right, man received the spiritual nature of the devil. Eternal death is the condition of those who have the spiritual nature of Satan, and depart this earthly life without repentance of sin and without faith in the Lord Jesus Christ- eternal separation from God!

## **Why couldn't Old Testament saints go directly to heaven when they died?**

They could not enter heaven directly yet because their sin was only covered and not yet removed by the blood of Jesus. At the resurrection of Jesus, He preached the gospel to these men and women and they were born again and raised with Christ to heaven. Abraham's bosom is now empty, unfortunately hell is still being filled with people every day.

## **Lesson 2: The Origin of Satan**

### **What were the contributing factors to the fall of Lucifer?**

Lucifer was originally created a perfect angelic being, but unfortunately it all went to his head and was lifted up in pride. Notice that he said, "I will raise my throne above the stars of God..." his throne being on this planet, and the "Stars of God" being the other angels.

### **Without being dogmatic on the subject, what is referred to as the "Pre-Adamite" creation?**

*Ezekiel 28:15, 17*

*You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.*

Notice the reference to 'kings' on the earth, again this is before Adam and Eve. To have kings, there must be kingdoms, nations, peoples, cultures etc. Another race of beings other than angels had inhabited this earth.

*Isaiah 14:12-15*

*You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit.*

## **Why is it important to study the subject of Satan and the kingdom of darkness?**

*2 Corinthians 2:11 AMP*

*To keep Satan from getting the advantage over us; for we are not ignorant of his wiles and intentions.*

From the above Scripture our goal out of this lesson is for the believer to be made aware of Satan's nature, schemes and operations so he can't take advantage of our ignorance of him. Satan prefers anonymity, if he can deceive people into thinking he does not exist, than no one will oppose him, he can operate in this world with impunity. Through the light of God's Word we are going to expose a number of his dark secrets so we can put him in his place, under our FEET in a place of defeat.

## **Who is behind the "Curse of the Law" and why?**

It is vital that you understand that Satan incarnates all that is evil and wicked in this world, he is the reason and the source. His very person embodies death in all its forms and expression of sickness, disease, hate, murder, lying, cheating, etc. The Bible talks about the "Curse of the Law", the consequences of not keeping the covenant law or commandments in Deuteronomy 28:15-68. The devil lives to inflict people with these curses, looking for opportunities, seeking whom he may devour, watching, waiting- it's what he does.

## **What is the "World System" all about according to the Bible?**

Satan is referred to in Ephesians 2:2-3 as, "*The ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.*" His activities include the ceaseless manipulations of the minds of men, like puppets on a string to do his will. Ignorantly, multitudes have been taken captive to do his will- 2 Timothy 2:26. In 2 Thessalonians 2:7, the devil is referred to as, "*The secret power of lawlessness is already at work...*" He uses the Media, Hollywood, Political, Religious, Education and anything else he can get his hands on to push his rebellious agenda against God. His appeal is to the physical and mental realms- lust of the flesh, eyes and the pride of life.

## **Why does the devil send trials, tests and temptations into our lives?**

Ultimately every Test boils down to a test of obedience- to obey God's Word or not- it's a Faith Test! So, do we really believe what we say, we will do when it really counts? Somebody wants to know and it's not God. From Satan's perspective let's look at the reason behind "sifting as wheat." To sift as wheat is the act of separating or boiling down in order to find out what we are made of. In other words, the devil wants to know if we really are what we say we are, he wants to test our claim to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. His hope is that we will be proved false, a fake and discredit our testimony and make us irrelevant. In other words these tests come from Satan. He is the accuser of the brethren, and he is looking for dirt on you and me- Revelation 12:10. So tests confront us with a choice to obey or not obey as a result of the situation or circumstance.

## **Lesson 3: Our Glorious Redemption – Part 1**

### **Why is the concept of blood covenant so important to our study on authority?**

The subject of blood covenant is huge in the Bible, without it, there would be no salvation for mankind- PERIOD! This subject is quite pertinent to authority because of the sacredness that blood covenant brings to God's Word- Hebrews 6:18, "...in which it is impossible for God to lie..." Luke 21:33, "*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.*" The Name of Jesus is backed by the blood of the New Covenant and can never fail!

### **Why was it necessary for Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice?**

Many scholars believe that Mount Moriah is the same location where Jesus was crucified. However, the huge revelation here is that through Abraham's obedience in willingly offering his son as a sacrifice, made it legal for God the Father to do the same and send his only Son (Jesus) into the world as the Lamb of God who takes away our sins- Hebrews 9:26, "*But now Jesus has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.*" Remember Abraham had a covenant with God, through his willingness to offer his son, God was able to reciprocate and offer His Son, Jesus- Satan could not challenge this, it was perfectly legal in the court of heaven.

### **At the cross, what happened to our old sinful spiritual nature?**

It was at the cross that God the Father nailed not only our sin but our former sinful spiritual nature. When Christ died on the cross so did we, in the mind of God, we were identified with Christ. As a result, we are as dead to sin today as Jesus is. Sin has as much power and dominion over our lives as it does Jesus, which is none!

### **Redemption is key to the study of the authority of the believer- why?**

To fully appreciate and function in the authority that has been given to us in Christ Jesus, we must have a firm foundation of understanding concerning the glorious redemption that was bought and paid for on our behalf by Jesus. The subject of redemption covers what we have been redeemed from and what we have been redeemed to.

### **Why is sin so important to Satan's authority over folks lives?**

The key to Satan's authority over the lives of people is the vehicle of sin. Sin is Satan's territory, all who sin fall under his jurisdiction and power to kill, steal and destroy. When you take away sin, you automatically take away the authority Satan has over people's lives. Legally, without sin, Satan has no right to oppress a person's life! That is why when Jesus came, His primary mission was to take care of the sin issue!

### **What is so significant about being raised with Christ and seated with Him at the Father's right hand?**

God wants us to know that He has set Christ above all the power of the enemy and raised us up as well! When Jesus was raised, we were raised and seated with Him in heavenly places. The body and head are one and so it affected Jesus and the Church. When you think of a person, you do not think of their head as one thing and their body as something else- no they are all one. What belongs to Jesus belongs to us. We share in His victory and authority- this is life changing folks if we would just get a revelation of it.

## Lesson 4: Our Glorious Redemption – Part 2

### What are the four baptisms that the Bible teaches in Hebrews 6:2?

**Baptized into Christ:** The first baptism occurred when you and I confessed Jesus as Lord and were born again; we were put into or immersed into the Body of Christ- 1 Corinthians 12:13.

**Water Baptism:** Water baptism is the symbolic expression, testimony and declaration of what has already taken place- coming into union with Jesus Christ- Matthew 28:19

**Baptism in the Holy Spirit:** The Third Baptism, is to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

**Baptism of Suffering:** The fourth baptism is not available to all. That was the baptism of suffering and persecution for the gospel. All the apostles of the Lamb were martyrs except for John, who was the only one who died of natural old age- Paul was certainly baptized in this baptism.

### Why is an understanding of the Body of Christ so important to understanding authority?

The incredible reality of being connected and joined to Jesus as members of His Body is a profound truth in the Scriptures. This revelation is significant in understanding the authority of the believer. Your head does not go by one name and your body by another. So the Body of Christ is Christ, Jesus is the Head and we are His Body, we are one in spirit with Him. The Body has the same authority as the Head does, because they are one. As Christians anointed with the same Holy Spirit!

### Why is Fellowship with God so important?

Broken fellowship is usually the culprit behind a loss of appetite for the Word, Prayer & Praise. The reason why “Believers” are unable to get into the Word and enjoy the fruit and privileges in Christ is because their fellowship is either broken or they have a very superficial form of fellowship. We always want to be in a position to use the Name of Jesus at all times. A believer living in sin and broken fellowship due to unrepentant sin is the most miserable person on earth.

### What does the Bible teach in regards to God passing out judgment upon Christians?

When God issues judgment, He allows the devil to issue out the punishment of the curse of breaking God’s law. Satan is the manifestation of the curse of the law and is the dealer of death. I want you to understand, as believers on Jesus, if we do not judge ourselves and do what God tells us to do to keep from being judged, He has no option but to find us guilty and judge us, which allows the devil access to us. This is not talking about our salvation or the sins Jesus paid 2,000 years ago. I am making reference to the here and now, in our daily Christian walk. If we get over into the area of unrepentant sin, we open the door to devil to come into our lives to kill, steal and destroy. Our free will needs to be quick to forgive and quick to repent in order to keep the door shut. It’s our job to keep the devil out of our lives not God’s!

## **What is significant about the Bible using legal terms concerning the Kingdom of God?**

These words: Advocate, Intercession, Mediator, Justified, Righteous, Pardoned, Condemned are all legal terms and they are used in connection with our redemption. God did everything by the book, He is the Judge of the universe and He follows His own spiritual laws; Psalms 7:11, *“God is a righteous judge, a God who expresses his wrath every day.”* God passes judgments they do not please Him, and passes judgments that do please Him. As much as God loves us, He will not pervert His justice on our behalf, nor let us off the hook without justice being served.

## **When on trial so-to-speak in daily life, what is the key for us winning our case?**

Anything you say on this earth, can and will be used against you by the accuser of the brethren, the devil. The good news is, if you will do what your Advocate tells you to do and follow His counsel in His Word, you will win the case every time. Just stay cool.

So when the devil pressures you to confess that you deserve to be punished, plead the blood of Jesus, confess that you are innocent in Christ- innocent to all charges and accusations of the devil. That is how we overcome him according to Revelation 12:9-11. Standing on the blood of Jesus that cleanses us from all sin, but that is not all or enough to ensure our freedom. The second part is the word of our testimony- that is all Jesus has to work with on your case. What should our testimony be, speak what the Bible has already declared concerning us- we are righteous, holy, justified and sanctified in Jesus. Let the devil spew out all kinds of accusations about our lives, I plead the blood and that makes me innocent- the devil can't touch or harm you- Praise God!

So Just Stay Cool In Christ and Maintain Your Confession of God's Word!

## **Lesson 5: The Name of Jesus**

### **What is it about miracles and the supernatural that has such an appeal to mankind?**

All normal men crave the supernatural; they long to see the manifestation of the power of God and to feel the thrill of the touch of the unseen. Man was created by a miracle working God, so that miracle element is in man. Man yearns to perform miracles and live in the atmosphere of the supernatural. The heart or spirit of man craves the touch of a supernatural relationship with Almighty God. Nothing in the natural or intellectual realms can satisfy the cries of the heart. The things of this world may provide temporary happiness, but it always leaves people empty and crying out for more. Only God can fill the spiritual void of the heart. The love for the miraculous is in man.

### **Sadly, many churches have lost the supernatural element, why?**

We have lost the supernatural element out of Christianity in many churches who are clinging with trembling hands to a historical Jesus that has no power to heal the sick and no ability to meet daily needs. The spirit of real evangelism is almost a thing of the past- power evangelism that is! We cannot blame the cults and occult that is growing in popularity around our country. It is a protest of the people against modern, dead, theologically dry ministries that dominate many denominations. A dead orthodoxy has no resurrection power within it- no miracle working force back of it. Nothing but a return to our supernatural God of Miracles will save our land and nation.

### **Why are “Names” of people in the Bible so significant?**

They are titles of authority that point to a particular office and represent great achievements or victories- they serve a function not just a means of giving honor. A person’s name represents a person, names have meanings and shed light as to their character and destiny. This is why the study of the Name of Jesus is so essential for the believer to understand and grasp. When we learn about the Name of Jesus we will come to understand the person of Jesus through His great and powerful Name!

### **When did Jesus obtain that “Name” which is above all other names?**

We will not understand the authority in the Name of Jesus until we know that Jesus satisfied the claims of justice, dying as our substitute. God the Father said that was enough and raised Jesus up from the dead. That is when Jesus was begotten of the Father, that is the day Jesus by inheritance obtained the most excellent Name. God conferred upon Jesus a name that is above every name, because of His achievements in His death, burial and resurrection.

### **What does it mean that Satan has been paralyzed by Jesus?**

Jesus spoiled principalities and powers, the same dudes mentioned in Ephesians 6:10. Jesus made a show of them, parading them before heaven and earth. In other words, after Jesus had put off from Himself the demon forces and the awful burden of guilt, sin, and sickness that He carried with Him down there, He grappled with Satan. Jesus conquered him, and left him paralyzed, whipped and defeated. God the Father has stripped, spoiled, put to naught, defeated and paralyzed all of the enemy that tried to keep Jesus from being resurrected.

### **Why was the Name of Jesus given to us?**

Jesus was given that Name, that He might give it to us. He gave His Name to us that we might carry out the will of the Father in this dispensation in which we are living. We know the early Church utilized this authority. The early Church acted for Jesus in His stead. They worked miracles and the miracles opened doors for ministry and service. It gave authenticity and authority to their credentials, a standing in the community where they preached- credibility to the message.

## **Lesson 6: The Unqualified Use of the Name of Jesus**

### **Explain the concept of the “Power of Attorney” as it pertains to the Name of Jesus.**

This concept, “The Power of Attorney” is foundational in understanding the Authority of the Believer. It is defined as a document that gives another person legal authority to act on your behalf. Remember, according to Matthew 28:18, Jesus had received all power and authority in heaven and in earth. So what does Jesus immediately do with it, He delegates it to the a Church to go forth in His Name through the power of attorney and fulfill the great Commission on His behalf. Jesus has authorized us, sending us out to make disciples of all nations and He is with us always. He is with us through the person of the Holy Spirit living inside of us. Jesus is with us when we stand upon and speak His Name, Jesus is on the scene to back up His Name every time!

## **What is authority?**

It is delegated power by Jesus; He has given us the authority to trample over ALL the power of the enemy. We try to put out all this effort to make the devil stop, when all we have to do is stand our ground and command the devil to cease and desist in his maneuvers and operations in the Name of Jesus. The devil will come to a screeching halt!

## **How does traditional sovereignty teaching interfere with exercising authority in Jesus' Name?**

Even though Jesus is the head over every principality and power, this authority can only be exercised through His Body, the Church. This is where Christians get confused concerning the Sovereignty of God. Traditional thought goes, "God is Sovereign and can do what He wants and when He wants to, and everything is under His control." Well if everything is under His control, then why is the world so messed up. At present Satan is the god of this world and will continue to be until Adam's lease runs out. Until such time, God will only intervene in the affairs of men when He is asked to by the Church.

## **Why is it necessary to distinguish the difference between "Good God vs. Bad devil"?**

Putting the responsibility off on God, spiritualizing and rationalizing trials, tests and temptations as God sovereignly making us more like Jesus can be such a mistake. In effect, we are laying down and letting the devil stomp all over us and dig his heels into our backs. Clearly the devil perpetuates these falsehoods in order to disarm and pacify Christians from fighting back when he attacks them. In order to make good use of our authority in Jesus, we need to have as much Bible sense to distinguish a Good God has only good things in store for us and that a Bad devil only peddles bad things against us.

## **What is really behind bad things happening in the earth?**

But I don't believe that God sovereignly sends bad things in my life ever, nor is it His will that people perish, suffer and die in wars famines and accidents. We need to take responsibility as believers and acknowledge that we often drop the ball in the area of prayer and using the Name of Jesus over the devil, and we permit bad things to happen by virtual of our inaction and/or ignorance on these matters. When we realize that this authority has been given to the individual members of the body of Christ and not to the ministry gifts alone, it puts the responsibility squarely upon every believer. The truth of the matter is that things happen on the earth because we, the Church allow them to.

## **Is the Bible reference in John 14:13-14 speaking of the prayer of "Petition" as in John 16:23-24?**

There is the big difference between the prayer of petition of John 16:23-24, 26 and the release of spiritual authority in John 14:14. In the latter passage, you are not praying, but you are using the authority of the Name to heal the sick, to cast out demons and to set men and woman free. What we see in the Book of Acts is a distinct pattern of laying hands on the sick and commanding the devil to leave.

John 14:13- The word "Ask" would be better translated "Demand." We are not demanding of Jesus, rather we are demanding of the devil in the Name of Jesus. Whatever we demand in the Name of Jesus, the Lord backs us up in exercising the will of God in the earth.

## **Lesson 7: Faith in The Name of Jesus**

### **What does it mean to get a “Revelation” of the Name of Jesus?**

The Key is faith in His Name that releases the Power of God. We know the Name, but our faith in the Name has been weak! Most Christians believe the Name of Jesus belongs to them, but having faith in the Name is not the same. That is why we are not performing the same miracles they had in the early Church, because our faith in the Name is not the same. So if faith comes by hearing the Word of God, how will our faith in the Name of Jesus increase. By studying and hearing what the Word of God has to say about the Name of Jesus. If we try to use the Name without studying out what it means and get the revelation of it in our spirit through Bible meditation, it won't work for us- it's not a magic charm or rabbit's foot.

### **The Name of Jesus is a “Key” that unlocks what in our lives and in the earth?**

In Jesus is found all the treasures of heaven, and the Name of Jesus is the key (gives access) that unlocks these unlimited resources in our lives. Since Jesus lives in us by the Person of the Holy Spirit, all this unimaginable power, glory and riches of heaven are inside of us just waiting to be released. We just need to speak God's Word in the Name of Jesus to make a withdrawal, to release the kingdom of God within us on this earth.

### **Is the Name of Jesus available to unbelievers to use?**

Absolutely, the Name also is available for unbelievers to call upon to receive salvation and deliverance from the authority of darkness.

*Romans 10:12-13*

*For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile — the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

### **What is significant about the “Key” illustration as it pertains to speaking the Name of Jesus?**

Jesus has given us the key through His Name, you are not going to heal them without the key. So, no pressure, since you can't heal them by yourself, just let the key do the work, let the power invested in the Name of Jesus deliver them from sickness and disease- what a rest in God that we have! The Name of Jesus is the key, its already mine, I don't have to ask for it. Jesus gave me His Name, the Key that unlocks heaven- authority to bind and loose in His Name. So let's anoint them with oil in the Name of the Lord according to James 5:14!

### **How did the Early Church minister to the sick according to the Bible?**

The Early Church uses the Name of Jesus in connection with the sick; it would seem that they did not pray for the sick per-say, but rather they would have laid their hands upon them in Jesus' Name, or as at the Beautiful Gate, they said, “In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise and walk.”

## **What if the gentiles and religious leaders had succeeded in silencing the Early Church from using the Name of Jesus?**

That Name of Jesus became the impetus for Paul's ministry to the Gentiles. The Name was in the hands of Paul like the rod was in the hand of Moses. Now, if the Gentiles and Jews could have stopped the Early Church from using the Name of Jesus, they would have robbed the Church of its supernatural power, and like Sampson when his hair was cut, they would have become as common men.

## **Lesson 8: Enforcing Satan's Defeat**

### **Why would ministering healing to the sick be considered spiritual warfare?**

On a side note, the Bible teaches that healing in reality is spiritual warfare! Sickness and disease is Satanic oppression (according to Acts 10:38) either directly by the presence of a spirit of infirmity or indirectly through the fall and introduction of sin and death in the world. So when it comes to ministering to the sick, whether we are dealing directly or indirectly with the devil we demand in the Name of Jesus rather than offer a prayer of petition. There is no question as to God's will when it comes to dealing with the devil in folks lives- cast the sickness out, rebuke it and command it to leave in Jesus' Name!

### **What is the secret to releasing authority?**

In Matthew 8, the Centurion said to Jesus, "*Just say the word only... I am a man under authority.*" Jesus commended this gentile with greater faith than all those in Israel because this soldier understood the secret of releasing authority is found in speaking words. As a Centurion he commanded 100 men; as a result, he took charge of those men and gave them orders that had to be obeyed. How much more, having been given authority through His Name over all the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19) should we rise up and put the devil in his rightful place, under our feet! Jesus set us far above all the power of the enemy to be master and tell the devil what to do and he has to obey!

### **Is it the Lord's responsibility to do something about the devil?**

Nowhere in the New Testament does it say for the believer to pray that God or Jesus would do anything about the devil. As a matter of fact, for the New Covenant believer to pray for God to do something about the devil would be wasting their time! It's easier to think we are turning the responsibility over to the Lord in dealing with the devil, but that is our job. If we don't deal with him, then nothing will be done.

### **Why is it so important to have a victor's mentality?**

This is really important, to have a victor's attitude, because in Jesus we are more than conquerors. Without this disposition, using the Name of Jesus becomes an apologetic enterprise with no power. That is why the Bible says to rejoice in the Lord always, in everything give thanks, in the midst of trials, tests and temptations, count it all joy. The Bible calls us victors, more than conquerors, let's start acting like it.

## **Does prayer change God?**

Consider this, Prayer does not change God, because God does not change- no prayer changes us and the circumstances that are arraigned against us. When Jesus was talking about the mountain in Mark 11:23-24 and the mulberry tree in Luke 17:6, He was talking about obstacles, roadblocks and hindrances that stand in our way- kind of sounds like some of those would certainly be demonic in origin doesn't it?

## **What would be an effective way to pray for someone bound by drugs who wants to be free?**

We can say, "In the Name of Jesus, I command the power of (Alcoholism, drugs, pornography- just name it) to be broken over this life" and of course we can pray this over ourselves as well. Instantly they will be delivered, and since there is no distance in the spirit, we do not have to be in their presence. Of course remember, they have to want to be free before they can receive it!

## **Lesson 9: The Devil Versus Flesh**

### **Why is it important to understand the tricotomy of man?**

We have been slow to come to a realization that man is spirit and that his spirit is the core of his being, the real us. In a fallen world system, the focus is on the intellect, particularly in our western culture. The spirit of man is utterly ignored. Even though most people do realize they are eternal beings, they confuse their soul with their spirit.

Man's development should encompass all three dimensions. To train only the physical is to make an athlete. To train only the mental is to make an intellectual academic. To train only the spiritual is to make a fanatic. God's plan is for the development and training of the whole man. The first priority being of the spirit, then the soul and finally the body.

### **What is the "Flesh" as defined by the Bible?**

The Greek word "Sarx" in this context refers to the sinful human nature (Selfishness) that is resident in our physical bodies that we had inherited from Adam's fall in the Garden of Eden. We were all born with this sinful nature, but we are not held accountable for yielding to it until the age of accountability.

### **Are evil spirits always behind evil behavior in the lives of Christians?**

Some things that folks attribute to the devil are really nothing more than works of the flesh. It is important to realize that everything that is wrong in life is not directly the work of an evil spirit. In order for us to be successful Christians and effective in using the Name of Jesus, we must learn how to bring our flesh under the dominion of the recreated spirit.

### **Is it true that someday in this life, before Jesus returns, we won't have any more trouble with our flesh?**

Some folks think we can get so "sanctified" that we won't ever have any more problems with the flesh or Satan. But the only way we won't have problems with them is to pass on and leave this world. The next time we think that this Christian life is getting too hard, consider the Apostle Paul.

## **Where is the real battle ground in the life of the believer when dealing with the devil?**

The real battle ground is in our minds. This is where we must be alert and ever watchful at all times. The root of all human behavior originates in thoughts that we have dwelt on. Consider Proverbs 23:7 in NKJV, “*For as he thinks in his heart, so is he*” and Proverbs 4:23, “*Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.*” The Bible has much to say about our minds from renewing it with God’s Word in Romans 12:2 to what kinds of things to think on in Philippians 4:8. We are told to set our minds on things above in Colossians 3:1-2 and to fix our thoughts on Jesus in Hebrews 3:1. The battle for obedience and devotion to God is won or lost on the battle fields of our minds.

## **Is it important what a person does after they are delivered from demonic oppression in their life?**

When people sin, they have to repent and completely turn away from wrongdoing before we can help them. Anyone can be set free from an evil spirit if he is willing. But what that person does after he is delivered of evils spirits is of the utmost importance- Luke 11:24-26. Is he going to feed his mind on God’s Word? Is he going to get filled with the Holy Spirit and give the devil no more access to him? If a person is delivered from an evil spirit and isn’t taught the Word of God, evil spirits can enter back into him- ends up worse off. Get them in the Word so they know how to resist the devil’s attacks.

## **Lesson 10: Deliverance Ministry – Wrestling or Resting**

### **Why should we exercise wisdom when ministering to Christians who need deliverance in public?**

When ministering in public, if we just cast an evil spirit out of a believer’s body or mind, without explaining it to the congregation, it would cause more damage than good. Because folks will begin to think, “Well that person is saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and a member of this church. If he has a devil in him, maybe I have a devil in me.” And if they start thinking and talking like that, guess what, they can unknowingly open a door to the devil and an evil spirit will accommodate them. That’s why people need to exercise wisdom when ministering in public.

So before ministering to the person, we should explain to the congregation, “Satan, not God, is the author of sickness, and disease. Sometimes there can even be a literal presence of a demon in a person’s body that enforces sickness and disease. When that is the case, the evil spirit must be dealt with by the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of Jesus. In this person’s case, I am going to cast the evil spirit out of his body. It’s not in his soul or his spirit.”

### **So how do we know when a person is being afflicted directly by an evil spirit?**

Not every case of physical or mental oppression is caused by a literal presence of a demon. We’ll have to rely on the Holy Spirit to know when the literal presence of a demon is causing the affliction. In our own human knowledge or wisdom we won’t know whether or not an evil spirit is present. The bible tells us to eagerly desire spiritual gifts or the manifestation of the Spirit according to 1 Corinthians 14:1- like a “Word of Knowledge” or “Discerning of spirits.”

## **Can a Christian be possessed with an evil spirit in their spirit?**

It's erroneous and unscriptural to say a Christian can be possessed by an evil spirit. Certainly, no Christian can have a devil in his/her spirit, or you couldn't call the person a Christian anymore. We need to be careful with our terminology and define what we really mean by certain expressions. Also, we must realize that there is a vast difference between being oppressed, influenced by, yielded to demons, or obsessed by them, and in being fully possessed by demons.

## **What are two extremes or doctrinal ditches that Christians find themselves in on the subject of demonology?**

Many believers become fearful if we talk about the devil, demons, and evil spirits and their activities. Many people seem to think it would be better not to even mention the devil or evil spirits. But if we don't teach believers scripturally from the Word of God how to deal with the devil, the enemy will just run rampant and take inroads in their lives because they won't know how to exercise their scriptural authority.

The other ditch is to give too much credit to the devil and the cause of everything that is bad. This results in an over inflated view as this "Big, Bad devil" who is doing whatever he wants. This wrong thinking and wrong believing in this area has actually opened the door to the devil.

## **As Christians, are we at war with the devil?**

The King James Version of Luke 19:13 says, "*Occupy, till I come.*" We're to take our stand on the Word against a defeated foe. Therefore, we are in the army of the Lord, all right, but it's an occupying army. The occupying army is not in battle, but rather policing a conquered territory. The occupying army is just enforcing the victory that's already been won by our Commander in Chief, the Lord Jesus Christ. That's why believers shouldn't magnify the battle; they should magnify the triumph!

As you study the New Testament, particularly the epistles (Romans – Revelation), it is amazing how seldom the words "war" and "warfare" are mentioned- never once are the words "devil" or "Satan" used in connection with them.

## **What does the word "wrestle" mean in Ephesians 6:12 in connection with spiritual warfare?**

One of the meanings of the word "wrestle" in W.E. Vines Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words is to *sway*. If we will let him, the enemy will come against us and try to *sway* us and get us out of faith and into doubt and unbelief about the Word so he can defeat us. But if we stand our ground in faith, he cannot sway us from the Word. Therefore, the "wrestling" we do is not fighting the devil, but it is a "fight" sometimes to hold fast to our faith in God's Word in the midst of trials, tests and temptations that try to knock us off balance, distract and rattle our cage. In a desperate attempt to discourage, frustrate and pressure us to give up and give in and quit. But our response is, "*Having done all, to stand. Stand!*"

## **Lesson 11: Pulling Down Strongholds**

**Is it true that evil spirits tend to be territorial and influence the churches in those areas- explain?**

We can glean from this passage of Scripture that demons do like to gang up in certain parts of the world or in certain countries. When traveling, it can be easy to discern what kinds of spirits are in a given locality. One can drive through a city and know what spirits predominate there, not because of any of the spiritual gifts operating, but just by spiritual perception- this should be the case for every Christian. Sometimes there are predominately immoral or occult spirits, or spirits promoting foreign religions. Small towns, not just large cities, can have spiritual strongholds or spirits ruling over them too. The evil spirits that dominate a city will try to get into the local churches if there are people in the church who will yield to them and let them in.

**What is the essence of spiritual warfare?**

What the Holy Spirit through Paul is trying to convey to the Church is that the biggest battle we will ever “fight” is in the area of the thought life and the mind. This is where Satan through the power of suggestion tries to plant seeds or weeds to grow in our minds to influence our behavior and ultimately open the door for him to have access to our lives. However, if we promptly remove those thoughts out of our minds by replacing them with God’s Word, nothing comes of it- Praise God, simple isn’t it! This is how we fight the good fight of faith, by persistently standing on and speaking God’s Word continually out of our mouths and putting it into practice in every area of our lives. In this way, the devil has nothing to work with against us, and this is the essence of spiritual warfare for the believer and his/her life!

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

**Can we use our authority in Jesus’ Name to pull down enemy strongholds over cities and nations?**

The answer is NO! Satan likes it when believers get off into error and excess, by trying to fight demonic strongholds over cities and nations. He knows those strongholds can’t be once and for all pulled down before the appointed time, before Adam’s lease on this earth runs out- the Second Return of Jesus. Until that time, the devil and his hosts have a right to be here and dominate those who let them- 2 Corinthians 4:4; Matthew 8:28-29

**What was the greatest threat to the Early Church and to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ today?**

It’s amazing when studying the Epistles (Romans - Revelation), the letters to churches, how much material is devoted to the subject of false teaching. This is the greatest threat to the church and explains the rise of all the false religions and cults in the world today. These religious spirits push their doctrines of demons to hold people in bondage through deceptive lies and half-truths.

**How can we as believers inflict the greatest damage to the kingdom of darkness?**

The greatest act of spiritual warfare that the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ can afflict on the kingdom of darkness is in getting people saved and the teaching and preaching of the Word of God. It’s the truth that sets people free, getting folks to know and then act on God’s Word is the crux to spiritual warfare. Unfortunately, many believers are barking up the wrong spiritual tree.

## **A spiritual harvest doesn't just happen for no reason or by accident; what are the principles involved?**

Spiritually, we prepare the ground of people's hearts through scriptural prayer and sowing the incorruptible seed of God's Word- 1 Peter 1:23. The Word has to be sown in people's hearts through the preaching of the Word, because it is the Word that brings light and illumination to men's hearts to set them free from the dominion of the devil- Psalms 119:130. If believers only prayed in regard to the harvest, but no one ever sowed the Word, there would never be a harvest of souls. It doesn't matter how good the seed is or how well-prepared the ground is, if there is no water or rain, there will be no crop and no increase. In the Bible, water is a type of both the Word and the Holy Spirit- John 4:10; 7:38; Ephesians 5:26. The rain mentioned in James 5:7 in this verse is a type of the Holy Spirit and in Zechariah 10:1 states to ask the Lord to send the rain.

## **Lesson 12: Common Questions Concerning Demons**

### **Should you talk to demons when calling them out?**

Did you ever notice that Jesus would tell them to be quiet? There's no Scripture in the New Testament where He ever held a conversation with demons.

*Mark 1:23-26*

*Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.*

### **Will a demon try to return after it has been cast out?**

The devil always will endeavor to go right back to the place he has left. That is a spiritual principle explained for us in:

*Luke 11:24-26*

*"When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first."*

If you get saved, the devil will try to get back in your life; he'll try to get you to do wrong. If you were delivered of sickness, he'll try to put the same thing back on you. In dealing with demons in the lives of Christians, you must be careful to get the Word into people. Otherwise you'll do them an injustice, because they may wind up seven times worse than what they were.

### **What are the most important qualifications for success in dealing with demons?**

If we know God has planned to use us in a certain way, we can prepare ourselves so we'll be more efficient in that area. You prepare yourself by fasting and praying, by waiting on God. By meditating in the Word, and by living right. There are two things that are important if you're going to deal with devils: (1) You've got to live right. If you don't live right. You won't have any confidence and the devil will laugh at you. (2) You have to have boldness. And you can't be bold unless you know your rights and privileges in Christ Jesus.

### **Is it necessary to look a demon possessed person in the eye to get him delivered?**

You have to make contact with a person's eyes sometimes before you can get the devil out of him. Sometimes a person's spirit is trying to hide. But you can get hold of his spirit with your spirit and instantly he'll receive deliverance.

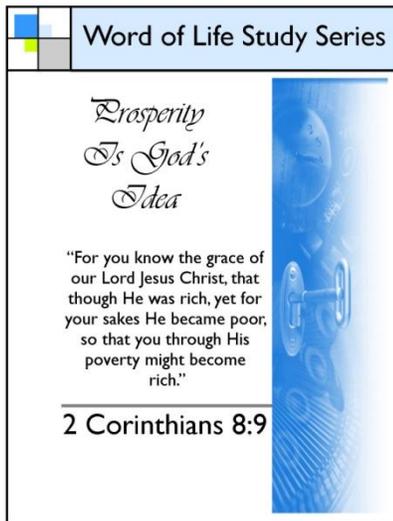
### **Is it harmful to talk about the devil's power?**

You can give place to the devil by giving him more credit than God. In church, some people give more praise to the devil than to God. Born-again, Spirit-filled people praise the devil more than they do God. Many people talk about what the devil is doing and how he's keeping them sick and unsuccessful. They give the devil dominion over them. But if you'll talk about what God's Word says, the devil will run from you in terror. You have authority because of the Name of Jesus!

### **Once you've been delivered, how can you make sure you keep that deliverance?**

After a person gets delivered, he needs to change his ways – his lifestyle – his thinking. Even Christians need to change a lot of times. If you keep on thinking like you were thinking, the devil will come right back. This may sound strange to you, but it's absolutely the truth. Sometimes after people are healed or delivered. I know they will wind up worse than they were to begin with.

How do I know? They are still speaking negatively or thinking wrongly. They will wind up in the same mess they were to begin with, or worse. It is a fact that the devil will try to come back. He's here, that's his job. I wish you could get Christians to be as faithful on their jobs as the devil is on his. To stay delivered. People need to read the Bible. They need to depart from evil and do good. They need to walk in close fellowship with God through the Word and through daily prayer.



**But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.**

**Deuteronomy 8:18**

## **Lesson 1: Prosperity Under the Old Covenant**

### **What's the purpose of reading a will?**

If we want to know God's will on any subject, let's read His will in His Word. Suppose a lady should say, "My husband, who was very rich, has passed away; I wish I knew whether he left me anything in the will." I would say to her, "Why don't you read the will and find out?" The word "testament," legally speaking, means a person's will. The Bible contains God's last will and testament, in which He bequeaths to us all the blessings of redemption; and since it is His "last will and testament," anything submitted later is a forgery. A man never writes a new will after he is dead.

### **Where does a "poverty spirit," philosophically have its roots in, and how does it affect the Church?**

The generation of Job and Abraham did not know anything other than God blessing them financially. You can't sell that old lie of the devil that God brings poverty on all of us to keep us humble, to the Jewish folks, because their Bible does not say that- neither does ours. The source of that kind of teaching partly came from Zen Buddhism, through the study of Eastern religion by European people at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. That philosophy worked its way from there and started a trend of poverty vows and poverty oaths which are not in the Bible nor a part of the New Covenant, but is actually in violation of the Covenant. Then it came over into North America. Beware of this Poverty spirit of religious piety to stay humble. It's just the devil trying to steal from God's children and keep finances out of God's Kingdom. Yet on the other hand watch out for the spirit of materialism and consumerism that is pervasive in our society, that detracts from God's Kingdom priorities.

### **Which of the "poverty mentality" questions do you have challenges with and why?**

Are we always trying to get it for less or for free? Do we bug the salesperson and wear them down excessively, bargain, bug, plead and dicker them down to next to nothing. It's fine if people offer us a great deal because we believed God for favor, but we should not begrudge the salesperson from making something on it. Do we have a compulsive disorder to collect coupons? Beware of asking for Christian discounts, "This is for the church, can't you give us a better deal? Well I am a Christian brother, can't you come down and help me out?" Do rich people talk like that? Do we burn a tank of gas to save five dollars by driving to the other side of town. Sometimes it can be a good witness to pay full price, be a blessing, and show people God is not broke- be led by the Spirit!

## **What should our mentality be when we approach the “table of the Lord” in Psalms chapter 23?**

I would like to bring to our remembrance, the table that the Lord has prepared for us in the midst of our enemies like: sickness, poverty, oppression, fear and the like in Psalms 23:5. The table of the Lord is full of healing, life, forgiveness, prosperity, peace, joy and so much more. Suppose in the name of trying to be humble a believer approaches this banquet table sheepishly, and apologetically; only taking a couple of scoops from the plate of forgiveness and that’s it. He looks next to him and sees one of those “Full Gospel” folks, just digging in. I mean, he is taking huge helpings of everything on that salvation table, he just wants to try everything. Meanwhile, our religious brother, looks forlornly at his meager sampling. In jealousy, he begins to chide his other brother for being greedy, arrogant and selfish to presume that he can help himself to the master’s table and partake of whatever and as much as he wants.

## **Why is the subject of “blood covenant” important to the topic of prosperity in the Bible?**

So what are some reasons people enter into covenant?

- Protection- A covenant partner is bound to come to your aid when in trouble.
- Provision- What is yours is mine and what is mine is yours.
- Posterity- Descendants are covered and benefit from the relationship.
- Relationship- A deep love, devotion and respect for each other.

What’s mine is yours and what’s yours is mine. And if I die, all my children are yours by adoption and you are responsible for my family. But at the same time, you also get all my liabilities. If I ever get in trouble financially, I don’t come and ask you for money. I come to you and say, “Where’s our checkbook?” We are in covenant, everything I have is yours and what’s yours is mine, both assets and liabilities.

All this is made possible through the instrument of blood covenant. So the reason Abraham was made righteous before God, healed, protected and made rich is the same reasons we are today as Christians- Blood Covenant! Abraham was rich materially only because of his covenant relationship with God, not because he was special or God was showing partiality as some rare occurrence or fluke event. So if we have a better covenant with God through Jesus Christ than what Abraham had, what is the obvious conclusion- at minimum, we should be as rich as he was. Our expectations have been way too low in this matter.

## **Why is our view of the Father’s “goodness” so important to this subject on prosperity?**

Our view of our Heavenly Father, whether true or false will have a tremendous affect on our relationship with Him and our ability to receive from His hand. If we have had abusive dads on this earth, more than likely our perception of God will be distorted. If we have been intimidated, belittled and unloved by our earthly father, we may be suffering from what I call the “Oliver Twist” syndrome. This story of an orphaned boy who’s childhood was marked by dominating males. He suffered from an inferiority complex that conformed him to a beggar.

When we approach our heavenly Father like Oliver, begging, pleading, groveling and slobbering at the throne of Grace, that is not being humble or reverent- that is really ignorance in light of Scripture. So instead of fogging up the window, and looking in from the cold, let’s open the door and sit at the Master’s table and dig into the glorious redemption and precious promises He has freely given us.

## Lesson 2: Redeemed from the Curse of the Law

### Why is it important to understand that poverty is a part of the curse of the law?

First: We understand who is behind poverty- the devil

The only way legally Satan can get his hold on folks lives is through their sin. Sin subjects humanity to Satan's dominion, jurisdiction and authority. Sin is rebellion against God which is what Satan is the father of. All who sin come under his control and ownership and share his doom. Therefore, all that is bad, sickness, pain, evil, poverty was created by and perpetuated through Satan's kingdom of darkness.

Second: We learn that we have been redeemed from the curse of poverty through Jesus Christ

That is why Jesus came 2,000 years ago, He came to take away our sin and ransom us from Satan's tyranny according to Hebrews 9:15. Only through faith in Jesus Christ (Confess Him as Lord- Romans 10:9) do we receive the gift of eternal life, and receive our deliverance from the curse of the law- Satan's cruel and miserable oppression.

### How were many Old Testament passages translated into English – causative or permissive? Why is it important to make this distinction?

Dr. Robert Young, was a Hebrew and Greek Scholar (Old Testament was written in Hebrew, New Testament was written in Greek), and the author of *Hints and Helps to Bible Interpretation*. He says in this book, that in Exodus 15:26, the literal Hebrew reads "... I will permit to be put upon thee none of these diseases which I permitted to be brought upon the Egyptians, for I am the Lord that heals you." The original Hebrew of these scriptures was in the permissive tense, but because the English language has no corresponding permissive tense, the verbs were translated in the causative tense. The KEY to understanding these different passages of Scripture lies in knowing that the active verbs in Hebrew have been translated in the causative tense when they should have been translated in the permissive tense. So, Deuteronomy 28:27 should have been translated something like, "*The Lord will allow/permit these plagues to be brought upon you...*"

So please keep in mind that Old Testament Scripture language frequently attributes directly to God what He merely permits. Many other verbs were translated in the causative sense in the KJV. For example, Isaiah 45:7, "Does God create evil?" Well the answer would be no. That would make God a devil. God may permit evil, but He does not create it. If God commits or creates evil, then He has no right whatsoever to judge man for sinning. We need to take the whole counsel of God's Word into consideration when interpreting these Scriptures, God is not responsible for evil, He only permits evil. There is a vast difference between commission and permission.

### What does it mean to be judged by the Lord according to Scripture?

What we see over and over again throughout Scripture is that God is passing judgment that allows the destroyer access to people in the Old and New Testaments. So often when studying the nation of Israel, when they backslid from God, the Lord would warn them of impending judgment and grant them a period of time to repent. When they ignored God's warnings and refused to repent, the Lord simply lifted His hand of protection over them, and their enemies rushed in like a flood. Satan through these enemies of Israel came in like a plague to kill, steal and destroy them.

So we are seeing in Scripture, to be judged by the Lord, is to be turned over to the hand of the enemy. And what does the enemy promptly do? Set out to destroy our lives, because that is what he has been wanting to do all along, he has just been waiting for the right opportunity when individuals had expended God's mercy for them to repent, and like a lion he pounces on them with sickness, calamities the like. Sin opens the door to the devil when we fail to repent.

### **As Christians, will prosperity automatically work in our lives without us doing anything?**

According to 2 Corinthians 1:18-21, it is plainly stated that all the promises of God are "Yes," not sometimes "Yes" and sometimes "No." Only "Yes" in Christ. However, the promises of God concerning prosperity are not automatically applied in our life, even though they belong to us, and it's God's will for us to enter into this provision for our lives. It requires faith just like it was for salvation; by grace through faith in Ephesians 2:8-9.

### **Why is understanding the authority of the believer so important to receiving our financial blessings?**

The reason we have a right to claim our needs met is because Jesus came to the earth and defeated Satan. Jesus has given us His Name, in order to keep the enemy under our feet in submission. We're in the world but we're not of the world- John 15:19. Since we still have to live in this world for the time being, we must use our God-given authority to enforce Satan's defeat and enjoy the blessings of God that we have in Christ, including financial prosperity- Colossians 1:12-13. We have authority through the Name of Jesus to pry finances out of Satan's tightly clenched fists.

That is why we just need to claim the money we need- Jesus already became poor to make us rich. Command the devil to get his hands off your finances. Speak the Word concerning prosperity, this releases the angels of God, our ministering spirits to cause the money to come in. We have to exercise spiritual authority in the area of finances. Satan would like to hinder and delay but he can't make it stay, we will prosper anyway!

### **Are we to pray for finances; how does the "car keys" analogy help answer this question?**

So when it comes to redemptive items like prosperity, it has already been provided, it just needs to be appropriated through faith! I like to use the 'Car Keys' analogy. If I give you my car keys because you need to borrow my car and the next minute you turn around and ask me again for my car keys, I will say "I already gave you the keys to my car, they are in your hand right now." If you persist in asking me for something I already gave you, well eventually I will get a little frustrated with you. When we ask God to prosper us when He already did so 2,000 years ago, "*through his poverty might become rich*" according to 2 Corinthians 8:9 we are praying when we should be proclaiming what is already an established fact- redemptive provisions need only to be appropriated by speaking the Word from our heart.

So don't ask the Lord or pray to God for finances anymore. Whatever you need, claim it in Jesus' Name. Say, "Satan, take your hands off my money," and then say, "Go, ministering spirits, and cause the money to come." Angels are sent to be our ministering spirits to see that God's Word comes to pass in our lives.

## Lesson 3: Good Stewards of God's Resources

### What Biblical definition is provided for grace, and how does grace affect our giving?

First let's define what "Grace" is and where it comes from. Simply put according to the Bible, grace is the power of God at work in us who believe! God's grace is God's Power and is contained in God's Word- the Bible. As we meditate on the Bible, we are ingesting God's power and creative life into our spirit- John 1:17 *"For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."* Note, in verse 1 Jesus is referred to as "The Word" in this chapter. The Word of God = the Grace of God. So God's Grace, God's power for living comes through the Word of God- the Bible!

2 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9 provide the New Covenant model for giving:

- Giving without Regard to Self
- Giving Beyond our own Ability
- Give as unto the Lord

### Is it true that some believers have a specific calling to make money for God's Kingdom? Explain.

One last point I wanted to make concerning God's Grace and giving is in regards to the motivational gift of giving as a function for believers in the Body of Christ. All of us as members of the Body of Christ have been given grace by God to serve one another with His power and ability. All of us have been endowed with something to give. In a general sense, all believers have a Biblical responsibility to give financially and materially to our local church, missions, the poor and the Kingdom of God in general.

However, some believers have a special anointing to make money for God's kingdom. Whether it is in business or inventions, they have a grace from God to produce wealth, over and above the average Christian. They are called by God to make huge capital investments into furthering God's works throughout the world.

### Why is giving "Cheerfully" so important when we give?

In the natural, when we see our kids grow up to be generous and willing to share, who are not selfish but consider others better than themselves- our joy knows no bounds! Our heavenly Father is the same way, He delights to see His children live out His nature of love and live to give, and lay their lives down for others. The word "cheerful" in 2 Corinthians 9:7 is translated in other versions as a "joyous or prompt to do it" kind of giver. I love it in the Greek; the original meaning for "cheerful" is being a "hilarious" giver. So when the collection is being passed around, we should be doing cart-wheels and jumping up and down in excitement for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints!

God is not looking at the amount, but rather He is looking at the heart, because the Scriptures declare that if the "willingness" is there, that is what makes the gift acceptable, not the value of the gift. When we give with enthusiasm as a hilarious giver with a willing heart, our Father God is well pleased. However, if we are giving out of tradition, obligation and grudgingly, we had better hold onto that gift unto we make a heart adjustment and become willing and obedient.

## **Why is “Zoe” or eternal life so important to our financial situation?**

Through eternal life, revelation knowledge comes to their rescue through the new birth. By being re-united with their creator, the open channels of supernatural information begins to pour in- so superior to sense knowledge. The re-created human spirit begins to function energized by the Holy Spirit to enlighten the human mind with creative revelation, understanding and skills- walking in the flesh hinders this!

All creative ability is in the born again human spirit, that is where God’s nature resides. God who is the creator of the universe has put His nature in us; therefore, our human spirit is the fountain out of which all the creative energy flows.

## **What is it about stewardship in general that makes it so important in God’s Kingdom?**

The subject of stewardship is significant all throughout the Bible; since the charge God gave Adam in the garden of Eden. How we use the gifts God has given us will be revealed at the Judgment Seat of Christ, when we give an account to God of the deposits we have made in the lives of others. One thing is certain about our God, He entrusts us with His resources, commissions us to do His work, holds us accountable and rewards us for our faithfulness.

God has given us a job to do. I love how He gives us such rich purpose and meaningful labor in this life both naturally and spiritually. The Father is all about seeing us develop, mature and grow in the things of God. He does not want us idle, burning time away, and living fruitless lives of self-indulgence.

## **When it comes to meeting the needs of the poor, how are we to go about it as Christians?**

However, these solutions were only temporary, but God still cared about them. When things concern us, and we have needs in our life, the Lord is very much interested in seeing those needs met. Yet He wants us to learn how to walk by faith and believe for things to come in and not be dependent upon others all the time. It’s one thing to receive some assistance during a few tight times in our lives, it is quite another if we never learn how to receive for ourselves. Remember the saying, “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach him how to fish and you will feed him for a lifetime.” The Biblical pattern for ministering to the poor seems to be two-fold. Not only are we to provide tangible gifts of food, clothing and shelter, but our main objective is to get them saved and understand how they can tap into a glorious redemption that includes prosperity for their lives.

## **Lesson 4: Beware of the Love of Money**

### **What does it mean to have godly contentment, and why is this important?**

Godly contentment is such a wonderful virtue that stems from the peace of God; resting in the Father’s provision and care to provide for His beloved children- consider Psalms 23. God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness according to 2 Peter 1:2-4. All that is left for us to do now is to come and dine at the Master’s table. We don’t need to be desperate, living in survival mode to scratch out a living; consumed with where our next meal is coming from. When we taste and see that the Lord is good, we can rest assured that we will be well provided for.

We need to identify areas of covetous, greed or materialism, and seek to eliminate it from our lives. Freedom from covetousness is one of the great difficulties and roadblocks to Christians. Make no mistake about it, greed is a temptation that affects the rich, poor and everybody in between. Paul said in Philippians chapter four that no matter what the circumstances, he learned to be content- notice that he was not born with that ability, but learned it. That does not mean that we just settle for perpetual lack in our lives, it means that during periods of lack we do not postpone our contentment- we continue to rest in God and rejoice in the Lord.

### **How do we pass the “Covetousness” test, so the Lord can trust us with more?**

Will we remain faithful to the Lord and keep on serving Him when He makes us rich. Regardless to how much the Lord blesses us, if our attitude is business and usual in seeking first His Kingdom, than the Lord can trust us with material things. We can add things to ourselves, but that is not the same as the Lord adding them to us. And there are different ways of getting things. If some things mean too much to us, we have to die to it. The test if something has us or not is if the Lord were to ask us to give it away, could we? When we die to it and allow the Lord to add it to us, then it will be a great blessing to us. It's okay to enjoy things in our life, but they cannot mean too much to us, and have too big of a place in our life. Often, we go to the extreme, and a good things becomes a bad thing. Sure we need to be a good steward and take good care of our goods, but not to the excess.

### **Why is our soul prospering so important to us prospering financially?**

Now the key to understanding how we receive healing and prosperity from God is found in the phrase “just as your soul prospers” according to 3 John 2. This is the key to our lives prospering! Sadly, not many of us understand what it means for our soul to prosper. Our souls prospers through the Word of God and from fellowship with the Father. As we walk with God and commune with Him in prayer and feed on His Word, go to church and submit ourselves to good teaching ministries etc, our soul prospers in the knowledge of God.

As a result, we begin to know and understand the will of God for our lives. God's Word is God's will, and faith to receive the promises of God begins where the will of God is known. We begin to free ourselves from deceptions and lies, and start to see clearly the way things really are. We set aside the glasses of religious ideology and traditions of men and overcome doubt and unbelief. This is how our soul begins to prosper. Therefore, doors begin to open for our body and finances to prosper. Oh, my dear brother and sister, even though it's God's will for our lives to be blessed, it's not automatic. We have to do these things in order to get ourselves into a position to receive. Therefore, our prosperity in the natural realm is a byproduct of prospering in our spirit and the renewing of our minds with the Word.

### **How do the principles of “by grace through faith” apply to our prosperity?**

Remember the Biblical principle: By His grace and through our faith according to Ephesians 2:8. By definition, Grace is God's power at work in us who believe. Without faith it is impossible to not only please God, but also to receive anything from Him- Hebrews 11:6. We have to first lay hold of these spiritual truths as revelations in our heart while we are still sick and broke before we get healed and prosperous. Everything in the natural may speak to the contrary, but faith says we are rich according to the Bible in Jesus' Name. That is what it means to be prosperous in our soul. To be rich with the Word of God in our heart and coming out of our mouths as a bold confession; declaring and calling those things that are not as though they were. We walk by faith and not by sight, we walk by the finished work of redemption that was already accomplished in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

## **What is the difference between sense knowledge and heart faith?**

Sense knowledge is based upon physical evidence. One believes in what they can see, hear or feel. Baby Christians who are untaught in the Word are seeking for someone who can pray the prayer of faith for them. The prayer of faith may deliver temporarily relief, but unbelief will annul the effect of their prayer eventually. Simple confidence in the Word is never sensible to the natural man who lives in the realm of the senses, for they only believe what they can see, hear or understand. Faith is giving substance to things that sense knowledge cannot understand or see. It lifts one out of the realm of the senses and into the realm of the recreated human spirit. The Thomas kind of faith is a religion of the senses.

## **Is prosperity all up to God or to us or a combination of the two- explain?**

It's not all up to God or to us, but together we can see God's perfect will come to pass in our lives. Ephesians 2:8-9- A God-ward side and a man-ward side to appropriating the promises of God. It's up to us to take God at His Word and mix it with our faith in order to release His Grace.

We have to honor God by walking in the light of His Word that we have, not just some of it. We don't give primarily to get, that is secondary; we want to see God's Kingdom advance. Laziness or being idle is condemned in the Bible- all hard work brings a profit. Living in excess- greed will make money our god and hold us in bondage. Poor management- not using basic budgeting skills and financial planning

## **Lesson 5: God is our Source**

### **How do we build an abundance mentality in our lives?**

We need to develop a mentality of abundance. Beware of always telling your children, "We can't afford that," because it builds a consciousness of lack and limitation in their hearts. Instead, encourage them to believe God for it- Mark 9:23, "*Everything is possible for him who believes.*" By observation we can see that a lot of people have a poverty mentality; more than they think they do. That does not mean that we live recklessly, charge up debt and call that prosperity because it isn't. Prosperity gets us out of debt, does not put us into it. God's prosperity brings financial freedom, not financial bondage to greed, materialism and decadent living. The only way to keep from passing on a poverty mentality to our kids is to get it out of our lives. Teach your kids to sow and give, and then pray the prayer of agreement with them. Our kids need to learn that mom and dad is not their source, but God is! Let's not limit our spouse and kids to our jobs.

### **Does the saying, "you made your bed, so now you have to lay in it" apply to our financial mistakes?**

Sometimes people pass off human expressions that often contain myths which are passed on as truisms through much repetition- "You made your bed, so now you have to lay in it." But can we find such statements in the Bible; not just what uncle George said or what we sang in the hymn book? If what we hear is not in line with the Word, just don't accept it. There are many Scriptures about the mercy of God where people sinned and missed it and God restored and delivered them in spite of what they did in messing things up! Just consider the redemption of mankind. One could say, "Well we sinned and made our bed, so now there is no other choice but to go to hell." Thank God for the mercy of God, there is a choice for mankind to die in their sins or not. The devil will try to lie to people and get them to believe that they have to pay for their mistakes and scrape through life the best way they know how- what about the story of the prodigal son?

## **Are we being a responsible “Adult” when we worry about our financial situation?**

It is not okay to worry about bills or our finances or anything for that matter. When the Bible tells us to do or not do something, our Father provides us with the power and grace; resident in His Word to obey it. It’s amazing how people rationalize and justify their doubts and lack of faith- “Well I am just human. I just have bad days like everyone else.” It is one thing to say we have had bad days, it’s another thing to say that we are expecting to have bad days- prophesying and calling for those things to happen in the future. When tempted to fear, we can resist it in Jesus’ Name and speak the Word in the face of contrary circumstances- God will provide! Worrying over our finances is not being a “Responsible” adult; that is what the world does, worry, fret, anxious and full of fear, because they are without God and without hope- they have good reason to be afraid. But we don’t! Not when we have the Greater One inside us according to 1 John 4:4. We have Jehovah Jireh seeing to all our needs! Just relax, hold fast to your confession of faith, and keep obeying God by casting your bread upon every wave- Ecclesiastes 11:1!

## **Is it true that once we become acquainted with prosperity, we don’t have to study it anymore?**

Here is another important point that needs to be made. Just because we were strong in faith concerning a particular Bible topic ten years ago, if we just cut that off and stop talking about it, quit thinking and feeding on it, listening and reading about it, we will begin to get weak in that area. Like in the natural, if we get in great physical shape, but then decide, “that’s enough,” and stop working out, what happens? If we were to stop working out a certain part of our body like our legs, our upper body will look great, but our legs will look like tooth picks. The same thing is true concerning spiritual things. If we only major on one area of the Bible, we will be weak in other areas. The key to spiritual maturity is to have a balanced diet. Certainly there will be times when the Holy Spirit wants us to major on a specific area, but never at the long term exclusion of other areas. That is why the Lord leads our pastors to cover significant areas over and over- so we stay strong in that area!

## **When we are struggling financially, sick and oppressed, what kind of a reflection does that have on the Lord?**

When God’s children are not well provided for, it is a negative reflection upon the Lord. Just as if we are always sick, the world wonders what kind of a God do we serve. If our own natural children went around in ragged clothes, all sickly and malnourished, what kind of a reflection upon us as parents would that cast? Jesus is the Good Shepherd. When the world looks at the condition of the Lord’s flock, it is a direct reflection upon Jesus as our Shepherd. Yet if we are sick, poor and oppressed it’s not Jesus’ fault- it’s ours! If we have not mixed our faith into the Grace of His Word through His precious promises, who do we have to blame if we go without?

## **How does the reality of creation itself, reflect on God’s nature in being excessive?**

So if God is into excess, why is it that Christians have developed such a keen aversion to that word. They attribute excess to greed, the love of money and living like there is no tomorrow- like the prodigal son. Well certainly, there is a perversion of running after the lusts of the flesh. But whose idea was it in the first place to be excessive about creating this vast universe and this wonderful world that God has made with all of its innumerable varieties of plant and animal life. If God is the kind of God some people construe Him to be, there would be only three types of flowers with only three kinds of colors- light gray, medium gray and dark gray. They claim to hold a conservative view of God, but I call that narrow, restrictive and limited. The creation of God reflects the nature of our creator, even this world in a fallen state is excessive in its varieties, textures, smells and sounds. Well, does God stop being this way when He finished creating the material world? That is just who He is and how He does things- extravagantly.

## **Lesson 6: Different Levels of Faith for Prosperity**

### **What does it mean to have a heavenly or spiritual account in God's Kingdom?**

Question, do you know what the balance is in your checking and savings accounts? What about in your investment accounts or 401K. So what about your heavenly account? If you are a born again Christian, you have an account in the First Bank of Heaven! Paul was concerned in that he wanted the accounts of the Philippian Christians to increase and abound.

As we are led to give in the local church, missionaries, ministries, other believers and the poor, our account will be credited. If we fail to give as the Lord is prompting us to, we are delaying our prosperity and increase. So as we give, and invest into God's Kingdom, our spiritual account will be credited. However, folks will say that we can't touch that until we get to heaven, like a 401K being accessed at retirement. Well certainly there will be wonderful rewards for us to receive when we get to heaven, but we need God's provision while we live here on earth. Every time we put in a offering, we are making deposits, it gets multiplied, and then it is available for future withdrawals.

### **Why is it important to seize the opportunities that are afforded us to give; will it always be convenient?**

I have noticed in my own life and in Scripture that the Lord provides windows of opportunities that need to be acted on because they will only remain open for a season. Most of the time it is not going to be convenient, but it's a test of obedience and faith. If we miss that opportunity there is no guarantee that we will get another chance. Likewise with giving into God's Kingdom, we need to take opportunities when they arise, because sometimes windows for giving are seasonal. Sometimes people need our help right now, but later on they won't need it in that way. It's not always going to be convenient when folks need our help. There will be many times when the Lord will prompt us to give and it will not be a good time.

### **When the Lord prompts us to give money that was ear marked for bills, our main concern should be?**

When the Lord directs us to give money that we had already ear marked for some other bill or item, the temptation is to first check if there will be some other means to recoup that money. "Well I have my house payment coming up in a week, so..." That should not be the prerequisite to our giving, how will I make the money up. The issue is not that I can get the money from somewhere else, the issue is whether the Lord is dealing and prompting me to give. What the Lord is looking for is obedience and trust in Him as our source to always make up the difference and a whole lot more. So the question is always is this the Lord prompting me, not where am I going to get the money to pay those other bills. So why don't we give on these occasions? Simple, we are not convinced that God can get the money to us in time- simple lack of faith.

Note, in many cases when large bills come up, what people have is not even half enough of what they need anyway. They are going to have to believe God in the first place. So if God is dealing with use to give, let's trust God with the little we have; our two fish and five loaves of bread and watch the Master multiply it. It's a whole lot easier to believe God when we have seed in the ground and have obeyed Him to give- confidence to expect a harvest.

## **Is the key to living a prosperous life, always found in giving big offerings?**

So many people have good intentions concerning the matter of giving. They tell themselves that when their ship comes in, when they win the lottery or get their rich uncles inheritance they are finally going to give something into the Kingdom of God. So in this case we are really talking about pride, they won't give until they can give a "Big" offering. And they won't do anything until they get to that place- well they never will until they start by giving something. Remember our faith grows only as we act on God's Word. If we are only in a position to give \$1.00 a month to a ministry, start there! In a few months you can give \$10.00, and then another month after that \$20.00. Before you know it, you will be giving \$1,000 offerings and \$10,000 offerings if we will just start with the \$1.00 a month. That is how the principles of seed time and harvest and sowing and reaping work. The idea is to start with something small and allow God's principles of increase to multiply it over time into a whole bunch! The big issue is not about how much we have, but being good stewards of what we do have right now.

## **How does Psalms 15:4 apply to repaying our debts, and what's God's method for debt elimination?**

We are so quick to just throw in the towel. The Lord wants us to grow up spiritually, be men and women of integrity and excellence, who keep their word even when it hurts and do right. Sure it will involve sacrifice, prayer and seeking God, but training in godliness is worth it for this life and the life to come. Let's overcome and crucify selfishness, and become a faithful steward of God's resources. It may seem that our financial system is beyond hope, but there is a God and a way if we trust Him and commit ourselves to His plan with a right heart and motive- He just needs faith out of us.

The problem with our society today is not the devil, but selfishness. If we are in debt, our job is not our source, God is. If we honor our debts, God will honor our integrity and when we cooperate with the laws of giving and receiving we will get out of debt God's way- through the laws of increase.

## **Which is the best "Level" of faith for prosperity that we should all be aiming for and why?**

Believe it In: This is God's best for His children. It's not about working harder to earn it, having to borrow any money for it, or just saving and scraping every dime we get. I am talking about simply believing for it all to come in from God through the Biblical method of sowing and reaping finances; but it first starts with having a vision.

We have to get delivered from a working for a living mentality and become converted to a working for a giving mentality and get above "Payment Faith" and "Payoff Early Faith" to the bless God "Believe it In Faith."

## **Lesson 7: Biblical Laws of Increase**

### **What does the principle of "Firstfruits" in the Old Covenant teach us about giving under the New?**

Many things under the Old Testament were written down for our admonition as types and shadows. The practice of tithing was instituted as an Old Covenant ordinance. So what kind of type would it be for us living under the New Covenant? Another word used many times in conjunction with the concept of tithing was "Firstfruits."

Exodus 23:19- “Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God.”

They addressed the need of putting God first and honoring Him with their possessions by giving Him the first things that come in. When we honor God with what we have, it is for His exclusive use. When something is holy unto the Lord, it is for His purpose and not something secular.

So if we are to follow the Old Testament type of tithing under the New Covenant, we should be giving the first amount right off the top that we receive and give it to God and for His work before we look at anything else with that money. If our giving is an afterthought, as whatever is left over, the scraps in other words, that is not honoring the Lord with our first and our best.

### **What are the biblical definitions to “honor” and “despise” something?**

As New Covenant believers, we are to honor God with all that we have, and keep it on tap to give it away when the Lord asks for it. Put God’s Kingdom first, so His things are taken care of, then He will surely take good care of us and our things. We have to put His work before our work. When the Lord said to honor Him with our substance there is a principle that He will in turn honor us as it’s written in 1 Samuel 2:30, *“Those who honor me I will honor.”* There is a connection between the word “Honor” and financial and material giving. The word does not just mean “Respect or Reverence.” It always carries with it a material giving component.

Did you know when the Bible refers to the term “despise” it doesn’t just mean to detest, hate or loath something. In the Bible there is a much broader meaning; like when we fail to see the importance of a thing. When we hear a Biblical truth and yawn, and just treat it as common, we are in reality despising it. A failure to honor what God says is important to Him is despising a thing. A perfect example of this is Esau and how he despised his birthright and sold it for a bowl of lentil stew. He did not curse his birthright, rather he just flippantly disregarded it as something not valuable and inconsequential- enough to trade it for a meal. To God, despising something is simply a failure to value, respect and esteem what He sees as significant. So we need constant mind renewal in order for us to see what God sees as important and treat His things with honor and dignity.

### **What is the first question we should ask ourselves when we consider making a large purchase?**

We need to start where we are at, and put God first and build from there as the laws of increase work on our behalf. What we need to do is look at our spending and always judge it in light of how it will affect our giving. If our giving to the Lord would become diminished, then we need to believe that thing in and keep giving to the Lord. Many of us instead will acquire debt and then create obligations that squeeze out our giving. That is dangerous because it will affect our future harvests. The result will be an ever diminishing return. We have to be more interested in giving than in getting what we want. We work so we can have seed to sow and live on the increase, not just to spend what we earn.

### **What does the Bible have to say concerning honoring our parents and spiritual leaders?**

Another way that we honor God is by providing for and honoring our elders. That would be our natural parents and our spiritual ones to. Here is a big reason why we should want to prosper, so we can do something for our folks and for those who have made significant deposits in our lives naturally and spiritually speaking- let’s not forget them. It’s not just a good thing to do, it’s a requirement if we are going to live long and prosper. When we honor people, we value their input in our lives. This is a big key to our prosperity if we do this or not.

I want to encourage you not to forget those people who have helped you in life, both naturally and spiritually. As the Lord blesses you as a result of their input in your life, be sure to return the favor and bless them- that honors God. Notice in 1 Timothy 5:17, the word “Honor” here in this context is talking about finances. Those who work hard in the ministry should be well paid. When people are benefited by other ministers, and they muzzle them from receiving anything, that’s not right. There is a Bible principle that we are to minister natural things to those who minister to us spiritual things.

### **If we are experiencing lack in any area of our life, what should be the first thing we check?**

If we are experiencing lack in any area of our life, the first thing we should check is our sowing in that particular area of our life. Have I been sowing adequately in that area, and I’m not just talking about money or material things. If someone complains about not having any friends, well the obvious question is, “Who are we a friend to?” If no one wants to help us, have we been helping others. If people seem to always be talking about us behind our back, are we talking about people behind their back? Life will provide opportunities for us to sow mercy and forgiveness or just the opposite- the choice is ours.

Remember, if people are not giving us things, money, favor, deals and material things, than we are missing it somewhere in the area of giving and sowing. We are violating any one of the laws of increase. But if we are cooperating with the laws of giving and receiving, the Lord will begin dealing with people to give into our life.

### **How do we make withdrawals from our spiritual account for a financial return on earth?**

So if the kingdom of God is within our spirit by the Holy Spirit, than the money I need is not very far away. When we place a demand on our spiritual account and make a withdrawal, the Lord will get the money to us by using His angels to cause the money to come through human channels. Therefore, instead of asking God for money, I claim it by saying something like this, “I claim (the \$\$\$ I need) out of this world system, go ministering spirits- money come in Jesus’ Name.” So claim it and believe for it to come in. When it comes to giving and receiving, we may sow a big gift, but we may not need the multiplied return from it in the near future. However, it will continue to sit in our spiritual account, safe and secure until that day our faith makes a withdrawal on it. Lay hold of it by faith, claim it and believe it in, and keep on expecting to see it until it materializes.

## **Lesson 8: Rules of Reaping**

### **Can Christians sleep through their harvest, explain?**

So looking at Proverbs and Ecclesiastes we can see situations where people are failing to reap. So is it possible for us to sleep through our harvest- yes! Evidently, the Bible is warning us that we could be distracted or be at the wrong place, or be at the right place, but at the wrong time and fail receive our harvest for what we have sowed for in the past.

*Proverbs 10:5*

*He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.*

*Ecclesiastes 11:4*

*Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.*

## **What are some reasons as to why some people are not receiving a harvest?**

### **Reason #1: They Have not Sowed**

The obvious reason why some people are not receiving a harvest is because they are not cooperating with the spiritual law of sowing and reaping. Some folks are not reaping a harvest specifically in an area, because they have not given into that specific area. We have to sow in every area that we want to reap.

### **Reason #2: They Got Tired, Waiting for the Harvest and Gave Up**

Don't ever put a time limit on when the harvest is ready. Stay in a state of eager expectation and don't quit until it comes to pass in your life. But sowing and reaping works all the time when we want it, the only caveat is time- are we willing to wait for it? Understanding the principle of due season!

### **Reason #3: Many think that Reaping is Automatic**

People have the mentality that the harvest will just automatically come in all on its own. However, according to our text, we can sleep right through our harvest and miss it. So no, harvest requires us being there gathering it in. I think people forget what and where they have sowed, because they don't take their sowing seriously enough.

## **What is the good news found in 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, for those who have no seed to sow?**

Notice the profound statement in the above passage of Scripture, "*Now he who supplies seed to the sower.*" Here is some good news, the Lord will even help us with this. If we have absolutely nothing to give, He will give us seed to sow- we have not because we ask not according to James 4:2. So how does this process get started in our lives, He will start it. If we have nothing to start with, we can ask Him for seed to sow. The key is to not eat all the seed that He gives us to start with. The idea is to sow it in order to receive a multiplied harvest. Sure we can eat some of it, but the intent is to sow more the next time, and so on and so on it goes- this is referred to as the Law Increase!

## **So generally speaking, how do we reap a financial harvest?**

We need to stop praying for money and about money the way we have been up until now. The money we need is in this world, God does not have it in heaven. If we are a giver in line with the Scriptures, we are sowing material seed, then according to the Bible the provision is already there and available. Therefore, what we need to do in order to reap our financial harvest is to claim what we need out of this world system. Be specific and name the dollar amount that is needed to meet those needs. Believe that you receive it and claim it in Jesus' Name. Then say, "Go ministering spirits (Angels of God), cause the money to come in." This action of claiming what we need, translates into getting into the field and specifically reaping the harvest that we need for the moment. We are taking the sickle of faith and reaping the specific amount we have claimed for our needs to be met. So we sow by faith, God makes it grow, and then we reap by faith, and according to our faith.

## **What are some reasons why some folks have small harvests?**

### **Reason #1: They Sowed Sparingly**

When folks get a revelation of this, they will start liquidating their assets so they can get a lot of seed in the ground, because they realize that is the secret to big harvests is big giving. It's more up to us than it is up to the Lord.

### **Reason #2: They did not sow in good ground**

The seed sowed into the hard, stony and thorny soil did not produce a harvest at all and so was wasted. Jesus said that we would know people by their fruit The Holy Spirit is not going to lead you to sow into bad soil and waste your seed Don't assume that the ground that is good today will remain that way tomorrow- keep checking. All ground is not automatically good ground, some is average, poor, good or great ground. Therefore, we will get a harvest based on the quality of ground we have sowed into. Not all ministers and ministries are of the same caliber of quality; the main thing is to be led by the Spirit and not waste good seed.

### **Reason #3: They forfeit the Blessing of God**

In the Bible, rain is a type of spiritual blessing. No matter how hard we work, if God does not bless it, it's not going to flourish. So what is the key to receiving the blessing of God on our giving, (Rain and Sunshine), obeying God's commandments, walking by the truth of His Word which is to walk in love.

### **Reason #4: Allowing the thief to come in to kill, steal and destroy**

Yielding to our flesh and treating people wrong, opens the door to the devil to devour our harvest. It matters how we live and how we treat other people; walking in love will always keep us on the side of God's blessings for our lives.

### **Reason #5: They do not discern their harvest or only part of it**

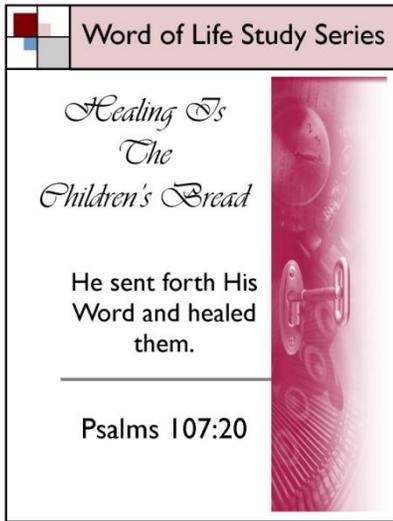
People do not even realize that they need to discern the harvest in order to reap it. I am talking about discerning the timing of the harvest. People may think that the harvest is at a different time than it really is. The Lord will show us where our harvest is at, whether it is a business or ministry opportunity, a new job or creative way to make money. Then we have to take a step of faith to get it- do it and pursue it by the grace of God. If we don't have to faith to step into those new open doors the Lord provides, than we will never enjoy the fruit of it.

### **Reason #6: We need to discern how much of the harvest we are going to receive**

Well look at your giving and multiply that by 50 times, that could be a really big number. Now the next question is, are we really expecting all that to come in? Most of us are really not expecting that to happen. Therefore, we do not reap according to what we have sown, we reap according to our faith to receive.

## **What impressed you the most about the "Dynamic Kernels" story?**

At the end of this experiment it was calculated that if the average farmer in the area had done the same experiment, continually re-sowing 100% rather than 90% (after tithing) and at a high yield of 30 bushels per acre, the sixth harvest would have been 5,297 bushels. But with tithing Mr. Hayden's harvest was 72,150 bushels which is 13.5 times greater.



**Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.**

**Isaiah 53:4-5**

## **Lesson 1: Healing is God's Compassion in Action**

### **Isaiah 53:1, "Who has Believed Our Report?" What does that mean?**

The measure of attention that is given to what we hear is the measure of what we will get out of what we hear. There can be two people in the same service and one individual's life is completely changed and transformed and the other one just sitting there bored. The difference is in how one hears; how we esteem what we hear, the value we place on the Word of God. Spiritual things never grow old, so if it's old to us, it was never real to us.

### **Why must our faith for healing rely on more than just the fact that God is able to heal?**

It is not enough to know that God is able to heal in order to have a basis of faith for God to heal us. Nor can we have any confidence that He will heal me if it is only His will to heal some people some of the time. However, when we know through the Word of God that it is His will to heal all, all of the time, then we can have faith to be healed because it is a sure thing- faith begins where the will of God is known.

### **What is it about Jesus' earthly ministry that reveals the will of God to us today?**

Jesus Christ is the absolute expression of God's will. There is no better way of ascertaining the proper answer to the question before us concerning God's will in regards to bodily healing than by reading the Gospels, which record the teachings and the works of Christ. He was the expression of the Father's will. His life was both a revelation and a manifestation of the unchanging love and will of God. He literally acted out the will of God for humanity. Therefore, when we see Him healing the multitudes of people that came to see Him day after day, we see the Father revealing His will. When in Luke 4:40 NKJV, "He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them" He was doing and revealing the will of God for our bodies.

## **Does God’s mercy include the healing of the sick as well, why?**

Usually we think of “mercy” only in connection with the Lord having mercy on the sinner and saving him/her. Well, that’s a part of it, but we also need to think of God’s mercy in connection with healing. The first text we will look at is in Mark chapter 1. I want you to notice some things about the Lord Jesus Christ. Because Jesus is the will of God in action, we can look at God’s compassion manifested in the Person of Jesus.

*Mark 1:40-42*

*“A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, ‘If you are willing, you can make me clean.’ Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. ‘I am willing,’” he said. ‘Be clean!’ Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured.”*

Notice that compassion moved Jesus to heal the leper. Healing is a display of God’s compassion.

## **Why would Jesus make the statement, “It is for your good that I am going away...”?**

*John 16:7*

*But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.*

Even though at the time, the disciples could not understand that it was better for Jesus to go than for Him to stay. The reason that it was better was because the Holy Spirit would be sent to live inside us as our Great Comforter and His anointing would be upon us in power to fulfill the Great Commission

## **Why does 1 Timothy 5:22 admonish us not to be hasty in the laying on of hands?**

“The prayer of faith” which heals the sick is to follow (not precede) the planting of the “seed” (the Word) upon which alone faith is based. Many, instead of saying, “pray for me” should first say, “teach me God’s Word, so I can intelligently cooperate for my recovery.” Before praying for the healing of people, we have to wait to teach them the Word of God until they can say, “the Lord is willing,” instead of “the Lord is able and if it by thy will.” We must know what the benefits of Calvary are before we can appropriate them by faith.

## **Lesson 2: Healing Under the Old Covenant**

### **Is God for healing today as He was for the children of Israel under the Old Covenant?**

Someone will ask, “what does that have to do with us today? That was back then and applied to Israel.” God is the same God now as He was then. The Bible says He does not change according to Malachi 3:6. God was against sin in the Old Testament and He is against sin in the New Testament. He was against sickness in the Old Testament, and He is against sickness in the New Testament. He made provision for healing in the Old Testament, and He made provision for healing in the New Testament.

## **Are the promises of God concerning healing for a future time?**

Many times, this is where folks miss it. They say, “I know God promised to heal me, but He hasn’t done it yet.” This causes folks to become confused. But God didn’t promise to heal them someday. He said in His Word that they were healed and healing already belongs to them now! To say that God has promised to heal us someday is like an unsaved person saying, “I know God has promised to save me, I just hope He will.” No, God didn’t promise to save the sinner in the future. The Word says that salvation already belongs to every unsaved person right now- 2 Corinthians 5:19. Salvation is a gift that is to be received because it has already been given. It was paid for by Jesus Christ and it already belongs to us, now! Healing belongs to us too, so what are we waiting for? Receiving healing, just like receiving salvation, is simply a matter of appropriating what already belongs to us through faith in God’s Word, because of Christ’s past redemptive work.

## **Why is it so important to believe that we are healed before it manifests?**

Only when we stand in faith on God’s Word, that our body will come in line with God’s Word, and every symptom has to go! Someone might say, “I just believe God is going to heal me sometime.” Well, that’s not agreeing with God. In fact, to say that is really taking sides against God because God and His Word are one. God’s Word is God speaking to us, and God’s Word says we were already healed (1 Peter 2:24)! So what’s it going to be, side with God and His Word or side with our feelings and what our five senses tell us. So why is it so important to believe that we are healed before it actually manifests in our body? Jesus said it is only in believing we were healed, that we become healed.

## **If not all people get saved and neither do all folks get healed, why is that?**

I believe it is the plan of God that no believer should ever be sick, just as it’s His will that all be saved and go to heaven. Do all get saved, no and neither will all be healed, but that is not God’s fault, nor has His Word failed. There are reasons why not everyone gets saved just as there are reasons why not everyone gets healed but it’s not because God has changed His Mind or His will on the matter. Human beings are the variable in this equation; their free-will and decisions make all the difference on whether they get saved or healed. God has done all He is ever going to do in providing salvation and healing, now it’s up to folks to mix God’s Word with faith in order to receive for themselves God’s highest and best for their lives- it’s not automatic!

## **Why are Bible names so important for us to study, especially God’s redemptive names?**

Often a name provides an important clue to the nature of a person or place. This is certainly true of God. The Bible refers to God by many different names, and each one reveals some aspect of God’s character or His relationship with us. The translators who gave us the King James Version and other English versions of the Bible simply translate His name as “God” or “Lord”; but significantly, several Greek or Hebrew names are used in the original manuscripts. If we want to become a serious student of the Word of God, we should be familiar with those Greek and Hebrew names because they contain a wealth of truth about the wonderful God we serve.

## **What does the redemptive name of God, Jehovah-Rapha mean?**

The Name “Jehovah-Rapha” reveals His nature of *healer* to His people. And He was certainly not talking about “spiritual healing,” but rather physical healing because the diseases which came upon the Egyptians were not “spiritual.” The very fact that one of His names is Jehovah-Rapha should be enough to convince us the He is a God who wants to heal.

## **Lesson 3: Healing and the Atonement**

### **Why is a “blood” sacrifice, the right sacrifice when it pertains to sin?**

The universal law of God required payment for sin, a blood sacrifice is the only acceptable way to pay the penalty of sin. Innocent blood had to be shed to redeem a guilty individual.

*Leviticus 17:11*

*For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.*

The blood of a living creature is a powerful thing according to the Bible, the blood of a human being is even more powerful, but the blood of Jesus is the ultimate statement. Again, our western mind looks at blood merely as a biological necessity in order to sustain life. This is a true statement but according to the Bible, the blood has a deep spiritual meaning- a supernatural currency with great implications.

### **What is meant by redemptive equivalency between the remission of sin and healing?**

Most if not all Christians know that Jesus bore their sins on the cross. And because He did that, they know that forgiveness of sins has been purchased for them with His blood. But not many Christians know that Jesus also bore their sicknesses on the cross and purchased healing for them with His blood. In other words, they do not know that healing is in the atonement or redemptive work of Christ. They do not know that Christ has actually redeemed them from sickness. Why is this point so important, for one important reason, redemptive equivalency. Most Christians have tremendous faith in the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus because it is taught so much in local churches- that is a good thing of course. Since the Bible puts healing on the same redemptive ground as forgiveness of sins, folks can also direct the same faith and confidence in receiving healing (1 Peter 2:24) as they do the forgiveness of sins (1 John 1:9).

### **What in effect are we doing when we fail to receive healing for our bodies?**

Jesus bore our sicknesses and carried our pains. He was made sick for us as much as He was made sin for us as our substitute so we would not have to suffer under either sin or sickness. For us to continue on carrying them in our lives today, would be to make what Christ did in His death, burial and resurrection in vain. Healing is part of salvation which encompasses deliverance, protection, preservation and healing for us spirit, soul and body- it is the complete emancipation from sin and the tyranny of slavery to Satan. 2 Corinthians 6:1-2.

### **How did Satan lose his authority to afflict people with sickness and disease?**

When Jesus arose, He put off sickness as He did sin, the sickness had been put away and He rose in resurrection life, free from the dominion of sickness. You see, Satan lost his authority to afflict people with his sicknesses and diseases when Jesus took away our sins. Sin is what grants access to Satan to kill steal and destroy folks lives. However, even believers who have been delivered from the authority of darkness (Colossians 1:13-14), can still be dominated in these areas through ignorance, lack of faith(lack of God's Word in their heart) and unrepentant sin. Now, sickness hasn't any right to impose itself upon us and Satan hasn't any right to impose any disease upon us because we are free!

## **What does the “Divine Exchange” teaching portray?**

The doctrine of the double cure is also part of the “divine exchange” teaching. The divine exchange teaching simply refers to the exchanges that took place at the cross between God and man. Jesus took our place so that we could take His place. He traded places with us, so to speak. He became our divine substitute or scapegoat. As the old hymn goes, “He paid a debt He did not owe, I owed a debt I could not pay, I needed someone to wash my sins away.”

## **So what is the “Curse of the Law” and who is the administrator of those curses?**

So what is the curse of the law? Simply put, the curse of the law is this: If we do not obey all of God’s commandments, we open the door to the devil to bring down on us all sorts of curses- bad things.

Satan is the incarnation of the curse, the result of Adam and Eve taking that fatal bite, that is what God meant when He said in Genesis 2:17, “...*but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.*” Meaning they would be turned over to the jurisdiction and tyranny of Satan, becoming subject and enslaved in his kingdom of death, misery and pain. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil by removing our sin, and in so doing ransomed and delivered us from the bondage of the enemy. Jesus took our curse, was punished for our sin, absorbed the full measure of pain and suffering as our substitute. As a result of the Lord’s death, burial and resurrection, we have been redeemed from everything that the devil can throw at us including sickness and every disease. Satan has no right to reign over us with sickness, disease, weakness or failure.

## **Lesson 4: The Passover, Communion & Redemption**

### **How is the Passover significant as it pertains to healing?**

This was the Lord’s Passover, and we see that He used the blood of the lamb as the means for bringing His people out of bondage to Egypt. Now the symbol of Egypt was the serpent. In the Bible, the serpent represents Satan- Genesis 3:15; Revelation 12:9. What God is saying with this exodus is that in His own appointed time, He will use the blood of the lamb to destroy Satan’s power and set people free from his bondage.

### **In what way is communion foundational to the teaching of divine healing?**

Jesus was referring to His body, which would be beaten, bruised and “burnt” at the cross by the fiery wrath of God. The question then, is this: Can healing be found in the Holy Communion, since it speaks of the atoning sacrifice of our Lord? Yes, it can. In fact, the apostle Paul said that the reason Christians are weak and sick, and die prematurely, is that they fail to discern the Lord’s body during Communion. Health and healing are provided for in the atonement, and these benefits can be received by discerning the Lord’s body when partaking of Communion. Discerning the Lord’s body when taking the Communion means to believe and receive by faith what has been purchased for us in Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection.

*1 Corinthians 11:29*

*For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*

## **How does one apply the blood of Jesus to his/her life in order to receive its benefits?**

As Christians, we are already saved from hell. But when it comes to divine protection, the blessing does not fall automatically into our laps just because we are Christians. Like the Israelites in Egypt, we must still *apply* the blood. The Israelites had to apply the blood on their doorposts, or their firstborn would have been killed along with the firstborn of the Egyptians. Today, we apply the blood for protection over ourselves or our loved ones by simply speaking or praying the Word of God and the Name of Jesus in faith. For example, the head of the household can lay his hands on his child and say, “Father, I apply the precious blood of Jesus over my son who is going to school now. Watch over him and protect him from the evil one according to your Word.” If ever you sense danger in your spirit, whether it pertains to you or your loved ones, do not hesitate to apply the blood of Christ through prayer- speak the blood, what the Bible says about it. Many Christians and their loved ones have escaped serious accidents and deaths just by being sensitive to the unction of the Holy Spirit in them to pray and apply the blood of Christ for protection and deliverance.

## **What does it mean to “Discern” the Lord’s Body during communion?**

The word for “discerning” here is *diakrino*, the present participle of *diakrino*, and means “making a distinction between.” What distinction is here referred to? Read 1 Corinthians 11:30 NKJV, “*For this reason [because you do not discern between the significance of the bread and the wine when partaking of Communion] many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep [are prematurely dead].*” Paul here asserts that many Christians are weak and sickly and others have died prematurely because they had partaken of Communion without understanding – as they ought to have understood – the great distinction between the significance of the bread and the wine. What is this distinction? As we have just covered, that Jesus is our Passover Lamb or deliverance from the kingdom of darkness- sin, sickness and disease. Discerning the Lord’s body when taking the Communion means to believe and receive by faith what has been purchased for us in Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection. What divine exchanges took place on the cross between Him and us? To discern the Lord’s Body also means to recognize other believers in the Body of Christ and to walk in love and to always forgive them.

## **Is the word “Salvation” restricted only to the forgiveness of sins or is there more to it?**

The Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul made an outstanding statement in Romans 1:16, “*I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation...*” Dr. Scofield, a Greek and Hebrew scholar, made a reference to this verse in his footnotes in regards to the word “salvation” that is awesome. Dr. Scofield says, “The Greek and Hebrew words translated salvation imply the ideas of deliverance, safety, preservation, healing, and health.” “Salvation is the great inclusive word of the Gospel, gathering into itself all the redemptive acts and processes.” The Greek word for “salvation” is *soteria*, implies deliverance, preservation, healing, health, soundness, and in the New Testament is applied sometimes to the spirit or soul, and at other times to the body only. The Greek word “*sozo*” translated “saved,” also means “healed,” “made sound,” or “made whole.” In Romans 10:9 is translated “saved,” and in Acts 14:9 the same word is translated “healed” in referring to the healing of the man lame from birth. Both Greek words for “salvation” and “saved” mean both spiritual and physical salvation; or in other words, spiritual and physical healing.

## **Could the subject of Divine Healing be considered a commandment to obey?**

The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 6:20, “*Therefore honor God with your body.*” We are the caretakers of our physical bodies, so are we honoring God if we allow sickness and disease to ravage it. Sickness and disease is like spiritual graffiti by Satan to defame the temple of the Holy Spirit. For us to take a passive position on healing is just as much disobedience as it would be to take a passive stance concerning lying or stealing in our lives. We need to be as vigilant to keep sickness out of our bodies as we are about bad thoughts that come to our minds. If God commands us to be healed, there should then be no question as to whether it is His will or not- that is Great News! I think folks look at healing as optional or a preference that you can take or leave.

## **Lesson 5: Right and Wrong Thinking about Healing**

### **What we think about healing is very important, why is that?**

If our thinking is wrong, our believing will be wrong; and if our believing is wrong, then what we say will be wrong too. It all goes back to our thinking. We’ve got to get our thinking straightened out in order to open the way to our heart to receive the Word of God on Healing.

### **Why is “False Humility” such a hindrance to receiving healing?**

Let’s not allow ourselves to be robbed of any of God’s redemptive blessings by religion. Nor should we allow anything that Jesus bought and paid for by His blood be in vain in our lives! God is glorified when nothing that Jesus did for us in redemption goes wasted. What is most tragic about religion is that it robs people of the truth and prevents them from receiving from God; healing, peace, prosperity, deliverance and even the new birth.

### **Another religious roadblock is a “poverty spirit,” how does this hinder healing in our lives?**

The big danger of having a poverty attitude is that it makes us beggars and whiners. It also causes us to shrink back from God and faith because of an inferiority complex, condemnation and fear.

### **So who is the originator and propagator of sickness and diseases in the earth?**

Yes, every sickness, disease, and deformity that Christ had cured while on earth was the result of Satan’s work, and it is the same today. Not only is Satan the originator of sickness, but he is the propagator of it, for the Bible informs us that he has special evil spirits whose chief business is to make people sick as we see in Luke 13:11 concerning a “*spirit of infirmity (sickness).*” The word for “infirmity” here is *astheneia*, the commonest word in the Greek language for “sickness.”

### **So is the world right when they call hurricanes, tornadoes and floods acts of God?**

God is not the author of any of these things. People also blame God for the storms, catastrophes, earthquakes, and floods that occur. Even insurance policies call these “acts of God.” No, they are not acts of God, they are acts of the devil- their author is Satan. All of these natural laws as we understand them were set aside by Jesus, whenever necessary, in order to bless humanity. Bear in mind that Jesus said, “*He that has seen Me has seen the Father*” (John 14:9). Well, we don’t see Jesus bringing any storms on people. We see Him calming the storms!

## **What was Jesus' response when confronted with the work of Satan in people's lives?**

Whenever Jesus saw the work of Satan on display through sickness and disease or demon possession, He intervened and rebuked it. Again Jesus was not rebuking the work of God in folks lives. Jesus' mission was to destroy the devil's works in people's lives. John 10:10, "*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*" How we have gotten this all messed up and confused is beyond me; the Bible certainly makes it simple enough.

## **Lesson 6: Why do Christians Get Sick?**

### **If we're not always going to know why some folks didn't get healed, what can we be sure of?**

I have heard it, and you have probably have to, "Why haven't I been healed?" "Why did my mother die?" "Why was my baby born handicapped?" We all have a lot of "why" questions. I have plenty of my own, but not all of them will be answered in this life. They will have to wait until we join the Lord in heaven. However, the Scriptures does shed a lot of light on many of the "Why's" that we have. We will not always know why, but one thing we do know for sure, it's God's will for all to be healed, all the time. When we fail to receive, that is never God's will. The Scriptures tell us to ask God for wisdom; in order to know where we have missed it. All we need to do is make the adjustments and receive God's wonderful provision of healing for our bodies

### **Does God allow mature believers to carry baby Christians on their faith for a time?**

Now God will often let another person believe for one when they don't know the Word or they're still in the babyhood stage of Christianity. He will meet them on a lower level of faith. However, once they receive light from the Word concerning God's will to heal, He expects them to walk in that light. God expects mature believers to walk in the light of what they know. That's why it's the most difficult thing in the world for some Christians to get healed – because they already have light concerning healing, and God expects them to walk in that light, but they're not.

Some people are always wanting God to speak to them, but if they'd get in the Bible and read it and meditate on it, they'd find that God is speaking to them from every page. They're always looking for some "new" revelation, yet they haven't mastered walking in the light of what they already know.

### **Are there requirements on our part that need to be met in order to be healed?**

Unrepentant sin gives the enemy the right to kill, steal and destroy in our lives- Israel in the Old Testament was a good example of this. Proverbs 19:3, "*A man's own folly ruins his life, yet his heart rages against the Lord.*" The children of Israel must have thought, "Isn't it fantastic to have all these benefits that the Lord is going to give us?" But they would pay no attention to the requirements He gave them; they would rather not think about doing "that which is right in his sight," or "giving ear to all his commandments," or "keeping all his statutes."

We have it a lot easier under the New Covenant, for us there is only one command to obey- The law of the New Covenant is to walk in love. One step out of love is one step into sin. God is a faith God and His power is released in our lives through our faith in His Word. However, faith also works by love according to Galatians 5:6. We must learn to walk in love by obeying God's commands.

## **What is so damaging about the traditions of man?**

The traditions which the people of today have been taught to believe in, in place of the plain Word of God on the subject of healing has turned many congregations into a veritable Nazareth of unbelief. I mean by that, that today community unbelief is almost general. Those who preach the full Gospel and pray for the sick are often times obliged to labor in a Nazareth of unbelief. We can get results only so far as we can get rid of the “traditions of the elders” regarding healing by teaching the people what the Scriptures actually teach on the subject. Clearly as it was in Nazareth as it is today, “faith” is a critical ingredient for people getting healed. So to say that the sick can get healed without them exercising any faith is a misnomer. Hebrews 11:6 tells us that God “*rewards those who earnestly seek him.*”

## **Does God discipline His children through sickness and disease?**

It is true that the Bible says in Hebrews 12:6, “*Because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.*” However, it does not say, “Whom the Lord loves He also makes them sick in order to teach them a lesson!” It is a mistake to take a small portion of Scripture and try to prove something. There is no reference to sickness in this text, and there is no implication of sickness or disease in the word “disciplines” in the original Greek.

The full meaning of this word can be gleaned from the writings of Dr. Robert Young, a recognized Greek scholar, and W. E. Vine, author of *An Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*. We learn from them that “discipline” literally means to child train, educate, or teach. Just as small children need to be taught and corrected so that they can grow to be healthy children and adults, baby Christians need to be taught and corrected with the Word of God so that they can grow to be spiritually healthy Christians. God’s children need to be disciplined and governed, which is what the word “discipline” means in the original Greek.

## **What is the big danger of spiritualizing circumstances of life and pinning it on God as His will?**

It’s unfortunate when bad things happen to good people, but show me Scripture in the New Testament, where such a line of thinking would be supported by the Bible. It just isn’t there. For one thing, Paul’s thorn was not sickness and disease, but persecution! When people fail to get healed, they have to come up with a reason to explain their persisting conditions. Often times, their rationale sure sounds religious, but is not Bible; as a consequence they are held further captive by religious ideology. Rather, let’s side with the truth, that it God’s will is to be healed all the time and without exception. And when we don’t see a manifestation of healing, let’s simply admit we missed it somewhere, and get back in the Word and ask God for wisdom in what changes we need to make- knowing that neither God nor His Word ever changes. We are the ones in need of change, to get in line with Biblical principles- the Word works when we work it according to directions. We do ourselves and others a huge injustice when we dismiss God’s healing promises for the Thomas kind of faith when we walk by sight like Thomas instead of by faith- 2 Corinthians 5:7, “*We live by faith , not by sight.*”

## Lesson 7: Kicking Over Sacred Cows – Part 1

### Why is it so important to understand, “Permissive versus Causative” tenses in the Bible?

Please keep in mind that Old Testament Scripture language frequently attributes directly to God what He merely permits. Many other verbs were translated in the causative sense in the KJV. For example, Isaiah 45:7, “Does God create evil?” Well the answer would be no. That would make God a devil. God may permit evil, but He does not create it. If God commits or creates evil, then He has no right whatsoever to judge man for sinning. In taking the whole counsel of God’s Word into consideration when interpreting these Scriptures, God is not responsible for evil, He only permits evil. There is a vast difference between commission and permission.

### What is the difference between Calvinism and Arminianism?

**Calvinism:** It states that God not only knew what choice every person would make in his/her life, God had actually decided what choices everyone would make in advance. Individuals had no choice in this. Human Free Will was only an illusion. Therefore God had decided that certain people would live a Christian Life and be saved- supporting the concept of eternal security of the believer, also known as once saved always saved. He had also decided that the rest would sin and be eternally condemned. If you were predestined to be condemned there was nothing you could do about it. God’s will was Sovereign. All Humans were “totally depraved” and unable to do anything to help themselves. God’s salvation was a gift of Grace that He bestowed on who He chose. Christ died, not to save everyone, but only to save a chosen, predestined “elect.”

**Arminianism:** The arminian point of view recognizes that God, knowing all things ‘Foreknew’ what choice everyone would make in advance, but did not make the choice for them as in the case of unconditional election of the Calvinist. The Tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil in Genesis 2:9, makes it clear that God leaves man with a choice to obey or disobey Him. God did not create us as robots, so our free will becomes the variable or condition of whether or not we receive the promises of God in our life.

### Does God show favoritism, and how important is that point in regards to healing?

God does not show favoritism or partiality. There are no favorites in God’s family; He loves us all the same. Every person, born into His family has the same Redemption. Everyone has the same rights in the Family; each one may have a different gift set, but the gift does not make him/her any dearer to the heart of the Father. Each one has the same right to use the Name of Jesus; to deliver people from the dominion of Satan, to heal the sick and to cast out demons. The Father has no favorites, and the closer our fellowship is with the Father, the sweeter and richer our life will be. Certainly He is pleased with those who obey His Word and disappointed with those who do not, but His unconditional love for all of us remains the same. This is important in regards to healing, because it disproves the notion that God sovereignly chooses to heal some and not others.

## **Why would an accurate understanding of the Father's love for us, be so important?**

What Jesus is saying in Luke 18:7-8, is that God is not like the people of the world who are consumed with self-interest and don't care about the needs of other people. The Father God is already willing and able to respond quickly to our prayer, so it's not necessary to beg, plead, and grovel for a scrap from the Master's table. We are children of God, it is our birth right to receive all that we need through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ- let's not be apologetic about it. It is pointless to be desperate when the Father is all so willing to respond immediately to take care of His children and draw near to us when we draw near to Him- James 4:8!

## **Everything in redemption is already ours, how does that change our prayer life?**

Here is a critical point I need to make, it is pointless to ask God for something that He has already provided and given us in redemption. When Christians ask God for something that they already have, God can't answer that prayer because He does not have it; He had already given to us in Christ. In the above Scripture it says that His divine power "HAS" given us everything we need for life and godliness. I think "ALL" things about covers it all doesn't it?

The redemption that Jesus has bought and paid for by His blood in His death, burial and resurrection makes: healing, peace, remission of sins, prosperity, and all things that pertain to life and godliness past tense- already provided for us! So we don't have to ask for healing, rather we claim it by faith as ours!

## **What is wrong with repetitious praying about the same thing to God?**

Repetitious praying, is praying for the same thing over and over again. We discovered that God is nothing like the unjust judge. The religious notion that I just have to pester God long enough and I might be able to tire Him out into giving into my request is just flat wrong! The consistent message that we see in the Scriptures is that as believers we are to take the initiative like the woman with the issue of blood and boldly press into God's provision for our lives. We are not to be fearful, cowardly about receiving from God. Rather we are to be bold, without hesitation or a sense of unworthiness and shame.

## **Lesson 8: Kicking Over Sacred Cows – Part 2**

### **Is God ever at fault for the bad things that come our way in this life?**

Let's just settle it in our minds that it is never God's fault, He is never to be blamed. People may let us down, we may let ourselves down, but God never does. This was the trap Job found himself in. In Job's limited knowledge, he thought that God was sovereignly putting him through these trials to test his loyalty, to keep him humble or whatever other religious reason there is. Job had accused God to be the reason for all his troubles, yet what was the Lord's response in Job 38:2, "*Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge?*" When life becomes confusing, give God the benefit of the doubt, ask God for wisdom according to James 1:5 instead of jumping to religious conclusions.

## **Why would it be important to make this distinction, “Who is the agent of destruction, God or Satan?”**

If we believe that God is responsible, we will sit down and take it like Job, we won't resist it because we would never want to resist God's will. If God has sent the trial to teach me something, then my response is just to lay down and take it and try to endure the pain and suffering. However, if the origin of all things that kill, steal and destroy come from the devil, then the Bible is clear, I am to resist the devil. I am to resist his trials, tests and temptations and he will flee. I am to stand up and say “No devil it is not legal for you to afflict me with those things Jesus had already bore on my behalf as my substitute!” I am a citizen of heaven according to Philippians 3:20, “*But our citizenship is in heaven.*” The devil has no right to scourge me with sickness, poverty, or oppression of any kind! I am blood washed and a blood bought child of God!

## **What is the big difference between truth and fact as it pertains to healing?**

Now what people perceive from mere observations maybe correct, it is the conclusions that we come to that can be wrong. There is a big difference between truth and fact; it maybe a fact that the doctor says that you have such-in-such disease, but the truth is God had already provided your healing 2,000 years ago. This reminds me of Abraham, he faced the fact that he and Sarah were too old to have children, but the greater truth was that God had promised them a son. So which one are we going to believe, the facts or the truth?

## **Why is fear such an enemy to folks wanting to be healed?**

The Bible has much to say about the enemy of fear, it is the opposite of faith. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God, and fear comes by hearing the words of the devil. As a matter of fact, according to Romans 14:23, “*Everything that does not come from faith is sin.*” So to be tempted with fear and to give into it is sin. That's right, Satan uses circumstances, evil thoughts and words from others to cause people to worry, be anxious, and fearful- it's sin to give into it. As we read the Bible we read so many references to ‘Fear Not!’ If we give into fear, it will paralyze our faith to believe and receive our healing.

*Deuteronomy 20:3-4*

*He shall say: “Hear, O Israel, today you are going into battle against your enemies. Do not be fainthearted or afraid; do not be terrified or give way to panic before them. For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.”*

## **Where is the fallacy in suggesting that God sometimes will personally send bad things our way?**

This is where I have issue with those well intentioned Christians who make God out as the cause for everything; or let's say they won't go that far, that God often times allows these bad things to happen to His children; however, they will also say that sometimes God will cause negative circumstances to occur in order to discipline us or teach us something. However, that reasoning only creates confusion and doubt. How would a Christian know then, when something bad came from God or from the devil. How would we know when to resist the devil, and not be resisting God, if indeed He sometimes sends bad things our way. There is no basis for faith, when the will of God can sometimes be the cause for the same things the devil is responsible for. How do we know when to resist the devil and not accidentally be resisting God's will? I will believe in the sovereignty of God as the Bible teaches it, but when folks cross the line and put God in the same camp as the devil, and attribute what the devil does to God, I say no way, show me Scripture in the New Testament, particularly the Epistles that supports that!

## **So who is so interested in testing our faith to see if it is genuine or not- God or the devil?**

Ultimately every Test boils down to a test of obedience- to obey God's Word or not- it's a faith test! Do we really believe what we say, we will do- somebody wants to know and it's not God. From Satan's perspective let's look at the reason behind "sifting as wheat." To sift as wheat is the act of separating or boiling down in order to find out what we are made of. In other words, the devil wants to know if we really are what we say we are, he wants to test our claim to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. His hope is that we will be proved false, a fake and discredit our testimony and make us irrelevant. The devil's goal is to put us out of commission from doing our part in fulfilling the Great Commission.

## **Lesson 9: Kicking Over Sacred Cows – Part 3**

### **What was Paul's "Thorn in the Flesh" according to 2 Corinthians 12:7?**

So, Paul's thorn was a demonic spirit sent by Satan to torment and annoy him. Or, a person or persons carrying that demonic spirit. It was certainly not eye disease, migraine or some sickness as many have wildly speculated.

*2 Corinthians 12:7-8*

*To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.*

It is also interesting to note that the Rotherham and Weymouth translations use the pronoun "he" to refer to Paul's "thorn" or "the messenger of Satan." "As for this, three times I besought the Lord to rid me of him." Both of these translators use personal pronouns of "he" and "him" when speaking of Paul's thorn; so these two pronouns, as well as the word "angel," or "messenger," prove that Paul's "thorn" was, as he himself plainly shows, a satanic personality and not some sickness. In other words, the Bible reveals that Paul's thorn was a satanic spirit being and not a disease.

### **Is it ever God's will to suffer for Jesus by suffering pain, sickness or disease, why?**

For us as Christians, something is terribly wrong if we are suffering pain, sickness and disease. It would be just as wrong for us, walking in fellowship with God, to be harassed with condemnation, guilt, anxiety and fear. Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the Law according to Galatians 3:13- Poverty, Sickness and Death. So there is suffering according to the will of God and suffering for things that are not the will of God! It is our responsibility to ensure we are not being taken advantage of by the enemy so as to hinder our work for God and our testimony of God's power to deliver, save and heal.

### **So how long are we promised to live according the Bible?**

Until we are satisfied with long life according to Psalms 91. If you are not satisfied at the age of 80 or 90 or even 100 then keep on living. In Genesis 6:3 God set man's life span to 120 years, this was a drastic cut in long life when you consider Methuselah who lived 969 years prior to Noah's flood. Not only were godly men living a very long time, but wicked people as well. Can you imagine how evil people could become more wicked over a life time that spanned hundreds of years. I can see why God set the limit to 120 years after the flood. There is no other Scriptures in the Bible that has changed the 120 year mark. Look at Exodus 6:14-25 you can see the lifespan of men tapering off close to the 120 mark. Even today in our generation there are millions of people in the world living over 100 years old, even to 120. Most people know of folks who are alive today over 100 years old!

## What are some of the keys to living a long life on the earth?

- You Must be a Fighter
- Must Be Led by the Spirit
- Learning and Practicing Honor in your Life
- Control of the Tongue
- Obedience to the Plan and Will of God
- Knowing how to Rest, Live in and Walk in Peace

## What is meant by the statement, “Delay is not Denial” as it pertains to healing?

When Daniel prayed, and the answer did not come as quick as he may have thought, he could have blown the whole thing off and said “Well, I guess it just was not the will of God.” We come to find out that Gabriel, the arch-angel was engaged in spiritual warfare for 21 days, Satan was trying to keep him from bringing the answer to Daniel’s prayer. When it comes to believing God and standing on His Word, we need to keep standing no matter how long it takes. When we are standing, we are standing by faith, a quiet and still strength, a holy resolve, an unmovable conviction, knowing that it is impossible for God to lie. No fretting, no wringing of the hands in fear, no frantic repetitious praying. Ephesians 6:13 NKJV *“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”* Can you see how we have missed it as Christians in this area of knowing God’s will, praying according to God’s will, and receiving by faith according to God’s will which is His Word- we give up too quick!

## Why is our faith so important in us receiving our healing?

Spiritual handouts are not effective, and usually result in short-term healing anyway. Contrast that story with what happened with a crippled man in Lystra. Paul was preaching the gospel to a crowd and the crippled man was listening. Evidently the gospel message that Paul was preaching included the subject of healing because in order for this man to have faith to be well, he had to have heard it in Paul’s preaching- Romans 10:17 NKJV *“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”* I would venture to say that this man in contrast to the other man kept his healing, because what gets you healed keeps you healed.

## **Lesson 10: God’s Primary way to be Healed**

### What is the primary way that God heals His children and why?

The primary method that has been provided for all of God’s children is by simple faith in God Word. When we hear the Word of God ourselves, believe it as truth in our spirit and act on it, we receive- that is what it means to receive healing by faith in God’s Word. I believe this is God’s highest and best way to receive healing, because we are actively participating in hiding God’s Word down in our hearts. What gets us healed, keeps us healed. It is just as important to learn how to keep our healing as it is to obtain it. The same Word we build in our spirit to receive healing is the same Word that is raised as a standard against the enemy who will inevitably try to take it from us. As the old saying goes, “Give a someone fish and feed him for a day, teach him how to fish and feed him for a lifetime.” God’s ultimate will is for permanent healing- nothing short-term or temporary.

### **When someone prays for us in faith, is our own faith important?**

Healing is primarily a faith proposition on the part of the individual who receives. No matter how much faith a minister may have, the effects of an individual's doubt will nullify that minister's faith. This is another area where some folks have made a great mistake. They think that if a minister has faith and he/she prays the prayer of faith for them, they'll get healed – whether they have faith or not. Even under Jesus' ministry not everyone was healed. On one occasion in his own hometown of Nazareth, only a few people received healing- Mark 6:1-6.

### **Is the Healing Ministry of Jesus to continue only through the Five-Fold ministry gifts?**

Christ planned to carry on His healing ministry during His absence by means of the whole Church, which is His Body, not through an obscure member of that Body. He said in Mark 16 that "These signs will follow THEM"- the Church, not "him" or "her"- the individual. It is not the faith of a lone or solitary evangelist but that of the Spirit-filled Church as a whole which brought healing to all the sick in the streets of Jerusalem after Jesus had resurrected and ascended into heaven; and had sent His successor, the Holy Spirit. Some do not like public healing services, but here, God when He had His way, had the multitudes healed right on the streets.

### **Even though Jesus was innocent, He did not open His mouth at Calvary, why?**

Jesus came as our substitute, to absorb in Himself the full wrath of God almighty on account of the sins of the whole world. Jesus had to be silent and not call out for help as the lamb of God. He was innocent and bore the punishment for our sin- becoming a curse, taking on all of Satan's death, sickness, poverty, oppression and misery on our behalf. The fact that Jesus could call on twelve legion of angels proves that He was innocent, they had no legal right to take Him, Jesus had done nothing wrong. He was sinless and spotless and could have appealed to the righteous judge of the universe and would have been delivered, but mankind would have been lost. However, Jesus opened not his mouth, did not ask for deliverance for the joy of seeing us saved and ransomed from the clutches of the enemy.

### **Why is it so important that we speak out and enforce our redemptive rights?**

Now why did Paul miss this whipping, this painful punishment- you got it, Paul opened his mouth. Paul spoke up and challenged them and said, "Is it legal..." and those words brought them to a screeching halt. If Paul could stop from getting a beating because he was a Roman citizen, how much more can we stop the devil from afflicting us because we are a citizen of heaven- we were born into God's kingdom when we confessed Jesus as Lord! Jesus did not open His mouth so we could open our mouth and say- "devil is it legal for you to afflict me and oppress my life?" If we stay quiet and silent about it, he will keep on beating us as much as we will take even though it is not legal.

### **What is the only thing that gives Satan power over the Christian?**

The only thing that gives Satan power over the Christian is deception. The devil will exploit ignorance and a lack of knowledge, Christians who don't know to speak up will just keep taking a beating from the enemy. So the next time the devil comes and tries to steal, kill, destroy, make sick, poor and oppressed, we must immediately open our mouths and challenge, defy and resist the devil with the Word and say "No" in the Name of Jesus!

## **Lesson 11: Practical Principals to Healing**

### **Why is it important to pray God's Word in order to get results?**

Prayer is successful only when it is based on the promises of God's Word! Faith begins where the will of God is known and God's Word is God's Will. Our prayers are powerful when we pray God's Word.

*1 John 5:14-15*

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of him.*

### **When it comes to matters that are included in redemption, like healing, do we still have to ask for it?**

No! When it comes to redemptive issues, confession brings possession! God has done all He is going to do about our sin, healing, peace, eternal life and everything else that is wrapped up in redemption- Jesus said it is "Finished" for a reason! We don't have to work for it, earn it or pray for it. It's just a matter of receiving the gift of eternal life, so it is with healing. As a matter of fact, the only sin that sends the unbeliever to hell is the sin of rejecting Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Notice John 16:9 talks about the sin (singular) of not believing on Jesus. Jesus has already dealt with every sin that was ever committed or will be committed in the future, for every human being that has or ever will live on this earth. This amazing act of God's grace was accomplished at Calvary 2,000 years ago according to Hebrews 9:26, *"But now Jesus has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself."* All that is left for unbelievers to do now is just receive eternal life by confessing Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe it in their heart- simple! Likewise, as for receiving healing, all that is left for Christians to do is confess that "By His bruise we were healed," and believe it in their heart.

### **Is John 14:12-14 talking about prayer?**

According to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, the meaning of the Greek word "ask" in John 14:13-14 implies a demand of something due. Jesus told the disciples in John 14:14, *"You may ask [demand] me for anything in my name, and I will do it."* Jesus is not talking about prayer here; He was talking about using His Name as a basis for authority. Like when we drive out demons in the Name of Jesus. As we can see in the Scriptures, it is all in the Name of Jesus that releases the power of God.

If a pain comes we say, "In the Name of Jesus Christ- Leave my body!" The pain must go. We are the master of our own body- we are to rule it. We have a right to freedom from pain or sickness. In the Name of Jesus, command it to leave. We are not demanding it of the Father, because the Father has given us authority over these demoniacal forces.

### **Why is praise and thanksgiving so important in receiving our healing?**

With all the different kinds of prayer, we also need to add praise to our prayers, because it's in an atmosphere of praise that God can move more readily in our midst. Praise has been called the "Note of Victory." In other words if we are wringing our hands and are downcast and depressed, there is no faith present is there? The fact that Jesus is our healer is embodied in the "Gospel" message or the "Good News." Well if we believe the report, we will be full of joy and peace- praising God for the victory. According to these Scriptures it is never okay to whine and complain, it's actually sin to give into it. Let's let the peace of God rule our hearts as we enter into His rest and rejoice in the Lord for the victory He has already won for us on our behalf- Colossians 3:15.

## **Of the seven prayer tips, which one do you think is the most important and why?**

**The Law of the harvest Rule:** Sometimes people think it's going to happen just because they say it. Saying it is involved in planting it. The problem has been that people say a few things, they plant a few seeds, then go off and leave them. We must care for that seed, because it takes time for things to manifest. When we preach the Gospel we are sowing seeds; by speaking words, in this case, Gospel words. When we speak words, we are sowing seeds. If we don't like the harvest we have been receiving, then we had better check on the seed we have been sowing- we could be sowing weeds (idle words). What we are today is a product of the words we spoke yesterday. What we say is what we will eventually get, because if we keep saying it, we will eventually believe it in our heart. The things that we believe in our heart, will come to pass in time. God made our spirit to produce whatever (Indiscriminate) we plant in there. If I don't like the harvest, all I have to do is simply check on the seeds (words) I have been sowing.

### **What is meant by the statement, "do not dig up your seed?"**

We have seen that seeds are words, and the soil is the human spirit or heart. However, what instrument do we use to sow the seed- the tongue! The tongue has the potential to sow God's Word for a harvest of blessing, but it can also dig it up, and sow weeds that will produce a curse. In Genesis, after the fall of man, Adam caused certain curses to befall himself and this earth. One of those curses was the introduction of weeds which I believe is a type of evil words- the capacity to speak good and evil. Proverbs says that life and death are in the power of the tongue. Until the fall, I believe that Adam only used his tongue for life. When Adam sold out to Satan and committed high treason, man received Satan's sinful nature in his spirit, and with that the ability to speak death. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil also refers to the ability to speak life, and death with our tongues (Deuteronomy 30:19). When we speak God's word one moment, and then speak doubt and fear (devil's words) the next moment, we have just dug up our seed.

## **Lesson 12: Different Methods to be Healed**

### **What is the Bible referring to when it talks about the "Anointing?"**

Concerning the power, Acts 10:38 indicates that the terms "the anointing," "the Holy Ghost," and "power" are virtually synonymous. This means that we are able to use these terms interchangeably when discussing the subject of the healing anointing and the power of God. First, let's discuss the broader subject of the "Anointing" before we draw in the application of healing. As a born again Christian, we are already anointed. What does "anointing" mean. Well this term has its use from Genesis to Revelation. In the Old Testament, olive oil was poured upon the head of the prophet, priest and the king to be commissioned for service. It represented the Holy Spirit upon their lives, to empower them to carry out God's work in the earth. The Anointing and the Power of God is all talking about the same thing- the Mighty Holy Spirit. So when we lay hands on folks in faith according to God's Word, our expectation is that the power of God that rests upon our lives, will flow through us into others for their healing, deliverance and blessing.

## **Why would “Electricity” be a good analogy to describe the “Anointing” of God?**

A good analogy for understanding the anointing or the power of God was made by the late Rev. John G. Lake when he said, “Electricity is God’s Power in the natural realm; Holy Ghost power is God’s power in the spirit realm.” You see, just as electricity is in existence in the natural world, the power of God is in existence in the spirit world. And just as there are laws that govern the operation of electricity in the natural realm, there are also laws that govern the operation of spiritual power. The problem has been that in times past, we have thought that if the anointing was present, it would automatically manifest itself and just work automatically. That’s just not so.

## **When I talk about the “Switch of faith” what am I referring to?**

Now that we understand something about the power of God as “heavenly electricity,” as it were, let’s extend the analogy a step further concerning faith. Another thing about the laws that govern this heavenly substance is this fact: The thing that turns the heavenly power on in the spiritual realm can be compared to an electrical switch on a wall that turns on earthly power – electricity – in the natural realm. In the natural, when we turn a light switch on, electricity flows right into the lighting fixtures and lights up the room. When we turn the switch off, the lights go out. So in the spiritual realm, the thing that turns on the heavenly power could be called the switch of faith!

Jesus said to the woman, “*Your faith has healed you.*” Some might say, “I thought it was the power which flowed out of Him that made her whole.” Well, really, it was a combination of the two. Both of them – faith and power – are important in their place. Someone who is anointed might minister the power of God, and the anointing may flow through him or her just as electricity flows through a conduit. Yet, although electricity is present all the time, unless someone turns a switch on, there’s not going to be any manifestation of it. In the same way, we have to turn the switch of faith on to receive a manifestation of the healing power of God!

## **Is the doctrine of “laying on of hands” important, why?**

The Bible has a great deal to say about the doctrine of laying on of hands. That’s why it’s surprising to me that some Christians see no significance at all in this scriptural ordinance and doctrine. We hear lots of sermons on repentance, and we hear a little preaching on faith. But we rarely hear any teaching on the laying on of hands. The lack of teaching on the subject has given many believers the wrong impression that it’s unimportant and of no particular value to us. But if it’s a fundamental principle of the doctrine of Christ, it is valuable! To deny, minimize or ignore this fundamental principle of Jesus Christ is a serious matter.

## **What examples does the Scripture give us for ministering the laying on of hands?**

Impart Blessing:

Jacob laid his hands on his grandsons and spoke words of blessing over them.

Separation unto Ministry and Equipping:

The Bible reveals that another purpose for which the laying on of hands was used was to equip men to serve God.

Receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit:

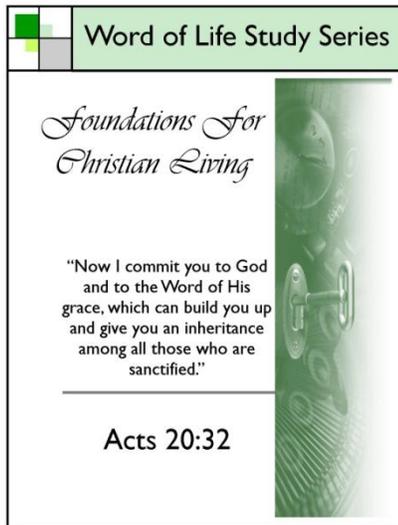
Ministering Healing through the Laying on of Hands:

## **What was the number one reason the laying on of hands was used?**

**Ministering Healing through the Laying on of Hands:** In the New Testament, we see some distinct purposes for which the laying on of hands was used. The number one reason the laying on of hands was used in the New Testament was to minister healing. There are more scripture references concerning healing in connection with the laying on of hands than concerning anything else. Every Christian should practice the doctrine of laying on of hands on the sick, because Jesus incorporated it into the Great Commission.

*Mark 16:17-18*

*“And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”*



**By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

**1 Corinthians 3:10-11**

## **Lesson 1: The Bible is God Speaking to Me**

**What is the definition of Biblical Inspiration and what does that mean for us as believers?**

**Definition:** The supernatural action of the Holy Spirit on the mind of the sacred writers whereby the Scriptures were not merely their own but the Word of God. Scripture not merely contains but is the Word of God. Inspiration is the process through which God, by means of the Holy Spirit, assured the existence of an exact and true record of the redeeming work of Christ, and the corresponding interpretation of the redemption story, produced in written form by holy men of God.

**How did the Bible come to us?**

The Holy Spirit used between, 35 to 40 writers over a time period of around 1500 years to write the Bible, in different parts of the world, time, environment, personalities and culture. Among them were priests, prophets, kings, a tax collector, a doctor, a soldier, a scribe, a poet and a theologian. Yet they were consistent in what they wrote and did not contradict one another. The only solution is a divine author spoke through them. The Bible is the Word of God, preserved by God, and inspired by God.

**What is significant about the relationship between the Old and New Testaments?**

It should also be noted that the relationship between the structures of the Old and New Testaments is progressive as well as parallel. The New Testament builds upon the Old Testament. The prophecies of the Old Testament, fulfilled in Christ, become the histories of the New Testament. We have, then, a grand ascent through the ages from creation to the Cross to the crown and to the end of our time.

**List the four steps that we can take in order to develop our human spirits?**

- Meditate On The Word Of God
- Practice The Word Of God In Your Life
- Put The Word Of God First Place In Your Life
- Instantly Obey The Voice Of Your Spirit

## **The Bible is referred to as, “The Bread of Life” so what does that mean?**

As natural food is to your body, so the Word of God is to your spirit. We eat God’s Word as we meditate on God’s Word! In order for your spirit to grow, you must learn how to feed your spirit the right diet. As you meditate on the Scriptures, your spirit is nourished and built up!

## **Explain the “By Grace through Faith” Biblical principle?**

First lets define what ‘Grace’ is and where it comes from. Simply put according to the Bible, grace is the power of God at work in you who believe! God’s grace is God’s Power and is contained in God’s Word- the Bible. Faith comes by hearing God’s Word, through Bible medication it gets into our heart- that is the Word of Faith. The secret to living by grace through faith is simply found in getting God’s Word from off the pages of the Bible and into your spirit. Your spirit is the production center, the fertile ground from which the seed of God’s Word is planted and grows to produce after its own kind in a multiplied fashion- keeps us from the trap of religion of living for God in our own strength.

## **Lesson 2: Creation, The Fall & God’s Solution**

### **So what does the Bible teach concerning creation versus macro evolution?**

God made man as a full grown mature being. Hence the age old question is answered, “Which came first, the chicken or the egg?” The answer is that God made the chicken first and then it would lay eggs. Every living creature like man was initially made in a mature and complete state.

### **Explain the tri-cotomy of mankind, defining each part?**

**You are a spirit:** The real you that lives forever. Conscience is the voice of your spirit. With your spirit you can contact God and have a relationship with Him by faith.

**You have a soul:** The intellect, free-will and emotions. Reason is the voice of your mind. With your mind you contact the intellectual realm of thought, memory, reason, and imagination. This is not to be confused with brain matter, your soul like your spirit is eternal.

**You live in a body:** The physical body that is mortal. It is the shell, the house, the earth suit that we live in and allows us to dwell on this earth. With it we contact the physical world through our five senses. Our feelings are the voice of our body. When the body dies, the spirit and soul leaves the body.

### **What did Adam & Eve’s disobedience mean for mankind?**

Adam committed high treason and gave the dominion that God had given him to the devil. Through disobedience, mankind was enslaved to Satan. Remember that God had warned Adam that if he partook of the forbidden fruit that he would die: Physical, Spiritual and Eternal Death- Separation!

### **Every human being is “Born into Sin,” what does that mean?**

Due to Adam’s transgression, every human being that is born on this earth, has a propensity to sin. In other words, the blood line of mankind is contaminated with a sinful nature that every person is born with- optional reading Romans 7:14-20. Even as little child, the inherent selfish sinful nature is on display- the whole world revolves around him/her.

## **In Genesis 3:15, God offers a solution for mankind, what is it?**

Having sinned, Adam and Eve condemned mankind to an eternal hell along with Satan and his crowd. But not so fast, God in his infinite mercy, made a declaration that a man would be born of a woman who would crush Satan's dominion over mankind, but in the process Satan would make it painful. Approximately, four thousand years later, God the Son became a man and his name was Jesus. As the divine God/man, Jesus defeated the devil as a man but paid an incredible price in the process through his death, burial and resurrection.

## **List the various witnesses God has given to mankind to know their Creator?**

- **God's first witness, lowest revelation: Creation**
- **God's second witness, next revelation: The Law & the nation of Israel**
- **God's Final witness, the ultimate revelation: The Lord Jesus Christ**

## **Lesson 3: The Glorious Godhead**

### **What is the difference between "Doctrine" and "Religion" and what balance should we strive for?**

Our goal as Christians is to maintain a good balance between doctrine and religion thus avoiding the extremes. Too much emphasis on theology(knowledge of God), we can become dry and lifeless with a lot of head knowledge. Yet too much religion(the practice) at the expense of theology we are in danger of becoming religious fanatics.

### **List three proofs that we have concerning the existence of God?**

**Nature:** When you look at a painting you know there was a painter who made the painting. Consider a building, there was an architect or a piece of fine pottery, there was a potter- these are self-evident facts. So it is with creation, by virtue of its existence it gets our attention that there is a Creator.

**Conscience:** The human conscience is a gift from God that makes us aware of moral realities of right and wrong.

**Revelation:** As important as nature is to bearing witness to the existence of a Creator, it does not reveal His name, character or purpose for our lives. The human conscience, sheds light on some intrinsic attributes of God like free will, right and wrong, reason and intelligence. However it still falls short of showing us God's remedy for sin. This is where the revelation of God through written form proves superior- the Bible. The Bible is God's word for humanity, it contains details and specifics!

### **Which aspects of God's nature blows you away the most?**

**God does not Change:** There is no variableness, uncertainty or change with God.

**God is love:** Not that He has love, He absolutely represents, optimizes and is all that love is

What God has revealed about Himself through the Scriptures is all we have for divine revelation, yet not even spending eternity with Him will be enough time to discover all that He is- Praise God!

### **Explain the central truth concerning the Trinity of God, what it represents?**

The word “Trinity” not only means a quantity of three, but also implies a unity of three. When we talk about the Trinity, we refer to the Unity (uniqueness) of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

### **In the Scriptures there appears to be a difference in roles within the Godhead- what are they ?**

The will of God has its origin in God the Father, from Scripture we see that He exerts leadership amongst the Godhead. Jesus was, is and will always be the expressed, and manifested will of God! The Holy Spirit is the manifestation of God’s will, the power that makes things happen.

### **Among many other things, what is the central error of Cults and False Religions?**

The central error of these cults and false religions has to do with their assessment of Jesus. In all cases they deny the Deity and redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Their beliefs are nothing more than a works based system, in order to earn their way into heaven.

## **Lesson 4: All Kinds of Prayers**

### **How would you summarize the subject of Prayer?**

Prayer is a privilege, through Jesus Christ we can have fellowship, talk and commune with God. Prayer is simply talking to God!

### **What severs our prayer life and how can it be restored?**

Remember when we talked about sin, how it cuts the communication line with God. For the Christian, we are in a continual process of development- in this life we are always under construction. So when we sin our fellowship with God is cut not our relationship- we are still children of God. However, we need to restore our fellowship with God by being quick to forgive, quick to repent and quick to obey His Word! We have a promise in 1 John 1:9 where the blood of Jesus is applied to provide forgiveness for those sins we confess to God and restore our communication line with Him.

### **Explain the “Good God vs. Bad Devil” principle and how it relates to prayer?**

So if the thief comes “ONLY” to harm, the implication is obvious that Jesus has come “ONLY” to give us abundant life. Making the distinction simplifies prayer, receive good things from God according to the Word- Healing is good, peace is good etc. Resist bad things from the enemy- fear, hate, unforgiveness etc.

### **Does God use us to establish His will in the earth through prayer?**

Absolutely! God is certainly Sovereign and there are events in our human history and future events that will occur regardless. Yet God has chosen men and women in the past to establish covenant as an entry way into the affairs of mankind- like Abraham, Moses, David, and even Jesus Himself as the Son of Man. The Holy Spirit uses the believer to intercede(stand on behalf of another) for others in tongues, praying the perfect will of God on their behalf.

### **List some of the principles that make for effective prayer?**

For our prayers to be effective we need to follow the principles of God's Word as it instructs us how to pray in relation to the different 'kinds' of prayers. When it comes to prayer we want to avoid the 'Traditions of Men' as it pertains to prayer. Operating in the principles of Faith, Hope and Love!

### **We can learn from experience, but what is an inherent danger as it pertains to prayer?**

There is a huge danger for believers to build doctrine on their experiences. If something goes well, it must be God's will, if something does not work out, it must not be God's will- that is dangerous! The devil can have a field day with that by shaping a believer's theology by their five senses, by their experiences.

## **Lesson 5: Our Glorious Redemption**

### **What are some of the wonderful realities we have as adopted children in God's family?**

We are no longer children of Satan, we have been born into God's family, adopted as children of God. He may be 'God' to the world but He is 'Father' to me! Heir of God and co-heir with Jesus Christ. Glorious inheritance now and in the future- all things that pertain to life and godliness.

### **Explain the meaning of "Redeem" and how does that pertain to us as Christians?**

To "Redeem" something means to buy back, as something that was once originally yours. It speaks of a purchase that God made when He sent His only begotten Son in John 3:16. We were held captive by sin, in slavery to the law of sin and death (Romans 6:19; 8:2), mankind was kidnapped by the Devil. The life and blood of Jesus was the ransom price that set us free from Satan's authority over our lives-1 Timothy 2:5-6; Mark 10:45, "...to give his life as a ransom for many."

### **Explain the two sides of "Righteousness?"**

The first side is the legal side in which case righteousness is imputed (Accredited, Accounted, Attributed & Ascribed) unto the new believer by grace through faith as a result of the work of regeneration by the Holy Spirit. The second side is the vital side which makes righteousness a walk or lifestyle every day of our life through the Word and by the Spirit

### **In a nut shell, what does "Eternal Life" mean?**

The Greek word translated "life" in John 10:10 is zoe- the God-kind of life. Receiving eternal life is in reality, God imparting His very nature, substance, and being to our human spirits. This new kind of life (God's Nature), produces certain changes in a person. You can see the effects of that life almost at once. You can see it in a person's habits and speech. It changes conduct, corrects habits, and forms new ones- Eternal life is the answer to all of man's social ills !!!

## **Provide a summary explanation concerning the, “Doctrine of Baptisms?”**

**Baptized into the Body of Christ:** At the time of the New Birth, the Holy Spirit baptized us into the body of Christ, and each one of us has a special function to fulfill.

**Water Baptism:** It symbolizes the death of the old man and the emergence of the new man in Christ. The actual change of regeneration is an instantaneous experience brought about by the Holy Spirit. Baptism becomes a means of demonstrating publicly and outwardly the nature of this change. Water Baptism is known as an outward demonstration of an inward work.

**Baptism with the Holy Spirit:** There is a subsequent experience after the new birth referred to as the ‘Baptism with the Holy Spirit’ that endures the believer with power, an anointing for service. It provides a prayer language and opens the door to spiritual gifts according to 1 Corinthians chapter 12.

## **So what is the Church, and what significance does it play in the world today?**

A local assembly of believers as well as the redeemed of all the ages who follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. It contains a collection of gifts and offices for the purpose of ministry it itself and the world. It is the Body of Christ on earth and has the Holy Spirit without measure upon it.

## **Lesson 6: Angels, Satan and Demons**

### **So what contributed to the fall of Lucifer, can we learn from his mistakes?**

The Bible teaches that pride comes before a fall, which is exactly what happened to Lucifer- on account of his beauty and quest for power. His fall also influenced 1/3 of God’s formerly elect angels to rebel as well.

### **From a big picture standpoint, what is Satan’s overall agenda on earth?**

Has not changed from his first rebellion, he wants to rule the universe in place of God. He gained his foothold through Adam’s fall back in the Garden in this earth, and would become a second staging ground for another attack.

### **What benefit do we gain from the Bible as we learn about Satan’s nature and hierarchy?**

First and foremost, we are no longer ignorant of his devices so that he can’t take advantage of us. In all warfare, it’s a huge advantage to know your enemy, his tactics, plans and infrastructure. To know the source of evil is critical for identification and defeating the enemy.

### **What roles do angels play in this world today?**

Concerning the role of God’s elect angels during this age of mankind on the earth, according to Scripture their primary function is ministering to us- serving God’s purpose down here. They serve as body guards, instruments of judgment, messengers, strengthen and engage in spiritual warfare.

## **Explain the significance of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection as it pertains to Satan's defeat?**

Jesus was innocent, without sin, and died and rose again as our sin substitute, paying the penalty of death for us. So now, Satan has no right or authority to oppress us, who are blood bought and blood washed- Revelation 12:11. By Jesus removing our sin, He cancelled Satan's power over our lives that he once had through our sin- we have been ransomed, bought with a price. We have passed from death to life, from the dominion of darkness to the dominion of Jesus Christ- Satan is a defeated foe!

## **What is authority and what does the "Name of Jesus" mean for the believer?**

Authority, simply put it is delegated power! We receive this authority when we are born again, we inherit the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we can use it in prayer against the enemy. Through the power of attorney, the Name of Jesus has been delegated to us for use on His behalf. All the power of God is locked up in the 'Name of Jesus' to be released through our mouths by faith to change the course of events forever!

## **Lesson 7: End Times**

### **In Colossians 1:27 what is meant by "Christ in you the hope of glory" as it pertains to the end times?**

God will not allow an eternal perpetuation of this current state of affairs for this world of sin and death- 1 Corinthians 7:31, "*...for this world in its present form is passing away.*" What we currently see in this world will some day in the future come to a complete end. This is the hope that we have. Hope is always future tense, it provides us with the strength to endure, the joy to stand firm because we have this unshakable revelation- "WE WIN!!!"

### **Knowing that the "Rapture" of the Church could take place at any moment, how does that affect us?**

What is important to remember that for the Christian, the Rapture creates in us a sense of urgency to fulfill the Great Commission, to live holy and to be ever watchful and ready.

### **What differences will there be during the Lord's Millennial rule compared to what we see in today's politics?**

There will be universal peace, justice and holiness because of the Sovereign Rule of Christ, but there will not be absolute perfection in the earthly inhabitants- Isaiah chapter 11; 64:20-25. Children born during the Millennial reign will have an incredible exposure to glorified saints flying around sharing with them the wonders of heaven and revelation truths from God's Word.

### **Why is it important for us to understand about the “Resurrection?”**

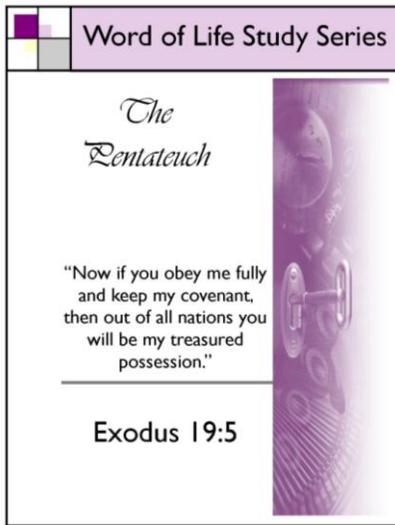
Without the revelation of the “Resurrection” meaning in life would be pointless. Our existence would be no better than the animals, to live and die and to be no more- 1 Corinthians 15:32, *“Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”* Worse than that, we would still be lost in our sins if Jesus was not raised from the dead- 1 Corinthians 15:12-23. However, Jesus was raised from the dead and God has created us to live forever, the question is where will we spend eternity; this question is answered by what we do with Jesus- Matthew 27:22; John 3:36; Hebrews 2:3

### **List some of the criteria that the Lord will look at when He evaluates our life at the Judgment Seat of Christ?**

Each believer according to their faithfulness is rewarded. What we do in this life will determine the rewards we will have not only for eternity but also the position we serve during the Lord’s Millennial Reign. The quality of our works is revealed with fire- the motive of our heart, willingness to faithfully obey the Lord. Worst case scenario, one lives his/her entire Christian life selfishly and receives no rewards but is still saved.

### **Using your imagination, what do you think God plans on doing during all eternity?**

For a long time I have mused in my heart about what God has in store with the universe; our age can’t be the end, surely God has not finished creating yet. Whatever unimaginable plans God has for eternity future, as children of God we get to share it with Almighty God- God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We get to enjoy each other’s company and never exhaust the wonders of discovering new revelations of God for all eternity- Come Lord Jesus, COME !!!



**These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.**

**1 Corinthians 10:11**

## **Lesson 1: The Creation Story**

### **What is meant by the “Dateless Past” as it relates to God?**

According to Christian doctrine, God alone is eternal. Genesis declares that God existed before creation and is in full control of the physical universe. He called the physical world into existence out of nothing but His own spoken word. His power is absolute.

### **By what means or method did God create the universe?**

God created the universe through the Word of His power. All things are sustained and have their being because of the spoken Word Jesus. You will find throughout the Scriptures that God never did anything without saying it first. God is a faith God, his kingdom operates on faith principles. The source of God’s power is found in the Word of his power.

### **What is meant by “The First Creation” and who inhabited it?**

Genesis chapter one verse one, depicts the creation of angels and the inhabitants of this planet in that age before Adam and Eve. This original creation is referred to as the Pre-Adamite world or simply the world before Adam and Eve.

### **What caused the earth to become formless and void in Genesis chapter 1 verse 2?**

Lucifer openly breaks relations with God, leading his rebels from the appointed place of mobilization on earth into heaven in his attempt to dethrone God. He is met by Michael and the other faithful angels and is defeated. So of course this rebellion ended in utter defeat and the result was judgment on this earth and the Pre-Adamite creation of that time.

### **Why is the theory of evolution so absurd?**

It is the law of nature that nothing reproduces anything greater than itself. The intelligent and innumerable self-producing species of creatures, each with its own eternal and consistent traits, distinct flavors and infinite combinations of chemicals, could never be the product of unintelligent matter. Each one of the millions of creatures that reproduce their own kind by fixed and eternal laws must be the work of an all-powerful and all-wise Creator.

## **What are some reasons for God creating us?**

God wants to commune and have precious and priceless relationship with us. We are the objects of His affection to be adorned upon by Him and for us to reciprocate and offer adoration and worship unto Him. *For in Him we live and move and have our being- Acts 17:28.*

## **What is meant by man being made a “tri-cotomy?”**

Man was created a tri-cotomy just as the glorious Godhead is referred to as the Divine Trinity. You are not just a physical body just as the Godhead is not the Father God only. I am a spirit, I have a soul, and I live in a body. The Godhead is comprised of God the Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Spirit. The three parts to your identity are Spirit, Soul & Body.

## **Lesson 2: The Garden of Eden**

### **How was man suppose to exercise dominion on the earth and over God’s creation?**

The important thing to consider about Adam’s authority, is that first of all it was given to him from God. Secondly, this authority was expressed or exercised through words. Man is the only living creature on this earth who is a spirit being, and dominates through the use of words.

### **What seems to be some reasons for God creating Adam and Eve?**

“Ruler”, “Dominion”, “In Charge” “gods” is what God had done for man in the beginning! When God gave dominion to Adam in the Garden, he was instructed by God to keep, and watch over it. God made Adam the god of this new world He had made.

If God had a purpose in creating Man, He must have desired to communicate with His creation to reveal something of His will and purpose.

### **Why did God place the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil in the center of the Garden?**

Why put that tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden in the first place anyway? What good is it to have a free will if you do not have an opportunity to make a choice to obey or disobey God’s command. Adam was created with the potential of immortality. Death would occur only if Adam disobeyed the command of God relative to eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

### **Why was Satan so interested in getting Adam and Eve to eat that forbidden fruit?**

When Adam and Eve obeyed Satan and rebelled against God, Satan become the god of this world instead of Adam and Eve. Another reason, would be to attack God indirectly by kidnapping mankind into the slavery of sin and death.

## **What were the consequences for disobeying God's command?**

**Exposure:** Adam and Eve were clothed with the glory of God. That was their covering before they sinned. Since God Himself is light, it is no surprise that Adam and Eve reflected God's glory, which was their covering.

**Fear:** The next effect that resulted from Adam and Eve's disobedience was fear.

**The Woman:** The judgment upon the woman was that of pain and sorrow in child bearing and submission to her husband.

**The Man:** The judgment upon the man was not that of labor, but of wearisome toil.

**The Penalty of Death:** The most disastrous consequence of the Fall was the introduction of death into the world. God had warned in Genesis 2:17b, Genesis 2:17 *"but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."*

Physical, Spiritual and Eternal Death

## **Why did God favor Abel's sacrifice over Cain's?**

As the story goes, Cain put his trust in his own labor as an offering to be acceptable to God, but it was rejected. Cain is a type and shadow for religion today, man's manufactured effort to come to God on his own terms. Abel on the other hand was a man of faith who obeyed God's instructions to offer a sacrifice of blood. God's having made for man coats of skin presupposes the slaying of animals; and doubtless implies that Abel's sacrifice of an animal life was an act of faith which rested on God's command (though not expressly recorded) that such were the sacrifices He required.

**The Right Sacrifice:** What Abel offered was "much more a sacrifice" (Wycliffe; Greek) than Cain's. "By faith Abel offered unto God a much more sacrifice than Cain," i.e. one which had more of the true virtue of sacrifice; for it was an animal sacrifice of the firstlings of the flock, a token of the forfeiture of man's life by sin, and a type of the Redeemer to be bruised in heel that He would crush the serpent's head- Genesis 3:15.

The universal law of God required payment for sin, a blood sacrifice is the only acceptable way to pay the penalty of sin. Innocent blood had to be shed to redeem a guilty individual.

*Leviticus 17:11*

*For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.*

## **Lesson 3: Noah and the Flood**

### **What was going on in the earth that brought about its eventual destruction via the flood?**

The depravity was widespread. And it was inward, continual, and habitual. Man was utterly corrupt, bad in heart and in conduct. There was no good in him. The whole bent of his thoughts and imaginations was completely out of line with the will of Jehovah. Flesh was on the throne. God was forgotten or openly defied.

## **What were the Nephilim and why were they introduced into the earth?**

What we have here is a race of giants, the offspring of angels cohabitating with human women to produce a perverted freak of nature. These guys were twisted, wicked evil tyrants who were huge in stature. God's law of reproduction from the beginning has been everything after its own kind. It is not possible then, that giants could be produced by men and women of ordinary size. It took the supernatural element, the purpose and power of Satan and his angels to make offspring of such extra size within the human species. They then produced others of like size instead of ordinary sized people.

If Satan could pollute the race of mankind, deliver them all to absolute wickedness where no one served God, then he could prolong his kingdom indefinitely. So from Cain murdering Abel until the birth of Jesus, born of a virgin, human history was comprised of the pointless pursuit of Satan trying to nullify God's Word by infecting and corrupting humanity with wickedness and somehow prevent the coming of the Messiah and Redeemer of mankind.

## **Why was Joshua and the children of Israel instructed to completely destroy all of the Canaanites?**

It was necessary for this race of giants to be completely destroyed in order to remove Satan's corrupt race of giants that stood in the way of God's people and their Promise Land. This was necessary in order to establish the children of Israel in their land in preparation of the coming Messiah. Joshua 10:40-42

This explains why God had commanded Israel to kill them all, every last one of them, even to the last man, woman and child. Just as in the time of Noah, every man, woman and child with the exception of Noah and his family was destroyed by the flood.

## **What aspects concerning God's use for the ark and/or its construction is amazing to you?**

Imagine the miracle of being able to secure a pair of every animal, male and female that God had created and place them all in the ark. According to Scripture, God caused all these animals to come on their own accord in order to preserve their own species.

*Genesis 7:8-10*

*Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah.*

## **So how was God able to bring such a flood that the entire earth was submerged, including the highest mountain?**

When the catastrophe came, the physical means employed were twofold, namely, the breaking up of the "springs of the great deep" and the opening of "the flood gates of heaven" in Genesis 7:11. But the rain is spoken of as continuing as a main cause only 40 days, while the waters continued to prevail for 150 days in Genesis 7:24. The ark rose to a height of 20 feet above the highest mountain, Mount Everest.

## **What was the first thing Noah did once God let them out of the ark?**

After the Flood he built an altar to God and made a sacrifice. Just as Abel offered a blood sacrifice for the atonement of sin, Noah also followed in those godly footsteps- this was God's method of dealing with sin and restoring fellowship. Certainly it contributed to God making a covenant with Noah and his sons, to never flood the earth again.

### **How did life for mankind change after the flood?**

God sovereignly puts the fear of man into animals. After the flood, man's diet changes to include the consumption of animals and animals eating other animals.

We are instructed not to consume blood, for the life of the flesh is in the blood. Blood is sacred to God back then and today. If a person murders another person, according to God's universal law, his/her life should be made forfeit for the life that was taken from the earth.

Distinct seasons of the year and man's days are limited to 120 years.

### **Generally, where did the descendants of Noah's three sons migrate to?**

In general, Japheth settled in the north, west and east Europe, and in Asia; Ham settled in Africa, parts of Arabia and the land God promised to Abraham; Shem settled in the countries surrounding Palestine to the east.

### **What makes Shem's descendants unique over his other brother's?**

The descendents of Shem are very important in the Old Testament, because it was through his lineage that Abraham, the nation of Israel, and Jesus Christ, born of the virgin Mary, were all descendents of Shem- Genesis 11:10-32; Luke 3:23-38; Romans 9:4-5).

### **Who was Nimrod, what did he build, and what did God do about it and why?**

The Hebrew name Nimrod means "let us rebel," given by his contemporaries to Nimrod as one who ever had in his mouth such words to stir up his band to rebellion. Nimrod subverted the existing patriarchal order of society by setting up a chieftainship based on personal valor and maintained by aggression.

In the 100 years after the flood, mankind traveled from Mt. Ararat in Armenia to the east of the Euphrates where they settled and built the tower of Babel.

Supernaturally, God caused all the people to take on different languages so they could no longer understand each other. As a result, the people were scattered as was God's intent.

### **What significant event occurred during the days of a man named "Peleg" and why?**

Genesis 10:25 reference a man named Peleg, which means earthquake in the Hebrew language.

This explains the word Peleg. In his days the earth was divided into continents and islands, after the various nations were scattered abroad on all the one land mass at the time of the divine judgment of Genesis 11:1-9.

## Lesson 4: Blood Covenant – Part 1

### So basically speaking, what is a blood covenant?

The word covenant means a binding agreement between two parties. It actually means to “cut covenant.” By definition, it is an agreement to: *“Cut a covenant by the shedding of blood and walking between pieces of flesh.”* A blood covenant between two parties is the closest, the most enduring, the most solemn and the most sacred of all contracts!

### So what are some reasons people enter into covenant?

- **Protection-** A covenant partner is bound to come to your aid when in trouble.
- **Provision-** What is yours is his and what is his is yours.
- **Posterity-** Descendants are covered and benefit from the relationship.
- **Relationship-** A deep love, devotion and respect for each other.

### Is it common for a blood covenant to be broken, why?

The blood covenant is a very sacred Covenant. It is the most sacred covenant that mankind has ever known or has ever adhered to. Dr. Livingstone and Mr. Stanley were in Africa for many years as missionaries, and in all that time, they never ever heard of the covenant being broken.

If someone in Africa broke the covenant, then his own wife, or his brother, or his relatives, would kill him. He would not be able to go very far. Everybody would be on his trail if he broke the covenant. That is how sacred the blood covenant was. It could not be annulled and the children of the persons who entered unto the covenant, right through to the third or fourth generations, would uphold the covenant.

### What are the nine steps two typical Hebrew men would take in order to enter into a blood covenant? Which step was most striking to you and why?

- Take off coat or robe
- Take off belt
- Cut the Covenant
- Raise the right arm and mix blood
- Exchange name
- Make a scar
- Give covenant terms
- Eat memorial meal

The actual cutting of the covenant, because of the graphic nature of it or seriousness of it.

### What is so significant concerning the covenant between David and Jonathan?

The covenant that was made between these two men is significant in that it illustrates the far reaching power that covenant has on the lives of those it effects. It also serves as a type and shadow of what God has done for us in the New Covenant through Jesus Christ.

## **Lesson 5: Blood Covenant – Part 2**

### **Why does God want us to put Him in remembrance of His blood covenant- Isaiah 43:26?**

God wants us to be bold, not arrogant but confident in God that He will honor his Covenant. When we boldly declare of the devil to get out of our lives(provided we are walking in love) according to John 14:12, he must obey, God will see to it. God wants us to put him in remembrance and declare the covenant so He can legally release His power on the earth and in the affairs of men.

### **Why did God cut covenant with Himself instead of with Abram directly?**

If God is going to establish a covenant with man; He is going to have to do it all if it's going to be done at all. If Abram got involved in any way, he would have just messed up the covenant and then it would no longer be acceptable to God. Therefore, God made a covenant with Himself, His oaths were made unto Himself. In order to keep Abram from messing up the covenant ceremony, God caused him to fall into a deep sleep.

### **What was significant about the seal of circumcision given to Abraham?**

The seal is always the scar given as the testimony to the covenant. The scar would bear witness to the covenant. It would always remind God and Abram of their covenant responsibilities to each other. It was the guarantee of the covenant. Jesus is scared for us for all eternity to bear witness to the everlasting covenant we have with God through Jesus Christ. The scar that sealed and testified to this covenant was circumcision. It was the token of the everlasting covenant. Abram would bear in his flesh, the evidence that he had entered into blood covenant with God through Christ.

### **What does it mean to be called a friend of God like Abraham James 2:23-24? Jesus called us friends in John 15:13-16**

Likewise Jesus calls us friends, since we entered into covenant through him with God the Father. Please don't confuse "Friend" as we use it in our culture(buddy, pal, or fair weather friends, here today and gone tomorrow), when the Bible uses the word "Friend" it is talking about being in blood covenant with someone for life, a sacred bond that cannot be broken save the penalty of death!

### **What is the significance of Jesus being called the Lamb of God?**

Jesus Christ is the "Lamb of God" slain from the foundations of the world and now He's come to shed His blood in fulfillment of the covenant. This is the covenant He swore by Himself to make, from the beginning. On that same mountain where Isaac was offered, the Lord did provide Himself as the substitute, and He was seen by the whole world. As with Abraham, a great darkness fell upon the earth. (Matthew 27:45) And so we are asked to believe that God sent His only Son to sacrifice Himself as a sin substitute.

## **Lesson 6: The Patriarchs – Part 1**

### **What does Abraham's name mean and why is it significant?**

The name Abraham was given him by God meaning, "Father of a multitude" was the first and great patriarch in the Bible of ancient Israel and a primary model of faithfulness for Christianity. Abraham is the father of our faith and plays a huge role in God's redemptive plan for humanity.

### **Why did it require Abraham to exercise faith when God called him and how does that apply to us today?**

Notice that God did not tell him specifically where he was going, yet Abram by faith, obeyed and went. For this reason and for many others, Abraham is regarded as a great man of faith.

### **What was the mistake Abraham made with Ishmael, and what were the ramifications of this mistake?**

This was not God's plan, they became impatient; instead of trusting God's timing they took matters into their own hands. The nation of Israel throughout the centuries has certainly regretted that decision, especially today. Ishmael's descendents, the Arabs, hate their half-brother Jewish nation of Israel. So now you know where all this started from!

### **What insight do we see in God speaking with Abraham just before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah?**

Since Abraham was the friend of God the Lord revealed to him the coming judgment upon Sodom and Gomorrah; and then followed that wondrous pleading in behalf of the two cities. God is looking for intercessors, those who will stand in the gap and mediate on behalf of individuals, churches, cities and nations.

### **Why was it so important for Abraham to be willing to offer up Isaac his only son as a sacrifice?**

Abraham had a covenant relationship with God for the purpose of establishing a lineage of descendents in Jesus; the Word of God would come as the Seed of the woman, the Savior of the World. Before God could offer His Son, Abraham had to show his willingness to offer his only son. Abraham understood that it was impossible for God to lie, God bound Himself to His own Word!

## **Lesson 7: The Patriarchs – Part 2**

### **In what way did the blessing of the Covenant impact Isaac's financial well-being?**

Isaac remained in the land of the Philistines, cultivated a portion of ground, and in the same year reaped "a hundredfold." Obviously the covenant Abraham and Isaac had with God included financial prosperity- our covenant with God today has the same provisions, are you tapping into it?

### **What lessons do we learn from Esau disregarding his birth right?**

You may wonder why the birthright is important- the birthright consisted afterward in a double portion of the father's inheritance according to Deuteronomy 21:17; but with the patriarchs it embraced the chieftainship, rule over the brethren and the entire family- Genesis 27:29. Not to mention the title to the blessing of promise (27:4,27-29), which included the future possession of Canaan and of covenant fellowship with Jehovah. The Bible calls Esau godless for such an action- trading something sacred for carnal appetites.

### **What lessons do we learn concerning the power of words in regards to Isaac's blessing?**

Once the blessing was given, it could not be retracted; another example of the power of words! Understandably Esau was in shock, grief and then in a rage over what Jacob had done.

### **Jacob's experiences with his uncle Laban seem so familiar and ironic what was it?**

It is ironic that just as Jacob deceived his father Isaac in pretending to be Esau, Jacob's sons deceive Jacob concerning the so-called accidental death of Joseph. Not to mention how his uncle Laban also deceived him on more than one occasion- a classic case of reaping and sowing.

### **What significant lessons do we learn from the life of Joseph?**

One thing the story of Joseph tells me is that even when we blow it and make mistakes God can work the good and turn any bad situation into good. As in the case of Joseph, we will see that you can't keep a covenant friend of God down.

### **Does the death of Jacob provide an example for all God's covenant people in how they can leave earth?**

To me the death of Jacob is an example of how the righteous should die. He lived a long life serving God and at the end of his days, he spoke by faith, prophetically over his family. Just before he fell asleep, he gave instructions about his burial, drew up his feet and breathed his last at the age of 147. He was not racked in pain or eaten away by cancer. He was not delirious or out of his mind, he simply jumped out of his earth suit into eternity.

## **Lesson 8: The Birth of a Nation**

### **What an incredible statement God makes in regards to His purpose for Israel- "treasured possession." In light of this, what was God's plan for the nation of Israel?**

God said that "You will be my Treasured Possession... a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." The nation of Israel were to be unique above all other nations, as God representatives to the nations. A kingdom of priests infers the unique role as mediators, intercessors and stewards of God's Holy Covenant. When God spoke of this covenant with Abraham, his descendents were meant to be a blessing to all nations by preaching the gospel message of their time throughout the world; to be a salt and a light as the Church of Jesus Christ is destined for this dispensation. God is about reconciling every person from every nation, He does not want anyone to perish and go to hell.

### **A new king in Egypt arose, give some of the reasons for his brutal treatment of the Hebrews.**

Jacob's family had settled in Egypt at a time when the land was governed by the friendly Hyksos or "Shepherd" Kings (2100-1580 B.C.). These were rulers of Semitic origin who had gained control of Egypt's government. About 1580 B.C., the native Egyptians expelled the "foreign" Hyksos, and placed Ahmose or Ahmosis I on the throne. He is thought to be the "new king" of the Eighteenth Dynasty who did not know Joseph. He became alarmed at the increase in Semitic population within his territory. How could he manage them in case an Eastern army should invade Egypt and secure these Hebrews as their allies?

### **Provide a brief overview of the three periods of the life Moses.**

The life of Moses was divided into three periods of 40 years each: (1) 40 years in Egypt as the son of Pharaoh's daughter, Ex. 2: 1-15; Acts 7: 23; (2) 40 years in Midian, Ex. 2: 15-4: 19; Acts 7: 30; and (3) 40 years from Egypt to the crossing of the Jordan, Ex. 4: 20-Deuteronomy 34; Acts 7: 36.

### **What is significant concerning the hardness of Pharaoh's heart, and how did God use it?**

Something important to understand that God was not unfair as it pertains to the hardness of Pharaoh's heart, it was a choice that he made and God allowed it. Since God sets the times and places where we should live, He predestined this character(Pharaoh) to be born in that generation and be king of Egypt. God used him and the stubbornness of his heart to display His Glory to the world- there is only one God of the Universe, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.

### **What was really going on behind the scenes in the spirit realm during the Exodus from Egypt?**

The plagues had a deep religious significance, and the outcome was to be a victorious conquest by Jehovah over Egypt's pagan gods. Remember Satan knew that the "Seed" of the woman, the blessing of Abraham would come through the Jewish nation to destroy his kingdom of darkness. So it makes a lot of sense for the devil to use Pharaoh to oppress them in Egypt; not just for slave labor, but a futile attempt to make void the Promises of God concerning Israel and making it to the Promised Land.

## **Lesson 9: The Passover**

### **Why would God choose a lamb to be sacrificed for the Passover?**

Did you notice that God required a perfect lamb without defect or blemish to be chosen for the sacrifice. The life of a lamb in substitution for the lives of those living in the house. We understand according to Romans 3:23 that the wages of sin is death, someone has to die, justice has to be satisfied. However, justice will only accept an innocent sacrifice to take the place of a guilty person. A condemned man cannot pay the crimes committed by another condemned man, he has to pay for his own. God used the innocent lamb as a type of Jesus being the perfect, sinless sacrifice for mankind.

### **What does Egypt symbolically represent- how does it pertain to us today?**

Remember that Egypt is a type of the "World System" that Satan dominates and had formerly held us in spiritual slavery through sin. The new birth represents our spiritual Exodus out of the kingdom of darkness. Our pathway out of spiritual 'Egypt', the world system that represented the life we once lived- an oppressive life dominated by Satan, Sin, Sickness and Poverty. Through Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection we have been ransomed from sin through the blood of Jesus- Romans 6:15-23.

### **The ordinance of Communion for the Church is to be practiced for what reason?**

In remembrance of the Lord's death, burial and Resurrection- the New Covenant sealed in His blood. It is a celebration of God's eternal Salvation, it is a solemn reflection of the indescribable sacrifice and it is a fellowship of saints in One Body.

## **The Bible points out the significance of blood and water- what is it?**

The blood represents a life given while the water represents a life received. Jesus gave His life for us at the cross. So now you see how in the Old Covenant, the water and blood was a type of Jesus and the Holy Spirit ushering in the New Covenant. As believers in Jesus Christ we are washed in the blood of Jesus and filled with the Holy Spirit; we too enter into God's Kingdom through water and blood. Water is a type of the Holy Spirit:

## **What is meant by the expressions, "Open Communion" or "There is only One Lamb?"**

There is no Catholic and Protestant "Lamb of God." Neither is there a Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, etc., "Lamb of God." There is only one "Lamb of God," and He is in each of us who have received Jesus into our hearts as Lord and Savior. Therefore, all who know Christ Jesus are welcome to share in the covenant meal. All may feed at the table of communion. This is what is meant by open communion, which is a Biblical principle for those who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus are part of one Faith, one Lord and one Baptism.

## **What is leaven a type of in the Bible, and how does that apply to us?**

So, we too must take a lighted candle, which is the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, and let Him search through every nook and cranny of our spiritual house looking for any hidden leaven (sin) that would keep us from enjoying fellowship with our heavenly Father.

## **Lesson 10: The Law**

### **God had an interesting response in Exodus 14:15 to the Israelites despairing at the Red Sea- how does that apply to us today?**

I love God's response at this moment- Exodus 14:15, *"Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.'"* I believe this scripture gives us some insight that He is not too fond of it when His people whine, complain and despair. This practice does not help our cause today, but can be a cause for God not acting on our behalf- also read Mark 9:21-27, *"'If you can?' said Jesus. 'Everything is possible for him who believes.'"*

### **Explain the following types in the Bible for us today- "Egypt, the Red Sea and the Promised Land."**

There is an important type here that took place when the people of Israel crossed the red sea. It was their rite of passage out of Egypt (type of the "world system, the place of bondage to sin") through red sea (type of "New birth, salvation and water baptism") on their way to their Promised Land (type of "Baptism in the Holy Spirit, glorious inheritance and promises of God in Christ"). The Promised Land is not a Type of heaven; as there are no battles to be fought in heaven, as there are for the believer; the good fight of faith, taking God at His Word and taking claim of his/her glorious redemption in Jesus

## **Are the 10 commandments given some 3,000 years ago still relevant today? Why?**

Although God gave the Ten Commandments to His people through Moses at Mount Sinai more than 3,000 years ago, they are still relevant today. They have an abiding significance, for God's character is unchangeable. These laws originate from God and from His eternal character; therefore, their moral value cannot change. The world desperately needs to see the name and character of God displayed in the lives of Christians who still take His Word seriously. These Commandments, particularly coupled with the teachings of Christ, are still the best guidelines for practical daily living known to man.

## **How did Jesus take the 10 commandments to a new level in the Gospels?**

Jesus actually placed these laws on a higher plane by demanding that the spirit as well as the legal aspects of the law be kept- thoughts as well as actions. Jesus placed His eternal stamp of approval on the law by declaring, *"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill"* in Matthew 5:17-19. Jesus took the law from external observance to a matter of the heart in preparation for the New Covenant.

## **What is the difference between the Mosaic Law and the 10 Commandments?**

The Ten Commandments are a statement of the terms of the covenant God made with His chosen people; and in this respect they are to be distinguished from the elaborate system of law known as the Mosaic. The vast legal system of Israel, civil, criminal, judicial, and ecclesiastical, was framed after the covenant law, not with a view of expanding it, but to enforce it. The elaborate system was designed as an educator, to lead the people into the great principles of life embodied in the Ten Commandments and afterward exhibited in Christ. The Mosaic system was only a temporary expedient to achieve a given end, whereas the Ten Commandments are a statement of principles to continue for all time.

## **What was the purpose of God introducing the Law?**

So now we understand man's dilemma and God's solution, let's look at the purpose of the Law. God's law holds all mankind accountable. One big reason for the Law is that it identifies what sin is for us. The purpose of the Law was to frustrate us, God's perfect standard was unattainable in our own strength, devices or pursuits. We simply cannot live the perfect life in motive, thought and action that God requires. The Law reveals our awful dilemma, doomed to destruction as the Devil and his crowd is, but in the midst of this despair, God revealed His answer a Savior- Galatians 4:21-29; Acts 28:23-24.

## **Lesson 11: The Wilderness – Part 1**

### **What benefit do we have of studying the children of Israel according to 1 Corinthians chapter 10? Also, do miracles in themselves save people, why or why not?**

As we study God's dealings with the people of Israel in the desert, all these things were written down as warnings for future generations. To put it plainly, the Lord is saying to us today, "Don't do what they did!" "Ultimately, signs don't save people, only faith in God through His Word; signs just make people wonder, get their attention to listen to the gospel message. It's hearing the message, believing it in the heart and confessed out of the mouth that brings salvation to a person- Romans Chapter 10!

## **Why it is essential for Christians to understand the source of good and bad and where it comes from and why?**

If you believe that God put cancer in your life to teach you something, than you won't be inclined to believe God for healing or resist the cancer; for that matter nor should you take any medicine since it would go against God's will- such logic is flawed and unscriptural. Just because God permits evil and the consequences of sin in the earth does not mean He is the author or condones it. This is why in the Lord's prayer we are to release our faith in God's will in heaven to be a reality on earth- Mt. 6:9.

## **We see that God is not a big fan of mumbling, grumbling and complaining- why?**

When we keep pushing the Lord, whining and crying we can see with that kind of behavior, His anger gets stirred up. Not to say that God is harsh and insensitive, He is full of compassion and mercy. However, faith pleases God and He wants us to trust Him- in everything give thanks and rejoice! The New Covenant makes similar admonitions to instruct and warn us to stay clear of complaining. But it is so easy to do though, to fuss, fight, gripe and complain- it speaks of ingratitude and unbelief and is sin. In the New Covenant dispensation, God expects more from us since we are born again with better promises.

## **What was so significant concerning the incident of the golden calf at Mount Sinai?**

This event is probably one of the most famous in the Old Covenant. It represents supreme betray and rebellion. God had delivered the nation from hundreds of years of bondage, parted the red sea, supernaturally fed them and led them by a pillar of fire by night and a cloud of smoke by day. Just prior to Moses ascending Mount Sinai, God appeared to the people in a cloud of glory and spoke to them- the covenant confirmed and the fear of God was put into them not to sin and break the covenant.

## **What can we learn from the devotion and commitment of Moses for the people Israel?**

Moses did an incredible thing for the people of Israel, even though they caused him so much grief and headaches he did not allow God to destroy them even though it would have solved a lot of his problems. We can be that way can't we, "Oh Lord just get rid of this person out of my life and everything will be better." "Oh Lord if I just had a better spouse or children or job etc." Moses risked his own salvation on behalf of the people; that is incredible commitment from a leader, something we can all learn from!

## **What was the difference between the facts and truth concerning the exploration of Canaan?**

Now what they said concerning their mere observations was correct, it was the conclusion they came to that was wrong. There is a big difference between truth and fact, it was a fact that the people of the land were great and powerful, but the truth was God had already delivered them into their hands. This reminds me of Abraham, he faced the fact that he and Sarah were too old to have children, but the greater truth was that God had promised them a son. So which one are we going to believe the facts or the truth?

## **Lesson 12: The Wilderness – Part 2**

### **Using Korah’s rebellion as an example; why is intercession important to us today?**

As ministers of the New Covenant, we have a priestly duty of proclaiming the good news of the gospel to the lost, to stand in the gap and intercede for the lost and for the saints. This is our primary way of being a salt and a light; salt preserves, our prayers avail much to keep back the plans of Satan to kill, steal and destroy. I fully believe that what happens on this earth in large part, whether good or bad is the result of the Church praying or not praying- being faithful to pray that God’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven. So many wars, death and famine could be avoided if the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ would exercise her authority in the spiritual realm and bind the forces of the enemy.

### **How is the “Bronze Snake” significant to us today as a type and shadow back then?**

The bronze snake is a type of Jesus becoming a curse for us, having been hung on a tree at Cavalry. Everyone who looks to Jesus as the Hebrews did to the bronze snake, receives healing and deliverance. God made Jesus who knew no sin to be sin for us according to 2 Corinthians 5:21, Jesus became the snake for us on the cross. Jesus became our curse, received God’s wrath on our behalf so we would be saved.

### **What does the Scriptures mean by “Balaam’s error” and why could he not curse Israel?**

Balaam is accused by Moses of seducing the Israelites to commit fornication in Numbers 31:16. This tactic of doing harm to God’s people by enticing them into sin is a practice that was conceived by Satan and is what the World System is all about. Abraham’s covenant of protection continued to extend towards his descendents, Numbers 24:9 *“May those who bless you be blessed and those who curse you be cursed!”*

### **What impresses you the most about Moses, his life and ministry- any lessons learned?**

The fact the Bible calls him the most humble man on the face of the earth. The Scriptures refer to him many times after his death. Most of all, what the Lord said about him when Aaron and Miriam opposed him- the Lord talks with him face to face. Moses was faithful in all God’s house, always interceding for an ungrateful bunch of people. Great lessons on faithfulness, sacrifice and devotion to God and His people.

### **Why did God choose Israel, what was His purpose in forming this nation?**

God makes some real powerful points concerning Israel, why all the special attention given to them instead of anybody else, is God a respecter of persons- No I don’t believe He is! In the Garden of Eden God promised that a man born of woman would come and crush Satan’s head, take the authority he had stolen from Adam. God needed a nation to bring this about, He found Abraham and chose him because God foreknew the qualities of the man, particularly that he would be faithful to pass this covenant down to his children so that all that God had promised would come to pass.

## **“Don’t forget the Lord!” How does that admonition apply to us today especially in America?**

God warns them about the trap of self-sufficiency, becoming arrogant, forgetting about God who graciously had given them all this. This would be so presumptuous, as to think by their own skill and wisdom they became wealthy, taking the credit, but it was God who gave them this ability, because He honors His Covenant of Love- so it is for us today, please don’t forget it! God gave them a solemn warning, that if they became unfaithful in their relationship with Him, they would be no different than the world and would suffer as they have at the hand of Satan. This principle is absolute in the Scriptures and is referred to numerous times in different ways!

## **Lesson 13: The Tabernacle**

### **Throughout the Scriptures we see numerous references to blood sacrifice, why is this significant?**

God never intended the Hebrews to approach Him by trying to keep the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments can’t offer the blood evidence of a life given. God intended the Hebrews to approach Him the way He had always intended, through a blood sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin. That’s His provision. That’s His only provision. Just as in the beginning, Abel offered God a blood sacrifice that God was pleased with; while Cain offered the fruit of the land, the works of his hands which did not meet God’s specifications. These two offerings speak prophetically to human history. Either you follow God’s requirements for blood or you invent your own- See Romans 10:1-10. In God’s economy, blood is sacred, it represents life, which God has ordained as the only acceptable payment for sin and it’s penalty of death.

### **How was the earthly tabernacle back then pointing to us as believers today?**

Through the blood covenant, He would come to live in us by His Spirit. We then would become the new Tabernacle or dwelling place of God. After Jesus was resurrected, he appeared to His disciples to show them he was victorious over death, hell and the grave! On one occasion He breathed on them and said, “... receive the Holy Spirit” in John 20:22. Now that Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit, the Christian’s body becomes the dwelling place of God. He no longer dwells in a tent in the desert, or brick and mortar on some street corner. He dwells in all who have entered into blood covenant with Him and received His Spirit. The individual Christian is now the temple of the Holy Spirit.

### **What was done at the Brazen Altar, and what did it represent in the future?**

Remember that in the blood covenant, the sacrifice represents you and will take your place on the Altar. And now as you bring your sacrifice to the Altar, you lay (heavily lean) your hands on the head of the animal claiming its death as a sacrifice on your behalf. Unless you claim the animal as your sin sacrifice, you cannot be accepted and declared clean. Only with the blood at the Brazen Altar can you enter the Tabernacle and get to God. As you press your hand heavily on the animal's head and kill it, the priest, standing there with you, pours out the blood of the animal at the foot of the Altar.

The Brazen Altar represents the cross of Jesus. This is where the new covenant was cut. As the blood was poured out at the base of the Altar, the blood of Jesus was poured out at the foot of the cross. He gave Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor- Ephesians 5:2.

## **What is the difference between the blood of an animal and the blood of Jesus?**

But where the blood of bulls and goats in the Old Covenant only covered sin, the blood of Jesus takes it away to be remembered no more. No more sacrifices are needed, for the once and for all sacrifice has been made- Hebrews 9-10. This is what Jesus meant when He cried from the cross, "It is finished" in John 20:30. The sin debt has been "paid in full" for all who receive it for themselves. All who will come to the cross of Jesus are to offer themselves to God as a living sacrifice- Romans 12: 1. We become His purchased possession paid for by His own blood.

## **How is the Brazen Laver significant to us today as a type and shadow?**

Now as the priest ministered during the day, he would get dirty. So he would come to the laver and wash. As he looked into the Laver, he would see himself in the polished brass. The Laver showed him how dirty he was and where he needed to wash. But at the same time it showed him how dirty he was, it also provided the water for his cleansing. Thus, the Laver not only showed him he was dirty, it also cleansed him.

Even as children of God, we still have a body with a sin nature, and our minds are in the process of being renewed with God's Word; as a result when we sin, we break our fellowship with God. As we walk in the world ministering as a priest of God, we get dirty spiritually- we sin. We do not have to be born again, again- going back to the brazen altar so to speak. Instead we go to the Laver. When we go to the Laver, we don't have to be washed all over again and be born again and again and again- John 13:10. We only have to wash our hands and feet which represents, not our position in the covenant, but our service to God and our walk with God. The water in the Laver points us to the Holy Spirit. The polished brass mirror points to the Word of God as revealed through the Bible. When we look into the Bible, it is like looking into a mirror. The Bible is God's holy looking glass that reveals our sin.

## **What is significant about the "Mercy Seat" on the Ark of the Covenant?**

The lid attached to the Ark is called "The Mercy Seat." The Greek word that means the same as the Hebrew word or Mercy Seat is *hilasterion*. The English word for *hilasterion* is "propitiation." Propitiation or atonement, simply means to turn away God's wrath by removing sin and satisfying His violated justice. Remember the only offering that will turn away His wrath and satisfy His justice is blood. It is the only evidence that the penalty for sin has been paid. The Mercy Seat is the place of propitiation. This is where the blood will be applied. Right between the two cherubims and above the Mercy Seat is a blinding light. This bright light is called the "Shekinah," means the presence of God's glory. It is the manifested presence of God dwelling in the midst of the people. The Holy of Holies is God's earthly throne room, the Mercy Seat is His throne and the great light is His visible presence.

## **Lesson 14: The Sacrifices**

### **Why is it ludicrous to suppose that a person can earn salvation through good works?**

With the revelation of His absolute holiness, we quickly realize the futility of seeking to reconcile ourselves to God by trying to be a "good person" and keep God's commandments, or any other religious or moral code of ethics. Sin is a spiritual crime that invokes the penalty of death- an eternal punishment. It is ludicrous to suppose a good deed would undo rebellion and high treason. Someone has to pay, you can either pay it yourself or let someone else.

### **What lesson did God give Adam and Eve concerning the spiritual “Facts of life” in the Garden?**

when Adam and Eve sinned, they covered themselves with leaves and hid from God. This was their way of covering their sin. Well, when God saw Adam and Eve covered with those fig leaves, He knew it was time to explain the "spiritual facts of life." But how could He do it? How could He explain His plan in terms they could understand? There was only one way. He must kill an innocent animal and accept its blood in substitute as a temporary covering of their sin. It would be an imperfect substitute and only cover sin. But it would point everybody in the right direction. Then when He came along Himself, He would be the perfect substitute. His blood would do more than just cover sin. It would take it away. Then no more sacrifices would be needed.

### **What was the purpose of God going into such detail over the sacrificial system in the Old Covenant?**

You see God knew exactly what He was going to do when He would come to offer Himself. This is why He gave such specific details on how to offer each sacrifice. He would perfectly fulfill them in Jesus Christ. If you wanted someone to recognize you, you would tell them everything about yourself in advance. Then when you arrived on the scene, they would know who you are. This is how the entire Old Covenant (Covenant) points to Jesus. This is how Jesus could say that everything written in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and the Psalms were about Him.

### **What is the “One” sin that sends the sinner to hell, and that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of?**

Jesus stated that the Holy Spirit would convict the world of the one sin(John 16:8) that is left for unbelievers to commit, the one sin that sends them to hell- the sin of rejecting Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Jesus already bore all the sins of the world, all that is left for mankind to do now is confess Jesus as Lord and righteousness, reconciliation, justification, sanctification and everything else that is included in salvation is accredited to them by grace through faith- Ephesians 2:8. For salvation in Romans 10:9 it does not instruct the unbeliever to confess all their sins to God(you could not remember them all anyway), but rather to confess Jesus as Lord. Nowhere in the New Covenant will you find a Scripture that states that the Holy Spirit convicts the saints of sin- 1John 3:19-22; John 16:8-11

### **How does the “Burnt Offering” apply to us today as New Covenant believers?**

The entire animal is offered as an expression of your readiness to present your entire being to God. It is a complete consecration or giving of yourself to God. Nothing can be held in reserve if you want to commune with Him. The smoke from the Burnt Offering ascends as a sweet aroma to God- Leviticus 1:9, *“It is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, an aroma pleasing to the LORD.”*

We present ourselves as a living sacrifice by yielding to the Lordship of Jesus over our lives. It takes many Christians a lifetime and some never realize, that Jesus is not just our Savior who came to help us when we are in trouble; Jesus came to take over our lives as Lord as well. As our Lord, He is the master, ruler and controller of our life. We are His purchased possession. He bought and paid for us with His own blood- Ephesians 1:14.

## **Why was the “Peace or Fellowship Offering” important?**

By the time you come to the Peace Offering, you have expressed a desire for communion with God through the Sin Offering and Trespass Offering. You have expressed a readiness for communion through the Burnt Offering and Meal Offering. You are now going to celebrate that communion through the Peace Offering. All the other offerings have been leading to the Peace offering. This is the one you have been looking forward to presenting. Because you are going to get a portion of this offering. It symbolizes the completion of your union, but first you had to be cleansed of your sins and offer your total being to God. Now that you have made that commitment, you are going to celebrate your union with God by sharing in the Peace Offering. This is what you’ve always wanted. This is why you made the other offerings. Through the Peace Offering, the cry and yearning of your heart is met as you enter into communion with God by sharing in this offering.

## **Lesson 15: The Priesthood**

### **Why was the High Priest the most important person in the entire nation?**

The Central figure in the Old Covenant system was the High Priest. He was the most important person in the entire nation because he represented the nation before God. High Priest stood out above everyone else.

### **Why is the “Day of Atonement” so important?**

The High Priest had many duties and responsibilities, but his most important duty was to minister on the Day of Atonement. The Day of Atonement occurred on the tenth day of Tishri, which is the seventh month on the Hebrew religious calendar. This corresponds to the Gentile months September-October. The Day of Atonement is also known as the Day of Forgiveness. The Jews call it "Yom Kipper." The Day of Atonement is the most solemn of all days. This is the day for making atonement or covering for the sins of the entire nation of Israel. It is the one day of the year when the High Priest could go behind the veil into the Holy Holies. There he would offer the blood of the sin offering on the Mercy Seat. God would accept it as covering for the sins of the people.

### **When the “Mercy Seat” is covered with blood, what did that mean for the Old Covenant Hebrew?**

The blood of the innocent sacrifice tells God that life has been given to pay the penalty. The blood covered Mercy Seat changes God’s throne from one of judgment to one of mercy. Justice has been administered and God’s wrath is vindicated for now. The High Priest then returns from inside the Tabernacle back into the courtyard. He goes directly to the Altar and smears the blood of the bull and goat on the horns of the Altar. Then he sprinkles blood upon the Altar seven times. This is a ceremonial cleansing of the Altar from the sinfulness of the nation.

### **Who was the Old Covenant High Priest a type of, and why is that significant?**

Aaron and his sons were imperfect. But God in His grace, accepted the people in their High Priest as their holy and righteous representative. Like the sacrificial system, it was only intended to be temporary, a stop-gap until the permanent solution presented Himself- JESUS! Since Jesus lives forever, and is God, we now have absolute perfection- Praise God! Jesus never fails, grows tired or loses interest; He always lives to make intercession for us, mediate and represent us to the Father!

## **How did Jesus identify with us and become the ultimate High Priest for us in the New Covenant?**

Through the incarnation, the virgin birth, Jesus became as much human as you and I are- thus the name Son of Man. At the same time remained the Son of God just without all the supernatural enabling. He looked just like everybody else. Why you couldn't tell Him from the next guy. He didn't have a halo around His head, you know. He wasn't glorious and beautiful in His appearance. He just wore a plain white linen robe- just like the Old Covenant high priest did while carrying out his ministry. But no man spoke like this man, who was perfectly fulfilling the Old Covenant throughout His life on earth. For the first 30 years, His life was very ordinary, it was not until the Baptism of John that he started His ministry and was anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit to start His earthly ministry- Luke 3:23.

## **Why is Jesus considered the perfect High Priest?**

For unlike the Old Covenant High Priest, Jesus lives forever. Since He lives forever, He is always there to remind God the Father that He has paid for our sins with His own blood. Therefore, He is exactly the kind of High Priest we need. He is not going to have a heart attack, He's not going to die and have to be replaced. For God the Father has given Him the place of glory and honor in heaven.

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