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Bible Teachings

LESSON ONE - The Bible

Ages 9-12

What does the Bible say? We should want to know the answer to this question to help us know what to believe and how to live. This set of lessons will teach you about Bible doctrine. Doctrine just means "teachings." When we talk about Bible doctrine, we are telling you what the Bible teaches about a subject. We have chosen ten subjects to let you know what the Bible teaches about these things. We'll start by talking about the Bible itself.



READ 2 PETER 1:20-21

What books do you like to read?

Sometimes we may read to enjoy the story. Other times we may read to learn about someone or something. The Bible is a book like no other book. The Bible was written by God!

In your verses, Peter is warning his readers that God gave the Scriptures (the writings of the Bible) to tell people what He wanted them to know. He said things so people could understand what He wanted them to know. People can not change that meaning.

How did the prophecy of Scripture NOT come?

How were the prophecies given?

The Holy Spirit gave the Bible Prophets the words that God wanted people to know. This is how we get all of our books of the Bible. The Holy Spirit gave the words to men to write. God wanted the Bible to be easy to understand. We can enjoy reading the Bible, and we should read it to know about God.

How many books are in the Bible?

READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-16

The word "inspiration" means "God-breathed." This means that the Bible came from God. God wanted humans to know about Him and His plans, so God gave the words to men to write down.

List in order the four ways Verse 16 says the Bible helps ("profitable") us?

- 1). - It teaches us the things we need to know.
- 2). - It serves to prove what is true.
- 3). - It corrects wrongs.
- 4). - It trains us in God's ways.



The Bible is what we need to serve our Savior.

READ ROMANS 10:17

If you want to go to Heaven one day, you need to have faith in what Jesus Christ did for you. It is the Gospel found in the Bible that will tell people how to go to Heaven. Gospel means "good news." The Good News is that Jesus Christ died for your sins, was buried, and rose again.

Have you trusted in Him?

Have you told others the Good News from God's Word?

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What does the Bible say?

LESSON TWO - God

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Some people would like to believe that there is no God. Others teach that there are many gods, or they teach the wrong god. You can know God is real. You do not have to wonder. He is there. We learn the right things about Him in the Bible.

READ DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5



You may have heard of Thor and Hercules. These are some of the false gods that people have made up. They are not real. The God of the Bible is real.

How many Gods are there?



What about other religions that teach a different god? Can their gods be real?

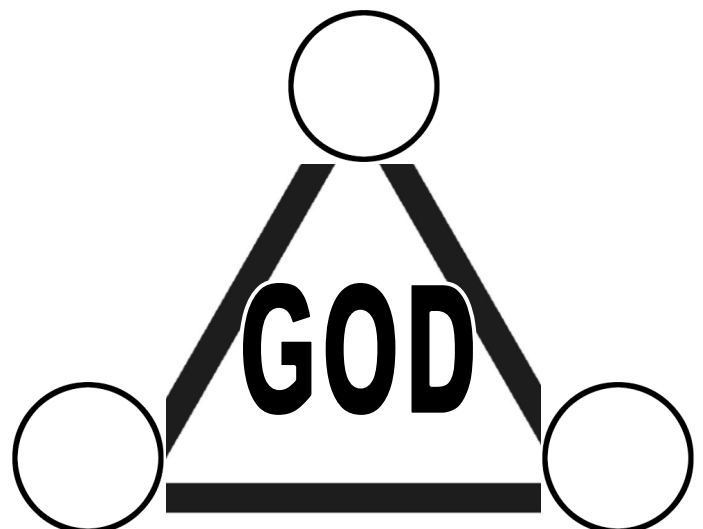
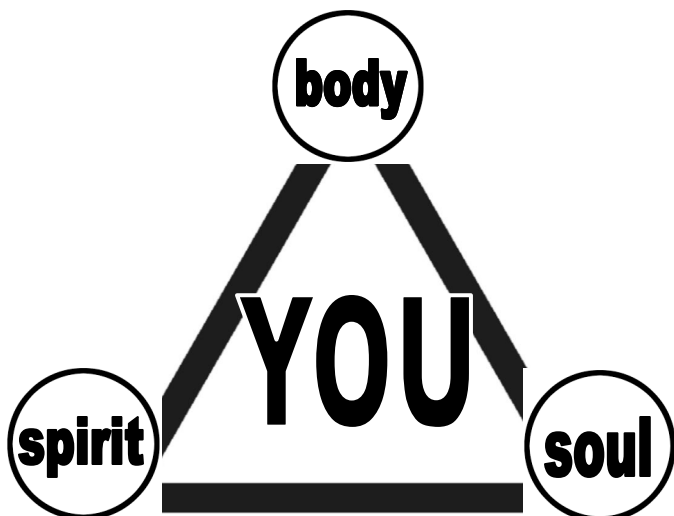
READ 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

How many names are in this verse?

This one God exists in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What?! How can one God be three Persons? This truth is hard for even adults to understand. This does not mean that it isn't true.

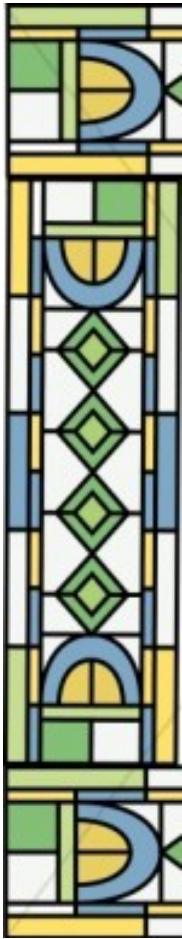
Let me explain it this way. You are one person made up of three parts: body, soul, and spirit. You do not see the soul, and you can not touch the spirit. The body is what we are most familiar with, but this does not mean that the soul and spirit are not real. The circle to the left shows you (one person) made up of three parts (body, soul, spirit).

Write the three Persons of God in the circles.

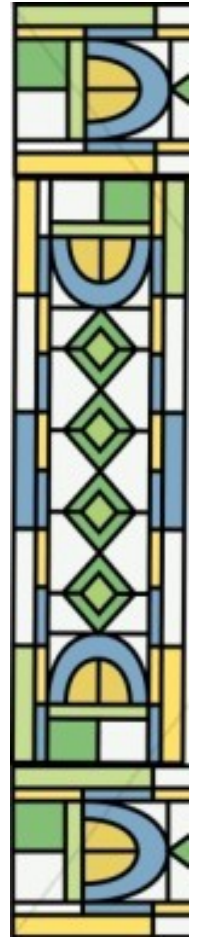


See if you can find these words about God in the word search below.
Words may be up, down, or diagonal.

**ALL KNOWING ALL PRESENT ALL POWERFUL ETERNAL HOLY
GRACIOUS LOVING JUST CREATOR UNCHANGING**



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READ PSALM 90:2

God has always existed and will always exist. No one created Him. He created all things. Our God is an amazing God. He created the tall mountains and the deep seas. He created the small ant and the big elephants. He created the sun and the plants. He created people. When the first person Adam sinned against Him and brought death into the world, God still loved us and sent His Son Jesus Christ to pay for our sins. The God of grace offers eternal life to all who believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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LESSON THREE - Jesus Christ

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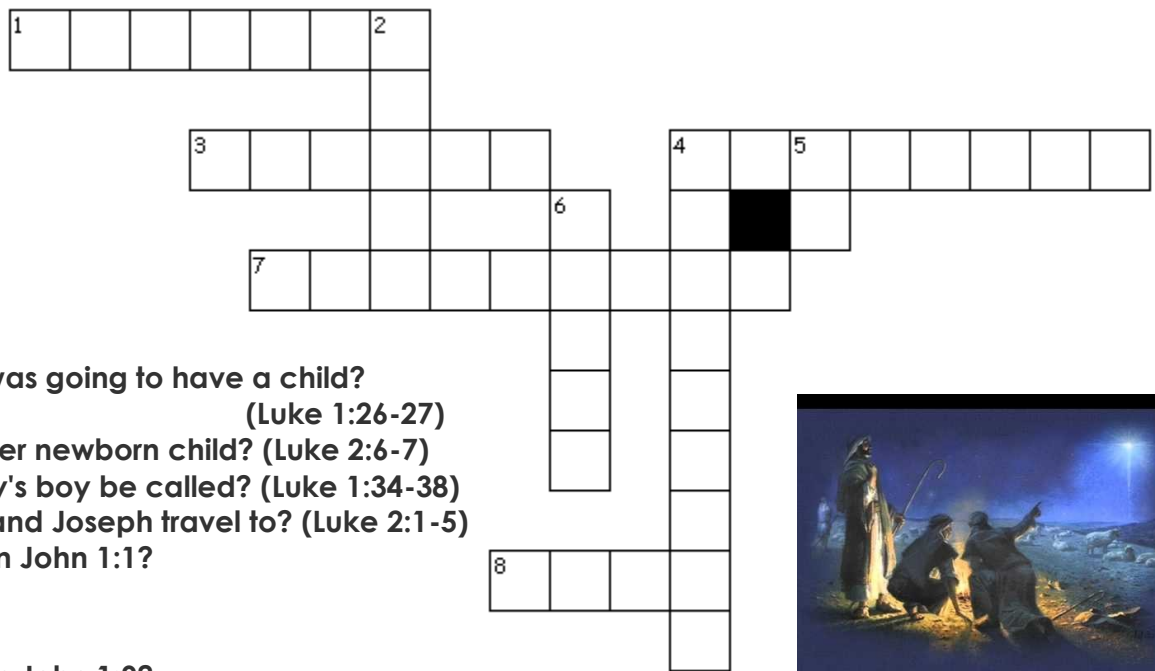
Many people think that Jesus Christ was only a good person. Jesus Christ is more than a good person. He is God. He took on human form so that He could provide salvation for us.



READ PHILIPPIANS 2:6-7

Jesus Christ is also known as God the Son. He lived with the Father. He had no beginning, and He will have no ending. He was an equal leader with the Father, but He did something for us. Jesus Christ became human. He did this through a young virgin named Mary. You would think God the Son would have been born with a huge crowd celebrating His birth. Besides a few shepherds, wise men, and, maybe, close family members, God the Son entered the world without much notice. The Creator of the universe was born in a small town called Bethlehem.

Complete the crossword puzzle. The answers can be found in the verses.



Across

- 1. Who told Mary she was going to have a child?
(Luke 1:26-27)
- 3. Where did Mary lay her newborn child? (Luke 2:6-7)
- 4. What else would Mary's boy be called? (Luke 1:34-38)
- 7. What town did Mary and Joseph travel to? (Luke 2:1-5)
- 8. What is Jesus called in John 1:1?

Down

- 2. What is Jesus called in John 1:9?
- 4. Who came to see Jesus that night? (Luke 2:8-16)
- 5. Did His own receive Him? (John 1:11)
- 6. What did the angel tell Mary to call her son? (Luke 1:28-33)



READ PHILIPPIANS 2:8

Jesus Christ is the example of a servant. He left His home in Heaven to become human. He had a work to do while He was on earth. His work was to obey the Father. He was so obedient that He was willing to die on the cross. Jesus Christ did not die on the cross because He deserved to die. Jesus Christ never sinned. He died it to pay for OUR sins.

In order for Israel to have a kingdom one day and for us to have a home in Heaven, Jesus Christ had to obey and pay for our sins on the cross.



Read 1 Timothy 1:15. Why does Paul say Jesus Christ came into the world?

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11



Jesus' body was buried, but it did not remain in the grave. Death could not defeat Jesus Christ! He came back to life three days later! He did not go into hiding. He showed Himself to women. He spoke to a crowd. He talked to His disciples. After teaching His disciples to serve Him, He went back to Heaven. Later, He showed Himself to a man named Saul (later, called Paul) to give him a special message of grace.

Since Jesus was obedient, what did God do? (See verses 9-10)

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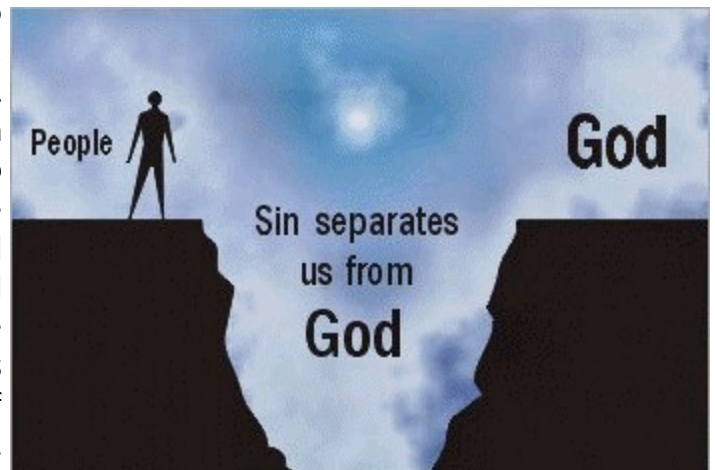
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LESSON FOUR - sin, salvation, security

Ages 9-12

There are people who would like you to believe that most people are pretty good, and that we all deserve to be happy. Some people do not believe in a Heaven and Hell. Others teach that you have to do good things to get into Heaven. The Bible tells us that there is a Heaven and Hell, and you do not get to Heaven by the good things that you do. Everyone should be kind and do nice things, but these things will not get you into Heaven. Every one of us is in trouble and needs to be saved. There is only one thing that can save us.



READ ROMANS 3:10-11, 23

The Bible is very clear on the subject of sin. Everyone is guilty. No one will ever be good enough. All of the kind things we do will not earn us a place with God.

Sin is the opposite of what God wants us to do. Sin is things like murder, stealing, and lying; but sin is also unkindness, not obeying parents and teachers, and wanting what your friend has. God is perfectly sinless. He cannot live with sin.

How many are righteous?

How many are good enough?

How many have sinned?

Do you see the problem? A sinless God cannot live with sin, and all of us are sinners. Our problem is not just the bad things we do. The problem goes back to the first man, Adam. When Adam ate the fruit that God told him not to eat, sin and death entered the world. Every person born after Adam, which is everyone, is born with a division between them and God. No one can do anything to change this divide. We were born (spiritually) dead in sin. We were enemies of God and lived to make ourselves happy. Our only chance was for God to send Someone to save us.

READ ROMANS 5:6-8



Even when we were still sinners, God sent His Son Jesus Christ to take our place. Even when we were enemies of God, God still loved us and took action to help us. Even though we did not deserve it, Jesus Christ took our sins upon Himself and died on the cross. He died the death that we deserved. He did this, because it was the only way to save us from our sin. He died, was buried, and arose from the grave to offer eternal life with Him.

Our good deeds do not save us. Going to church will not save you. Doing these lessons will not save you. Only one thing will save you.

READ ROMANS 10:9-13

The good news is that Jesus Christ died for your sins, was buried, and rose again. In order to get back on God's side, you must place your faith and trust in what Christ did for you. You need to admit that your kindness and good deeds can not earn you a place in Heaven, because Jesus Christ already paid for your sins.



Have you trusted in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ to save you?

READ ROMANS 8:35-39

If you have trusted in the work of Jesus Christ, you are saved. Nothing will ever separate you from God again. You will never become unsaved if you have truly trusted in Christ.

How does this make you feel to know that a saved person will always be saved?

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LESSON FIVE - The Holy Spirit

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We have talked about God being three Persons in One. The Holy Spirit is a Person, but He does not have a body like you and me. He is just as much God as the Father and the Son. It can be hard to explain the Holy Spirit, because He stays in the background. We understand Him more by the work that He does. We'll look at some of the work He does in this lesson.



READ 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

What does it mean that our bodies are the "Temple of the Holy Spirit"? We think of a Temple as a place where religious services take place. The Old Testament tabernacle was a place where God lived among the people. The word "Temple" in our verses means, "a place to dwell." It is a home. Your body is the home of the Holy Spirit. He lives in you!

When does the Holy Spirit come to live in believers? (Read Ephesians 1:13)

- a). When they clean up their life
- b). When they believe the Gospel
- c). When the pastor gives it to them
- d). When you pray hard enough



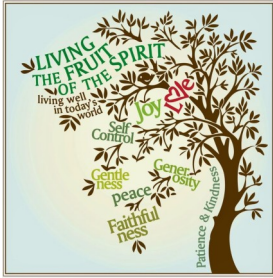
The Holy Spirit is proof that the believer is a child of God. He does not come and go when He feels like it. He stays with the believer for the rest of the believer's life. This is another reason that once we are saved we will never be unsaved.

In 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Paul is telling believers that the Holy Spirit lives inside believers, because God bought them through the payment of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ paid the price to buy us out of sin. We belong to God.



READ 1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11

Paul says the unrighteous sinner will not live with God. In verse 11, he tells us that believers are no longer unrighteous sinners, but saints who have been given the righteousness of God. Besides coming to live in us, make known that we are children of God, and secure our salvation; the Holy Spirit does other things the moment we trust in Jesus Christ.



Read the verses and use the box to fill in the blanks in the sections below.

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N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26



The Holy Spirit's work in believers.

_____ = He makes us clean (1 Corinthians 6:11).
 23 1 19 8

_____ = He sets us apart for God (1 Corinthians 6:11).
 19 1 14 3 20 9 6 25

_____ = He makes us right before God (1 Corinthians 6:11).
 10 21 19 20 9 6 25

_____ = He identifies us with Christ's work (1 Corinthians 12:13).
 2 1 16 20 9 26 5

_____ = He gives new life (Titus 3:5).
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READ GALATIANS 5:16-18

After the moment of belief, the Holy Spirit continues to work in our lives to give us power to serve God, to help us understand God's Word, and direct us as we live for Jesus Christ. We need to be reading the Bible so the Holy Spirit can direct us to serve our Savior.

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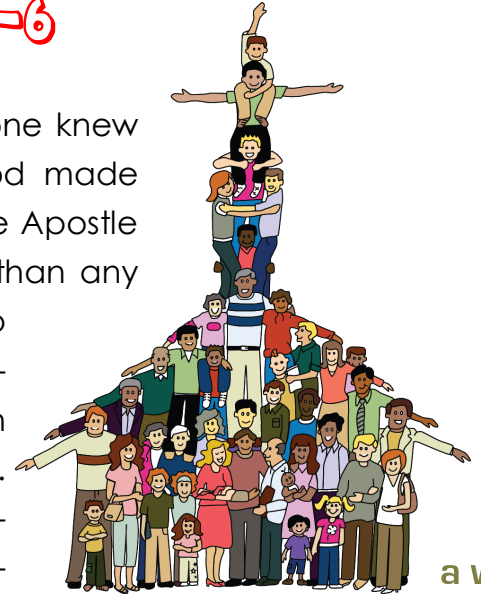
LESSON SIX - The church and its mission

Ages 9-12

There was a time, and will be again one day, when God's special group was the nation of Israel. If a person wanted to be saved, they had to come through the Law given to Israel. Today, God has set Israel to the side for a time and is creating a new group. God's group today is the Church, the Body of Christ.

READ EPHESIANS 3:1-6

God's plan for the Church used to be a Secret. No one knew about this plan except God. This was true until God made known His plan for the Body of Christ by telling it to the Apostle Paul. God is doing something today that is different than any time in history. He is offering salvation to anyone who places their faith and trust in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Those who believe this truth are placed into a new group called the Body of Christ. God did not do this because He had to do it, but because He is a God of grace and love. He wants everyone to know that they can have eternal life through Christ. You will not find mention of the Body of Christ outside of Paul's letters, because only Paul was the minister of this new message.



READ GALATIANS 3:26-28



There used to be a time when Israel was God's special people. They were promised that they would rule over all nations. The person from Israel would hold a special place that people from the other nations would not have. This is not what God is doing today.

The Body of Christ does not have some groups of people better than others. No matter where we come from, no matter how much money we have, no matter if we are boy or girl, no matter what our job is, no matter what color our skin is, we are all equal members of the Body of Christ.

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

A mission is an important job someone does for someone else. The church has a mission to do for Jesus Christ. We serve as His ambassadors. An ambassador is a person who represents someone else. The ambassador often times serves in another country. The United States sends ambassadors to other countries to represent the United States.

As members of the Body of Christ, we represent Jesus Christ. Heaven is our home, but we represent Him here on earth. As His representatives, we should make sure we act in a way that shows other people what Christ is like.



We also have an important message to tell. It is a message of reconciliation. Reconciliation is a big word, isn't it? It means that enemies are made friends again. Let me explain this message. God is holy. We were not. Sin made us enemies of God. Sin had to be paid for, or else no one could ever be with God. God sent His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus did not sin, but He agreed to pay for our sins on the cross. Now that our sins have been paid for, we can be friends with God again when we trust that Jesus Christ paid for our sins, was buried, and came back to life.

God wants us to be with Him. He would like to welcome all of us back into His family. We are to tell others what Jesus Christ did for them. Sadly, not everyone will be saved, because they will not trust in what Jesus Christ did for them.

READ GALATIANS 1:10

Who should we be representing?

What should we do if others want us to live in a different way than God's way?



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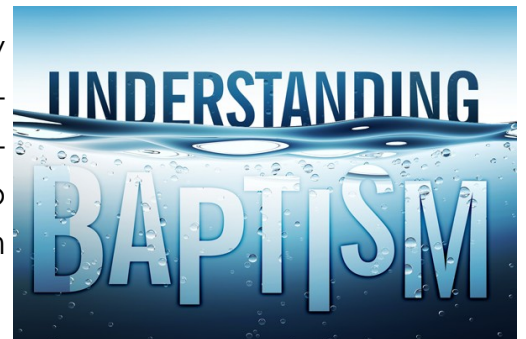
LESSON SEVEN - Baptism and Lord's Supper

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Many churches call Baptism and the Lord's Supper an ordinance, which means that we are commanded to do them. These same churches often link the two together as part of our message for today. Well, baptism was commanded, but not to the Body of Christ. The Lord's Supper is for the Body of Christ, but it is not a command and is not linked to water baptism.

READ COLOSSIANS 2:8-13

When most people hear the word "baptism," they think water. Many churches have a water baptism service. Yes, there is water baptism commanded in Scripture. Peter told the Jewish crowd in Acts 2:38 to "repent and be water baptized." But, the baptism God is doing today has nothing to do with water.



When we know Paul's special message, we can understand that water baptism is not for members of the Body of Christ. Water is not needed for our baptism. Our baptism is a spiritual one. When we trust in the work of Jesus Christ to save us, the Holy Spirit baptizes us into Christ. This means that He connects us with the work that Christ did. When the Holy Spirit baptized us into Christ, Colossians calls us "complete in Him." In other words, our salvation is finished. Christ's work was enough! There is nothing more that can be added to our spiritual baptism - not even water!

Let's think through what the Bible says.

Read Matthew 28:19. Was water baptism part of the Twelve Disciples' mission?

Read Acts 2:38. Was Peter obeying his mission?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:17. What does Paul say he was not sent to do?

Could the Twelve Disciples say what Paul said here in this verse?

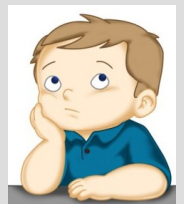
Read Ephesians 4:5. How many baptisms are there today?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:13. Which baptism is mentioned here?

If you add water to this spiritual baptism, do you have more than one?

What is the one baptism for today?

Do you see any reason to add a water baptism?



READ 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

The Lord's Supper is sometimes called "Communion." Sadly, there are many wrong things taught about this service. Here are a few things to keep in mind:



- 1). It is NOT part of your salvation.
- 2). It is NOT a commandment.
- 3). It is NOT the Passover feast that the Jews celebrated.
- 4). The bread and cup do NOT really become Christ's body and blood.

Here is what the Lord's Supper is really about:

- 1). **It is a testimony.** Verse 26 says, "you do show the Lord's death." This is not a service for believers to take another step in their salvation. There is only one step to be saved - faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is a service when saved people show the work of Christ.
- 2). **It is a request.** A service that has been commanded has exact instructions with exact days. Paul writing, "as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup" (verse 26) tells us there is room for differences. Some churches may hold the Lord's Supper every month. Some may do it every three months. Others may do it once a year. There is not one right time to observe the Lord's Supper.
- 3). **It was revealed.** Paul writes, "I have received of the Lord" (verse 23). Paul did not get this service from the Twelve Apostles or the Jewish Law. The Lord gave these instructions to him. It was a new service given for the Body of Christ to remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- 4). **It is a memorial.** Notice, "This do in remembrance of Me" (verses 24 and 25). The bread and cup REPRESENT the body and blood of Jesus Christ so that we can remember what He went through to save us. They do NOT BECOME the body and blood.

Why do you think the Lord's Supper, or Communion, is important?

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LESSON EIGHT - Gifts
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Not only has God given the greatest gift, which is eternal life through Jesus Christ, but He also gives us spiritual gifts through the Holy Spirit. God gives these gifts to equip us for His service, but not all of the spiritual gifts in the Bible are still being given today. Let's talk about the gifts.



READ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-13

There was a time when the Holy Spirit was gifting God's people with sign gifts. Some of these gifts were:



- tongues = speaking a different language without learning it.
- knowledge = God giving new truth to someone.
- healing = men were able to lay hands on the sick and make them better.
- miracles = doing things that no one should be able to do.

Gifts like these are often called "sign gifts." God taught Israel to look for these signs to tell if someone was sent from Him. They were also used to get God's Word out to people.

There was a time when the Apostle Paul used these sign gifts. Yet, notice what he says in the passage you read.

What does Paul say would happen to prophecies, tongues, and knowledge?

What will come that will do away with these things?

The phrase "that which is perfect" (some translations have the word "completeness") means "when it which is complete has arrived." What is Paul talking about? Well, he is looking ahead to a day when all the truth God wanted man to know is finished. In other words, the sign gifts would stop when the Bible was finished.

Read Colossians 1:25. (The word "fulfill" means "complete.")

Is the Bible (Word of God) complete?

Since we have all of the Words God wants us to know in the Bible, what happened to the sign gifts?

READ EPHESIANS 4:7-8: 11-12

The sign gifts have stopped, but the Holy Spirit has still gifted the Body of Christ. Here in these verses we learn that the Holy Spirit has gifted men to do different jobs to help the Body of Christ serve the Lord.

1). Apostles were men sent out by God to do His work. They were in charge of making sure the local churches knew and taught God's Word. These men were needed as the Body of Christ was beginning. The Word of God now does their job, so there are no apostles today.

2). Prophets were those who spoke forth God's Word. They mostly made God's Word known before people could read it in the Bible. Now that the Word of God is complete, the office of the prophet is no longer being used.

3). The evangelist is someone who speaks God's Word. He is a preacher. People still need to hear God's Word preached today, and the Holy Spirit is still gifting men to do this job.

4). People disagree whether the words "pastor" and "teacher" refer to one job or to two different jobs. The pastor is one who cares for God's people. The teacher is one who teaches the truths of God's Word. Both things are needed today.



READ ROMANS 12:3-8

There are some gifts listed here that were given by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of helping others. Read verses 3-5 again. Notice God decides who gets what gift, the person should not brag about what gift they can do, and the gifts were given so we could serve others.

Use the three boxes below to draw three ways you could help someone else.

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LESSON NINE - Walk
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If you have trusted in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you are saved forever. Nothing will ever unsave you. We should serve the Lord with gladness, but some times we will do things that are not pleasing to the Lord. We may have a bad thought, or be mean to our sister or brother. When this happens, we need to admit that we have done wrong and ask the Lord to help us do right. We are a new person after we have accepted Christ as our Savior. God has made it so we can live for Him.

READ ROMANS 6:1-6

If we are saved by grace, does it really matter if we sin or not? Paul answers by reminding them that Jesus Christ has freed us from serving sin. Before we were saved, we were slaves of sin. After we were saved, we are servants of the Lord. We can live in a different way. A way that honors God.

It is important to know that you do not have to serve the Lord in your own power. Our spiritual baptism into Christ fully joins us with His life. Yet, there is still a battle going on for our bodies. We have been freed from our old slave master, sin, by the victory of Christ, but sin still continues to attack us. It tries to rule us, but we are not supposed to let it.

Look at Romans 6:2 again. Why should we NOT keep sinning?

We have _____ to sin.

Does a slave have any control over their own life? YES NO

If we have died with Christ and are now freed from sin, can sin still tell us what to do and make us do it? YES NO

Does sin ever TRY to make us its slave again? YES NO

Do we HAVE to obey it? YES NO

When sin offers us something tempting, we are to answer: "No, that's the old way, and I am supposed to die to that. That is not the kind of life that I want. I belong to Jesus Christ now! I want to do what He wants me to do!"



READ ROMANS 12:1-2

The key to living for the Lord is to let Him do it. We present our bodies to Him. We say, "Here, God. This is my life. You use it." We are not to be like the world (conform), but we are to act in a new way (transformed) - a way that honors God.

Match each verse with what it says about godly living.



- ___ 1. 2 Corinthians 5:17
- ___ 2. Romans 6:13
- ___ 3. Galatians 5:16
- ___ 4. Colossians 3:2
- ___ 5. Colossians 3:17
- ___ 6. Titus 2:12
- ___ 7. 1 Timothy 4:12
- ___ 8. Philippians 4:11
- ___ 9. Philippians 4:13
- ___ 10. Romans 12:10



- A. Do everything for the Lord.**
- B. Be happy with what you have.**
- C. Let the Holy Spirit direct you.**
- D. Put others before yourself.**
- E. You are a new person.**
- F. Be an example.**
- G. Get your strength from Christ.**
- H. Value Heavenly things.**
- I. Deny sin, Live for God.**
- J. Yield control to God.**



READ EPHESIANS 5:1-2

We are to imitate God. God wants us to behave in the same way He would act. This includes the love He had for us. Christ loved us so much that He died on the cross for our sins. It begins by learning about God's great love for us. Then, we are to love others with this same love! We need to read the Bible if we want to know how God wants us to act.

What are a few ways you can "walk in love" toward others?

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LESSON TEN - Rapture, Resurrection, Second Coming

Ages 9-12

What happens after we die? We do not have to guess. We can read the Bible and know. Since Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, we can know where we go when we die. The Bible tells us it is either Heaven or Hell. Anyone who trusts in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ knows with no doubt that they will be in Heaven one day.



READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-8



What happens at the moment a believer dies? These verses tell us. First, they tell us that when a believer dies, they have a new body waiting for them in Heaven. It is a better body. It is a body that will last forever. While our bodies get put in a grave, our soul and spirit go to be with the Lord. No one has ever seen this happen, so how do we know? The same way I know Jesus loves me, because the Bible tells me so.

Fill in the missing words from 2 Corinthians 5:8 and answer the questions below.

2 Corinthians 5:8 - We are _____, I say, and _____ rather
to be _____ from the _____, and to be
_____ with the _____.

What word tells us that we can have courage because this WILL happen?

What word tells us that can look forward to these new bodies?

When the verses says "absent from the body," what does it mean?

Where do we go when we are absent from the body?

We can enjoy our time serving the Lord here on earth, knowing that when we die some day we go to be with the Lord.

READ 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-18

We have talked about the Lord giving a new message to the Apostle Paul. This new message tells of the Lord's return for members of the Body of Christ. His return for the Body of Christ is different from the time He will return to earth to be Israel's King.

The return for the Body of Christ is often called "The Rapture." Rapture means "to be caught away." This is what happens. The members of the Body of Christ are taken away from the earth to be with the Lord.

The Lord will come down with a shout, the trumpet will sound, and the angels will speak. Those who have died and those who are still alive at this time will meet the Lord. We do not know when this will happen, but it could be at any time.

Where do we meet the Lord?

- a). In front of Wal-mart
- b). In the air
- c). On earth
- d). At the airport

Where do we go?

- a). To be with the Lord (in Heaven)
- b). Out for coffee
- c). To enter the Kingdom
- D). To church



READ ZECHARIAH 14:3-4

After the Body of Christ is in Heaven, God will once again turn to Israel. There will be a time of testing (The Tribulation) that will last for seven years. Then, the Lord will return to war with His enemies (He wins!). This time His feet will stand on the earth. He will set up His Kingdom.

There are other events that happen. For now, just know that one day the Lord will throw sin, death, Satan and his demons out of His Creation. The entire universe will give glory to the Lord!

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