

Christianity 101

Basic 11-Week Course

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Ye-shu'a hoo ha-ma-shi'ach.

“Jesus is the Messiah (Christ)” — John (Yochanan) 20:31

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SALVATION

PROPHECIES:

<u>PROPHECY</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FULFILLED</u>
Gen 3:15	Seed of a woman	Gal 4:4
Gen 12:4	Descendant of Abraham	Mt 1:1
Gen 49:10	King from tribe of Judah	Lk 3:33
Num 24:17	Kingly descendant of Jacob	Mt 1:2
Ps 16:10	To be resurrected	Mk 16:6-7
Isa 7:14	To be born of a virgin	Lk 1:26-31
Isa 9:7	Heir to throne of David	Lk 1:32-33
Isa 53:5	Vicarious sacrifice	Rom 5:6,8
Dan 9:25	Time of Triumphal Entry	Lk 2:1-2 Lk 3:23 Lk 19:42
Mic 5:2	Born in Bethlehem, is God himself	Lk 2:4-7

THE GREAT EXCHANGE:

Jesus bore our sickness, carried our pains, was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement for our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.

Isa 53:4-5

God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Cor 5:21

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that Whosoever believes into him should not perish but have Everlasting life.

Jn 3:16

We are saved from sin when we confess with our mouth that Jesus is our Lord, and believe in our heart that he was raised from the dead to live forevermore.

Rom 10:9-10

Assurance of Salvation

Possession of eternal life:

Conditions for receiving eternal life:

1. Hear God's Word and believe that God sent Jesus for us-----John 5:24
2. Confess with the mouth, and believe in the heart-----Rom. 10:9,10
3. Whoever believes into God's only begotten Son-----John 3:16
4. One must pray to receive Him and believe in His name-----John 1:12
5. One must repent for one's sins, believing Jesus forgives-----Acts 2:38

Assurance will follow after following the above steps-----1 John 5:13

Assurance does not need to be a feeling, it is a knowing based on God's Word.

Evidence of eternal life:

1. Peace with God-----Rom 5:1
2. Quietness, assurance and peace-----Isa 32:17
3. The Holy Spirit tells our spirit that we are children of God-----Rom 8:16
4. Loving other Christians-----1 John 3:14
5. Not committing habitual sin-----1 John 3:9
6. Overcoming the world through faith-----1 John 5:4
7. Suffering persecution from the world-----John 15:20, 1 John 4:6

Eternal Security Through Repentance

Forgiveness for:

1. Sins of ignorance-----1 John 1:7
 - a. Jesus' blood automatically cleanses us from all sin.
 - b. To keep God's fellowship
2. Willful sins-----1 John 1:9
 - a. Repentance brings forgiveness and restores fellowship
 - b. Repentance brings cleansing from all unrighteousness

Concerning Deliverance:

1. Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered-----Joel 2:32
2. Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you-----James 4:7
3. Bind the strong man with the words of faith and cast him out-----Matt 12:29
4. Be filled with the Holy Spirit constantly-----Eph 5:18

Family of God:

1. Entered by receiving Jesus and believing on His name-----John 1:12-13
2. If children of God, we are heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ-----Rom 8:17
3. Sons of God have the Holy Spirit living in them-----Gal 4:6
4. Sons of God are the righteousness of God in Christ-----2 Cor 5:21
5. You can willfully walk away from God and reject your sonship and God will permit it.
 Heb 3:15-4:2, 6:4-6, Matt 8:11-12 (UNBELIEF)

3 BAPTISMS

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| A. Water baptism | Mt 3:11a, 16a |
| B. Baptism into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit (HS) | 1 Cor 12:13 |
| C. Baptism with (or in) the Holy Spirit by Jesus | Mt 3:11b, 16b |

The word “**baptize**” means to completely cover something with something else.

A. WATER BAPTISM Rom 6:3-5

- May be given by any Christian to anyone who confesses Jesus as their Lord and Savior
- It is a symbol of the repentance and faith that has already taken place in the person
- It does not wash away one’s sins; that has already been done by one’s faith in Jesus
- The meaning of the total immersion in water is that one’s former self has been killed and buried with Christ Jesus
- The meaning of the emerging from the water is that one has a new life in Christ Jesus
- The New Testament model shows that people were baptized immediately after receiving Jesus as their Lord and Savior

Examples:

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| 1. Jesus’ baptism | Mt 3:15 |
| 2. Philip baptizing the Ethiopian eunuch | Acts 8:38 |
| 3. Philip baptizing the Samaritans | Acts 8:12 |
| 4. Peter baptizing Cornelius and his household | Acts 10:48 |
| 5. Apostles baptizing 3000 in Jerusalem on Pentecost | Acts 3:41 |

B. BAPTISM INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST

- Done by the Holy Spirit when he enters into the person who has just received Jesus as Lord and Savior. Instantly the new Christian is a part of the Supranational Church.
- This is the baptism referred to in **Eph 4:5**, One Lord, one faith, one baptism

Examples:

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| 1. The Holy Spirit coming <u>into</u> the disciples after Jesus breathed on them after his resurrection | Jn 20:22 |
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C. BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Predicted by John the Baptist that this baptism would be done by the Son of God, with the Holy Spirit and fire **Jn 1:32-34**
- Jesus said he would send the promise of the Father upon the believers **Lk 24:49**
- This is a baptism of **POWER** when the Holy Spirit comes upon one **Acts 1:8**
- This baptism comes suddenly with supernatural demonstrations
- Many times it comes by the laying on of hands by someone who has the power, often the apostles
- The Holy Spirit baptism must be received by faith, just as one received Jesus

Examples:

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| 1. The fire <u>sat upon</u> the 120 in the upper room at Pentecost | Acts 2:2-4 |
| 2. The HS falls <u>upon</u> Samaritans with the laying on of hands | Acts 8:15-17 |
| 3. The HS falls <u>upon</u> the household of Cornelius | Acts 10:44-46 |
| 4. The HS <u>came on</u> the Ephesian believers | Acts 19:6 |

3 BAPTISMS (CONTINUED)

	Holy Spirit INSIDE	Holy Spirit UPON
Time	At conversion	At H.S. Baptism
Purpose	Remake character, guide, teach	Power to witness, boldness
Manifestation	Assurance of salvation, changed life	Tongues, 9-fold manifestation gifts
Characteristic	Fruit comes slowly	Gifts come suddenly
Received by	Faith	Faith
Necessary	Desire	Desire
Scripture	GAL 4:6	ACTS 1:8

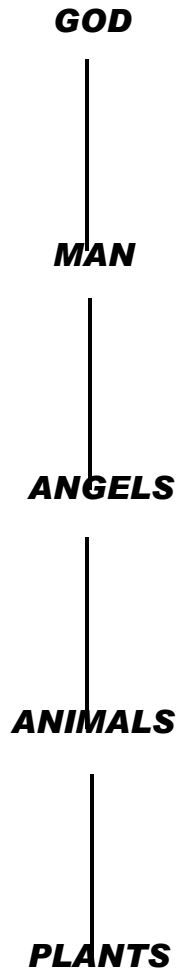
SPEAKING in TONGUES—PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

	PUBLIC	PRIVATE
Purpose	Speaking for God to people	Speaking to God in praise
Regulation	Must be interpreted	Needs no interpretation
Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Builds up, stirs up, cheers up the people: Equivalent to prophecy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Builds up the individual spirit ● Helps one pray for unknown needs ● Rests one's mind ● Speaks prophetic mysteries to God
Scripture	1 COR 14:27-28	1 COR 14:2

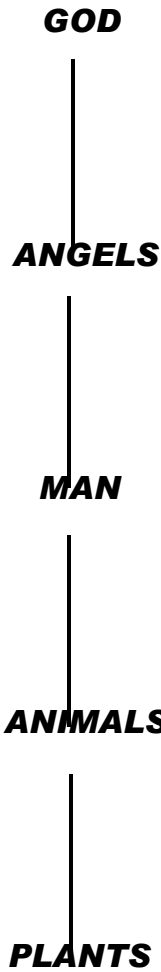
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LINES OF AUTHORITY

CREATION
(Gen 1:28, Ps 8:5)



FALL
(Lk 4:6)



RESURRECTION
(Mt 28:18-20, Mk 13:34, Mk 16:17-18)



AUTHORITY (CONTINUED)

- GEN 1:28b We are to have dominion (control) over the fish, the birds, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.
- PS 8:5-6 Man was made a little lower than God (Elohim), and has dominion over the works of God's hands; all things have been put under his feet.
- MT 28:18-20 w. All authority is given to Jesus, therefore we go and do.
MT 10:8 We teach the nations to heal the sick, raise the dead, etc.
- MT 16:19 Jesus gives us the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever we bind or loose on earth
MT 18:18 will be bound or loosed in heaven.
- MK 13:34 The Son of Man gave authority to his servants.
- MK 16:17-18 In Jesus' name we shall cast out demons, take up serpents, be unharmed by poison, and heal the sick.
- LK 10:19 We have authority to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy.
- JN 14:12-14 The believer shall do Jesus' works and greater works.
- JN 20:21 w. As the Father has sent Jesus, even so Jesus sends us. He whom God has sent
JN 3:34 speaks the words of God because God gives him the Spirit without measure.
- II COR 5:20 We are ambassadors for Christ.
- EPH 1:20-23 All things have been put under the feet of the body of Christ. (We are the body.)
- EPH 2:6 We are seated together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.
- HEB 2:14b-15 Through death, Jesus rendered the devil powerless, and delivered us from the fear of death.
- JAM 4:7 Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- I JN 3:8b The Son of God was manifested for the purpose that he might undo the works of the devil.

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THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Definition:

The Kingdom of God is the supernatural exercise of God’s love and power in breaking the devil’s power, setting people free from sin and its effects.

Entry:

The entry into the Kingdom of God after one is born again is only after much tribulation.

Acts 14:22

Jn 3:3, 5

Parts:

Forgiveness of Sins-----	1 Jn 1:9
Healing-----	1 Pet 2:24
Deliverance-----	Joel 2:32
Freedom-----	Gal 5:1
Prosperity-----	2 Cor 8:9
Safety-----	Ps 91
Identity with Jesus-----	(Acting like Jesus)----- 1 Jn 4:17c
Holy Spirit Baptism or Power-----	(Walking in Holy Spirit power)----- Acts 1:8
Authority-----	(Recognizing our position)----- Eph 2:6
Spiritual Gifts-----	(Exercising the gifts)----- 1 Cor 12:7
Spiritual Fruit-----	(Bearing the fruit)----- Gal 5:22-23
Spiritual Laws-----	(Learning the laws)----- Mt 5:19
Spiritual Warfare-----	(Engaging in warfare)----- 1 Tim 6:12
Fruitfulness-----	Jn 15:5

Levels of Faith:

1st Level: Forgiveness of Sins

2nd Level:	Holy Spirit Baptism	Healing	Deliverance
	Freedom	Prosperity	Safety
	Identity w. Jesus	Authority	Spiritual Gifts
	Spiritual Fruit	Spiritual Laws	Spiritual Warfare
	Fruitfulness		

3rd Level:	Raising the dead-----	Jn 11:43
	Growing out amputated limbs-----	Mt 15:31
	Commanding angels-----	Heb 1:14
	Transporting by the Holy Spirit-----	Acts 8:39
	Multiplying substances-----	Mt 14:19-21
	Controlling weather-----	Mt 8:26
	Becoming invisible-----	Jn 8:59
	Speaking and understanding unlearned languages	

THE KINGDOM OF GOD (CONTINUED)

Stages of the Kingdom of God—A rocket analogy:

- 1st Stage (booster):** John the Baptist—announcement
Jesus—announcement and demonstration
- 2nd Stage (sustainer):** The Church after Pentecost—announce and demonstrate
- 3rd Stage (orbit):** Millennium—the physical rule of Jesus over the whole earth

Analogy of Canaan to the Kingdom of God:

- Canaan was the “Promised Land” of the Israelites. They never explored or settled Lebanon which was part of Canaan.
- Our “Promised Land” is everything promised us in God’s Word.

2 Cor 1:20	Mk 9:23	Lk 1:37
2 Pet 1:3, 4	Gal 3:16, 19	
- We must explore all of God’s promises, cross the Jordan of tradition, and decide to live fully in the Kingdom.

Living in the Kingdom of God:

- There is blessing --- RAM missions story of the grant of land by Aung San in February 1990.
- There is protection --- RAM missions story of Burmese planes in early March 1992.
- There is fruitfulness --- RAM missions miraculous story of the growth of the Bible schools.
- There is sacrifice --- Discomfort, unfamiliarity, pioneering, personal attacks.
- Spiritual violence is required --- **Mt 11:12**

What kind of people can live in the Kingdom of God?

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| ● Those who are willing to become like little children | Matt 18:3 |
| ● Those who fear the Lord and hate evil | Prov 8:13 |
| ● Those who are willing to leave their traditions | Mark 7:9, 13 |
| ● Those who are willing to suffer | Phil 3:10 |
| ● Those who want an exciting change in their lives – a new challenge to live for God and not for self | 2 Cor 5:15 |

FAITH

What Is Faith?

- It is a substance, it is evidence of the unseen **Heb 11:1**
- It is for now, not for the past or for the future
- It is an action. It is acting on the *rhema* word of God

Example: Building a new house—Blueprint = hope, gathering the
Materials = faith

Example: God made the worlds by faith **Heb 11:3**

How Does Faith Work?

1. Man cleanses his heart from iniquity and finds God's promise in his Word **Ps 66:18**
2 Cor 1:20
2. Man believes in his heart (spirit) and speaks his belief with his mouth and forgives when he prays **Mk 11:23**
Mk 11:25
3. God creates the fruit of the lips in the spiritual realm **Isa 57:19a**
4. Man has patience and waits to receive from the spiritual realm **Heb 6:12**
5. Man holds fast his confession of faith without wavering **Heb 10:23**
6. God brings the promise into the natural realm **Heb 11:33-35a**

<h4>2 Keys of Faith</h4> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Say with the mouth 2. Believe in the heart (spirit) 	Mk 11:23-24
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How Does Faith Come?

- It comes by hearing the *rhema* word of God **Rom 10:17**
- It comes by praying in the Holy Spirit (praying in tongues) **Jude 20**

FAITH (CONTINUED)

Faith Is a Lifestyle

- The just shall live by faith
 - Hab 2:4** Emphasis is against pride
 - Rom 1:17** Emphasis is on ever increasing faith
 - Gal 3:11** Emphasis is on justification by faith, not by law
 - Heb 10:38** Emphasis is against retreating from faith

- God lives by faith **Rom 4:17b**
- Jesus lives by faith **Heb 10:13**
- We walk by faith and not by sight **2 Cor 5:7**
- We speak faith. It is a language **Rom 10:8**

- Faith can be both heard and seen
 - Mt 8:10** Jesus heard the centurion's faith
 - Mt 9:2** Jesus saw the faith of the palsied man and his friends

Types of Faith

- Saving faith **Eph 2:8-9, Rom 12:3**
- Growing faith **Jude 20, Mt 8:10**
- Gift of faith (Using God's faith) **1 Cor 12:9, Mk 11:22**

Words Are Carriers of FAITH

- We are snared by the words of our mouth **Prov 6:2**
- By our words we shall be justified or condemned **Mt 12:36-37**
- The word of faith is in our mouth and in our heart **Rom 10:8**

The Cycle of Faith

From heart → mouth → ears → heart

Mt 12:34 Mk 4:24 Prov 4:23

Is Love Greater Than Faith?

- We are saved by grace through faith **1 Cor 13:13**
- We are healed by faith **Eph 2:8-9**
- We get God's wisdom by faith **Mt 9:22**
- We overcome the world by faith **Jam 1:5-6**
- We, the just, shall live by faith **1 Jn 5:4-5**
- ▶ Love is the **motivator**, and faith is the **activator** of the gifts of the Holy Spirit **Rom 1:17**

FAITH (CONTINUED)

3 Levels of Faith			
Entry:	-Forgiveness of Sins		
Expansion:	-Holy Spirit Baptism -Freedom -Identity w. Jesus -Spiritual Fruit -Fruitfulness	-Healing -Prosperity -Authority -Spiritual Laws	-Deliverance -Safety -Spiritual Gifts -Spiritual Warfare
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Notes on Use of Faith

- ▶ Faith works by love **Gal 5:6**
- ▶ Faith works for things; God will not violate people's will **Mk 11:24, 9:23**
- ▶ We must pray the desire, not the problem **Mk 11:24**

- ▶ We must believe when we pray **Mk 11:24**
- ▶ We must believe that we already **received** when we pray **Mk 11:24**

- ▶ Operate within your own measure of faith **2 Cor 10:12-15**
 - a. Don't measure your faith against the faith of others. They have a different call from your call.
 - b. Find your own level (measure) of faith in each area and keep using it. God will expand your measure when you have filled your current measure.

HOLY COMMUNION

Names:

1. Holy Communion
2. The Lord's Supper
3. The Eucharist (meaning: gratitude, to show good favor)

Sacrament or Ordinance?

Holy Communion (Communion) could be called by either name. Sacrament is the more formal name.

Sacrament—a formal Christian rite such as baptism and marriage, instituted by God, as a means of grace for man

Ordinance—an authoritative command or a religious rite, such as Holy Communion

Views of Communion:

1. Transubstantiation—the doctrine that the bread and wine of the Eucharist are transformed into the body and blood of Christ, although their appearance remains the same (Roman Catholic view)
2. Consubstantiation—the doctrine that the body and blood of Christ coexist with the elements of bread and wine during the Eucharist (Lutheran view)
3. Representation—the doctrine that the bread and wine of the Eucharist are only symbols of the body and blood of Christ (Protestant view, except Lutherans).

Purpose of Communion:

- ▶ To remember Jesus' death as a substitute for us **Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor 11:24-26**

Relation of Communion to Passover:

- Communion was instituted during the Passover **Lk 22:15**
- Christ is called our Passover **1 Cor 5:7**
- God's people must eat the flesh of the sacrifice as a remembrance of deliverance from bondage **Ex 12:8, 14**
- Jesus died on the day of the Passover **Lk 22:19**
- Jesus died in Jerusalem, where the people must celebrate Passover **Mk 14:12**
- Jesus died in Jerusalem, where the people must celebrate Passover **Mk 15:6**
- Jesus died in Jerusalem, where the people must celebrate Passover **Deut 16:2**
- Jesus died in Jerusalem, where the people must celebrate Passover **2 Chron 6:6**
- Jesus died in Jerusalem, where the people must celebrate Passover **Mk 10:33**

The Passover Points to Messiah Jesus:

- Period of examination for blemish Lamb: **Ex 12:3, 5-6** (3 ½ days)
- The tested lamb must be killed Jesus: **Jn 18:38** (3 ½ years)
- Man must take some action to be saved Lamb: **Ex 12:6**
- Shed blood averts God's judgment Jesus: **Mt 16:21**
- Man must take some action to be saved Lamb: **Ex 12:22**
- Shed blood averts God's judgment Jesus: **Jn 3:16**
- Shed blood averts God's judgment Lamb: **Ex 12:7, 12-13**
- Shed blood averts God's judgment Jesus: **1 Pet 1:18-19**

HOLY COMMUNION (CONTINUED)

The Passover Points to Messiah Jesus: (continued)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No bone of the sacrifice was broken ● Jesus, as a lamb, did not plead for his life ● The matzoh, in the center fold of the napkin, is striped, pierced, and broken | <p>Lamb: Ex 12:46
 <u>Jesus</u>: Jn 19:33, 36
 <u>Jesus</u>: Mt 27:13-14</p> <hr/> <p>Striped: Jn 19:1
 Pierced: Jn 19:18, 34
 Broken: 1 Cor 11:24</p> |
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Use of Communion:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As a reminder that Jesus has redeemed mankind 2. As a reminder that Christians are <u>one body</u> in Christ 3. As a reminder that Jesus has redeemed creation 4. As a tool of deliverance from the bondage of curses <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. On man b. On the land | <p>Eph 1:7
 1 Cor 10:16-17
 Rom 8:19-21</p> <p>1 Pet 1:19
 Rom 8:19, 21</p> |
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Steps in Healing the Land:

2 Chron 7:14

- Confession of specific sin
- Repentance and renunciation
 - Identification repentance for sins of earlier generations
 - 1) Representatives of the area must repent and pray
 - 2) Representatives of victims and perpetrators repent and forgiveness is given
- Remove unholy things and practices (where possible)
- Bind and cast out evil spirits from the land
- Share **Communion** with the land
 - 1) Eat half the bread, and cast the rest onto the land
 - 2) Drink half the wine, and pour the rest onto the land
- Consecrate yourself and the land to fulfill God's purpose

Evidence of Healing the Land:

- ▶ RAM missions story of Mt. Popa in Burma
- ▶ RAM missions story of Paea on Tahiti
- ▶ Reference books "Redeeming the Land" by Gwen Shaw and "Releasing Heaven on Earth: God's Principles for Restoring the Land" by Alistair Petrie.

GIVING

TITHING: -Old Testament

Definition: It is the first 1/10 of the increase.

Lev 27:32 Deut 26:2

Patriarchs:

- Abraham (Tithed to Melchizedek)
- Jacob (Promised the tithe to God)

**Gen 14:19-20 Heb 7:1-2
Gen 28:22**

Mosaic Law:

- Basic rule
- Israel (Tithed to the Levites)
- Levites (Tithed to the High Priest)
- Tithes must be brought to the city of God's choice
- Special tithe every 3rd year
--for local Levites, travelers, widows, orphans
- Benefits of tithing
 - ▶ The devourer rebuked
 - ▶ Fullness of ripe crops
- Jesus validated tithing

**Lev 27:30, 32
Num 18:21, 24
Num 18:26, 28
Deut 12:5, 6
Deut 14:28-29**

Mal 3:10-11

Mt 23:23

OFFERINGS: -Old Testament and New Testament

Definition: It is whatever is given above the tithe.

Kinds of Offerings:

- Vows
- Freewill offerings
- Drink offerings
- Heave offerings

**Deut 12:6
Deut 12:6
Lev 23:18 Num 28:14
Num 15:21**

The Law of Offerings: We reap whatever we sow.

Lk 6:38 2 Cor 9:6

STEWARDSHIP: -New Testament

Definition: A steward manages the substance which belongs to someone else.

Reasoning:

- God owns the Earth and everything in it
- God has made man the steward of the Earth
- Jesus implied that his followers were stewards of God
- Jesus likened his followers to stewards over his household
- A bishop (elder) is a steward of God
- We are stewards of the mysteries of God
- We are stewards of the gifts of God

**Ps 24:1
Ps 115:16
Lk 16:12-13
Lk 12:42
Tit 1:7
1 Cor 4:1-2
1 Pet 4:10**

GIVING (CONTINUED)

STEWARDSHIP: -New Testament (continued)

Jesus Taught Stewardship:

- Parable of the Talents
- Parable of the Unjust Steward
- Parable of the Pounds

Mt 25:14-30
Lk 16:1-8
Lk 19:11-26

New Testament Model Based on Old Testament Practice:

- ▲ Modern Levites are 5-fold ministers: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher
- ▲ Christians tithe to the 5-fold through the local church. Church officers distribute tithe
- ▲ The 5-fold ministers tithe to the High Priest, Jesus **Heb 3:1**
- ▲ The High Priest tells the 5-fold ministers where to give
- ▲ Offerings go to where Jesus tells the person who offers to give them
- ▲ Attitude of the giver is to be cheerful **2 Cor 9:7**
- ▲ Benefits to the Giver, of Sowing:
 1. Always having all sufficiency in all things **2 Cor 9:8**
 2. Having multiplied seed **2 Cor 9:10**

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BASIC DOCTRINES

THE TRINITY:

- Multiple persons in the Godhead
- 3 persons in the Godhead
- The 2nd person is called the "Word" or Jesus
- The 1st person is the Father, the 3rd person is the Holy Spirit

Gen 1:26
Isa 48:16
Jn 1:1, 14
2 Cor 13:14

ORIGINAL SIN:

- God created mankind perfect and without sin
- Man disobeyed God and brought sin into the world
- Through Adam, sin passed down to all people

Gen 1:27, 31
Gen 3:17
Rom 5:12, 19

GOD'S LOVE:

- God loves the people of the world
- God loves the Believers as he loves Jesus
- God himself is love, and love is of God

Jn 3:16
Jn 17:23, 26
1 Jn 4:7-8

JESUS' VIRGIN BIRTH:

- Virgin birth prophesied
- Virgin birth spoken by the angel Gabriel
- Virgin birth occurs

Isa 7:14 Jer 31:22
Lk 1:30-35
Mt 1:18

JESUS' HUMAN & DIVINE NATURES:

- Jesus' human nature
- Jesus' divine nature
- Jesus referred to himself as the Son of man
- Jesus referred to himself as the Son of God

Phil 2:5-8
Jn 1:1, 14
Jn 5:26-27
Lk 22:70

REPENTANCE:

- Repentance is doing the opposite of one's former life style
- Repentance also means a change of mind
- Repentance is necessary for remission of sins
- The goodness of God leads to repentance

Mt 3:8
2 Sam 24:16
Mk 1:4 Lk 24:47
Rom 2:4

JUSTIFICATION & SANCTIFICATION:

- Justification is counting the believer in Jesus as righteous
- Justification works by faith in the shed blood of Jesus, that the blood of Jesus paid the penalty for one's own sins and sinful nature

- Sanctification is being set apart for God's use (Holiness)
- We are sanctified by the sacrifice of Jesus, once for all
- We are being sanctified by the Word of God
- Our works are being sanctified by the Holy Spirit

Rom 3:26
Rom 5:1

Lev 11:44
Heb 10:10, 14
Jn 17:17
Rom 15:16

BASIC DOCTRINES (CONTINUED)

JESUS' SECOND COMING:

- A "personal coming" predicted by Jesus Jn 14:2-3
- The "Parousia" prophesied by Paul 1 Thess 4:14-17 1 Cor 15:51-52
- The 2nd Coming in power and glory foretold by Jesus Mt 24:29-30
- Details of the 2nd Coming in power and glory revealed Rev 19:11-16

LAYING ON OF HANDS:

- To commission for a task Acts 13:2-3
- To ordain into an office Num 8:10-11
- To impart spiritual gifts 1 Tim 4:14

- To heal the sick Mk 6:5
- To bless Mk 10:13-16

RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD:

- Jesus confirmed it for believers Mt 22:31-32
- Many believers were resurrected after Jesus was raised Mt 27:51-52
- Paul explains it for believers 1 Cor 15:51-52 1 Thess 4:16
- John explains it for unbelievers Rev 20:12-13

ETERNAL JUDGMENT:

- Unforgiveness brings eternal judgment Mk 11:25-26
- Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit brings eternal judgment Mk 3:28-29
- Unbelief brings eternal judgment Jn 3:16-18

- Those who are going into the lake of fire Rev 21:8
- The judgment seat of Christ (reward judgment for believers) 1 Cor 4:5 2 Cor 5:10
- God's Great White Throne judgment Rev 20:11-15

HEAVEN AND HELL:

- Believers go to the New Jerusalem, now located in the 3rd heaven Heb 12:22-23
- Characteristics of the New Jerusalem Rev 21:12-22:5
- Hell is located near the center of the earth Eze 32:18, 24

- Characteristics of Hell Lk 16:23-24
- Final destination of the wicked is the lake of fire Rev 20:15

THE LOCAL CHURCH

New Testament DEFINITION: (Church--*Ekklesia*: Called-out ones)

The local church is a group of believers from a certain location who worship together.

DISTINCTION BETWEEN CHURCHES:

Distinction between churches was by location only. There is only one universal Church.

Examples: Church of Corinth, Church of Ephesus, Church of Thessalonica

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA:

- Acceptance of Jesus as personal Lord and Savior
- Submitting to water baptism
- Willingness to submit one's lifestyle to the government of the church
- Willingness to submit one's beliefs to the Word of God

GOVERNMENT:

● Offices of Leadership:

- ▶ Elder (*Presbuteros*) = Bishop (*Episkopos*) (Overseer)

Acts 20:17

Acts 20:28

Titus 1:5

Titus 1:7

- ▶ Deacon (*Diakonos*) (Servant)

Mk 10:43 Phil 1:1

● Qualifications:

- ▶ Elder:

1 Tim 3:2-7 Titus 1:7-9 1 Pet 5:3

- ▶ Deacon:

Acts 6:3 1 Tim 3:8-12

● Responsibilities:

- ▶ Elder: Oversee and govern the ministry of the church

1. To Lead

Heb 13:7, 17 1 Tim 3:4-5 1 Pet 5:2-3

2. To Feed

Acts 20:28-30 1 Pet 5:2

3. To Teach

2 Tim 2:2, 15, 24-25

4. To Equip

Eph 4:12 1 Pet 4:10

- ▶ Deacon:

1. To care for the daily needs of widows

Acts 6:1

2. To serve tables

Acts 6:2

3. To shelter and help others

Rom 16:2

● Selection:

- ▶ Elder:

1. Chosen and ordained by apostles

Acts 14:23

2. People chosen who are older in the faith

1 Pet 5:5

- ▶ Deacon:

1. Period of proving before selection

1 Tim 3:10

2. Congregational vote

Acts 6:5

● Commission:

- ▶ Elder:

1. Apostles fasted, prayed, and commended them to Jesus

Acts 14:23

2. Prophets, teachers fasted, prayed, & laid hands on them

Acts 13:3

- ▶ Deacon:

Apostles prayed and laid hands on them

Acts 6:6

THE LOCAL CHURCH (CONTINUED)

MINISTRY OF HELPS:

1 Cor 12:28

- Is a ministry of service to the leadership
- Old Testament examples:
 1. Joshua served Moses
 2. Elisha served Elijah
 3. David served Saul
- New Testament examples:
 1. John Mark
 2. Onesimus
 3. Luke
- Examples of tasks:
 1. Ushering
 2. Greeting at the door
 3. Serving food and drinks
 4. Cleaning up and trash disposal
 5. Teaching or helping with children's ministries
 6. Printing and Internet
 7. Managing sound and video systems
 8. Participating in drama skits
 9. Leading Men's Ministries and Women's Ministries
 10. Driving the buses

Ex 24:13

2 Ki 3:11

1 Sam 16:21

Acts 13:5

Phile 10-13

Col 4:14

FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY: (All are qualified to be elders, and must be able to teach)

- The Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher are gifts given by Jesus to the local church. Eph 4:11
- Their function is to train the people to do the work of the ministry Eph 4:12
 1. **Apostle:** Establishes the right foundation, usually in a foreign culture. He is over the outside work, while the pastor is over the local church.
 2. **Prophet:** Gives vision, purpose and direction to God's people. Sets boundaries for the church.
 3. **Evangelist:** Shows and tells the gospel of the Kingdom of God to unbelievers. Usually travels within his own culture.
 4. **Pastor:** Tends, guides, and feeds his flock. Works with the other 4 Ministry Gifts to build up the church, local and worldwide.
 5. **Teacher:** Instructs people in the Word of God. He brings out the meaning intended by God from the Bible.
- The 5-fold people are called by God into their ministries, not by man.
- Every local church should have all 5-fold ministries operating within it.

THE LOCAL CHURCH (CONTINUED)

SPIRITUAL ETIQUETTE:

- Never get up to go to the toilet or to leave the room during the invitation. Always treat the Holy Spirit with the greatest respect.
 - Listen to the message attentively. Avoid distractions.
 - Avoid an excessive show of affection to your partner.
 - If crying children are present in the service, take them out of the room immediately.
 - Show respect to the pastors. Don't demand that they solve your problems. Don't engage them in long conversations after the service. Let them talk to others also.
 - Show respect to God by dressing modestly. No tank tops, shorts, or miniskirts. Church is not a beach. Dress as you would if you were greeting the President of the United States inside the White House.
 - Enter into the worship, even if it has practices which are strange to you.
 - When the gifts of the Holy Spirit are operating, wait to be called on by the pastor before giving a word from God.
 - Don't throw paper, gum wrappers, candy wrappers, or kleenex on the floor. Use the trash can in the foyer.
 - Before the service when people are praying in the auditorium with the doors closed, do not make excessive noise in the foyer. You can talk softly and have some coffee.
 - Obey the ushers. They are trained to care for your needs.
 - Remember that the church service is a place where we come to praise and worship God, to hear from him, and to get a touch from him when necessary. It is always about God, not about us. We will get our needs met if we honor and obey God.
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BIBLE READING & PRAYER

Bible Reading

Importance: The Word is food for your spirit. Just as eating natural food is necessary, we need to feed our spirit. We have an enemy who wants to stunt our growth and he can do this by keeping us very busy, or by keeping our focus on natural things. That way, he can make us very ineffective in our personal relationships, our finances and our health. He wants to destroy us by thoughts of unforgiveness, hatred, revenge, anger, lust, etc.

Bible reading plan: give out the daily reading plan, which we use. If you are new in the Word, read just the N. T. selections and later the O.T. also.

- a. **“Rhema”** Greek for “mandate”, that is a specific promise, a direction, prophecy, a particular strong encouragement regarding a certain situation. We can call “Rhema” the Spirit quickened word. **God wants to give you a “rhema” word.** Ex. *Gen. 22:17 I will greatly bless you...* Also, *Nehemiah 2:20 The God of Heaven will give us success, therefore, we His servants will arise and build.* Expect to find some for yourself. “Rhema” carries with it creative power when spoken and believed. *Luke 1:38 And Mary said: Let it be done to me according to your word (rhema).*
- b. **“Logos”** Greek for “word” but meaning the entire written Scripture, a story, narrative, the formal style of speech. Logos is important too because *Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Rom. 10:17.* Whatever the Word says to you has creative power to be fulfilled if spoken in faith. Ex. *Eph 3:16 Strengthened with power by His Spirit in the inner man.*

Meditation

Joshua 1:8 meditation results in prosperity in every sense of the word. Wisdom, good health, finances, victory over the flesh, and a renewed mind are the results.

Psalm 119:11 Meditation prevents us from sinning and bringing grief to the Holy Spirit.

Memorization

Dr. Jack Tuls’ plan: each day he memorizes a Scripture, which he has organized on cards. He reviews them each year. It should be our goal to memorize some Scripture even if it is just a phrase. Ex. “by Jesus’ stripes I am healed.” You also could buy Scripture memory cards to use, if you prefer.

6 Kinds of Prayer

God does not do anything unless people pray. He waits to hear our prayer. He wants to talk to us in return.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.

1. Praying with the understanding: I Cor. 14:14,15

The Holy Spirit wants your mind involved in the prayer. Speak to Him like you are talking to a friend. We come in humility for God resists the proud. Tell Him how you feel at first. Tell Him when you are discouraged. King David did this in his psalms often and then ended on a note of praise for the victory.

We can remind the Lord of what He said about a situation. He said: *Isa. 43:26 Put Me in remembrance.* In Genesis 32:12 Jacob is in fear that his brother will kill him and he says to God. *For Thou*

BIBLE READING & PRAYER (CONTINUED)

6 Kinds of Prayer (continued)

didst say, "I will surely prosper you, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered.

We can pray the Word for it is powerful.

Hebrews 4:12 The Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two edged sword.

Isa. 55:11 His Word shall not return void.

Jer. 1:12 He watches over His Word to perform it.

Job 22:28 You will also decree a thing and it will be established for you and light will shine on your ways.

Rom. 4:17 even God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

Prov. 18:21 Life and death is in the power of the tongue, and those who love it shall eat its fruit.

2. Prayer of Faith: Mark 11:23,24

We must speak to the mountain. "Whoever says to this mountain 'Be thou removed and cast into the sea', and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things which he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says. Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them.

It is praying for our own needs and our families' needs. It is praying about circumstances also. We must have proper motives, that is, to bring glory to God. James 4:3

3. Prayer of Dedication, Submission and Consecration

This prayer deals with our personal dedication and submission to the Lord. This is the time we say: "If it be Thy will." We are offering ourselves for His service and we don't know the outcome but we trust His wisdom and guidance. We believe He will show us what to do, where to go and how to act. It is concerning our vision or life's profession.

Jesus prayed this kind of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. Mark 14:35 *If it were possible the (fatal) hour might pass from Him.* Jesus was praying about His life's job. Then in verse 36, He prays; *Abba, (which means) Father, everything is possible for You; take away this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You (will).*

We do not need to pray this kind of prayer concerning sickness or prosperity because we know it is His will that we are healthy and prosperous.

4. The Prayer of Praise and Worship: Psalm 100:4

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Hebrews 13:5 Therefore by Him, let us continually offer the sacrifice to God, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.

5. The Prayer of Agreement: Matt 18:19

Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven, for where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them.

BIBLE READING & PRAYER (CONTINUED)**6 Kinds of Prayer (continued)****6. Prayer of Intercession: (standing in the gap) Ezek. 22:30**

And I searched for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.

The Lord said because there was no intercessor, He poured out His indignation on the people. They did not repent after many years of warning. Samaria fell to the Assyrians and Judah did not heed the warning, so the Lord brought the Babylonians in to destroy the city.

The intercessor has two jobs, first, he stands against and challenges the rights of the devil to attack the person for whom he is interceding. Secondly, he makes a bridge for the blessings and power of God to fall upon that person.

Example: Abraham in Gen. 18:22-30. Abraham pleaded with the Lord to spare Sodom and Gomorrah. There were not even 10 righteous people in those cities.

See also Ex. 32:7-14 in which Moses intercedes for the Israelites after the incident of the golden calf. See also Ex. 32:30-35 in which Moses is willing to lose his inheritance in heaven for the sake of the disobedient Israelites

James 5:16 The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Every righteous person, washed in the blood of Jesus can pray effectively and see results. Effectiveness is praying according to knowledge that's found in the Word of God. Elijah was fervent. See James 5:17,18.

Fervent means showing emotion or warmth, ardent, extremely hot, glowing. It is surrendering your emotions to the Holy Spirit. You are not out of control; you have surrendered to the Holy Spirit who wants to pray through you. He lives in us and wants to express Himself. Ask God for more fire! Many times we are to begin prayer with full force, sometimes we are quiet, but to see more results, we need to be forceful. If we pray with intensity purpose and fire this will release God's mighty power to change circumstances, people, situations and cities. It will change us too. We will be energized.

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OUTREACH

LOCAL: (Only those ministries specifically tailored to reach new people)

- **Bus Ministry:**
This ministry can be used to transport people from rehabilitation facilities or from senior centers to the local church. It can also pick up children from unreached neighborhoods for Sunday or mid-week programs at the church.
- **Food Ministry:**
Food donations may be received at the local church from local or regional food banks. Distributions are made periodically.
- **Home Visitation and Follow-up:**
Every visitor to the church should receive a follow-up phone call within a week of their visit, followed by a home visit to determine their situation, and how the church can help.
- **Home Cells:**
This program is designed to reach out into the neighborhoods of the families of the church, as well as into the circle of friends of the church families. There usually is a specific teaching recommended by the church leadership that all home cells follow during the same week. The home cells meet on different nights of the week depending upon the time convenient to each group. Fellowship and teaching sound biblical doctrine are the objectives.
- **Children and Youth Ministries:**
Separate programs for children and for teens should meet weekly or regularly to provide biblical-based teaching and Christ-centered outreach and fellowship activities. The outreach can include door-to-door or street ministry or shopping mall prayer ministry or whatever is appropriate for your community. Activities can include board games, arcade games, play-stations, skateboard ramp, and a large meeting room where videos and movies can be shown or messages preached.
- **Bible Study:**
This class meets weekly at the church. It is specifically for people who do not have a church background. Note: **The Christianity 101 Course** could be used for this.

OUTREACH (CONTINUED)

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH:

- **God's Call:** **Mt 28:19-20** **Mk 16:15-18** **Acts 1:8**

● This work is carried out by the **Remote Area Ministries (RAM)** ministry. Contact information is: Remote Area Ministries, Dr. Jack & Grace Tuls, PO Box 2595, Lancaster, CA, USA 93539. Email: ramtuls4@msn.com. Phone: 661-942-6940. Website is:

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- **RAM** does pioneering work in the remote areas of many nations, some of whose governments are hostile to the gospel and restrict access to foreigners.
- **RAM** does short-term mission work, taking trips varying from 2 weeks to 3 months in duration. If you have an interest in participating in a short-term mission trip, please contact Dr. Jack Tuls at the contact information shown above.
- **Vision:** The vision is to plant Spirit-filled Bible schools and churches in the nations and to discover the names and characteristics of the spiritual principalities and powers in those nations, so that effective spiritual warfare can be waged by their own people. The Bible schools are self-governed, self-propagating, and for the most part, self-supporting. **RAM** does give occasional gifts to the schools.
- **Provision:** **RAM** provides curriculum and equipment for the Bible schools and diplomas and certificates for the graduates.
- **Objective:** The objective for each trip is to teach and demonstrate the gospel of the Kingdom of Jesus with signs, wonders, and miracles and to plant a new Bible school or to strengthen an existing Bible school with new curriculum and teaching.
- **Training:** **RAM** is willing to train believers to minister to the nations, and after suitable training locally, take them on international trips (at their own expense) and give them on-the-job training. In the future, a local training school is envisioned for international ministry.

OUTREACH (CONTINUED)

● **Financial Support:** RAM is financially supported by friends, relatives, some agencies, and occasional offerings from churches.

● **Accomplishments:** These are God’s accomplishments over the last 25 years:

- Ministered the gospel of the Kingdom in over 32 nations,
- Planted and/or supported **377** Bible schools in **22** nations:

Myanmar (Burma)	5
Thailand	2
Central African Republic	1
Nepal	1
Russia (Siberia)	1
India	1
Mongolia	1
Philippines	6
China	2
Swaziland	1
Uzbekistan	3
Ethiopia	3
Argentina	16
Peru	28
Indonesia	1
Niger	1
Mali	3
South Africa	2
Venezuela	85
Kenya	1
Ecuador	13
Brazil	200

OUTREACH (CONTINUED)

Made for a Mission

From *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren

- You were made for a mission, a God given purpose.
 - Your mission is a continuation of Jesus' mission on earth. *Matt. 28:19,20 Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*
 - Your mission is a wonderful privilege. It is an incredible honor to be used by God, to see His power operating through you.
 - Telling others about Christ is the greatest service you can do for them. We must not forget how helpless we were without Christ.
 - God's timetable for the end of the age depends on every tribe being exposed to the gospel. *Matt. 24:14 The Good News of salvation will be preached in all the world, to every nation, and then the end will come.*
 - Your life message includes your testimony. What was Your life like before you knew about Jesus? What is the difference He has made in my life? What are the truths He has taught me?
 - As we grow closer to Him, He will give us a passion for some people group at home or in another nation. If you ask God, He will give you a burden for another country or a specific ethnic group.
 - Whenever you have lost your love for others, think about what Jesus did for you on the cross. Many are lost and going to hell when they die. (*Rev. 21:8*) Warning about hell: Mark 9:42-48.
 - It has never been easier in history than now, due to the Internet, to fulfill an international mission. The world is at our fingertips. **Prayer averted the flood in Siberia when the intercessors prayed for the RAM Bible school director's home.**
 - Shift from self-centered thinking to thinking about those in other nations who are much less privileged than us.
 - Think about going on a short-term mission trip to another culture. It will enlarge your heart, expand your vision, stretch your faith, deepen your compassion, and fill you with a deep joy and satisfaction that only God can give.
 - Jesus wants all people to spend eternity with Him (*Matthew 18:14*). He is not willing that any should spend eternity in hell, which was made for Satan and his angels.
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