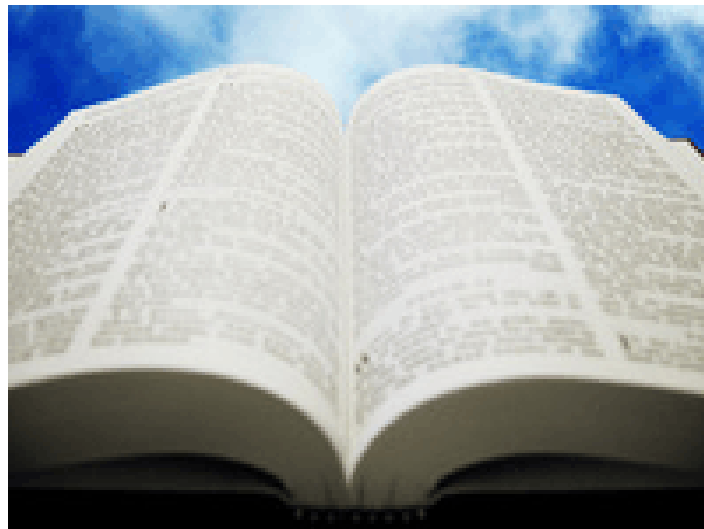


THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH



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CHAPTER 1

WHERE'S GOD BEEN ALL THIS TIME

I. A Fresh Start - the New Birth - John 3:1-15

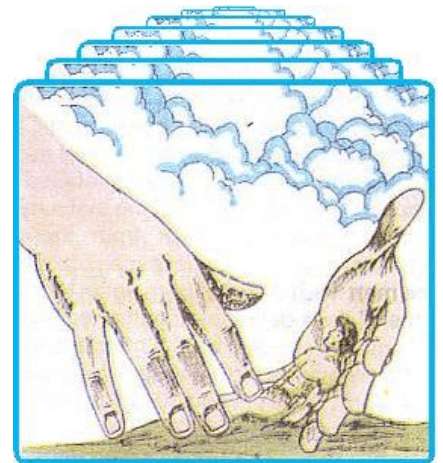
- A. Human birth is no substitute - John 3:1-15
- B. Knowledge is no substitute - John 3:1

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- A. The Verdict: Guilty - Romans 3:19
- B. The Cross: Announcement of Love - Galatians 3:13
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III. Wrath Turned Aside - Propitiation - I John 2:1,2

- A. A wrath against all evil - Romans 1:18
- B. God's anger is not hostile - Ephesians 4:26,27
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IV. Freed from Slavery: Redemption - Ephesians 1:3-10

- A. Sin was our slave master - John 8:34
- B. Our ransom is paid - I Peter 1:18,19
- C. Redemption is founded upon forgiveness - Luke 23:34

V. Received into the Family: Adoption - Galatians 4:4-7

- A. A shared Sonship - Matthew 11:27
- B. An abiding Spirit - John 14:17
- C. A sure inheritance - Romans 8:16,17

VI. Set Apart for Love: Sanctification - I Thessalonians 5:23,24

- A. Sanctification is not all legalistic - Galatians 3:1-3
- B. Sanctification is not primarily negative - I Thessalonians 4:3-5

VII. Relationship Restored: Reconciliation - Genesis 25 thru 33 (Jacob/Esau)

- A. All this is from God - Exodus 3:4
- B. Grace exists despite our sin - Ephesians 2:8,9
- C. Christ is the agent - II Corinthians 5:18,19
- D. The homecoming brings changes - II Corinthians 5:17

VIII. Perfection Achieved: Glorification - Romans 8:28-30

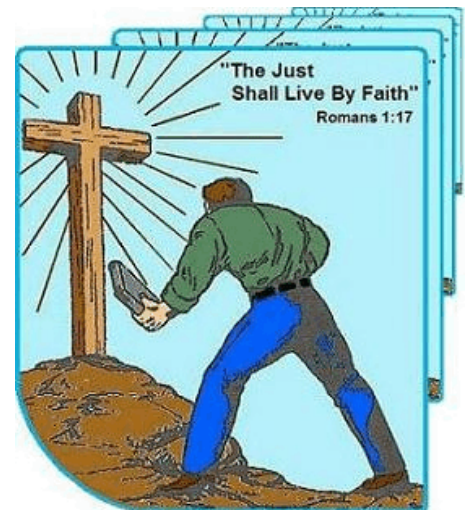
- A. Glimpse into the future - I Corinthians 13:12
- B. A look at the past - John 1:14; 12:23
- C. A perspective for the future - Colossians 1:17; II Corinthians 3:18

IX. Rescue Completed: Salvation - Revelation 7:9-12

- A. Continue in salvation - II Timothy 3:14,15
- B. The scope of the rescue - Revelation 7:9
- C. The heroes of the rescue - Revelation 7:10
- D. The purpose of the rescue - Revelation 7:12

X. Evidences of True Salvation

- A. A cleansing - Acts 10:15
- B. Witness of the Spirit - Romans 8:16
- C. New creation - II Corinthians 5:17
- D. Desire of the Word - I Peter 2:2



- E. Fruit of the Spirit - Acts 2:4
- F. Fellowship with other believers - I John 1:3
- G. Filled with the Spirit - Acts 2:4
- H. Led by the Spirit - Romans 8:14
- I. Love for the Brethren - John 13:35
- J. Supernatural signs - Mark 16:17

CHAPTER 2

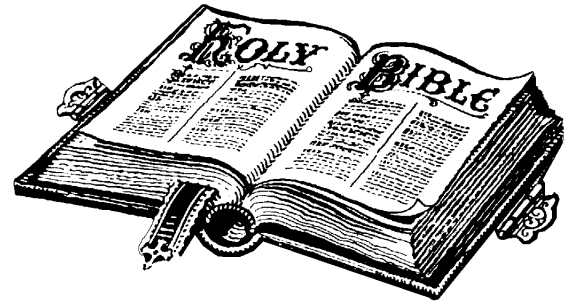
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE

I. Why God Gave Us the Bible

- A. The Bible reveals the God of salvation to us - Romans 15:4; II Timothy 3:15
- B. The Bible gives us a sensitivity to sin - Psalm 119:9-11
- C. The Bible enables us to grow spiritually - Acts 20:32
- D. The Bible guides and directs us through life - Psalm 37:4-5
- E. The Bible empowers us in our evangelism - Acts 22:14,15
- F. The Bible helps us live a life of a disciple - II Timothy 3:16,17
 - 1). A disciple requires teaching - (See Figure 1)
 - 2). A disciples requires rebuking
 - 3). A disciple requires correcting and training in righteousness

II. How We Get to Know the Bible

- A. Hearing the Word of God - Romans 10:17
- B. Reading the Word of God - I Timothy 4;13
- C. Studying the Word of God - II Timothy 2:15
 - 1). Bible study **must** be consistent
 - 2). Bible study **must** be systematic
 - 3). Bible study **must** contain original investigation
 - 4). Bible study **must** include written reproduction
 - 5). Bible study **must** have application toward daily living
 - 6). Bible study **must** be passed on



D. Memorizing the Word of God - Proverbs 7:2,3

1). General Rules for Scripture Memorization (8 points)

- a). Start early in the week
- b). Carry your verses with you at all times
- c). Learn the topic and reference
- d). Correct your mistakes immediately to maintain Word perfection
- e). Ask someone to check out your nearly learned verses
- f). Over learn your verses
- g). Use what you've memorized
- h). Set us a review system

2). Advantages of Scripture memorization (16 points)

- a). It increases faith and trust in God - Romans 10:17
- b). It helps our Christian growth - I Peter 2:2
- c). It helps us have victory over sin - Psalm 119:11
- d). It has a cleansing effect - Psalm 12:6; 119:9-11
- e). It increases our knowledge of the Word of God and builds doctrinal foundation for our life - Hebrews 6:1,2
- f). It is profitable for guidance - Psalm 119:105
- g). It enables us to pray more effectively - John 15:7
- h). It helps us in our Bible study - Isaiah 28:10
- i). It helps us locate specific passages
- j). It helps us meditate upon God's Word - Joshua 1:8
- k). It helps us in worshipping God - Psalm 8; 100; 117
- l). It helps us make good use of our time - Psalm 1:1,2
- m). It enables us to set good examples for others - Philippians 4:9
- n). It enables us to witness effectively - I Peter 3:15
- o). It helps us in counselling others - Isaiah - 50:4
- p). It helps in public ministry - Acts 2:14-21

E. Meditating on the Word of God - Psalm 1:1-13 (See Figure 2)



CHAPTER 3

PRAYER IN A CHRISTIAN LIFE

I. Devotional Prayer

- A. Set a definite time - Psalm 5:3; 63:1
- B. Decide on a definite place - Mark 1:35

II. Purpose of Prayer

- A. To glorify God - John 14:13
- B. To receive strength - Isaiah 40:29-31

III. Privilege of Prayer

- A. Unto Whom do we pray? - Matthew 6:6
- B. Through Whom do we pray? - John 14:6
- C. In Whom do we pray? - Romans 8:26,27

IV. Precepts of Prayer - Luke 11:9,10

- A. Asking - John 16:22-24
- B. Abiding - John 15:7
- C. Agreeing - Matthew 18:19

V. Procedure in Prayer

- A. Adoration - Psalm 150; Jeremiah 32:17
- B. Confession - Psalm 32
- C. Thanksgiving - Psalm 107:1,2
- D. Supplication - Philippians 4:6,7



VI. Power in Prayer - Acts 4:29-31

- A. What makes a person powerful in prayer? - I John 3:22
- B. Conditions for answered prayer - I John 5:14-15
- C. Prevailing prayer - Luke 11:5-10

VII. Promises of Prayer - Jeremiah 33:3

- A. Ask expectantly - Jeremiah 33:3
- B. Ask believing - Matthew 21:22
- C. Ask according to God's will - I John 5:14,15
- D. Ask in Jesus' Name - John 14:14
- E. Material needs - Philippians 4:19
- F. Guidance - Proverbs 3:5,6
- G. Spiritual needs - Ephesians 1:3

VIII. Practice of Prayer

- A. Pray for those in leadership throughout the world
- B. Pray for spiritual leaders directly over you
- C. Pray for the city in which God has placed you in
- D. Pray for your nation
- E. Pray for the fellowship to which God has called you
- F. Pray for your immediate family
- G. Pray for lost souls that God brings across your path
- H. Pray for your neighbours
- I. Pray for those who speak against you and persecute you

- J. Pray for the nations almost entirely unreached by the gospel
- K. Pray for those who are Communists, Buddhists, Hinduists, Muslims etc.
- L. Pray for brothers and sisters in Christ who are without religious freedom
- M. Pray that the vision our church may be enlarged
- N. Pray for all the nations of the world that the gospel may effectively reach them



CHAPTER 4

BELONGING TO GOD'S FAMILY

I. The Definition of the Church

- A. Belonging to God through faith in Christ - Titus 2:14
- B. Called out (Greek - "*ecclesia*") - Acts 2:32-39
- C. Called unto - I Corinthians 1:9

II. The Nature of the Church

- A. Faith - II Timothy 1:13
- B. Fellowship - Acts 2:42
- C. Unity - Ephesians 4:4-6
- D. Holiness - I Peter 1:15-16
- E. Destiny - Titus 2:11-13
- F. Mission - Matthew 28:19,20
- G. The Invisible Church - Matthew 12:33
- H. Worldwide and Local - Ephesians 2:21,22



III. The Structure of the Church

- A. The Head - Ephesians 1:18-23; 5:23
- B. The body - Ephesians 5:23
 - 1). Apostles and prophets - Ephesians 4:11; Acts 15:32
 - 2). Evangelists - Ephesians 4:11
 - 3). Pastor, teacher - Ephesians 4:11,12
 - 4). Elder - Titus 1:5

5). Deacon/Deaconess - Acts 6:2-6; Romans 16:1

6). Every believer - Matthew 5:13-16

IV. The Purpose of the Church

- A. Ministry** - To use the gift(s) that God has given you to use for the growth and health of the local church and to be alert for opportunities for further service (Ephesians 4:11,12)
- B. Worship** - To be company of redeemed people who meet for regular worship of God and mutual edification (Acts 2:23,24)
- C. Witness** - To preserve and propagate the message of the gospel through your words and actions (Matthew 28:19,20)
- D. Fellowship** - The church provides a fellowship based upon the fatherhood of God and the Lordship of Christ (I John 1:3,7)

V. Characteristics of the Church

- A. Unity - Ephesians 4:1-4
- B. Sanctity (Holiness) - I Peter 1:13-16
- C. Universality - Ephesians 4:3-6
- D. Apostolicity - Acts 2:42

VI. Responsibilities for Church Membership

- A. Evidence of a genuine experience in regeneration (the new birth) - John 1:12,13; I Peter 1:18-25
- B. Evidence of a consistent Christian life - Romans 6:4; 13:13,14; Ephesians 4:17-32; 5:1,2,15; II John 6,7
- C. Accepting the doctrinal statement as stated in the church's constitution
- D. Willingness to contribute regularly to the support and attendance of the assembly according to your ability
- E. Shall be a regular attender of the church for six months and/or a letter of transfer.

- F. Shall be 18 years of age or older. (Junior membership is available 16 & 17 without voting privileges)
- G. Application for membership shall be made by filling out an application for membership and then attending a meeting to go over the handbook for membership

VII. Responsibilities of Church Members

- A. Regular attender of services - Hebrews 10:25
- B. Share financially as God blesses you (equal sacrifice) - II Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:6-12
- C. Lend support to the corporate evangelistic and other efforts generated by and in the body - Matthew 5:14,15
- D. To exercise watchful supervision over his/her affairs in order that no reproach is brought upon the church. Biblical guidelines need to be followed in all cases of discipline within the body (Matthew 18:15-17; Romans 16:17; I Corinthians 5:1-5; II Corinthians 2:6-8; Galatians 6:1)

VIII. Privileges of Church Membership

- A. All members in good standing may take part in the discussion at all membership meetings
- B. All members shall be eligible to vote
- C. You have a place to worship and are missed when you are absent
- D. It affords opportunity to become trusted and it opens other doors of opportunity and growth in the Lord by being involved in active ministry in the local church and community
- E. You become known and your ministry can be confirmed and grow in a healthy environment
- F. All members in good standing are offered the privilege of having their names stand for nominations into leader of church ministries

IX. Illustrations of the Church

- A. The Body of Christ - Colossians 1:18
- B. The Temple of God - I Corinthians 3:16,17
- C. The Bride of Christ - Revelation 19:7; 21:2; 22:17
- D. The Family of God - Ephesians 3:15
- E. The Flock of God - I Peter 5:2-4
- F. The Vineyard of God - John 15:1-8



CHAPTER 5

IDENTIFYING WITH CHRIST

I. The Biblical Basis of Water Baptism

- A. Christ's example - Matthew 3:13-15
- B. Christ's commandment - Matthew 28:19-20
- C. The practise of the early disciples - John 4:1-3
- D. The practise of the early church - Acts 2:38-41

II. The Biblical Terminology of Water Baptism

- A. To Dip - (Greek - "*baptiso*") an identification with Christ's death, burial and resurrection, therefore infant baptism (christening) is not Biblical
 - 1). Luke 16:24
 - 2). John 13:26
 - 3). Revelation 19:13



III. The Biblical Method

- A. Full immersion - Acts 8:35-38
- B. Hear; Repent and Believe; Baptized in water - Acts 2:37-41
- C. Immediately after conversion - Acts 8:12

IV. The Biblical Significance of Water Baptism

- A. The Purpose of the Cross - Romans 8:3,4
- B. Union with Christ - Philippians 1:1; Colossians 2:11,12
- C. Public testimony that we are dead to our old sinful nature - Romans 6:1-11
- D. Identifying with Christ's resurrected life - Romans 6:4-11

V. The Communion (or the Lord's Supper)

- A. Unlike water baptism it is to practised on a regular basis as a commemorative ordinance - I Corinthians 11:26
- B. It is a communal fellowship (we all as Christians partake)
- C. It finds its roots in the Jewish Passover (Seder) - Exodus 12:1-28

VI. The Symbolism of the Communion

- A. The Bread represents our Lord's Body - Luke 22:19
- B. The grape juice represents our Lord's blood - Luke 22:20
- C. It is NOT transubstantiation - Does not become the Lord's body and blood

VII. What Does it Reaffirm?

- A. We should examine ourselves before partaking to insure that we are worthy - I Corinthians 11:28
- B. We should remember and reaffirm what our Lord did for us
- C. We should reaffirm our commitment to each other as the body of Christ



CHAPTER 6

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

I. Giving as an Investment in Heaven - Matthew 6:19,20

- A. Do we lack - Mark 10:21
- B. Generosity at Philippi - Philippians 4:17
- C. God will not forget - Hebrews 6:10

II. The Blessing of Giving - Acts 20:35

- A. Both the giver and the recipient rejoice - I Chronicles 29:9
- B. God will supply for our needs - Philippians 4:19
- C. Give gives according to our generosity - II Corinthians 9:6
- D. God will provide abundantly - Malachi 3:10; Proverbs 11:24,25

III. How Should we Give?

- A. Willingly and cheerfully - I Chronicles 29:9,17
- B. Joyfully - II Corinthians 8:1,4
- C. Thoughtfully - II Corinthians 9:7
- D. With a perfect heart - I Chronicles 29:17
- E. Mercifully - Psalm 37:21
- F. Unselfishly - II Corinthians 8:13-15
- G. Generously - Romans 12:8
- H. Sacrificially - Luke 21:1-4
- I. Secretly - Matthew 6:1,3,4



IV. To Whom Should we Give

- A. To the needy - James 2:15,16; Ephesians 4:28
- B. Full time workers - Deuteronomy 12:19; Luke 8:3
- C. Those who instruct us - Galatians 6:6

V. Practical Instructions on Giving

- A. Start with 11% - Malachi 3:10
- B. Give to the Lord first - I Corinthians 16:2
- C. Give consistently - I Corinthians 16:2
- D. Make extra gifts - Luke 6:38
- E. Honour your pledges - Matthew 5:37



CHAPTER 7

GOD THE FATHER

I. One God in Three Persons (not three God's)

- A. God is One God - Deuteronomy 6:4
- B. The name God (Hebrew “*Elohim*”) is plural - Genesis 1:26
- C. The Father is God - Isaiah 63:16; Malachi 2:10
- D. The Son is God - Philippians 2:6-8; I Timothy 3:16
- E. The Holy Spirit is God - Genesis 1:1,2; Acts 5:4,9
- F. The Three are mentioned together yet distinct - Matthew 3:16,17; 28:19; John 14:16,17,26; II Corinthians 13:14 etc.

II. How Can it be Explained?

- A. An Egg - yoke, white, shell
- B. Water - liquid, gas, ice
- C. A triangle - All three sides required to make one triangle
- D. Man - body, soul and spirit

III. They are Simultaneous Involved

- A. Each is called Jehovah - Deuteronomy 6:4; Jeremiah 23:6; Ezekiel 8:1,3
- B. Each is called the God of Israel - Matthew 15:31; Luke 1:16; II Samuel 23:2,3
- C. Each is called the Lawgiver - Romans 7:25; Galatians 6:2; Romans 8:2
- D. Each served in creating man - Psalm 100:3; John 1:3; Job 33:4
- E. Each commissions believers to serve in ministry - II Corinthians 3:5; I Timothy 1:8-12; Acts 20:28
- F. Each sanctifies - Jude 1; Hebrews 2:11; Romans 15:16

CHAPTER 8

IF JESUS WERE NOT GOD, THEN HE DESERVED AN OSCAR

I. Jesus is a Man from History

- A. New Testament writings
- B. Early Church fathers
- C. Non - Biblical Sources
 - 1). Flavius Josephus (Jewish historian)
 - 2). Tertullian (Early Church father)
 - 3). Justin Martyr (Early Church father)
 - 4). The Jewish Talmud



II. His Direct Claims to Deity

- A. His trial - Mark 14:61-64
- B. His personal claims - John 10:30-33
- C. His acceptance of worship as God - Matthew 8:2; 14:33
- D. His claims confirmed by others - Philippians 2:9-11; Matthew 16:15-17

III. His Indirect Claims of Deity

- A. Forgiveness of sin - Mark 2:5-7; Matthew 9:5,6
- B. Immutable (Unchangeable) - Hebrews 13:8; (cf. - Malachi 3:6)
- C. Life - John 14:6
- D. Judgement - John 5:27

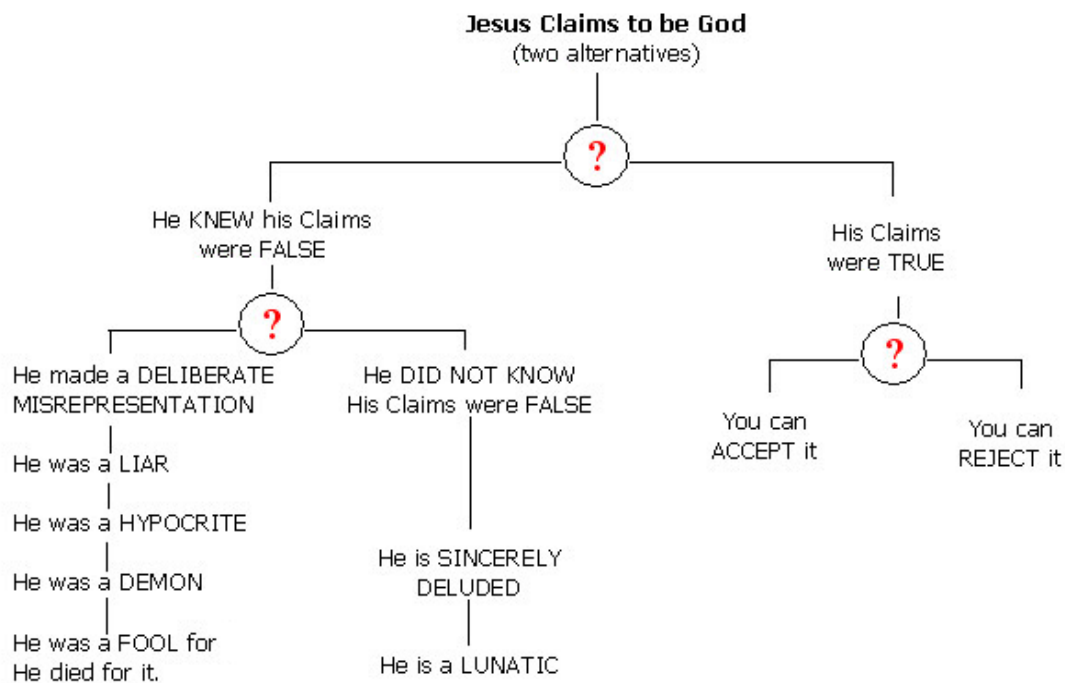
IV. His Titles of Deity

- A. YHWH (LORD/Jehovah) - John 8:24,28,58
- B. Son of God - Matthew 16:16,17
- C. Son of Man - Matthew 8:20; 12:40; 13:41
- D. Abba Father - Romans 8:15

V. Three Alternatives (See Figure 5)

- A. Was He a Liar? - Mark 14:61-64
- B. Was He a Lunatic? - Mark 5:1-9
- C. Was He Lord? - John 20:31

Figure 5



CHAPTER 9

THE HOLY SPIRIT

I. The Spirit's Ministry and Work in the Believer

- A. Regenerates and makes them spiritually alive - Ephesians 2:1
- B. Indwells them - I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; Romans 8:9
- C. Grants assurance - Romans 8:16
- D. Sanctifies and achieves holiness - I Peter 1:2,22
- E. Leads and guides - Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:25
- F. Empowers - Acts 1:8; Ephesians 3:16
- G. Assists in worship and prayer - Philippians 3:3; Ephesians 6:18
- H. Implements adoption - Romans 8:15,16
- I. Communes and fellowships - II Corinthians 13:14
- J. Anoints - I John 2:20,27
- K. Seals (one time event) - Ephesians 1:13; II Corinthians 1:22
- L. Teaches and reminds (tangible solutions to practical problems) - John 14:26; 16:13; Mark 13:11

II. The Biblical Precedents of Holy Spirit Baptism

- A. The Day of Pentecost - Acts 2:1-13
- B. The outpouring at Samaria - Acts 8:14-19
- C. The baptism of Saul of Tarsus - Acts 9:17,18 (cf. I Corinthians 14:18)
- D. The outpouring at Caesarea - Acts 10:44-46
- E. The baptism of the Ephesians - Acts 19:1-7

III. The Purposes and Results of Spirit Baptism

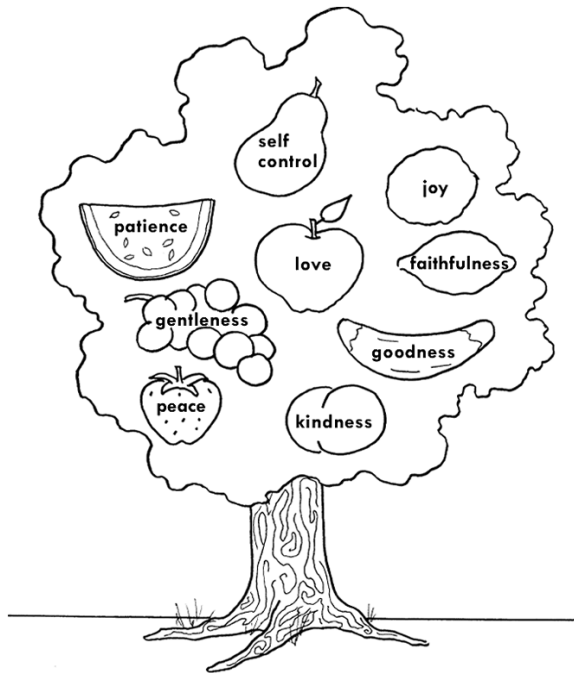
- A. New relationship with Jesus Christ - John 16:14
- B. New enthusiasm to glorify God - Acts 2:11 (cf. - Acts 10:46)
- C. New effectiveness in witnessing - Acts 4:31,33
- D. New insights into Biblical truth - I Corinthians 2:11; John 14:26; 16:13
- E. New Christlikeness - II Corinthians 3:18
- F. New assurance - II Corinthians 1:22
- G. New spiritual usefulness - I Corinthians 12:7
- H. New freedom in worship - II Corinthians 3:17
- I. New and expanded prayer life - I Corinthians 14:15
- J. New power for miraculous works - Romans 15:19

IV. Receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- A. Christians ought to be filled - Ephesians 5:18
- B. God is eager to bestow the Holy Spirit on everyone - Luke 11:13
- C. Repentance - Acts 2:38
- D. Faith - Galatians 3:14
- E. Obedience - Acts 5:32
- F. Personal Purity - John 14:16,17; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19
- G. Wholehearted desire - Luke 11:13
- H. The spirit of praise - Luke 24:53; Acts 10:46
- I. Initial evidence (speaking in tongues) - Acts 2:14

V. The Spirit's Continual Ministry

- A. Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22,23
- B. Gifts of the Spirit - I Corinthians 12:1-11; Romans 12:6-8



CHAPTER 10

DIVINE HEALING

I. Principles of Divine Healing

- A. Sickness and death came about as a result of the “fall” and the now sinful state of mankind - Genesis 3:16-19
- B. It embraces the provisions of our redemption - Psalm 103:3
- C. Christ offered a complete and new life - II Corinthians 5:17
- D. Quickened by the Spirit - Romans 8:11
- E. Not based upon works but upon grace - Matthew 10:7,8

II. Christ’s Present Attitude Toward Sickness and Disease

- A. It is revealed by His Name (Hebrew - “*Jehovah Rapha*”) - Exodus 15:26
- B. It continued into the time of the apostles - Acts 28:9
- C. We have a promise of it to continue today- John 14:12,13
- D. It is an intrinsic (essential) part of the Gospel - Mark 16:15-20
- E. It became established to be continued in the local church - I Corinthians 12:9

III. Is Healing for All?

- A. Divine healing never exceeds the promises of God - Exodus 23:25,26; Psalm 90:10
- B. Promised to all (“*I AM*” not “*I was*”) - Exodus 15:26
- C. It is included in the atonement - Isaiah 53:4
 - 1). “*Griefs*” is better translated “*diseases or sickness*” - Deuteronomy 7:15; 28:61; II Kings 1:2; 8:8; II Chronicles 16:12; 12:15,18
 - 2). “*Sorrow*” is better translated “*pain*” - Job 33:19; Jeremiah 51:8
- D. The number of time that the words “*all*” and “*every*” are used in Scripture - Matthew 4:23-25; 9:35; 10:1; 12:15; 14:34-36; Luke 6:17-19; Acts 10:38

IV. How to Appropriate (Not by simply believing that God can but that He will)

- A. By Faith - Hebrews 11:6
- B. By His Word - Psalm 107:20
- C. By His Name - Exodus 15:26; Acts 3:1-6
- D. By the Cross of Calvary - Numbers 21:8
- E. By Fasting - Acts 9:9 (reception to the Holy Spirit)
- F. By repentance, praise and thanksgiving - Matthew 5:23,24; Luke 17:11-19
- G. By corporate power of prayer - II Corinthians 1:8-11
- H. By expectation - Hebrews 11:1

“We hope for what may be possible, but we expect what must be possible . . . with that expectancy that shuts out doubt or fear or failure, and shows unshakeable confidence.”

V. Practical Directions for Divine Healing

- A. Be fully persuaded with God’s Word
- B. Be fully assured of God’s will to heal you
- C. Be careful that are in a right relationship with God
- D. Commit your body to Him and claim His promise of healing in the Name of Jesus by faith in Him and His Word
- E. Act upon your faith
- F. Be prepared for trails to try your faith
- G. Use your new strength and health for God and His work

VI. Beware of Objections

- A. The age of miracles is past - Hebrews 13:8-9a
- B. Spiritualism also practices healing - Exodus 7:10-12
- C. It was only used during the establishment of the early church to establish the facts and doctrines of Christianity - Hebrews 4:14-16
- D. What about Paul's thorn in the flesh - II Corinthians 12:7-10)

VII. Prescription for Divine Healing

- A. Pray for yourself - James 5:13
- B. Be anointed and prayed for by the elders - James 5:14
- C. Pray for one another - James 5:16



CHAPTER 11

HOW TO DEAL WITH SIN

I. What About Sin?

- A. Realize that sin cost God the life of His Son - Romans 6:23
- B. It forfeits our abundant life - John 10:10
- C. It's a terrible blindness for Christians - II Corinthians 4:4
- D. We are commanded to remove it from our lives - John 14:23
- E. It will reflect upon Christianity - Matthew 5:16

II. Dealing with the Power of Sin

- A. I can do as I please attitude - II John 6-8
- B. I'll try to get rid of it myself - Acts 4:12
- C. The way of Christ - I John 1:9

III. Definition of Sin

- A. Sins of Commission (ie. - murder) - Exodus 2:12
- B. Sins of Omission - (ie. — failing to love) - I John 4:21
- C. Temptation - Hebrews 4:15

IV. Seven Rules to Deal with Sin

- A. Be honest and face it - Exodus 32:22,24
- B. Deal with it by God's grace and not under the Law - I John 2:12; Romans 6:14
- C. Don't be overly introspective - Revelation 12:10
- D. Understand the process that leads to sin - Genesis 3:6 (cf. - James 1:13-15)

- 1). Baring the thought of evil
 - 2). Strong imagination of evil
 - 3). Delight in evil
 - 4). Actual act of evil
- E. Know your weakness and live accordingly - II Corinthians 12:10
- F. Find a friend who you can be completely honest with (accountability) - James 5:16
- G. Faith is not a “do-it-yourself religion” - John 15:5: I Corinthians 10:13



CHAPTER 12

KNOWING YOUR ENEMIES

I. Our Spiritual Enemies

A. Satan

- 1). His origin - Ezekiel 28:11-19
- 2). His activity - Ephesians 2:1-3
- 3). Satan and Christians - I Peter 5:8

B. The Flesh (carnal nature)

- 1). Definition
- 2). Dealing with the flesh - Romans 6:1-23
- 3). Walking in the Spirit - Galatians 5:16

C. The World

- 1). Definition
- 2). As our enemy - I John 2:15-17
 - a). The lust of the flesh - I Corinthians 6:13-20
 - b). The lust of the eyes - Luke 12:15
 - c). The boastful pride of life - II Corinthians 3:4,5
- 3). Dealing with the world - Romans 12:1-2
- 4). Our mission to the world - Matthew 28:19-20

II. Our Spiritual Weaponry

A. Our Armour

1. Truth - Ephesians 6:14
2. Righteousness - Ephesians 6:14

3. The Gospel Message - Ephesians 6:15

4. Faith - Ephesians 6:16

5. Salvation - Ephesians 6:17

B. Our Weapons

1. The Word of God - Ephesians 6:17

2. Prayer - Ephesians 6:18

C. Our Strength

1. Not to be carnal to be effective - II Corinthians 10:3,4

2. Remaining in the Word of God - Ephesians 6:10



CHAPTER 13

THE RETURN OF JESUS

I. The Return of Jesus

- A. *“I will come again”* - John 14:3; Acts 1:11
- B. *“He will appear”* - Hebrews 9:28
- C. We look for the Saviour - Philippians 3:20,21
- D. *“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven”* - I Thessalonians 4:16,17
- E. *“He may send the Christ”* - Acts 3:19,20

II. The Importance of the Doctrine of His Coming Again

- A. Mentioned 318 times in 260 chapters (every 25 verses)
- B. It is a comfort and hope for His Church - Titus 2:13
- C. It is a challenge for us to be ready - Matthew 24:44-46
- D. It is to be anticipated by His disciples - Luke 12:35-40

III. The Manner of His Coming Again

- A. The First Stage (Rapture of His Church)- I Thessalonians 4:16,17
- B. The Second Stage (Return to Earth) - Zechariah 14:4,5

IV. The Purpose of Christ’s Return

- A. To receive His own - John 14:3
- B. To conform us to the Body of His glory - Philippians 3:20,21; I Corinthians 15:53
- C. To reckon with His servants - Matthew 25:10
- D. To render according to our deeds - Matthew 16:27
- E. To be glorified and marvelled at - II Thessalonians 1:10

- F. To be united in marriage - Revelation 19:7-9
- G. To reign as King of kings - Revelation 11:15; 20:4
- H. To deliver Israel - Zechariah 14:1-4
- I. To gather the outcasts of Israel - Zechariah 8:3,7,8
- J. To turn away ungodliness from Jacob - Romans 11:26
- K. To be a Refiner and a Purifier - Malachi 3:1-3
- L. To judge the living and the dead - II Timothy 4:1
- M. To render vengeance - II Thessalonians 1:7-9
- N. To slay the lawless - II Thessalonians - 2:8
- O. To establish a universal kingdom for 1,000 years - Isaiah 11:1,2,4,5,9

V. The Time of the Coming Again of Jesus Christ

- A. Exact time is not revealed - Matthew 24:36,42
- B. When we think that He is not coming - Matthew 24:44; I Thessalonians 5:1-3
- C. While we are doing our usual business - Luke 17:26-30
- D. After the revelation of the “man of sin” - II Thessalonians 2:2-4
- E. At a time of apostasy, terrible times - I Timothy 4:1; II Timothy 3:1-5
- F. At any moment - Matthew 24:42,44; 25:13



CHAPTER 14

THE NECESSITY OF EVANGELISM

I. Evangelism as a Lifestyle

- A. Openly identified with Jesus Christ - Acts 5:42
- B. Based upon our relationship with Jesus Christ - Acts 4:13
- C. Actively seeking to influence others - Acts 11:19,21

II. The Importance of a Testimony

- A. It is an evangelistic tool - Acts 22:1-23
- B. Testimonies in Scripture - Acts 26:4,5, 9-11, 12-18,19,23
- C. In compassionate boldness - Acts 4:29,31

III. The Importance of Having a Plan

- A. The advantages of having a plan
 - 1). You are prepared
 - 2). It is a Biblical presentation point by point
 - 3). Tracts can help provide information
 - 4). It is a transferable tool to teach others
- B. Two plans to follow
 - 1). The six points of the Gospel
 - a). Disease - Romans 3:10-18,23
 - b). Death - Romans 5:12; 6:23
 - c). Decree - Hebrews 9:27
 - d). Deliverer - Romans 5:8
 - e). Declaration - Ephesians 2:8,9
 - f). Deliverance - John 1:12

2). The Bridge Illustration (See figure 6)

- a). God (right), Man (left)
- b). What is God like?
- c). What is man like?
- d). Present Biblical truth - Romans 3:23; 6:23; Hebrews 9:27; Ephesians 2:12; Isaiah 59:2
- e). Man's effort to bridge the gap caused by sin (good works etc.) - Ephesians 2:8,9
- f). Draw the cross in the gap - John 14:6; Romans 5:8
- g). Hear and receive - John 1:12
- h). Results
 - i). Eternal life
 - ii). Free from the judgement and hell
 - iii). From death to eternal life
- i) Where are You?

C. The final step

- 1). They must believe that they are sinner
- 2). They must know that judgement is sure
- 3). They must believe that Jesus Christ died for their sins
- 4). They must know that they need to repent
 - a). Ask them *“Do these things make sense?”*
 - b). Ask them *“Would you like to receive this gift of eternal life?”*

