

FINDING DIRECTION IN GOD'S WORD.®

SALVATION

Lesson One*

I. What I am if I am not saved:

- A. I am like a sheep going _____.
Isaiah 53:6
- B. I am the enemy of _____.
Romans 5:10
- C. I am _____ in trespasses and sin.
Ephesians 2:1
- D. The _____ is my father.
John 8:44
- E. I am _____ Christ, an
_____, a _____. I have
no _____. Ephesians 2:12
- F. I am a _____. Romans 3:23

II. God, in His mercy, can change all of that:

- A. While I am a sheep going astray, Jesus (the
Son of Man) came to _____
_____. . . . Luke 19:10
- B. Although I am a sinner, an enemy of God,
Christ _____ for _____. Romans 5:8
- C. Before I am saved from sin I am spiritually
dead, separated from God, but if I will receive
Jesus as my Savior I will be _____
_____. I Corinthians 15:22
- D. Before salvation from sin, the Devil is my
father. As a saved person I get _____
and become God's child. Ephesians 1:5
- E. After I accept God's salvation through Jesus, I
am not an alien anymore but a _____
_____ with the saints and of
the _____. Ephesians 2:19

- F. Through Jesus' blood I can have the
_____.
Colossians 1:14
- G. My sins will be blotted out if I will
_____ . . . and be
_____ (changed). Acts 3:19

III. I need to be saved from sin through the blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus was God in human form. As the sinless one He sacrificed His life to make a payment for my sin.

- A. I must _____ with my
_____ the _____
_____, and _____
in my heart that God has raised him from
the dead. Romans 10:9&10 (I must go to
God in prayer confessing that I am a sinner
and that I need Jesus' salvation.)
- B. I must call upon the _____ of the
_____. Romans 10:13

***Salvation is a gift. Ephesians 2:8&9 states
that salvation is the gift of God, not of
works. You cannot work your way into
Heaven.***

Have you asked for God's salvation through Jesus
Christ? _____ When? _____

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Lesson Two*

I. You can never be lost again:

- A. You can never be lost again because you have _____ life (John 3:16).
- B. You shall never come into _____ (John 5:24).
- C. He will in no wise (way) _____ you _____ (John 6:37)
- D. The Bible clearly states that those who have eternal life shall _____ (John 10:28).
- E. In fact, nothing can separate you from _____ (Romans 8:38 & 39).
- F. You are a part of his _____ (Ephesians 5:30).
- G. But you are kept by the _____ (I Peter 1:5).
_____ in Jesus Christ (Jude 1).

II. You are saved from the penalty of sin but not the presence of sin.

- A. Now you have two natures, "Christ's _____ nature (II Peter 1:4), and an old nature.
- B. You are to _____ the _____ of Him who hath called you out of _____ ... (I Peter 2:9).
- C. You will have to fight the desires of the flesh. God warns "...abstain from _____

_____ , which war against the soul. (I Peter 2:11)

- D. God will help you if you let Him. "The Lord knoweth how to _____ the _____ out of _____ (II Peter 2:9). See also I Corinthians 10:13.

III. If you sin you do not loose your salvation but you do lose the joy of your salvation. That joy can be restored.

- A. King David, after committing adultery and causing a man to die was faced by God with his sin. David was suffering because of his sin. He cried out "Restore unto me the _____ of Thy salvation;" (Psalms 51:12)
- B. In the first three verses of Psalms 51 David cried out "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy _____ ..." (v1). "_____ me throughly... and _____ me from _____ ." (v2) "For I _____ my transgression...(v3)
- C. In a portion of Scripture written to the saved God says that if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to _____ us our sins and to _____ us from _____ unrighteousness. (I John 1:9)

Remember, You cannot lose your salvation!

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BAPTISM

*Lesson Three

I. Why should I be baptized?

A. Go therefore and teach all nations,
_____ in the name of the
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Ghost: (Matthew 28:19)

B. If ye love me, _____
_____ (John 14:15).
God commanded it!

II. When should I be baptized?

A. Here is water; what doth hinder me to be
baptized? . . . if thou _____
_____, thou mayest. And He
answered and said, I _____ that
_____ is the _____ of
_____. (Acts 8:36b, 37).

B. Read Acts 16: 25-33. The jailer asked
"What must I do to be saved?" And he was
told to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ
(believe that Jesus is the Savior, that He shed
His blood for our sins and died, but rose
again). The jailer and all his household
obviously accepted Jesus as their Savior that
night. The second half of Acts 16:33 states
. . . And was baptized, _____
_____.

C. . . .And many of the Corinthians
_____, _____ and were
baptized. (Acts 18:8b).

***In each example, the people first made a
decision to accept Jesus as the Christ, and as
their personal Savior. Immediately***

***following their salvation they were
baptized.***

III. How should I be baptized?

A. And Jesus, when He was baptized, went _____
_____: (Matthew 3:16a)

B. And John also was baptizing in Aenon near
to Salim, because _____:
_____ and they came, and were baptized
(John3:23). ***Sprinkling would not
require much water.***

C. And he commanded the chariot to stand still:
and they went down both _____
_____, both Philip and the Eunuch; and
he baptized him. And when they _____
_____, (Acts 8:38 & 39).

***The word "baptize" means "to dip, plunge,
submerge, or immerse." It is a picture of
Christ's death, burial and resurrection. We go
down, as in dying; under the water, as into the
grave; we come up out of the water to show
the resurrection to new life.***

***When we are baptized in this manner, we
are showing to the world that we are now one
with Christ Jesus.***

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MY BIBLE, MY GUIDE

*Lesson Four

I. Where did it come from?

- A. All scripture is _____ of _____, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" (II Timothy 3:16)
- B. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in _____. (Psalms 119:89)
- C. For prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved _____.
(II Peter 1:21)

What is your conclusion of where Scripture (the Bible) came from?

II. Why should I read, study and know my Bible?

- A. Thy word is a _____, _____, _____.
(Psalm 119:105)
- B. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, _____.
(Psalm 119:11)
- C. Study to show _____,
a _____
_____ rightly dividing the Word of truth. (II Timothy 2:15)

The Word of God is indeed our guide as well as our guard.

III. How much and how often do we need God's Word?

- A. And it (the Word of God) shall be with him, and he _____ all the _____ of _____: that he may _____ to _____ the _____ his _____, to keep _____ the _____ of _____ and these _____, to do them:
(Deuteronomy 17:19)
- B. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt _____ when _____ in thine house, and when thou _____ by the _____, and when thou _____, and when thou _____ up.
(Deuteronomy 6:6&7)

In John 15:3&4, Jesus states, Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. To abide is to stay with. Jesus makes it clear that we need His Word DAILY!

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SHOULD I GO TO CHURCH

Lesson Five*

I. Who makes up the Church?

A. And the Lord _____ to the _____ such as _____ should be _____. Acts 2:47

B. Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in _____, called to be _____, with all that in every place _____ the _____ of _____, both theirs and ours.
I Corinthians 1:2.

The Church is made up of believers; the Church belongs to God.

II. Are local churches found in the Bible?

A. I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the _____ which is at _____... Romans 16:1.

B. Unto the church of God _____ is at _____ ... I Corinthians 1:2.

C. ...Unto the _____ of _____ ... Galatians 1:2.

D. Not forsaking the _____ of _____, as the manner of some is: Hebrews 10:25.

As you can see, the Bible clearly teaches that Christians gather in local churches.

III. Why must I go to Church?

A. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do _____ the _____ till He come.
I Corinthians 11:26

This speaks of taking communion and is to be done until Jesus comes again.

B. Then they that _____ were _____: and the same day there were _____ about three thousand souls. Acts 2:41

C. And he (God) gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists and some pastors and teachers; for the _____ of the _____, (saved ones), for the _____ of the _____, for the _____ of the _____ of _____: Ephesians 4:11&12.

King David said, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord." (Psalms 122:1)

God has established the Church, and we must not forsake it.

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COMMUNION - THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Lesson Six

I. What is the Lord's Supper?

- A. There are three Bible Terms for "The Lord's Supper".
1. C_____ (I Corinthians 10:16)
 2. The L_____ T_____ (I Corinthians 10:21)
 3. The L_____ S_____ (I Corinthians 11:20)

The Bible does not mention such man-made ecclesiastical terms as "the Mass", "Holy Communion", and "Eucharist".

- B. It is an O_____ of the church (I Corinthians 11:2).
- C. When we partake of the Lord's Supper, we:
1. Do it in R_____ of Christ (I Corinthians 11:24-25).
 2. To S_____ the Lord's death till He come (I Corinthians 11:26).

The Lord's Supper (Communion) is a symbol and a memorial.

II. Symbolism of the Lord's Supper.

- A. What are the symbols of the Lord's Supper, and what do they represent?
1. Unleavened _____ (Matthew 26:17)
 2. The F_____ of the V_____ (Matthew 26:29)

Nowhere does the Bible refer to "wine" as part of the Lord's Supper. Alcoholic (fermented) wine is a result of the action of yeast (leaven). Leaven is a symbol of sin (I Corinthians 5: 6-7). Thus, alcoholic wine and leavened bread would be invalid symbols of the spotless Son of God.

- B. What does the bread symbolize?
The bread pictures the broken _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 11:24)
- C. What does the cup symbolize?
The cup (grape juice) pictures the shed _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 11:25)

When we observe the Lord's Supper, we show the Lord's death until He comes again. (I Corinthians 11:26)

III. Who should observe the Lord's Supper?

- A. Who was Paul addressing in I Corinthians 1:2? "Unto the _____ of God ..."
- B. Who was Paul addressing in I Corinthians 11:33? "Wherefore my _____ when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another."

The church is made up of the Saved. This ordinance is not for the Unsaved. It has no cleansing or saving power.

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PRAYER

*Lesson Seven

I. What is prayer?

- A. “ _____, and it shall be given you:
_____, and ye shall find _____,
and it shall be opened unto you.”
(Matthew 7:7)
- B. “. . . that whatsoever ye shall _____ of the
_____ in my name . . .” (in Jesus’
name). (John 15:16)
- C. “It is a good thing to _____
_____ unto the _____.”
(Psalms 92:1)
- D. “I will _____ Thee, O _____
my _____ . . .” (Psalms 86:12)

Prayer is asking from God our need; it is seeking His will and His direction, as well as praising Him.

II. When should I pray?

- A. “My voice shalt thou hear in the
_____, O Lord ;” (Psalms 5:3)
- B. “ _____, and _____,
and at _____, will I pray, and cry
aloud: and He shall hear my voice.”
(Psalms 55:17)
- C. “And He spake a parable unto them to this
end, that men ought _____ to
_____, and not to faint.” (Luke 18:1)
- D. “Pray _____.”
(I Thessalonians 5:17)

III. How should I pray?

- A. “After this manner therefore pray ye: _____
_____ . . .” (To the Father).
(Matthew 6:9)

- B. “If ye will ask anything in _____,
I will do it” (in Jesus’ name). (John 14:14)
- C. “Likewise the _____ also helpeth our
infirmities: for we know not what we should
pray for as we ought: but the _____
_____ maketh intercession for us . . .”
(with the Holy Spirit’s help). (Romans 8:26)
- D. “And this is the confidence that we have in
Him, that if we ask anything _____
to _____ He heareth us:”
(I John 5:14). ***You must ask in His will.***
- E. “Let us therefore come _____
unto the throne of grace . . .”
***Come boldly, you need not fear your
heavenly Father (Hebrews 4:16).***

Sin will hinder your prayers. Be sure to keep your heart and mind right before God. If you have failed God in any way, confess it to God and ask His forgiveness so that your prayers may be heard by God once more. Read Psalms 66:18 and I John 1:9.

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SCRIPTURES FOR LEADING OTHERS TO THE LORD

Some call this set of Scriptures “The Roman’s Road”.

Romans 3:23 The fact of sin.

Romans 6:23 The consequences of sin.

Romans 5:8 The Remedy for sin.

Romans 10:9,10&13 How to be saved.

Memorize these Scriptures. Mark them in your Bible beginning at Romans 3:23. (You may wish to place a marker in Romans 3.) At the end of verse 3;23 write in Romans 6;23, after 6:23 write in 5:8. After 5:8 write in Romans 10:9,10 and13.

Other Scriptures that may be used are as follow:

John 3:18&36; Ephesians 5:2:1&12 We are sinners, separated from God, needing Jesus and His payment for sin.

John 3:3&6 You need a spiritual life and Jesus can give it.

John 3:14-16&36; John 14:6; Acts 4:12 Jesus is the only way to get to Heaven.

John 8:36; Ephesians 2:8&9 No “law keeping” or “good works” can get you to Heaven.

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CARING & SHARING - WITNESSING

*Lesson Eight

I. Why must we share Christ and His salvation with others?

- A. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in _____ of whom _____ not _____? . . .
(Romans 10:14).

Unless we tell them they cannot know.

- B. . . . no man _____ for _____
(Psalm 142:4 last line).

They need us to care for their souls.

- C. . . . _____ shall be in _____
over one sinner that repenteth. . . (Luke 15:7b). Likewise, I say unto you, there is _____ in the presence of the _____ of _____ over _____ that repenteth
(Luke 15:10).

It brings joy to God, even to His angels!

- D. Let the redeemed of the Lord _____
_____ . . . (Psalm 107:2).

It is expected of us.

II. When, where and how am I to share the gospel with others?

- A. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where _____ the _____
(Acts 8:4).

The word preaching here means to announce the good news of the gospel.

- B. He that _____ forth and _____, bearing _____
(the Word of God). . .
(Psalm 126:6a).

- C. _____ therefore, and teach _____
_____ . . . (Matthew 28:19)

The last words of Jesus to the eleven disciples.

Tell others wherever you are; endeavor to reach out. Note the words go, goeth, and went in the previous verses. Use precious seed, the Word of God.

- D. For I _____ of the _____ of Christ . . .
(Romans 1:16a)

Paul was not ashamed of the gospel. Do not be ashamed, it is able to bring people to salvation.

- E. For consider Him (Jesus) that _____ such contradiction of sinners against _____, lest ye be wearied and _____ in your minds (Hebrews 12:3).

When others argue or reject, remember, Jesus was often falsely accused and his words were rejected, but He prayed and went on.

- F. Follow _____ with _____ men, and _____ . . . (Hebrews 12:14)

Be a fit vessel for carrying the gospel.

NOTE: Included with this lesson is a list of scriptures you can share with others. If you would like gospel tracts or further help with witnessing, please write a request when returning this lesson.

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TITHING AND OFFERING

Lesson Nine*

I. Before the law holy men gave tithes and offerings to God.

- A. And he(Abraham) gave him _____
(a tenth) of all (Genesis 14:20, last sentence).
- B. ... and of all that thou shalt give me (Jacob) I will surely give the _____ unto thee (Genesis 28:22b).
- C. And the Lord had respect unto Abel (Adam and Eve's son) and to his _____
(Genesis 4:4 ,last line).

II. The law required a tithe to be given. Neglecting to do so brought God's great displeasure.

- A. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood (Jewish), have a commandment to take _____ of the people according to the law,.... (Hebrews 7:5).
- B. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say wherein have we robbed Thee? In _____ and _____ . (Malachi 3:8)

III. The Bible shows us that the tithes and offerings are to be brought into the church.

- A. Bring ye all the tithes _____ the _____ . . . (Malachi 3:10).

- B. Upon the first day of the week (Sunday) let _____ of _____ lay by him in store as God hath prospered him (I Corinthians 16:2).

IV. Give tithes and offerings with a right heart and God will bless you.

- A. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not _____ you the _____ of _____, and pour you out a _____ . . . (Malachi 3:10).
- B. . . . And he which _____ shall _____ also _____ (II Corinthians 9:6 last line)
- C. For God loveth a _____ . II Corinthians 9:7 (last line)

Our tithes and offerings are used for the sake of the gospel in things such as support of the pastor (I Corinthians 9:13 & 14), support of missionaries, as in Paul's life (Philippians 4:10), and provisions for a meeting place and teaching materials.

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SEPARATED, SET APART

Lesson Ten*

I. As a Christian, you are set apart from the World and unto God.

- A. But as He which hath called you is Holy, so
_____ . . . (1 Peter 1:15a).
- B. Love not the _____ neither the
things that _____
_____ . . . (1John 2:15a).
See also James 4:4.
- C. For all that is in the world, the _____
of the _____, and the _____ of
the _____, and the _____
of _____, is not of the
_____ . . . (1 John 2:16).

II. The Bible teaches us to behave differently from the World.

- A. And be not _____
to this _____: but be ye
_____ by the
_____ of your _____ . . .
(Romans 12:2 a).
- B. Let no _____ communication
(bad talk) proceed out of your
_____, . . . (Ephesians 4:29a).
See also James 4:6-10.
- C. I will set no _____ thing
_____ mine _____:
(Psalm 101:3a).
- D. . . .remove thy _____ from
_____ (Proverbs 4:27b). See also
1 Corinthians 6:19-20 & 2 Corinthians 7:1
Initial that you have read these. _____

III. The Bible teaches that there is to be a definite separation between true Christians and non-Christians. It also shows us that we cannot have agreement with other religions.

- A. Be ye not _____

- _____ with _____:
(2 Corinthians 6:14a). See also verse 17.
- B. And what agreement hath the temple of God
with _____ (2 Corinthians 6:16a)?
***As a true born again believer, God lives
in you.***
- C. But though we or an _____ from
_____ preach any _____
_____ unto you than that which we
have preached unto you let him be
_____ (Galatians 1:8).
- D. If there come any unto you, and bring not
this _____ (salvation through
Christ alone) receive him _____ into
your _____, neither bid him God
speed (2 John 9 &10).

***While the world is trying to get everybody
together, God teaches a definite
separation. Those who believe in getting to
Heaven by keeping church ordinances, just
being morally good, trusting in baptism for
salvation, etc. are not to be joined together
with true Christians. Some religions have
idols as part of their church and home life.
Still others follow new revelations or new
prophets, (those who came on the scene
since Jesus' death, burial, and
resurrection). All of these are spiritual
counterfeits. God's desire is that the
individuals be shown the error of their
way, but He does not sanction joining with
them in private church or public groups.***

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F. Through Jesus' blood I can have the FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Colossians 1:14

G. My sins will be blotted out if I will REPENT . . . and be

CONVERTED (changed). Acts 3:19

III. I need to be saved from sin through the blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus was God in human form. As the sinless one He sacrificed His life to make a payment for my sin.

- A. I must CONFESS with my MOUTH the LORD JESUS, and BELIEVE in my heart that God has raised Him from the dead. Romans 10:9&10 (I must go to God in prayer confessing that I am a sinner and that I need Jesus' salvation.)
- B. I must call upon the NAME of the LORD . Romans 10:13

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- C. He will in no wise (way) **CAST** you **OUT** (John 6:37).
- D. The Bible clearly states that those who have eternal life shall **NEVER PERISH** (John 10:28).
- E. In fact, nothing can separate you from **THE LOVE OF GOD** (Romans 8:38 & 39).
- F. You are a part of his **BODY (flesh & bones)** (Ephesians 5:30).
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- A. King David, after committing adultery and causing a man to die was faced by God with his sin. David was suffering because of his sin. He cried out "Restore unto me the **JOY** of Thy salvation;" (Psalms 51:12)
- B. In the first three verses of Psalms 51 David cried out "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy **LOVING KINDNESS...**" (v1). "**WASH** me throughly... and **CLEANSE** me from **MY SIN.**" (v2) "For I **ACKNOWLEDGE** my transgression...(v3)
- C. In a portion of Scripture written to the saved God says that if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to **FORGIVE** us our sins and to **CLEANSE** us from **ALL** unrighteousness. (I John 1:9)

Remember, You cannot lose your salvation!

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BAPTISM

*Lesson Three

I. Why should I be baptized?

- A. Go therefore and teach all nations, **BAPTIZING THEM** in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (Matthew 28:19)
- B. If ye love me, **KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS** (John 14:15). *God commanded it!*

II. When should I be baptized?

- A. Here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? . . . if thou **BELIEVEST WITH ALL THINE HEART**, thou mayest. And He answered and said, I **BELIEVE** that **JESUS CHRIST** is the **SON** of **GOD**. (Acts 8:36b, 37).
- B. Read Acts 16: 25-33. The jailer asked "What must I do to be saved?" And he was told to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (believe that Jesus is the Savior that He shed His blood for our sins and died, but rose again). The jailer and all his household obviously accepted Jesus as their Savior that night. The second half of Acts 16:33 states . . . And was baptized, **HE AND ALL HIS, STRAIGHTWAY** .
- C. . . . And many of the Corinthians **HEARING, BELIEVED** and were baptized. (Acts 18:8b).

following their salvation they were baptized.

III. How should I be baptized?

- A. And Jesus, when He was baptized, went **UP STRAIGHTWAY OUT OF THE WATER**: (Matthew 3:16a)
- B. And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because **THERE WAS MUCH WATER THERE**: and they came, and were baptized (John 3:23). *Sprinkling would not require much water.*
- C. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both **INTO THE WATER**, both Philip and the Eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they **WERE COME UP OUT OF THE WATER**. . . . (Acts 8:38 & 39).

The word "baptize" means "to dip, plunge, submerge, or immerse." It is a picture of Christ's death, burial and resurrection. We go down, as in dying; under the water, as into the grave; we come up out of the water to show the resurrection to new life.

When we are baptized in this manner, we are showing to the world that we are now one with Christ Jesus.

In each example, the people first made a decision to accept Jesus as the Christ, and as their personal Savior. Immediately

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MY BIBLE, MY GUIDE

*Lesson Four

I. Where did it come from?

- A. All scripture is **GIVEN BY INSPIRATION** of **GOD**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" (II Timothy 3:16)
- B. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in **HEAVEN**. (Psalms 119:89)
- C. For prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved **BY THE HOLY GHOST**. (II Peter 1:21)

What is your conclusion of where Scripture (the Bible) came from?

II. Why should I read, study and know my Bible?

- A. Thy word is a **LAMP UNTO MY FEET, AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH**. (Psalm 119:105)
- B. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, **THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST THEE**. (Psalm 119:11)
- C. Study to show **THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD**, a **WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED** rightly dividing the Word of truth. (II Timothy 2:15)

The Word of God is indeed our guide as well as our guard.

III. How much and how often do we need God's Word?

- A. And it (the Word of God) shall be with him, and he **SHALL READ THEREIN** all the **DAYS** of **HIS LIFE**: that he may **LEARN** to **FEAR** the **LORD** his **GOD**, to keep **ALL** the **WORDS** of **THIS LAW** and these **STATUTES**, to do them: (Deuteronomy 17:19)
- B. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt **TALK OF THEM** when **THOU SITTEST** in thine house, and when thou **WALKEST** by the **WAY**, and when thou **LIEST DOWN**, and when thou **RISEST** up. (Deuteronomy 6:6&7)

In John 15:3&4, Jesus states, Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. To abide is to stay with. Jesus makes it clear that we need His Word DAILY!

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SHOULD I GO TO CHURCH

Lesson Five*

I. Who makes up the Church?

A. And the Lord ADDED to the CHURCH DAILY such as should be SAVED .Acts 2:47

B. Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in CHRIST JESUS, called to be SAINTS, with all that in every place CALL UPON the NAME of JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, both theirs and ours.
I Corinthians 1:2.

The Church is made up of believers; the Church belongs to God.

II. Are local churches found in the Bible?

A. I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the CHURCH which is at CENCHREA... Romans 16:1.

B. Unto the church of God WHICH is at CORINTH ... I Corinthians 1:2.

C. ...Unto the CHURCH of GALATIA ... Galatians 1:2.

D. Not forsaking the ASSEMBLING of OURSELVES TOGETHER, as the manner of some is: Hebrews 10:25.

As you can see, the Bible clearly teaches that Christians gather in local churches.

III. Why must I go to Church?

A. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do SHOW the LORD'S DEATH till He come.
I Corinthians 11:26

This speaks of taking communion and is to be done until Jesus comes again.

B. Then they that GLADLY RECEIVED HIS WORD were BAPTIZED: and the same day there were ADDED UNTO THEM about three thousand souls. Acts 2:41

C. And he (God) gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists and some pastors and teachers; for the PERFECTING of the SAINTS, (saved ones), for the WORK of the MINISTRY, for the EDIFYING of the BODY of CHRIST: Ephesians 4:11&12.

King David said, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord." (Psalms 122:1)

God has established the Church, and we must not forsake it.

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COMMUNION - THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Lesson Six

I. What is the Lord's Supper?

- A. There are three Bible Terms for "The Lord's Supper".
1. C **OMMUNION** (I Corinthians 10:16)
 2. The L **ORD'S** T **ABLE**. (I Corinthians 10:21)
 3. The L **ORD'S** S **UPPER**. (I Corinthians 11:20)

The Bible does not mention such man-made ecclesiastical terms as "the Mass", "Holy Communion", and "Eucharist".

- B. It is an O **RDINANCE** of the church (I Corinthians 11:2).
- C. When we partake of the Lord's Supper, we:
1. Do it in R **EMEMBRANCE** of Christ (I Corinthians 11:24-25).
 2. To S **HEW** the Lord's death till He come (I Corinthians 11:26).

The Lord's Supper (Communion) is a symbol and a memorial.

II. Symbolism of the Lord's Supper.

- A. What are the symbols of the Lord's Supper, and what do they represent?
1. Unleavened **BREAD**. (Matthew 26:17)
 2. The F **RUIT** of the V **INE**. (Matthew 26:29)

Nowhere does the Bible refer to "wine" as part of the Lord's Supper. Alcoholic (fermented) wine is a result of the action of yeast (leaven). Leaven is a symbol of sin (I Corinthians 5: 6-7). Thus, alcoholic wine and leavened bread would be invalid symbols of the spotless Son of God.

- B. What does the bread symbolize?
The bread pictures the broken **BODY** of the Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 11:24)
- C. What does the cup symbolize?
The cup (grape juice) pictures the shed **BLOOD** of the Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 11:25)

When we observe the Lord's Supper, we show the Lord's death until He comes again. (I Corinthians 11:26)

III. Who should observe the Lord's Supper?

- A. Who was Paul addressing in I Corinthians 11:2? "Unto the **CHURCH** of God ..."
- B. Who was Paul addressing in I Corinthians 11:33? "Wherefore my **BRETHERN** when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another."

The church is made up of the Saved. This ordinance is not for the Unsaved. It has no cleansing or saving power.

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PRAYER

*Lesson Seven

I. What is prayer?

- A. “**ASK**, and it shall be given you: **SEEK**, and ye shall find **KNOCK**, and it shall be opened unto you.”
(Matthew 7:7)
- B. “. . . that whatsoever ye shall **ASK** of the **FATHER** in my name . . .” (in Jesus’ name). (John 15:16)
- C. “It is a good thing to **GIVE THANKS** unto the **LORD**...”
(Psalms 92:1)
- D. “I will **PRAISE** Thee, O **LORD** my **GOD** . . .” (Psalms 86:12)

Prayer is asking from God our need; it is seeking His will and His direction, as well as praising Him.

II. When should I pray?

- A. “My voice shalt thou hear in the **MORNING**, O Lord ;” (Psalms 5:3)
- B. “**EVENING**, and **MORNING**, and at **NOON**, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice.”
(Psalms 55:17)
- C. “And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought **ALWAYS** to **PRAY**, and not to faint.” (Luke 18:1)
- D. “Pray **WITHOUT CEASING**.”
(I Thessalonians 5:17)

III. How should I pray?

- A. “After this manner therefore pray ye: **OUR FATHER** . . .” (To the Father).
(Matthew 6:9)

- B. “If ye will ask anything in **MY NAME**, I will do it” (in Jesus’ name). (John 14:14)
- C. “Likewise the **SPIRIT** also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the **SPIRIT ITSELF** maketh intercession for us . . .”
(with the Holy Spirit’s help). (Romans 8:26)
- D. “And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything **ACCORDING** to **HIS WILL** He heareth us:”
(I John 5:14). *You must ask in His will.*
- E. “Let us therefore come **BOLDLY** unto the throne of grace . . .”
Come boldly, you need not fear your heavenly Father (Hebrews 4:16).

Sin will hinder your prayers. Be sure to keep your heart and mind right before God. If you have failed God in any way, confess it to God and ask His forgiveness so that your prayers may be heard by God once more. Read Psalms 66:18 and I John 1:9.

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CARING & SHARING - WITNESSING

*Lesson Eight

I. Why must we share Christ and His salvation with others?

- A. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in HIM of whom THEY HAVE not HEARD? . . .
(Romans 10:14).

Unless we tell them they cannot know.

- B. . . no man CARED for MY SOUL (Psalm 142:4 last line).

They need us to care for their souls.

- C. . . . JOY shall be in HEAVEN over one sinner that repenteth. . . (Luke 15:7b). Likewise, I say unto you, there is JOY in the presence of the ANGELS of GOD over ONE SINNER that repenteth
(Luke 15:10).

It brings joy to God, even to His angels!

- D. Let the redeemed of the Lord SAY SO. . . (Psalm 107:2).

It is expected of us.

II. When, where and how am I to share the gospel with others?

- A. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where PREACHING the WORD (Acts 8:4).

The word preaching here means to announce the good news of the gospel.

- B. He that GOETH forth and WEEPETH, bearing PRECIOUS SEED (the Word of God). . .
(Psalm 126:6a).

- C. GO YE therefore, and teach ALL NATIONS. . . (Matthew 28:19)

The last words of Jesus to the eleven disciples.

Tell others wherever you are; endeavor to reach out. Note the words go, goeth, and went in the previous verses. Use precious seed, the Word of God.

- D. For I AM NOT ASHAMED of the GOSPEL of Christ . . . (Romans 1:16a)

Paul was not ashamed of the gospel. Do not be ashamed, it is able to bring people to salvation.

- E. For consider Him (Jesus) that ENDURED such contradiction of sinners against HIMSELF, lest ye be wearied and FAINT in your minds (Hebrews 12:3).

When others argue or reject, remember, Jesus was often falsely accused and his words were rejected, but He prayed and went on.

- F. Follow PEACE with ALL men, and HOLINESS. . . (Hebrews 12:14)

Be a fit vessel for carrying the gospel.

NOTE: Included with this lesson is a list of scriptures you can share with others. If you would like gospel tracts or further help with witnessing, please write a request when returning this lesson.

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TITHING AND OFFERING

Lesson Nine*

I. Before the law holy men gave tithes and offerings to God.

- A. And he(Abraham) gave him **TITHE** (a tenth) of all (Genesis 14:20, last sentence).
- B. ... and of all that thou shalt give me (Jacob) I will surely give the **TENTH** unto thee (Genesis 28:22b).
- C. And the Lord had respect unto Abel (Adam and Eve's son) and to his **OFFERING**. (Genesis 4:4 ,last line).

II. The law required a tithe to be given. Neglecting to do so brought God's great displeasure.

- A. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood (Jewish), have a commandment to take **TITHES** of the people according to the law,.... (Hebrews 7:5).
- B. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say wherein have we robbed Thee? In **TITHES** and **OFFERINGS** (Malachi 3:8)

III. The Bible shows us that the tithes and offerings are to be brought into the church.

- A. Bring ye all the tithes **INTO** the **STOREHOUSE**. . . (Malachi 3:10).

- B. Upon the first day of the week (Sunday) let **EVERYONE** of **YOU** lay by him in store as God hath prospered him (I Corinthians 16:2).

IV. Give tithes and offerings with a right heart and God will bless you.

- A. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not **OPEN** you the **WINDOWS** of **HEAVEN**, and pour you out a **BLESSING** . . .(Malachi 3:10)
- B. . . . And he which **SOWETH BOUNTIFULLY** shall **REAP** also **BOUNTIFULLY** (II Corinthians 9:6 last line)
- C. For God loveth a **CHEERFUL GIVER** . II Corinthians 9:7 (last line)

Our tithes and offerings are used for the sake of the gospel in things such as support of the pastor (I Corinthians 9:13 & 14), support of missionaries, as in Paul's life (Philippians 4:10), and provisions for a meeting place and teaching materials.

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SEPARATED, SET APART

Lesson Ten*

I. As a Christian, you are set apart from the World and unto God.

- A. But as He which hath called you is Holy, so **BE YE HOLY**. . . (1 Peter 1:15a).
- B. Love not the **WORLD** neither the things that **ARE IN THE WORLD**... (1John 2:15a).
See also James 4:4.
- C. For all that is in the world, the **LUST** of the **FLESH**, and the **LUST** of the **EYES**, and the **PRIDE** of **LIFE** , is not of the **FATHER**... (I John 2:16).

II. The Bible teaches us to behave differently form the World.

- A. And be not **CONFORMED** to this **WORLD**: but be ye **TRANSFORMED** by the **RENEWING** of your **MIND** . . . (Romans 12:2 a).
- B. Let no **CORRUPT** communication (bad talk) proceed out of your **MOUTH**, . . . (Ephesians 4:29a).
See also James 4:6-10.
- C. I will set no **WICKED** thing **BEFORE** mine **EYES**: (Psalm 101:3a).
- D. . . .remove thy **FOOT** from **EVIL** (Proverbs 4:27b) . See also 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 & 2 Corinthians 7:1
Initial that you have read these. _____

III. The Bible teaches that there is to be a definite separation between true Christians and non-Christians. It also shows us that we cannot have agreement with other religions.

- A. Be ye not **UNEQUALLY YOKED**

TOGETHER with **UNBELIEVERS** : (2 Corinthians 6:14a). See also verse 17.

- B. And what agreement hath the temple of God with **IDOLS** (2 Corinthians 6:16a)?

As a true born again believer God lives in you.

- C. But though we or an **ANGEL** from **HEAVEN** preach any **OTHER GOSPEL** unto you than that which we have preached unto you let him be **ACCURSED** (Galatians 1:8).
- D. If there come any unto you, and bring not this **DOCTRINE** (salvation through Christ alone) receive him **NOT** into your **HOUSE** , neither bid him God speed (2 John 9 &10).

While the world is trying to get everybody together, God teaches a definite separation. Those who believe in getting to Heaven by keeping church ordinances, just being morally good, trusting in baptism for salvation, etc. are not to be joined together with by true Christians. Some religions have idols as part of their church and home life. Still others follow new revelations or new prophets, (those who came on the scene since Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection). All of these are spiritual counterfeits. God's desire is that the individuals be shown the error of their way, but He does not sanction joining with them in private church or public groups.

CONGRATULATIONS !

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