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# BIBLE STUDY FOR NEW BELIEVERS

## Foundations Class

### Week 1 - Five Christian Essentials

Since creation, God has desired to have fellowship with man. He always wanted to share His love and His life with His children. But when man sinned, he caused an immeasurable chasm to exist between himself and God. He no longer had fellowship or intimacy with God. He no longer shared the life of God with Him. Since then, the power of sin has eternally separated man from God's presence. However, because of God's love for man, He wanted to save man from the power of sin. This would not be easy because God, being absolutely holy and just, could not simply overlook man's sin. As a "Holy God", He could not tolerate sin in His presence. As a "Just God", sin had to be judged and sin had to have its consequences. The wage of sin is death (Romans 6:23). He did the only thing that could be done to save man. He took the death penalty for man's sin upon Himself when He came to earth as a sinless man in the form of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Throughout history God has been reaching out to man, trying to reconcile him to Himself. But the power of sin had caused man to reject God. God has chosen to progressively reveal His nature, character and will to man, so that man might know Him, love Him, and hunger to fellowship with Him as he was created to do so. The wonderful truth of Christianity is that now men can KNOW God and have fellowship with Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. We live in a truly unique time in history because the revelation of God is complete in His Son and in His Word, the Bible.

Because of what God has done for us through the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, a man is justified before God by faith alone and not by works. One result of this is that each believer has access to God directly apart from any human intermediaries. Because God wants every believer to be able to know His will, He has given us His Word, the Bible, which is the supreme source of authority for both faith and life.

From these truths, we can see five things that are essential for each of us to live a fulfilled Christian life and grow in maturity to become all that God wants us to be.

1. Because God has reached out to man and wants us to have fellowship with Him, we can each know Him personally. It is important for each of us to know how to "**hear God's voice**" so we can communicate with Him and know His will for all things pertaining to our life.
2. Because God has revealed Himself to us through the Bible, we need to have a deep appreciation for and "**love God's Word**".
3. Because we each have direct access to God, it is important to understand "**how to pray**".
4. Because God has reconciled us to Himself, we can be reconciled to one another. This is called "**Fellowship**".
5. Because God has saved us, we can tell others the good things God has done for us. This is our "**Witness**".

Now we shall look at some bible verses about each of these 5 Christian essentials.

## Essential No 1 – Hearing God’s Voice

1. Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us ----- (Hebrews 1:1-2)
2. If you belong to Jesus, you will be able to hear Him through His Word, the Bible. Jesus said, “My sheep -----; I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27)
3. If you belong to Jesus, the Holy Spirit will come to live in you, and He will -----  
----- everything Jesus taught. (John 14:26)
4. Paul and Silas heard the Holy Spirit during their travel journeys. “The Holy Spirit -----  
----- in the province of Asia at that time. (Acts 16:6)
5. Your faith grows when you hear God’s Word. Faith comes from -----, and the message is heard through ----- . (Romans 10:17)

## Essential No 2 – Love God’s Word

- 1> The Bible says that “The Word” is another name for Jesus. When you love God’s Word, you love Jesus. “In the beginning was -----, and the Word was with God, and the Word -----  
----- . The Word became ----- and made his dwelling among us. (John 1:1, 14)
- 2> Peter wrote, “Like newborn babies, you must crave ----- (of the Word), so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. (1 Peter 2: 2)
- 3> “For everything that was written in the past was written to -----, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the ----- we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)
- 4> Jesus said, “If you hold to -----, you are really my disciples. Then you will know ----- and ----- will set you free.” (John 8:31,32)
- 5> He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and -----.” (Luke 11:28)
- 6> All ----- is God-breathed and is useful for -----, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

- 7> For the word of God is ----- . Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)
- 8> Your word is a -----, a light on my path. (Psalm 119:105)
- 9> How can a young person stay on the path of purity?  
By living ----- . (Psalm 119:9)
- 10> Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them ----- is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (Matthew 7:24)

### Essential No 3 – Prayer

Sometimes we get discouraged when we pray if we don't immediately see results.

- 1> Jesus told a parable that men ought to ----- always and not ----- . (Luke 18:1)
- 2> James says, "You do not have, because ----- ." (James 4:2)
- 3> Jesus rebuked his disciples for not being able to pray. When He did this, He taught an important thing about prayer. He said, "The spirit is willing but ----- ." (Matthew 26:40,41)
- 4> Among the characteristics of the first church in Jerusalem was "prayer". "They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and ----- ." (Acts 2:42)
- 5> The apostles did not want to get too busy serving people's physical needs and neglect the ministry of the word of God. So they delegated some of the responsibilities to serve people to others who were full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. The apostles then said, "We will give our attention to ----- and the ministry of the Word." (Acts 6:4)
- 6> Rejoice always, -----, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

### Essential No 4 – Fellowship

- 1> John wrote, "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have ----- with us. And our ----- is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ." (1 John 1:3)

- 2> Jesus said, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have -----  
-----.” (John 13:35)
  
- 3> When the first church started on the day of Pentecost, the disciples “devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and -----, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)
  
- 4> God is faithful, who has called you into ----- with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

### Essential No 5 – Witness

- 1> The bible says, “But you will receive ----- when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My ----- in Jerusalem (or in your own city or community), and in all Judea and Samaria (surrounding cities and communities), and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)
  
- 2> We are called to tell others about all the good things the Lord has done for us in our lives. After Jesus healed a man who had been demon possessed, He told him, “Go home to your family and tell them ----- and how He has had mercy on you. (Mark 5:19)
  
- 3> Jesus ministered to a woman who had been an adulteress. She went and told the people in her city about Jesus. “Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because -----  
-----, “He told me everything I ever did.” (John 4:39)
  
- 4> Paul was persecuting Christians and was on his way to persecute some more in Damascus. But God apprehended him in a remarkable way and blinded him. A man named Ananias came to see Paul and healed him and said to him, “You will be his ----- to all people of what you have seen and heard.” (Acts 22:15)

### Supplemental Notes to Lesson 1 – Five Christian Essentials

In 1 Corinthians 12:1-2, Paul writes, “You know that when you were pagans, somehow or the other you were influenced and led astray to mute (silent, unable to speak) idols” (or fake gods). We too were influenced and led astray in various ways adapting to what this world calls “normal” before we came to Christ. Now as Christians, we need to learn to differentiate between those influences and the Word of God. It is important to understand that though God does speak today in many ways, He always speaks in accordance to His written word, the Bible. **The Bible is the straight edge by which God shows us how**

**crooked our lives are.** The Bible is the final authority for all issues of faith (what we believe) and life (how we live and the values we hold).

What are some ways in which God speaks? Here are some from the least usual to the most common. Remember, God is God and can speak however He wants. Our job is to listen and obey, not to presume how He should speak to us. With that in mind, here are 10 ways that God speaks to His children, sorted in order of least common to the most common.

- 1> With an audible voice (Moses at times, the apostle John on the island of Patmos)
- 2> Through dreams (Joseph, Pharoah, Jacob, etc)
- 3> Through visions (Peter, Paul, etc)
- 4> Through angels (Mary, when Jesus' birth was announced)
- 5> Through gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12)
- 6> Through life circumstances (not to be confused with looking for "signs")
- 7> Through godly counsellors (pastors, elders, mature Christians)
- 8> Through conviction of heart (The Holy Spirit convicts us)
- 9> Through the Bible (Teaching and Preaching)
- 10> Through the Bible (Personal Reading and meditation)

Remember, if the plain text in the bible makes sense, then seek no other sense.

## WARNINGS

- 1> Anyone "hearing God" for you on your behalf violates two main things.
  - a. John 10 – "My sheep hear my voice"
  - b. The priesthood of the believer.
- 2> Beware of the pitfall, "This thought just popped into my head and so it must be God" or "Something told me to..... and so it must be God". There are three sources of thoughts.
  - a. Natural thoughts – Mark 8:27,28
  - b. God – Mark 8:29
  - c. The devil – Mark 8:31-33
- 3> Don't play bible roulette! "I'll just open my bible and the Spirit will lead me to the right verse."  
For eg: If you opened your bible and pointed your finger at a verse blindly, you could land on any of these verses.
  - a. Judas went out and hanged himself – Matthew 27:5
  - b. Go therefore and do likewise – Luke 10:37
  - c. What you do, do quickly – John 13:27
- 4> Don't look for signs.
  - a. Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word (not sign) that proceeds from the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4
  - b. An evil generation seeks a sign. Matthew 12:38,39 – Luke 11:29
  - c. These signs shall follow those who believe; (not these believers shall follow signs. Mark 16:17

5> Selective hearing. You cannot continue to knowingly practice what the Bible declares to be sin in one area of your life and keep praying, "God show me what Your will is," in another area of your life.

## Foundations Class

### Week 2 - Repentance

**"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11).**

Last week we saw that when man was totally and eternally separated from God because of his choice to rebel and sin against Him, God came looking for man with a plan to reconcile sinful man to Himself. God fulfilled His absolute standard of justice by putting the death penalty man deserved upon the only One in the universe who could take man's place: God Himself, the Lord Jesus Christ. By doing this God made the only way for man to be saved.

But this does not mean that all men are saved or will be saved. Even though God does not desire that any should perish, He will not force men against their will to receive the gift of salvation through His Son. The same as man chose to sin, he must also freely choose to turn from sin toward God and receive His grace. This is called repentance. The Bible says that it is "God's kindness (that) leads you to repentance" (Romans 2:4). Because Jesus is Lord, men **must** repent, or turn from their sins, and give their life entirely to Him if they are to be saved.

It is a gift of God that any man is even willing to repent, because the Bible says that no man is looking for God or has any desire to know or obey Him. The complete work of salvation is done by the grace of God. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith --- and this not from yourselves; it is the gift of God --- not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9). There is absolutely nothing any man can do to save Himself. He must be saved. He needs a Savior. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. The Bible says, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

We have seen that God is "not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). In this study we want to look at what repentance means, and how repentance testifies to the fact that Jesus has become Lord of our life.

#### The command to repent

1. One of the elementary principles of Christ is the foundation of \_\_\_\_\_ from dead works (acts that lead to death). Hebrews 6:1
2. Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom of God, saying, "The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. \_\_\_\_\_ and believe the good news." Mark 1:15
3. Jesus taught that "\_\_\_\_\_ and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:47
4. In Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, Peter preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit to

thousands of people. He said they had crucified Jesus, who was both Lord and Christ. "When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' Peter replied, '\_\_\_\_\_ and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" Acts 2:36-38

### What repentance means

5. The first step in repentance is to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our sin to God. Psalm 32:5.

6. To help us turn from our sin, the Bible says, "Confess your sins \_\_\_\_\_ and pray for each another so that you may be healed." James 5:16

7. The Bible says that, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, He is faithful and just and will \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins and \_\_\_\_\_ us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:8, 9

8. We are not to cover, or hide our sin. The Bible says, "Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them finds mercy." Proverbs 28:13

### Coming out of the world and into the kingdom of God

9. It is important to forsake sin. The Bible says, "We died \_\_\_\_\_; how can we live in it any longer?" Romans 6:2

10. We are told, "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2:15.

1 John 2:16 lists the things of the world to be repented from

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

Compare these three things with the temptation in the garden of Eden. Genesis 3:6

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

11. The Bible says that \_\_\_\_\_ with the world (the sinful way of life) makes us an enemy of God. James 4:4

12. Because of this God commands us to do three things regarding the world and our former sinful lifestyle. 2 Corinthians 6:17

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

13. Though good works most certainly do not save us, they are the "fruits" that indicate a true internal change has happened in our life through the powerful working of the grace of God. John the Baptist preached saying, "\_\_\_\_\_ in keeping with \_\_\_\_\_...." Luke 3:8

### Jesus is Lord of our lives

14. Our salvation is by grace. It is a free gift of God. But Jesus said the gift must be received on His terms. He said, "If anyone would come after Me, he must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ daily, and \_\_\_\_\_." Luke 9:23

15. Jesus is so serious about having whole-hearted followers, he said we are to first sit down and \_\_\_\_\_ . Luke 14:28-31

16. There is a story in the Bible about a young man who came to Jesus because he wanted eternal life. Jesus saw that this man had a god in his life. It was money. When Jesus told him to give it up and "come, follow Me", did the young man do it? \_\_\_\_\_. Did Jesus change His mind when He saw the man leaving? \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 19:16-22

17. Even though the young man in Matthew 19 was "sorrowful", sorrow is not repentance. Many times, people are sorry for the effect their sin has had on them, rather than sorry for the effect sin has had on God. The Bible says that all sin is ultimately against God (Psalm 51:4). We read that "godly sorrow brings \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings \_\_\_\_\_." 2 Corinthians 7:10

18. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector who had become rich through dishonesty. When he met Jesus, how did Jesus know that "Today salvation has come to this house (Zacchaeus)" ? \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 19:1-10.

19. "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore \_\_\_\_\_. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ who died for them and was raised again." 2 Corinthians 5:14, 15

20. Jesus said, "I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner \_\_\_\_\_ than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." Luke 15:7

## Supplemental Notes to Lesson 2 - Repentance

We must remember the context in which Jesus said, “pick up your cross and follow me.” The nation was under occupation by the Romans who instituted crucifixion as the death penalty for slaves and non – Romans. The only time some on picked up a cross was when they were going to die – to lose their own life completely and finally.

Regarding repentance, we first note that when man fell, he fell totally and completely. That means that his body, soul, and spirit fell into bondage to sin. The significance of this is that the soul is the heart and mind. Man’s natural thoughts about God are wrong and he cannot come to a full and complete understanding of the reality of his lost state without God touching his heart.

### Teaching illustrations and examples:

1. *Repent.* stop, turn 180 degrees, and go the other direction. It isn’t veering course by 45 degrees with a bible in one’s hand!
2. *Funeral.* Imagine you just died. At the funeral time suddenly stops. Jesus walks into the scene and touches the coffin and you wake up. Jesus says, “you have died. Your life is over. All your hopes, dreams, and plans are finished. But I will let you live again if you wish. The condition is that the new life you live will be no longer for yourself but completely for me. What is your choice? Do you want to live under those conditions or be dead and buried now?” The choice to live again totally for the will of God is the essence of repentance unto salvation.
3. *Robbery.* A robber comes to your home and demands that you turn over all your goods, money, and possessions or he will shoot you. Your choice is complete obedience or death. There is no bargaining. In the same way, Jesus doesn’t bargain. He sets the terms of our repentance and the terms by which we must be saved. You cannot lower the conditions he set when you present the gospel to another!
4. Jesus is either *Lord* of all or He is not Lord at all. He is not merely Lord over the area of our life called “religion,” but He is Lord over every area.
5. *Marriage.* Would you marry someone who promised to be faithful to you 364 days a year, but wanted to commit immorality one day a year? What about if they promised to be faithful 364 days and 23 hours a year, but would commit immorality one hour each year? The issue is the heart. This person has revealed that their heart isn’t completely with you. In the same way, Jesus is looking for hearts that are completely given over to Him and not just 10% or 50% or 90%. But complete 100%.

## Foundations Class

### Week 3 - Water Baptism

**"Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...." Matthew 28:19**

The English word "baptize" is a transliteration (substitution of letters of one language for those of another) of the Greek word "baptizo". Baptizo means to make whelmed (ie. fully wet) and comes from the root word "bapto", meaning to cover wholly with a fluid, as in "dip".

Following believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, the new convert is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the name of the Lord. This is the **first priority** after a person repents of their sins and places their trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. As we continue to study about foundations of the Christian faith, it is important to remember, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith --- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God --- not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8,9). Baptism doesn't save us. The Bible says baptism is, like repentance, a gift from God. It is a very special gift by which God cuts off our sinful nature and buries it in the waters of baptism.

Water baptism is more than a ritual or religious exercise. It is a foundation of the Christian life in which God does a supernatural work according to our faith. It is also an outward affirmation of the inward commitment the believer has made to Jesus Christ as the Lord of their life.

All Christians are admonished to be water baptized. Weakness in the Christian life or continually being overtaken by sin can often be traced back to a person's failure to obey the command to be baptized. There are four main reasons why some people fail to get baptized.

1. **Ignorance:** Some Christians have never learned the Biblical meaning and importance of baptism. (Acts 19:1-3)
2. **Pride:** Sometimes if a person has been a Christian for some time before learning about baptism, they think they are doing alright without it, and don't need it to live a victorious Christian life (Luke 7:30)
3. **Fear:** One confirmation of the powerful effect of baptism is the great opposition some people face from their family and friends over the issue of baptism. (Acts 2:41, 5:13)
4. **Religious training:** Some people have gone through a ritual before they chose to receive Jesus as their Lord, or one that is not strictly Scriptural, and maintain they have been baptized, even when the Word of God teaches differently. (Acts 19:4-5)

#### The command and requirements to be baptized.

> Jesus said, "Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ and is baptized will be saved." Mark 16:16

> Peter set a condition for baptism as well as commanding it for new believers when he said, "

\_\_\_\_\_, and be \_\_\_\_\_, every one of you..." Acts 2:38

> Peter preached to a man named Cornelius and his household. After this he " \_\_\_\_\_ that they be \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of Jesus Christ..." Acts 10:48

> Both men and women were baptized. " \_\_\_\_\_ Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ.." Acts 8:12

## What happens when we repent, believe, and are baptized in water

### A. DEATH: Our old man (old sinful nature) is crucified

> Just as Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead, the Bible says, "I have been \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." Galatians 2:20

> When we are baptized into Christ Jesus we are baptized into His \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 6:3

> We know that "our old self was \_\_\_\_\_ with Him that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin -- because anyone who has \_\_\_\_\_ has been freed from sin." Romans 6:6,7

### B. The old man is cut off

> Circumcision is the cutting away of something unclean. The Bible says, "In Him you were \_\_\_\_\_, in the putting off of the \_\_\_\_\_, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with Him in \_\_\_\_\_." Colossians 2:11,12

> We know that our "old self" was crucified with Jesus, that the body of sin might be done away with. We have seen that the old man (the body of sin) who is dead is cut off. Why does God do this? "That we should no longer be \_\_\_\_\_." Romans 6:6

### C. Burial

> Anytime someone dies, we bury them. "Therefore, we were \_\_\_\_\_ with Him through \_\_\_\_\_ into death." Romans 6:4

> We were \_\_\_\_\_ with Him in baptism. Colossians 2:12

### D. Resurrection

> The hope we have in God through Jesus is that when we die we will be resurrected to life. We were "buried with Him in baptism and \_\_\_\_\_ with Him through \_\_\_\_\_ in the power of God, who raised Him from the dead." Colossians 2:12

> We were buried with Him through \_\_\_\_\_ into death, in order that just as Christ was \_\_\_\_\_ through the glory of the Father, we too may \_\_\_\_\_." Romans

6:4

### E. We are forgiven of our sins

> "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_.'" Acts 2:38

### Other examples of water baptism

> Philip used the Scriptures to preach Jesus to an Ethiopian eunuch. The next thing he did was teach about water baptism. The eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be \_\_\_\_\_?" Acts 8:35,36

> When the Lord opened a women named Lydia's heart to heed the things spoken by Paul, she and her family were \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 16:13-15

> Paul's jailer in Philippi got saved when Paul spoke the Word of the Lord to him and all who were in his house. The result was that immediately he and all his family were \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 16:30-33

> A man named Crispus believed on the Lord with all his household. The result was that many Corinthians \_\_\_\_\_ and were \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 18:8

> And now what are you \_\_\_\_\_? Get up, be \_\_\_\_\_ and wash your sins away, calling on His name." Acts 22:16

### Supplemental Notes to Lesson 3 – Water Baptism

The thing that would be really unfortunate is if one doesn't have a clear understanding and biblical conviction about water baptism. It is not enough to simply say "my parents believed this", or "my denomination practices this", or "my pastor said this was right and I trust him". Know what you believe and why you believe it.

#### *Baptismal Summary*

Who – Believers

Why – Jesus commands us

When – Top priority after repentance

How – Immersion in water

What – Identification with Jesus and the Christian church; outward confirmation of an inward change of heart; figurative death, burial and resurrection to a new life. Born Again.

### *Why Believers*

This is generally clear in the context of scripture in the call to repent preceding the command to be baptized.

### *Why Immersion*

1. The meaning of the original language
  - a. Bapto – dip, dip in something (eg: a garment dipped in dye)
  - b. Baptizo – dip, immerse, wash (non New Testament language usage – plunge, sink, drench, overwhelm)
2. “enough water” – John 3:23
3. “burial” as a symbol of baptism
4. Greek prepositions
  - a. Eis (1768 times) – into, in toward, to among, near, on, for, against, as, at
  - b. Apo (646 times) – from, away from, because of, with for, of, by
  - c. Ek (914 times) – from, out of away from, by, of, because of
  - d. En (2752 times) – in, on, at, near, to, by, before, among, with, within, when
5. Greek prepositions usage in selected baptism passages
  - a. Acts 8:38 eis/ek
  - b. Matthew 3:16 apo
  - c. Mark 1:10 – ek

### *Teaching examples to illustrate baptism*

1. The parting of the Red Sea. Pharaoh’s armies followed God’s people to bring them back to bondage. They passed through water into the Promised Land, while their enemies perished in those same waters.
2. Punishment for a murderer – tying the corpse to the murderer back to back. The death and decay of the corpse would cause the death of the living murderer if the corpse is not cut off.
3. Naaman (2 Kings 5). “Dip in the river seven times.” It’s not hard. Just obey. You’ve got nothing to lose but everything to gain.

## Foundations Class

### Week 4 - Baptism in the Holy Spirit

As a New Christian, Baptism in the Holy Spirit may sound weird or even a bit spooky.

The Bible teaches that there is only One God who is three persons, the Father, the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit (James 2:19, Galatians 3:20, Matthew 28:19). The Holy Spirit is God, the third Person of the Trinity (Acts 5:3,4). He is co-equal and co-eternal with God the Father and God the Son, Jesus Christ.

The easiest way to begin to understand the Trinity, of Tri-Unity of God, is to recognize the triune nature of man who is created in God's image. Man has a body which can be seen and felt. He has a soul (mind, will and emotions) which can't be seen, but obviously exist. Man also has a spirit. To distinguish the spirit from the soul we can use the example of being tempted to sin. Though in our mind we come up with excuses to sin, we still know in our spirit that sin is wrong. Though a man has a body, soul and spirit, we understand he is one man, not three different beings.

When a person is born again, they become a Christian, receiving Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Because God is One, they receive God the Father and God the Holy Spirit as well as God the Son, Jesus Christ. When Jesus rose from the dead his disciples were born again and received the Holy Spirit (John 20:22). However, Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem until He had sent "**what My Father had promised**" (Luke 24:49). **The Promise was the Baptism with the Holy Spirit** (Acts 1:4,5). This was an event separate and distinct from salvation.

In Acts 1:8 Jesus says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses..." Jesus was speaking of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Shortly afterward this happened. On the day of Pentecost, "all of them were **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:4)

When this happened the multitudes in the city gathered together to see what was happening and Peter preached the Risen Lord Jesus to them. He told them to "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And **you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**" (Acts 2:38). Peter finished preaching by speaking of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, saying, "the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off - for all whom the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:39)

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a very precious gift of God. As you continue to grow in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, you will realize you can't really live without the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Reviewing the foundational work of God in a believer's life we remember that first He saves us by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Then He cuts off our old man who has been crucified with Jesus and buries him in the waters of baptism so we may walk in newness of life. Then, as a continuing work of grace, He baptizes ("to be immersed or filled") us with His Holy Spirit.

## The Holy Spirit (or Holy Ghost) is God the Spirit

> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...And the \_\_\_\_\_ was hovering over the waters." Genesis 1:1,2

> Peter said to a man named Ananias, "How is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the \_\_\_\_\_... You have not lied to men but to \_\_\_\_\_." Acts 5:3,4

> Jesus confirmed the Person of God the Holy Spirit when He commanded His disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the \_\_\_\_\_." Matthew 28:19

## Salvation and the Holy Spirit

> When someone is born again they receive the Holy Spirit. We know this is true because the Bible says, "If anyone does not have the \_\_\_\_\_, he is not His." Rom 8:9

> When God created man He \_\_\_\_\_ into his nostrils the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). His disciples were born again when Jesus rose from the dead and "He \_\_\_\_\_ on them, and said to them, "Receive the \_\_\_\_\_." John 20:22

## The Promise of the Holy Spirit

> When we are born again we receive the Spirit (a breath - John 20:22). When we are baptized with the Holy Spirit we are enabled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4). As opposed to a breath, this experience was like a \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 2:2-7. Before He went to the cross Jesus told His disciples, "I will ask the Father, and He will give you \_\_\_\_\_ to be with you forever -- the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth..." John 14:16,17

> Jesus said it is to our advantage that He go away (into Heaven), "Unless I go away, the \_\_\_\_\_ will not come to you, but if I go, I will send Him to you." And "When He the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth..." John 16:7,13

> John the Baptist, preaching about the coming of Jesus, said, "He will baptize you with the \_\_\_\_\_." Mat 3:11

> Jesus' final words to His disciples in Luke 24:49 were, "I am going to send you \_\_\_\_\_, but stay in the city until you have been clothed with \_\_\_\_\_ from on high."

> Jesus commanded them to "wait for the gift My Father promised, "which" He said, you have heard Me speak about. For John baptized with water, but you will be \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_." Acts 1:4

> Jesus said to "Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations" (Mat 28:19), and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem,...but

stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high". (Luke 24:47,49)

> Jesus showed His plan to accomplish this incredible task of world evangelism when He said, "But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the \_\_\_\_\_ comes on you, and you will be My \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:4,8

### Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the Gift of Tongues

> On the day of Pentecost the disciples "were all \_\_\_\_\_ and began to \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_ enabled them." Acts 2:1-4

> Immediately after this Peter preached, saying, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...and you will receive the \_\_\_\_\_. For the promise is to \_\_\_\_\_." Acts 2:38-39

> Peter and John were sent to Samaria after that city received the word of God and prayed for them that they might receive the \_\_\_\_\_. They laid hands on them, and they received the \_\_\_\_\_." Acts 8:15-17

> While Peter was speaking to Cornelius about Jesus, "the \_\_\_\_\_ came on all who heard the message. The gift of the \_\_\_\_\_ had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them \_\_\_\_\_ and praising God." Acts 10:44-48

> Paul found some disciples at Ephesus who were, ignorant of water baptism and the Holy Spirit. "When Paul had \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ came on them, and they \_\_\_\_\_ and prophesied." Acts 19:6

> The Bible says your heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 11:13 (9-13).

Friends, ASK!! and you shall RECEIVE!! Ask Him right now for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Ask in the name of our Lord Jesus and you shall receive it. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the very "source" of the power you carry as a child of God. The same power that conquered the grave, now lives in you. Believe it. Amen! You will NEED the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life. You will NEED the baptism of the Holy Spirit to resist temptation and be free from the power of sin. Without the Holy Spirit's power, you cannot walk in obedience to the Word of God, because we have no power in our sinful flesh to walk as Jesus did. Therefore, I urge you, ASK and you shall receive.

## Foundations Class

### Week 5 - Being added to the church

There is no such thing as a lone Christian. Being added to the church is vital for a New Christian to stay grounded in faith and grow in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I attribute my walk with the Lord for so many years with unwavering faith after having received Christ to "Being added to the church".

**"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day --- And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:41,47**

So far we have studied about **repentance** from sin and salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, **water baptism and baptism in the Holy Spirit.** Now we come to the foundational truth of being added to the church - the people of God. These first four foundations can be thought of as legs to chair. Without any one or more legs the chair will not stand. The same can be said for the believer's life. If any one or more of these foundations are missing, they will not have a strong, stable life in Christ.

Probably one of the most neglected foundations is that of being added to the church. While most Christians believe that "it's important to go to church", many have little understanding of what the church is. Seeing it as only a building, a meeting, or a gathering of believers, many Christians think the church is somewhat optional to their personal relationship with Christ. The result is a weak and ineffectual Christian who has failed to understand God's eternal purpose and the work of Christ, who said, "I will build My church..." (Matthew 16:18)

When Jesus talked about His church, He did not mean buildings, religious services, denominational structures or para-church organizations. He spoke of the universal company of people who have experienced the saving grace of God in the Lord Jesus Christ. The "church" is the Body of Christ. The "church" is universal, and the church is local.

It is the selfish sinful nature of man that causes him to be more concerned with his own individual pleasure, comfort and will than the corporate life of the church. A Hindu can be a Hindu by himself. A Muslim can practice Islam all by himself. A Buddhist can seek enlightenment as an individual. But a Christian cannot find completion apart from a proper biblical relationship with the people of God, which is the church of Jesus Christ. Individualism, while highly prized by sinful man, is directly opposed to God's plan to reconcile man to Himself and man to his brother.

Lack of commitment to the people of God is simply evidence of a person's lack of commitment to God Himself. If one is truly committed to Christ, he will also be committed to Christ's church. Whole-hearted involvement in the church is not a matter of secondary importance. It is, in fact God's will for all believers. (1 Corinthians 12:18)

Being added to the church can be likened to planting a sapling. Just as pulling out a sapling and replanting it and then pulling it out again and replanting it elsewhere and then pulling it out again and replanting it elsewhere...doing this often enough will eventually kill the sapling, so also a Christian hopping from church to church and not **being added to the church** will eventually kill the Christian's faith.

### Committed to the assembling of the saints

"Let us not give up -----, as some are in the ----- of doing but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25. Gathering with the church is serious for the Christian.

We are to "Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, ----- out of a pure heart." 2 Timothy 2:22. True spiritual growth happens in the context of church relationships, not in isolation.

### Devoted to Fellowship

John said he declared Jesus to people that they may \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_ is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:3. Fellowship is more than attending a church service with strangers.

And they \_\_\_\_\_ to the apostles' teaching and \_\_\_\_\_ to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Acts 2:42. Christians are intentionally seeking to fellowship with one another. Our best friends should be in the church.

### Doers of the Word and not hearers only

The church is composed of people who \_\_\_\_\_ the message and were baptized. Acts 2:41. They heard the Word and acted on it.

Obedience to God's Word is so important to the church that we are told to, "Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves, \_\_\_\_\_" James 1:22

### Committed to a life of servanthood

"Each one \_\_\_\_\_ he has received \_\_\_\_\_, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10. God has given you gifts to minister to others.

"For even the Son of Man did not come \_\_\_\_\_, but to \_\_\_\_\_" Mark 10:45. Jesus Himself is our example in serving.

## Financial Support

In concern for the financial support of the church, we are exhorted not to rob God in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Malachi 3:8). Jesus affirmed giving the tithe of the income as a New Testament principle (Matthew 23:23). Do not make a law of this. Be a "giver" and not a "tither". Your generosity in giving indicates the level of love for God and for His church. It also indicates the level of rejection of everything worldly, including money. Give only when you CAN give CHEERFULLY because God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

A greater principle of giving we see in the New Testament would be, "give until the need is met." We see this by the statement, "There were no \_\_\_\_\_ persons among them." Acts 4:34,35

Giving is a good indication of one's spiritual commitment. "For where your \_\_\_\_\_ is, there your \_\_\_\_\_ will be also." Luke 12:34

## Biblical Oversight and Accountability

"Now we ask you, brothers, to \_\_\_\_\_ and are over you in the Lord and who admonish you, and to \_\_\_\_\_ in love because of their work." 1 Thessalonians 5:12,13

"\_\_\_\_\_ your leaders and \_\_\_\_\_ to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give account to God. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no \_\_\_\_\_" Hebrews 13:17. (But be wise and do not let your leaders or pastors take advantage of you and use you unreasonably. Ensure you are submitting to a God-fearing leader who leads by example, displaying utmost humility and love.

## Committed to be bonded together in love

We are to \_\_\_\_\_ with each another, and \_\_\_\_\_ whatever grievances you may have against one another. \_\_\_\_\_ as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues, put on \_\_\_\_\_, which binds them all together \_\_\_\_\_." Col 3:13,14

"If your brother sins against you, go and \_\_\_\_\_. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over." Matthew 18:15

**"...planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God." Psalm 92:13**

## Supplemental Notes to Lesson 5 – Being added to the church

### Commitment

Some well-intended Christians assert, “I am committed to the entire body of Christ, not just one church congregation.” As nice and spiritual as that appears at face value, when we think about it seriously, commitment everywhere practically means no commitment anywhere.

### Worship with the church on Sunday

When Jesus rebuked the Pharisees and their unloving legalism about the Sabbath, he was not declaring our Sunday as the Christian play day. It is the duty of every Christian to be with the church on Sunday unless sick or necessary travel or any other genuine reason. A closely related issue is the question, “Who is Lord of Saturday night?” Sadly, there are Christians who do not make it to church on Sunday because of a sleepy and tired body and spirit who possibly did not consider Jesus to be Lord on Saturday night. Jesus is Lord not just on Sunday, but every day of the week.

### Staying in a church for years and a lifetime

In our generation many of us move several times and that means attending different churches. But there are others who jump from church to church because they do not like what they find in a church and are looking for “the perfect church”. More often, the perfect church for them is a place where they are not challenged or convicted about their sin. We are tempted to say, “If you find the perfect church, please don’t go there. Then it won’t be perfect anymore!”

Remember the story about the retired man sitting at the train station watching the trains come in. “What kind of town is this?” asked one young man. The older retired man asked, “What kind of town did you come from?”. Whatever the young man said about the town he came from revealed the attitude he would bring to the new town. You see, it isn’t the town (or church), it’s the attitude you bring to it that makes the difference.

### Giving

There are people who insist on tithing 10% of your income to the church you attend. There are others who think tithing was part of the law in the old testament to provide for the Levitical priests who took care of the temple of God and did not making a living any other way; which is similar to today’s income tax system. And then there are others who believe in “giving” with a cheerful heart whatever they can. I encourage you to be a “generous giver”. Learn to give whatever you can, even when it is hard. The issue is not about obeying a principle, but an issue of your heart. When you give from your finances, it changes your heart. It makes you more passionate towards God and the things that are important to God and makes you less materialistic and worldly. And this always ends up with you being blessed in every way. God will make sure you do not lack anything when you “give” out of a genuine love for God and love for His people. When you give what you “want” to give, you will always give cheerfully and God loves a cheerful giver. Do not be deceived into thinking that “tithing” or “giving” is a way to get more and prosper financially. There are many false teachers who teach this. “Give” only because you **want to give** to see lost people saved and to provide for the church. Don’t expect anything back. When you give like that, you will experience intimacy with God and you will see His tangible blessings upon your life and your household.

## Church Discipline

Discipline is not a bad word. It is neither unkind nor unloving. Any family that does not practice discipline is going to end up with problems. It is loving parents who discipline their children. In the same way Scripture institutes biblical discipline for the church. Some people want to avoid this, but a church must practice loving discipline in order to restore the wayward and protect the body of Christ.

## Getting along with others

Sadly, some people never become truly added to the church because they cannot get along with others. "I was doing fine with the Lord until I met you!" one angrily accuses a brother or sister.

Consider this. Take a glass of water and shake it vigorously. What happens? The water spills out of course. Ask the average person, "Why did the water spill out?" and they will reply, "because you shook the glass". Now empty the glass of water and shake it again. No water spills out. The water did not spill out of the glass because it was shaken. Water spilled out because the water was in the glass when the glass was shaken. That's the way people are. If there is sin in you (and there is), it WILL come out when you are shaken by a relationship. Jesus was "shaken" more than any man, yet there was no sin to come out, except "love". He said, "Father, forgive them." God usually does his refining work in you through relationships in the church.

## Church hopping

As a new Christian, I do realize that looking for the right church can be overwhelming. Spend a lot of time reading your bible yourself. Do not just depend on a Sunday sermon from the pastor of the church you go to. Read your bible as if to study for an examination. How much effort did you put in, to study to pass your schooling or graduation? Put in at least the same amount of effort in studying the bible. It will help you choose the right church to go to. You will immediately recognize false teaching and know to stay clear from such fellowships. Therefore, I say again, study your bible.

You will never find a perfect church, but if you find a church that is for the most part of it good with humble leaders and humble brothers and sisters, then stay there. Do not go church hopping. It will hinder your growth. Consider this. If you plant a plant in the ground, and keep pulling it out every week and replanting it in a new place, would the plant grow? No, it will shrivel and die soon. Likewise, church hoppers do not grow. In fact, it can be dangerous and can lead you down the wrong path. Stay and stay rooted in one place. Then your roots will grow strong and you will grow.

## Foundations Class

### Week 6 – Faith

**" And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him."** Hebrews 11:6

Faith is central to our life in Christ. The writer of Hebrews says that faith toward God is one of the elementary principles of Christ. As the verse quoted above states, faith that God exists and rewards those who seek Him is essential for salvation. God in His infinite wisdom has chosen to make His righteousness available only through faith in Jesus Christ. This is explained in Ephesians 2:8, "For it is by grace you have been saved, **through faith** --- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

Faith is not simply a system of religious beliefs or subscribed to a set of doctrines. It is not a mere mental agreement with Scriptural facts or theological tenets. Faith is not just a cliché'.

Faith is believing the things God says, trusting that He will do what He has promised to do, and acting in obedience to His word. "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1). It is knowing with certainty that you have received from God the promises He has made even though you haven't seen them yet with the natural eye. These promises primarily refer to the assurance of our salvation and eternal life, the assurance of His return, the assurance of destroying the devil and all evil upon this earth, the assurance of establishing His Kingdom here one earth, and the assurance of a new heaven and a new earth. These are things we are "hoping" for and being sure of this hope is "faith".

It is important to understand that God has given to each one a measure of faith (Romans 12:3), and that it is now our responsibility to use our faith and cause it grow. The Bible says, "Faith comes from **hearing the message**, and the message is heard through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). Our faith grows as we study God's Word and His promises to us, and act upon them. The more we study and hear the Word of God and the more we walk in obedience to it, the more our faith grows.

The Bible says that through Jesus, by **faith** we have gained access into **grace** (Romans 5:2). Faith is like a doorway into grace. It is important that we have faith to enter into grace because, "those who receive God's abundant provision of **grace** and of the gift of righteousness **will reign in life through this one man, Jesus Christ**" (Romans 5:17)

In this study we will learn more about faith and study four keys that cause faith to grow: hearing God's Word, speaking God's Words, praying in the Holy Spirit and acting on the Word of God.

Jesus frequently condemned little faith as well as commended great faith in His disciples and the people He ministered to in His earthly life. May we all learn to look to the Word of God, believing and acting upon it, that it may be said we are "full of faith and of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 6:5).

The principles in this study can be seen in the lives of men and women throughout the Bible. One of the best places to begin learning is in the "Faith Hall of Fame" in Hebrews chapter 11.

### Biblical faith is Dynamic, not Static

> God gives each person a measure of faith (Romans 12:3). However our "level of faith" is to continually grow, because "Faith \_\_\_\_\_ from hearing.." Romans 10:17

> Paul's commendation of the Thessalonian church should encourage us. He said, "...your faith \_\_\_\_\_". 2 Thessalonians 1:3

> More than a belief system, faith is a lifestyle, "We \_\_\_\_\_ by faith ..." 2 Corinthians 5:7

### Four Keys to Faith:

#### *Hearing the (Rhema) Word of God*

> "Consequently, faith comes from \_\_\_\_\_ the message, and the message is heard \_\_\_\_\_." Romans 10:17

> Jesus said, "It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on \_\_\_\_\_." Matthew 4:4 (NASB)

#### *Speaking God's Words*

> "The \_\_\_\_\_ is near you, it is in your \_\_\_\_\_ and in your heart, that is, the word of \_\_\_\_\_ we are proclaiming." Romans 10:8

> God told Joshua, "Do not let this Book of the Law \_\_\_\_\_...." Joshua 1:8

#### *Praying in the Holy Spirit*

> Jude 20 says you are to, "build yourselves up in your most holy faith, \_\_\_\_\_."

#### *Acting on God's Word*

> God often tests our faith by giving us little things to do before larger things. This is illustrated in Luke 5:1-11. Jesus first got into Peter's boat and asked him to \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3). Next he asked him to \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4). Finally, Jesus said Peter would now catch men. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ (v.11).

### Jesus outlines faith

> Jesus gives an outline of the elements of faith in Mark 11:22-24. The first is to have faith in

\_\_\_\_\_ (v.22). Next is to \_\_\_\_\_ what you believe (v.23). Then don't \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ (v.23). The result of asking and praying in faith is that we \_\_\_\_\_ (v.24).

### The example of Abraham's faith

Much can be learned about faith by studying Abraham's life, particularly regarding the promise of his son Isaac (Genesis 15-22). Paul gives us insight into this in Romans 4:13-22.

> Against all hope, in hope Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ according to what God had \_\_\_\_\_ (v.18). He was not \_\_\_\_\_ in faith, and didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the promise of God through unbelief, but was \_\_\_\_\_ in faith (v.20). He was \_\_\_\_\_ that what God \_\_\_\_\_ He was also able to perform (v.21).

### Faith doesn't stand alone

- > Faith works through \_\_\_\_\_. Galatians 5:6
- > Faith must be accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 6:12
- > Faith is the substance of things \_\_\_\_\_ for. Hebrews 11:1

## Supplemental Notes

### Week 6 – Faith

#### Faith, Grace, and Righteousness

Romans 5:1-2 says that by faith we enter into grace. Romans 5:17 says that those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness will reign in life through Christ Jesus.

There is an immeasurable gap that exists between God and unregenerate man which can only be bridged by Jesus Christ. Man in his sinful nature, tends to bring God down (imagine that God is less holy than He is) and elevate himself (imagine that man is not really so bad), effectively narrowing the gap between God and man to the degree that enough good works would bridge the gap. In addition, when men have this view, they may claim that only Christ can bridge this gap, but because it is so small, the work of Christ is equally small. Therefore, one's commitment to Christ and love for Christ is also small. It is only when men understand the reality of the gap that exists, that the work of Christ takes on proper dimensions and man's love for and commitment to Christ is all encompassing. Faith is believing everything the bible says about the nature of God, the sinfulness of man, and the redemption we have in Christ Jesus.

## Faith examples and illustrations

- 1> **Muscles** – We all have muscles in our bodies. We were born with them. But how do we get more muscle? Do I pray that God will give me more muscles? No, I must use what I already have and exercise my muscles to get more muscular. I also have faith. Do I get more faith by praying and asking for it? No, I use the faith I already have and act upon it to get more faith.
  
- 2> **Wallet** – In this class, I often ask an unsuspecting member whom I am friends with, “John, do you have a wallet in your pocket?” If he says yes, I ask him to take it out and hand it to me. I then ask, “Do you have anything valuable in here? Cash, credit cards?” He usually answers yes to a bunch of nervous giggles. I remind the class that if I were to walk out on the street and ask a total stranger to hand me his wallet, he would not do it. That would be considered robbery! Why does my friend John give me the wallet? He does not know what I want it for, but he doesn’t ask questions either. He simply acts on my word because of our relationship. He trusts me. This is the basis of faith in God. We don’t always understand what He is doing, but we have a relationship. We trust Him and therefore we obey Him. Often Christians think that they need to develop their faith whereas really all they need is to just deepen their relationship with God through obedience to His word, and faith will follow.
  
- 3> **The motorcycle and the bridge** – There was a college student who came from a small town who graduated from university in a large city. He bought a motorcycle and went back to his small town. There was a river near his town with a shaky unstable bridge over it leading to the next town. He asked the people in his town, “How many of you think I can ride my motorcycle over the bridge and back?” No one thought he could and begged him not to try. Nevertheless, he rode across the shaky bridge and returned safely to the cheers and applause of the crowd. “Now how many of you believe I can ride my motorcycle across the bridge?”. Every hand went up. He continued, “I have room on the back of my motorcycle for one more passenger. Who will come with me?”. All the raised hands went down quite quickly. Faith is not just saying you believe but getting on the motorcycle and risking your life because you are certain of the results. The same is true about faith in Christ. Faith in the Lord Jesus is not merely a verbal statement. It is a life lived with bold assurance in Jesus – an assurance that is obvious to people around us by both our words and our actions.

## Foundations Class

### Week 7 - Grace

**"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works, so that no one can boast."** Ephesians 2:8,9 NIV

Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary defines grace as: The free **unmerited love and favor of God**, the spring and source of all the benefits men receive from Him, favorable influence of God; divine influence in renewing the heart and restraining from sin; the application of Christ's righteousness to the sinner; a state of reconciliation to God; mercy and pardon; eternal life; final salvation.

When man sinned God had to judge him because man had broken the righteous requirement of God's holy law. Because God is absolutely just, He could not simply overlook sin. It had to be judged and just punishment had to be inflicted on the guilty. The Bible tells us that "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Every man deserved death - eternal separation from God - because of his sin. However, God did not want man to suffer eternal damnation. Therefore, God did the only thing that could be done to save man: He put the death penalty for sin on the only One in the universe who **could** take man's place - God Himself, the Lord Jesus Christ. Because Jesus died to pay the price for man's sin, anyone who believes in Him receives God's free gift of salvation. The believer will be saved by the **unmerited love and favor of God through** faith and not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

There was nothing in man that made him worthy of being saved. There was nothing man could do to make himself right with God. God provided the gift of salvation because of His own character. It is God's nature to be gracious. The grace of God is freely given; it cannot be earned. There is absolutely nothing any man can do to make himself worthy of salvation. No amount of good works or effort on man's part can ever make him acceptable in God's sight. Only the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the cross could bring man back to God. A man who comes to God in the name of His Son Jesus Christ will be saved by the **unmerited love and favor of God** through faith in Jesus.

Because of this it is very important that we understand grace. If we don't, we will lead very weak Christian lives trying to make ourselves acceptable to God, rather than simply receiving the acceptance we have already obtained from God through Jesus. Having our salvation resting only upon God's **unmerited love and favor** gives us great assurance. As Paul said, "Our **gospel** came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and will **deep conviction...**" (1 Thessalonians 1:5). We have **deep conviction** through the gospel because our salvation is not based upon what we can do for God, but what God Himself did for us by His **unmerited love and favor** given in Christ Jesus. May we all enter fully into the glorious grace of God!

#### We are saved by Grace

> The Bible says that all have \_\_\_\_\_ and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

- > Not only was man separated from God, but no one \_\_\_\_\_ for God. Romans 3:11
- > God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still \_\_\_\_\_ Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for us. Romans 5:8
- > Jesus is full of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and from Him we have all received \_\_\_\_\_. John 1:14,16,17
- > By \_\_\_\_\_ we have been saved through faith, and that is not because of what we have done, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Ephesians 2:8,9
- > God has saved us and called us, not according to our works, but according to His own \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ which was given to us in Christ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Timothy 1:9
- > We believe that through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 15:11
- > We are justified \_\_\_\_\_ by His \_\_\_\_\_ through the redemption (re-purchase of captured goods or prisoners) that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:24

### **We are to grow in Grace**

- > We are to \_\_\_\_\_ in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18
- > Grace is able to \_\_\_\_\_ and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. Acts 20:32
- > It is good for our hearts to be \_\_\_\_\_ by grace. Hebrews 13:9
- > We are to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 2:1
- > We are to \_\_\_\_\_ in the grace of God. Acts 13:43
- > We are to be careful that no one \_\_\_\_\_ of the grace of God. Hebrews 12:15

### **We are to continually live by Grace**

- > Through Jesus Christ, by faith we enter into \_\_\_\_\_ in which we \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 5:2
- > If we receive the abundance of \_\_\_\_\_ and the gift of righteousness we will \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ Jesus. Romans 5:17

> "\_\_\_\_\_ fully upon the grace that is to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed....." 1 Peter 1:13

> We are to come boldly to Jesus at the \_\_\_\_\_ to obtain mercy and \_\_\_\_\_ to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

> Jesus said, "My grace is \_\_\_\_\_ sufficient for you..."2 Corinthians 12:9

> I do not \_\_\_\_\_ the grace of God, for if my righteousness comes through my keeping the law, then \_\_\_\_\_ Galatians 2:21

"Therefore since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be **thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.**" Hebrews 12:28

## Supplemental Notes

### Week 7 - Grace

#### Understanding and remembering about grace and faith

- 1> **The Well** – There was a man walking down a road at night. It was dark with no streetlights. The man did not see an abandoned open well in front of him. Falling headlong he found himself thirty feet down the shaft in cold water over his head. With no way to climb out and no one to help, we was waiting to die. This is the condition of all humans born into the world. Just as this man cannot save himself, neither can any man save himself from sin. He must be rescued by another.

Suppose a big strong man walks by the well. Let us call him "Grace". Grace is big and strong and has the ability and the desire to save the man, but something is missing. A connection between the man in the well and the savior. We need a rope. Grace throws down the rope, which we shall call "faith". (Though all Christians agree that we were as it were born in the well, Christians would differ over whether we were born with the rope tied around us or whether it was thrown down and we grabbed hold of it). The Bible says we are saved **by Grace through Faith**. To the person who says, "If what you Christians say is true, and God wants to save me, then let Him save me," we must remember that even though Grace is available, it works **through Faith**. To the person who says, "I have my own faith," (whatever that may be; Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism), we must remember that the man in the well could have all the rope in the world and it still would not save him. The issue is who is on the other end of the rope.

- 2> **Noah** – The first use of the word "Grace" in the bible is in the story of Noah. Noah found grace in God's sight. Think about this for a moment. If you have been a Christian for a while and have

read the story of Noah, try to remember why Noah found grace in God's sight? Many people remember part of this story and say, "It was because Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God". (Genesis 6:9). This is a great verse but completely the wrong answer. Think about this! Grace is God's unearned, unmerited love and favor. Do you mean that Noah earned and merited God's grace and became worthy of God's grace because of what he did? Then grace is no longer grace! (Romans 11:5). In Genesis 6:7, God says about sinful men on earth, "I am grieved that I have made them". Then in the next verse (Genesis 6:8), God says, "But Noah found favor (grace) in the eyes of the Lord." Why did Noah find grace? Because God gave him grace! God gave him unearned, undeserved favor. There was nothing Noah could do to be worthy of love and favor from God. The result of God's grace was that Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. (Genesis 6:9),

## Examples

- 1> **Indian and the Pearl** – An Indian chief had a beautiful pearl that everyone in the village admired. One day a close friend of his said to him, "I will give you any amount you name for the pearl. Sell it to me." The chief looked at his friend and told this story. "My son was a pearl diver. Everyday he went to the bay to dive for pearls. One evening he did not return. His friends brought his body back to me that night. He had drowned. In his lifeless hand was this pearl. So you see, to me this pearl represents his life. To sell the pearl would be like putting a price on the life of my son. No, I could never sell this pearl. But I could give it to you as a gift. This is the Grace of God.
  
- 2> **Where are you standing** – Romans 5:2 says that through Jesus we have gained access into this grace **in which we stand**. Are you standing in grace? On more than one occasion I have stepped into dog poo, while walking the streets in India. Once, my wife yelled out, Watch out, but it was too late. I had stepped into dog poo. In this life, sometimes you will step on and walk through dog poo. You may walk through sinful habits, guilt, depression, fear, shame, doubt, addictions, or some other stuff. But don't stand in it. God wants to transform you. You were made to stand in grace. Christians often walk through grace just like they did with dog poo. They go to church on Sundays, enjoy praise and worship, and edified by a sermon, and are encouraged by the word of God and fellowship with friends. Then they go out the next day and return to dog poo. We were made to stand in grace, not walk through it. Where are you standing?

## Can someone fall from grace?

The bible says yes. But probably not in the way you think. Perhaps you think that if someone sins too much, God gives up on them and they fall from grace. But the apostle Paul puts it this way. "You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ, you have fallen from grace." (Romans 5:4). So falling from grace isn't from sinning too much, but from turning away from Christ and towards the law or towards your own efforts in an attempt to justify yourself.

## Foundations Class

### Week 8 - Righteousness

**"God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."** 2 Corinthians 5:21

The Bible declares that man is born a sinner who is separated from God. He has turned away from God and chosen to disobey His holy law. Man feels guilty because he is guilty. He feels like a sinner because he **is** a sinner. Man knows in his heart that God created him, and he knows that he has turned from God and chosen to disobey Him. Every man knows he has violated the conscience God has given him as a witness of the Truth, written on the heart.

Because of this, when God looks at man, He sees him as a sinner worthy of death. Man's sinfulness would keep him eternally separated from God. Man cannot solve his own sin problem. He cannot simply "turn over a new leaf" because the other side is just as sinful. God is totally holy and completely righteous. He cannot tolerate man's open rebellion and sinfulness. Man, and his sin had to be judged and the penalty paid. The price was death, the punishment; eternal separation from God in the tormenting fires of hell.

God loved man, even when he had rebelled and fallen in sin. But He could not simply overlook man's sin and unrighteousness. In His grace, God placed the death penalty for sin upon the only One in the universe who **could** take man's place - God Himself, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus died on the cross in our place.

One of the most powerful and liberating truths of the gospel is that at the cross a **great exchange** took place! At the cross God placed all of our sin on Jesus Christ. Our sin was removed from us and completely accounted to Jesus as though it were His rather than ours. Bearing all of our sin, Jesus paid the price of punishment for sin, suffering a horrible death of crucifixion and separation from God. Jesus took our place when he died. God saw Him as sinful and guilty as He bore sins that were not His own.

Then, God placed all the righteousness that Jesus had in Himself on all men who would receive this exchange by trusting in Christ. When God looks at a man who is in Christ Jesus, He sees the righteousness that Jesus had - the absolute, perfect, and complete righteousness of God Himself. Thereby the man who believes is acceptable in God's sight. God does not see him as a sinner but as a 100% righteousness man who has fulfilled all of the holy law of God without falling short in any point.

The righteousness of Jesus is the cause of our justification before God. We can stand before God because the price for sin has been completely paid. We are seen as innocent and righteous before the throne of God. When He looks on us, God sees the righteousness of His own Son, Jesus Christ.

**Man needs to be made righteous**

> We are to " \_\_\_\_\_ His Kingdom and His \_\_\_\_\_..." Matthew 6:33

> The Bible says, "All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like \_\_\_\_\_." Isaiah 64:6

> Even though we have no righteousness of our own we can rejoice and be joyful in God, "For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation and \_\_\_\_\_ me in a \_\_\_\_\_." Isaiah 61:10

> God clothes us with robes of righteousness through the blood of Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament, people had to approach God with sacrifices of sinless animal blood. This was a foreshadow of the Lord Jesus Christ who's blood was to be the perfect and final sacrifice to God for man. "He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves, but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all \_\_\_\_\_, having obtained \_\_\_\_\_". Hebrews 9:12

> There was a man in Jerusalem named Barabbas who was a notorious prisoner and had been sentenced to death for committing murder and insurrection in the city. He is a foreshadow of sinful man who would be set free and seen as innocent before God because of Jesus taking man's place in punishment. Pilate \_\_\_\_\_ Barabbas and delivered Jesus to be \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 27:15-26 (especially verse 26).

> Christ entered into heaven to appear \_\_\_\_\_ for us. He has appeared to \_\_\_\_\_ by the sacrifice \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 9:24,26

## Righteousness by the law

> "Therefore no one will be \_\_\_\_\_ in His sight \_\_\_\_\_; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin." Romans 3:20

> "Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to \_\_\_\_\_, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes." Romans 10:3,4

> I do not set aside the \_\_\_\_\_; for if \_\_\_\_\_ could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!" Galatians 2:21

> "Clearly no one is \_\_\_\_\_ before God by the law, because. "The righteous will live by \_\_\_\_\_." Galatians 3:11

An example of man trying to make himself righteous is seen at the dawn of human history after the fall of man in the garden of Eden. Man knew he was naked and was ashamed. He sewed fig leaves together to cover himself. God covered him with animal skins. A sinless animal gave its life and blood to cover man's nakedness. This is a foreshadow of Jesus Christ who shed His sinless blood to cover us with robes of righteousness.

## Righteousness by faith in Jesus Christ

> "But now a \_\_\_\_\_ from God apart from the law has been made known .... This righteousness from God comes through \_\_\_\_\_ to all who believe." Romans 3:21,22

> Abraham was a man who pleased God. The Bible says he, "Believed God, and it was \_\_\_\_\_." Romans 4:3

> "However, to the man who does not work but \_\_\_\_\_, his faith is credited as \_\_\_\_\_." Romans 4:5

> "... But also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness --- for us \_\_\_\_\_ in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead." Romans 4:24

> Righteousness is according to \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 11:7

## Experiencing righteousness daily

> Our desire is to "be found in Him, not having \_\_\_\_\_ that comes from the law, but that which is through \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and is by faith." Philippians 3:9

> "If we \_\_\_\_\_, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and \_\_\_\_\_." 1 John 1:9. Those cleansed from unrighteousness are \_\_\_\_\_.

> "... those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the \_\_\_\_\_ reign in life through this one man, Jesus Christ." Romans 5:17

> Grace reigns through \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:21

> "But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the \_\_\_\_\_ for which we hope." Galatians 5:5

## Supplemental Notes to Lesson 8 – Righteousness

### Examples

- 1> *The Great Exchange According to Scripture*— See 2 Corinthians 5:21. A great exchange took place at the cross. Jesus, who was completely holy, just, and righteous, completely without sin, BECAME sin for us. God placed on Him all the sin of mankind, and He paid the penalty for that sin. At the same time, God took ALL of the righteousness and holiness of Jesus and placed it upon all those who would have faith in Jesus Christ.
- 2> *Justified*— Just as if I had never sinned!

3> *You cannot please the new wife by returning to the old* – Read Romans 7:1-4. All people were born under the law. The law is perfect and just. It is never wrong. It is always right and keeps showing you where you are wrong. The law never passes away. But the law cannot do anything to change you. All it can do is show you where you are wrong. It is like a “perfect” husband who is ALWAYS right and shows you where you are wrong, but never does anything to help you.

Jesus is like a perfect husband who not only is ALWAYS right but helps you. Jesus did not come to abolish the law but to fulfil it. Moreover, though the law could not change you, Jesus can.

Our problem is when we come to Christ and still face our imperfection. Many feel bad, and miserable and decide to do something to “make themselves better.” But that is like going back to the old husband. You can never please the new husband by returning to the old.

## Foundations Class

### Week 9 - The Great Commission

**"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19,20**

God has given to us a Great Commission to go into all the world and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Failing to do this while simply "playing church" instead is the great sin of Christians in our generation.

The message of the Gospel is always outward-reaching and ever-expanding. God's plan was that after Jesus was taken up into heaven following His resurrection from the dead, Jesus' many membered body, which is the church, would complete the work He began of reconciling sinners to God. This was to be accomplished as Christians co-labored with God under the power of the Holy Spirit.

The main point is this: after we are reconciled to God, we are not to simply sit around being "right with God." All the previous studies we have done bring us to the point of launching out into the great harvest of souls that MUST hear the gospel. The wonderful works of grace God has done in our life through Christ Jesus are not simply to bless us. Like Abraham, we are blessed **to be a blessing** (Genesis 12:2).

Let us briefly review and see where we have come to help us understand where we need to go. God has saved us by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. He has cut off our sin-loving nature and buried our old man in the waters of baptism that we might not be slaves to sin but walk in newness of life. He has filled us with His Holy Spirit that we might receive power to be free from the power of sin and be witnesses of Jesus. He has added us to His family, the church, so that we might be a unified people accomplishing God's purposes in the earth.

We have learned that our faith should grow daily as we look to God's promises in His word and act upon them. Through Jesus, by faith we enter into the grace in which we stand. Those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through Jesus Christ.

We are called to reign in life through Christ Jesus. "Reign" speaks of ruling in a Kingdom. God has a Kingdom. We are to seek first that Kingdom (Matthew 6:33) and pray that His Kingdom come (Matthew 6:10). It has been God's plan since the beginning of time that man would "be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over...." (Genesis 1:28). He has said, "Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth." (Numbers 14:21). Clearly, we do not see this fully accomplished yet in this world.

God has given to us a Great Commission to go into all the world and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Therefore, failing to obey this command is nothing but "playing church" and it is a great sin of Christians who claim to believe the gospel.

## The Great Commission is the Great Command

> Jesus commands us to, "\_\_\_\_\_ and make disciples of \_\_\_\_\_, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, \_\_\_\_\_ to obey everything that \_\_\_\_\_." Matthew 28:19,20

> Jesus explained the progress of the plan in saying, "you will be My witnesses in \_\_\_\_\_ (the city they lived in), and in all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (the surrounding areas), and to the \_\_\_\_\_." Acts 1:8

> In accordance with Christ's command, after the martyrdom of Stephen, "those who had been scattered \_\_\_\_\_." Acts 8:4

## The Church's Obedience to the Command

The Book of Acts describes **six phases** of growth in fulfilling the Great Commission. We will look at each phase and a summary statement.

### *The church at Jerusalem*

> "So the word of God \_\_\_\_\_. The number of \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem increased greatly..." Acts 6:7

### *From Jerusalem to Palestine*

> "Then the church throughout \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it \_\_\_\_\_, living in the fear of the Lord." Acts 9:31

### *From Palestine to Antioch, gateway to the Gentile world*

> "But the word of God continued to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_." Acts 12:24

### *From Antioch to Asia*

> "So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and \_\_\_\_\_." Acts 16:5

### *From Asia to Europe*

> "In this way the word of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_." Acts 19:20

### *From Europe in general to Rome in particular*

> "Therefore I want you to know that \_\_\_\_\_ has been \_\_\_\_\_ and they will listen!" Acts 28:28

### **The Promise of His Presence, Power and Authority**

> When Jesus sent His disciples out He told them, "All \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven and on \_\_\_\_\_ has been given to Me. Therefore go...." Matthew 28:18

> He promises that as we do this, " \_\_\_\_\_, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:20

> Jesus said, "But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_; and you will be My witnesses...." Acts 1:8

### **Being Equipped and Trained for the Work of Ministry**

> As opposed to sending His disciples to a school to read books about Him, Jesus "called to Him \_\_\_\_\_ and they \_\_\_\_\_. He appointed twelve --- designating them apostles --- that they might \_\_\_\_\_." Mark 3:13,14

> Jesus has given us His plan for training workers today. "It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to \_\_\_\_\_, so that the body of Christ may be built up." Ephesians 4:11,12

> He has indicated the church is to be a self-reproducing training center where these ministries operate: "And \_\_\_\_\_ God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers..." 1 Corinthians 12:28

### **The Principle of Being Sent and Received by the church**

> "In the \_\_\_\_\_ at Antioch there were prophets and teachers...While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' So after that they had \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, they \_\_\_\_\_." Acts 13:1-3

> Paul and Barnabas were going to go to Jerusalem to meet with the apostles and elders there about a matter affecting the churches. " \_\_\_\_\_ and as they travelled through Phoenicia and Samaria....and when they came to Jerusalem, they were \_\_\_\_\_; to whom they reported everything God had done through them." Acts 15:1-4

## The Goal: Making Disciples and Planting Churches

> "They (Paul and Barnabas) preached the good news in that city (Derbe) and won a large number \_\_\_\_\_ . Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch...Paul and Barnabas appointed \_\_\_\_\_ in every \_\_\_\_\_, and with prayer with fasting, committed them to the Lord...." Acts 14:21-23

> At Ephesus Paul "spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God... He took the \_\_\_\_\_, and had discussions daily....This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard \_\_\_\_\_." Acts 19:8-10

## Starting Here and Now

> We can begin to fulfill the Great Commission immediately after we are saved. Jesus said to His disciples, "you will be My witnesses to Me in \_\_\_\_\_ (their own city) and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

## Supplemental Notes to Lesson 9 - The Great Commission

**JUST DO IT!!! – IT IS CALLED OBEDIENCE TO THE LORD'S COMMAND**