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For the Glory of God

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"For no man can lay a
foundation other than the one which is laid,
which is Jesus Christ." -1 Cor. 3:11

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1 || WHO IS GOD?

The **A B C**'s of God's Character

A is for H·I·S Attributes.

① "H". God is **H** *oly* _____ .

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty" (Rev. 4:8)

② "I"s.

A. God is **I** *nfinite* _____ .

• ... in **Time** ⇨ God is *Eternal* _____ .

"from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God" (Psa. 90:2)

• ... in **Space** ⇨ God is **O***mnipresent* _____ .

"the highest heaven cannot contain Thee" (1 Kings 8:27)

• ... in **Power** ⇨ God is **O***mnipotent* _____ .

"I am the Lord is anything too difficult for Me?" (Jer. 32:27)

• ... in **Knowledge** ⇨ God is **O***mniscient* _____ .

"His understanding is infinite" (Psa. 147:5)

B. God is **I** *mmutable* _____ .

"I, the Lord, do not change" (Malachi 3:6)

③ "S"s.

"I AM"

A. God is S_{elf-Sufficient} .

(Ex. 3:14)

"neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things" (Acts 17:25).

B. God is S_{overeign} .

- *"our God ... does whatever He pleases" (Psalm 115:3)*
- *"His sovereignty rules over all" (Psalm 103:19)*
- *"no purpose of Thine can be thwarted" (Job 42:2)*

C. God's S_{implicity} .

Meaning: *God has no parts. He is one essence. Trinity not different parts.*

B is for God's Being.

The Trinity is not three gods, nor one God in three parts, modes or progressive stages, but one Being who eternally subsists in three distinct Persons -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

1 God ➔ **3** Persons = God .

C God's Covenant Character.

- One MAJOR attribute left to discuss:

Hebrew, *khesed*: Covenant lovingkindness

- Is it Omnidirectional or One directional?

Read: Psalm 103:11, 17; Eph. 5:25.

2

WHO AM I?

Understanding the Nature of Man

A Two Conflicting World Views.

1 Evolution.

- Basis → Rejection of God.
- Nothing created something.
- Man evolved from pond scum.
- Man does whatever he wants.



The Impossibility of Evolution

- **The Law of Probability.** The probability of life occurring by chance is 10^{123} = 1 followed by 123 zeros.
- **The First Law of Thermodynamics.** Matter can neither be created nor destroyed by natural processes. So where did the universe come from?
- **The Second Law of Thermodynamics.** Matter and energy cannot increase in complexity, as evolution supposes, but tend toward disorder. - *The Law of Entropy.*

2 Creation.

- Basis → Belief in God.
- God created all things in 6 days.
- Man is created in God's image.
- Man is accountable to God.



B Created in God's Image. The 3 "R"s of God's Image in Man

Rule - **Dominion Mandate.**

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'" - Genesis 1:26

Reason - **Ability to Make Moral Decisions.**

"Come now, and let us reason together,' Says the Lord, 'Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.'" - Isaiah 1:18

Relationship - **Communion with God.**

"What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." - 1 John 1:3

C The Meaning of Life.

I was created to glorify God and enjoy
Him forever - Psalm 16:11, 86:12; 1 Cor. 10:31

D "Totalled" by the Fall.

Total Depravity - The effect of sin upon every part of man's being - e.g. thoughts, words, deeds, attitudes, motives, will, emotions, etc. (Genesis 6:5; Romans 7:18).

Total Inability - The disabling effect of sin, leaving man unable / unwilling to seek for God (Rom. 3:11), or do anything that pleases God (Rom. 8:8).

3 || THE BIBLE



A Five Things You Should Know.

① One Word of God.

1. The Bible is the only book ever written that is inspired by God. - 2 Timothy 3:16; Revelation 22:18.

② Two Testaments Complete the Canon.

1. Old Testament = 39 books
 2. New Testament = 27 books
- } 66 books = Canon

③ Three I's about Transmission.

1. Inspiration - God infallibly guided the writing of every word upon the original manuscripts of Scripture, using the author's own God-given personality and style. - 2 Timothy 3:16
2. Inerrancy - The original manuscripts were without error. The accuracy of today's translations can be checked against very early manuscripts. - Psalm 119:160; John 17:17
3. Illumination - Today, the Holy Spirit is not inspiring new revelation, but illuminating the minds of believers to understand the Scriptures already inspired. - Jn. 14:26, 16:13

④ Four Key Principles of Interpretation.

1. There is only one correct interpretation.
Look for the plain interpretation.
2. The Bible is its best own interpreter.
Use simple passages to interpret difficult ones.
3. Interpret within context.
Surrounding verses, cultural, and historical setting, etc.
4. Interpret inductively.
Let the Bible speak for itself. Don't read in your own ideas.

⑤ Five Reasons to Believe the Bible.

1. **P** *reservation* .

Despite great efforts to destroy the Bible, God has preserved His Word through all ages. The Bible has been read by more people and published in more languages than any other book and it continues to increase in circulation in almost all parts of the world. Jesus said, "*Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away.*" (Matthew 24:35).

2. **R** *eliability & Internal Consistency* .

The Bible, written over a 1,500 year span, by over 40 different authors, in three different languages (Hebrew, Greek, & Aramaic), has no internal contradictions or inconsistencies, nor has it ever needed to be edited, yet there is one unified theme - salvation through Jesus Christ. Compare that to *The Book of Mormon* which was written by one man yet has been edited 30+ times to remove numerous errors and internal contradictions.

3. **O** *verwhelming Manuscript Support* .

There are more ancient manuscripts of the Bible than any 10 pieces of ancient classical literature combined. There are more than 5,300 known Greek manuscripts of the New Testament, 10,000 Latin Vulgate, and at least 9,300 other early versions. The Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered in 1947, gave us a Hebrew text from the second century B.C. of all but one of the books of the Old Testament. In comparison, the *Iliad* by Homer is second with only 643 manuscripts that still survive and the oldest complete text only dates back to the 13th century.

4. **O** *utside Evidence & Historical Records* .

Besides the hundreds of first-century Christian eyewitnesses (Lk 1:1-2; Acts 10:39; 1 Cor. 15:6-8; 2 Pet. 1:16; 1 Jn. 1:1-3), the facts of the Bible are supported by Roman records and Jewish histories. Ancient writers declared, "So firm is the ground upon which these Gospels rest, that the very heretics themselves bear witness to them" (Irenaeus, A.D. 180). Both history and science support the statements of the Bible. Nelson Glueck, the renowned Jewish archeologist, wrote, "It may be stated categorically that no archeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical reference."

5. **F** *ulfilled Prophecy* .

Hundreds of fulfilled prophecies give God's people great confidence in the Bible. The Bible has foretold the rise and fall of many kings and their kingdoms (e.g. Daniel 2). King Cyrus was prophesied by name 150 years before his birth (Isa 44:28-45:1). The exact time of Christ's birth was foretold 500 years before it occurred (Daniel 9:24-27). The Lord has said, "*I am watching over My word to perform it.*" (Jeremiah 1:12).

4

THE GOD-MAN CALLED JESUS

His Person & Work

A Seven Proofs Jesus is God.

1 Proven By His Works .

Col. 1:16	He created all things	"by Him all things were created"
Col. 1:17	He sustains all things	"in Him all things hold together"
Mk. 2:5-7	He forgives sin	"Who can forgive sin but God alone?"
Jn. 6:39-40	He resurrects the dead.	"I will raise him up on the last day."
Jn. 5:27	He will judge the world.	"authority to execute judgment"

2 Equality with the Father.

Jn. 10:30	I and the Father are one	Isaiah 9:6	called "Eternal Father"
Jn. 10:33	make Yourself out to be God	Jn. 14:9-10	seen Me, seen Father

3 Jesus is Called God in the Bible .

Isaiah 9:6	Mighty God	2 Cor. 4:4	the image of God
Mat. 2:7,10	only God forgives sin	Phil. 2:6	existed in the form of God
Jn. 1:1,2	the Word was God	Col 1:15-17	image of the invisible God
Jn. 1:18	the only begotten God (NASB)	Titus 2:13	Our God and Savior
Jn. 5:18	equal with God	Titus 3:4	God our Savior
Jn. 8:24	I AM (cf. Jn. 8:58, 18:5)	2 Pet. 1:1	our God and Savior
Jn. 10:30	I and the Father are one	Heb. 1:3	exact representation
Jn. 20:28	my Lord and my God	Heb. 1:8	of His Son He says O God

4 Proven By His Attributes .

Mt. 28:18	Omnipotence	"all authority ... in heaven and earth"
Jn. 18:4	Omniscience	"Jesus therefore, knowing all things..."
Mt. 28:20	Omnipresence	"I am with you always"
Micah 5:2	Eternal	"from the days of eternity"
Heb. 13:8	Immutability	"same yesterday, today, and forever"
Mk. 10:18	Goodness	"no one is good except God"
Deut. 32:4	Perfection	"His work is perfect"

5 Proven By His Names

Rev. 22:13	Alpha and Omega	Jn. 8:58	I AM
Heb. 12:2	Author & Perfecter of Faith	Mt. 1:23	Immanuel (cf. Isa. 7:14)
Heb 2:10	Author of Salvation	Heb. 7:16	Indestructible Life
Jn. 6:35	Bread of Life	1 Cor. 15:45	Life-Giving Spirit
Mt. 16:16	Christ, the	Jn. 8:12	Light of the world
Col. 2:9	Deity	Acts 10:36	Lord of all
Rev. 22:13	First and the Last	1 Tim. 6:15	Only Sovereign
1 Pet. 2:25	Guardian of Souls	Jn. 11:25	Resurrection and the Life

6 Jesus Accepts Worship

Mt. 2:2	wise men	Jn 20:28	Thomas
Mt 14:33	disciples in the boat	Phil. 2:10	every knee shall bow
Mt. 26:6-13	woman with perfume	Heb. 1:6	all the angels worship Him
Jn. 9:38	Man born blind	Rev. 4-5	all creation worships Him

Men not worthy of worship - Acts 10:25-26, 14:12-15; nor Angels - Rev 19:10, 22:8-9

7 Jesus' Own Claims.

Jesus claimed to be God (Jn 5:18, 8:24) and Messiah (Mt 26:63-64;). He encouraged people to put ALL their hope for eternal life in Him (Jn 3:16). Jesus was either a LIAR, a LUNATIC, or who He said he was LORD and GOD. "You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come up with any patronizing nonsense about His being [only] a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to" (C.S.Lewis).

Memory Jogger: **W•E C•A•N** Worship Jesus
 Worship / Equality / Called God / Attributes / Names / **Worship** / **Jesus'** Claims

B Jesus is also 100% Human.

Jesus Experienced:

- thirst John 19:28
- hunger Matt. 4:2, 21:18
- weariness John 4:6
- sorrow John 11:35; Luke 19:41
- temptation Matt. 4:1-11; Heb. 4:16-17

Jesus Understands Your Trials

"For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted." - Heb. 2:18

C Christ's Cross-Work.

IMPUTATION

Our

Sins



Christ's Righteousness



5 || What Must I Do to Be Saved?

Understanding the Gospel

A The Bad News: Sin's Awful Effects.

D - Death ≈ Physical, Spiritual, Eternal.

- Romans 6:23 - "For the wages of sin is *death*"
- Ephesians 2:1 - "you were *dead* in your trespasses and sins,
- Revelation 21:8 - "the unbelieving ... their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the *second death*."

E - Enslavement ≈ No Moral Free Will.

- John 8:34 - "everyone who commits sin is the *slave of sin*."
- 2 Pet. 2:19 - "by what a man is overcome, by this he is *enslaved*."

A - Alienation from God ≈ No Access.

- Isaiah 59:2 - "your iniquities have made a *separation* between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear."

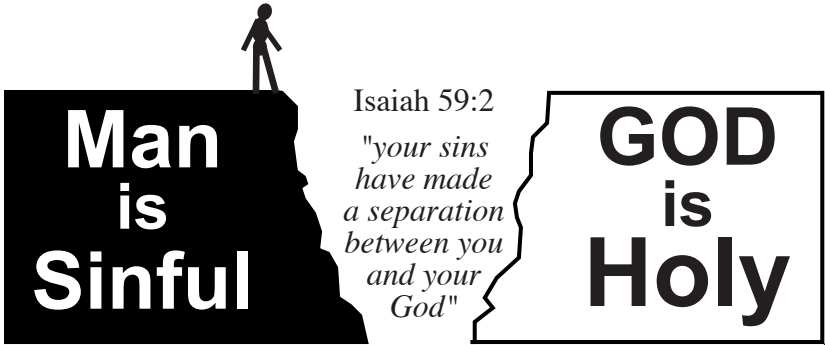
T - Total Depravity ≈ Bankrupt of Holiness.

- Genesis 6:5 - "Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that *every* intent of the thoughts of his heart was *only evil continually*."

H - Hard-Heart ≈ Seared Conscience.

- Ephesians 4:17-18 - "walk no longer just as [unbelievers] also walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 being *darkened* in their understanding, ...because of the *hardness* of their heart"

B The Good News:
Jesus is the Bridge to Life.



Man is Sinful

Isaiah 59:2
"your sins have made a separation between you and your God"

GOD is Holy

"Good" Works & Man-Made Religion



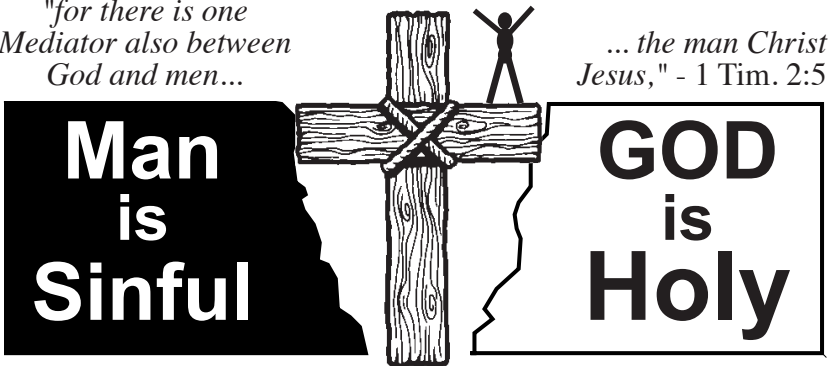
Man is Sinful

Hell

GOD is Holy

"all have sinned & fall short of God's glory" - Rom. 3:23

"for there is one Mediator also between God and men..."



Man is Sinful

GOD is Holy

... the man Christ Jesus," - 1 Tim. 2:5

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C Many Wide Roads to Destruction
& One Narrow Road to Life.

**Man-Made Religion
Works ⇔ Salvation**

**DEAD
END**

**Hinduism
Buddhism
Judaism
Catholicism
Islam
Mormonism
Jehovah's
Witnesses**

John 14:6 - "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.'"

Acts 4:12 - "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

Matt. 7:13-14 - "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it."



JESUS

Faith in Christ ⇔ Salvation

D Faith & Works.

Romans 3:20 - "by the *works* of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight"

Romans 3:28 - "man is justified by FAITH *apart from works* of the Law."

Galatians 2:16 - "nevertheless knowing that a man is *not justified by the works* of the Law but through FAITH in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by FAITH in Christ, and *not by the works* of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified."

Galatians 3:11 - "Now that *no one is justified by the Law* before God is evident; for, "The righteous man shall live by FAITH."

"Good"
Works



Salvation



Good
Works

NO

YES

Ephesians 2:8-9

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; *not as a result of works*, that no one should boast."

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus *for good works*, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Three Reasons Works Cannot Save Us

- ① The Unbeliever is Spiritually Dead (Eph. 2:1).
What can dead men do to save themselves?
- ② Our Best Works are Like Filthy Rags (Isa. 64:6).
How can filthy rags commend us to God?
- ③ All the Work is Already Finished (Jn. 19:30).
What was deficient in Christ's sacrificial work?

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GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

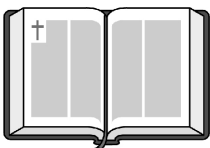
His Predetermined Purpose and Plan

A Election & Predestination.

Ephesians 1:3-6 - "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who ... chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace"

Three Reasons Election is More than Fair

- 1 The "FAIRNESS" of wages - Romans 6:23a
Wages are what we earn or deserve.
Perfect fairness is all go to Hell.
- 2 The "FAIRNESS" of gift giving - Romans 6:23b
If God gives eternal life to one, it is a gift of His grace, undeserved favor.
- 3 The "FAIRNESS" of God - Romans 9:14
If God gives grace to some, others still receive perfect justice.



Scriptures on Election

Deut. 7:6-8; Jer. 1:5; Matt. 20:1-16; John 5:21, 6:37-40, 15:16, 17:4-9; Acts 13:48; Rom. 9:6-23; Gal. 1:15-16; Eph. 1:4-5; 2 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 1:9.

B Once Saved, Always Saved?

Yes No



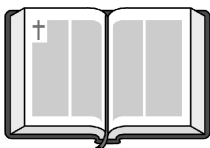
"I can do whatever I want, because no matter what I do I'm still going to heaven!"

Saved Lost



"I want to obey God's Word because He has saved me forever!"

Saved Lost



Scriptures on Eternal Security

John 6:39, 10:28-29; Romans 8:30, 8:38-39, 11:29; 1 Cor. 1:7-8; Eph. 1:13-14, 2:4-6; Phil. 1:6; 2 Tim. 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; 1 Peter 1:5; Jude 1:24

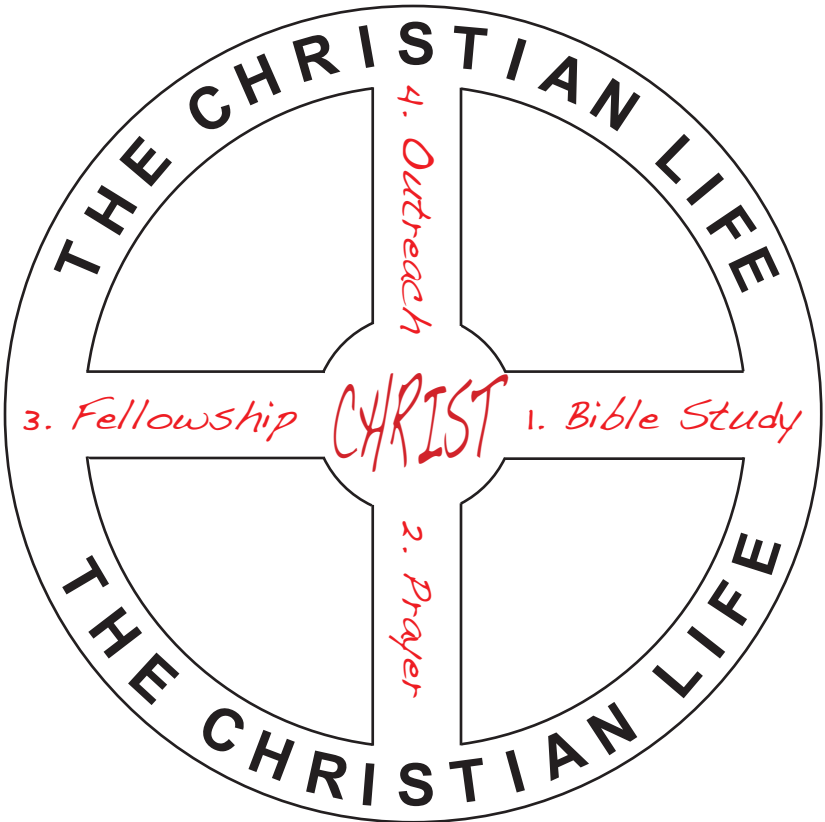
7 || THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

The Signs of True Christianity

A Basics of Christian Living.

"We are no longer to be children ... [but] we are to grow up in all aspects into Christ"

- Ephesians 4:14



* Adapted from material from the Navigators.

① Bible Study.

2 Timothy 2:15 - "Study to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth"

James 1:22 - "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves." Read Matthew 7:24-27

② Prayer.

"Nothing distinguishes the children of God so clearly and strongly as prayer. It is the one infallible mark and test of being a Christian. Christian people are prayerful, the worldly-minded, prayerless. Christians call on God; worldlings ignore God. ... It is man's business to pray; and it takes manly men to do it. It is godly business to pray and it takes godly men to do it - godly men who give over themselves entirely to prayer. ... Today, as much as at any time, we need men of great faith and men who are great in prayer." - E. M. Bounds

A Adoration - Psalm 33:1; Hebrews 13:15

C Confession - 2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 51:17

T Thanksgiving - Psalm 100:4, 117:17; Colossians 4:2

S Supplication - Philippians 4:6; 1 John 5:14-15

③ Fellowship.

Hebrews 10:25 - "do not forsake assembling together, as is the habit of some"

Psalm 82:1 - "God takes His stand in His own congregation"

④ Outreach.

Matt. 28:19 - "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations"

1 Peter 3:15 - "but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence"

B 12 Ways you can KNOW You are Truly Saved.

"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may KNOW that you have eternal life"- 1 John 5:13

- 1 A Visibly Changed Life / Countenance - "If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." - 2 Corinthians 5:17;

An Overflowing River of Living Water - "He who believes in Me, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.' This He spoke of the Spirit" - John 7:38-39.

Creamy Fruit Filling - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." - Gal. 5:22-23

- 2 Continual Spiritual Growth - "He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" - Phil. 1:6

- 3 Active Prayer Life - "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." - Philippians 4:6

- 4 Love for God's Word - "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine" - John 8:31; cf. Joshua 1:8

- 5 Love for Consistent Fellowship with God's People - "We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren." - 1 John 3:14, cf. 1 John 4:8; "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." - John 13:35

- ⑥ Never Walking Away from Christ / Church - "They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained" - 1 John 2:19; cf. Heb. 10:25
- ⑦ Self-Denial - "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" - Mt. 16:24
- ⑧ Not Practicing Sin. - "No one who is born of God practices sin" - 1 John 3:9
- But Practicing Righteousness. - "everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him" - 1 John 2:29; "Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" - Galatians 5:24
- Obedience. - "And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments" - 1 John 2:3
- ⑨ Good Works. - "faith without works is dead" - James 2:26; "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works" - Ephesians 2:10
- ⑩ Not Overwhelmed but Overcoming Life. - "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world" - 1 Jn. 5:4
- ⑪ Desire for Others to be Saved. - "Have you no desire for others to be saved? Then to be sure you are not saved yourself." - Spurgeon; cf. Acts 4:31
- ⑫ Internal Witness. - "By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit." - 1 Jn 4:13; "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God" - Romans 8:16

Read also 2 Peter 1:5-7, 10



We Are People of Principle:
The Ten Commandments.



Exodus 20:3-12

- I. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.
- II. Thou shalt not worship idols.
- III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
- IV. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.
- V. Honor thy father and thy mother.



Exodus 20:13-17

- VI. Thou shalt not murder.
- VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- VIII. Thou shalt not steal.
- IX. Thou shalt not lie.
- X. Thou shalt not covet.

D Our Accountability to God: Five Areas of Responsibility

① Words. ... **Everything I Say.**

Matthew 12:36 - "And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment."

Ephesians 4:29 - "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear."

② Actions. ... **Everything I Do.**

2 Corinthians 5:10 - "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

Colossians 3:23-24 - "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve."

③ Thoughts. ... **Everything I Think.**

Psalms 139:1-2 - "O Lord, Thou hast searched me and known me. Thou dost know when I sit down and when I rise up; Thou dost understand my thought from afar."

Philippians 4:8 - "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things."

④ Attitudes. ... The Way I Think.

Jeremiah 12:3 - "But Thou knowest me, O Lord; Thou seest me; and Thou dost examine my heart's attitude toward Thee."

Philippians 2:3-5 - "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus"

⑤ Motives. ... Why I Do Things.

Proverbs 16:2 - "All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, but the Lord weighs the motives."

1 Corinthians 10:31 - "whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

Memory Jogger

Words / Actions / Thoughts / Attitudes / Motives
We're Accountable To A Mighty God.

*"I, the Lord, search the heart,
I test the mind, even to give to each man
according to his ways, according to the
results of his deeds."*

- Jeremiah 17:10

8 || THE CHURCH

The Household of God

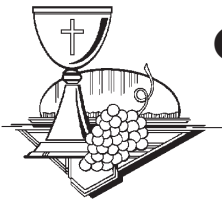
A

Responsibility OF the Church

1 Support of the Truth .



- 1 Timothy 3:15 - "I write so that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, *the pillar and support of the truth.*"



2 Sacraments .

- Matthew 28:19 - Baptism
- 1 Cor. 11:23-26 - Communion



3 Supply God's people .

- Ephesians 4:12 - "...for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ"



4 Send out workers .

- Matt. 9:37-38 - "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

B

Responsibility TO the Church



① Sacrifice of Time .

- Hebrews 10:25 - "do not forsake assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another"

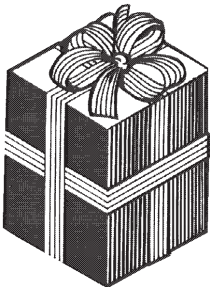
② Sacrifice of Treasures .

- Malachi 3:8-10 - "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed Thee?' In tithes and offerings. ... 'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,' says the Lord of hosts, 'if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.'"



③ Sacrifice of Talents .

- 1 Peter 4:10 - "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."
- Romans 12:4-6 - "For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly"



"The sum of Thy Word is truth" - Psalm 119:160

- What are five reasons why Christians believe the Bible is the Word of God?
- How do we know the 66 books of the Bible are the right books?
- Can we trust the versions of the Bible that we have today?
- What four principles of Biblical interpretation does every Christian need to know?
- Is there any evidence for the existence of God?
- If predestination is true, then what's the point of sharing my faith?
- If Christian's are eternally secure, then does it matter what they do?
- How can Jesus be both God and man at the same time?

PURPOSE

Answers to these and many more of life's most important questions are explored in seven biblically-based lessons, written to help Christians know what they believe and why they believe it, and to equip them to share their faith accurately with others.