

Good News Church



“...endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ”

II Timothy 2:3-4 “Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.”

I Corinthians 1:10 “...I beseech you, brethren, by the name of Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement.”

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A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

What an exciting day we live in!

I am very thankful that you have answered God's call to attend the Foundation Class. You are preparing for leadership in the Kingdom of God. We know from studying God's word that leadership requires sacrifice and commitment. Sacrifice and commitment then become the two principal qualities of discipline. As you mature in the Lord, you will see that discipline will be your key to success and service in the Lord.

There is no room in the Kingdom of God for slothfulness, rebellion, unfaithfulness, strife or contention. Remember, Satan cannot destroy the church: "The gates of Hell shall not prevail (overthrow) against the church." (Matthew 16:18) However, Satan can cause havoc in the church by using men and women against one another. For this reason, we have endeavored to place the body in unity and all speak the same thing, and developed this course to give a uniform, fundamental foundation to all of the church.

As you begin this exciting time of learning, I ask you to do as Jesus said, and COUNT THE COST. Jesus said, "Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?" (Luke 14:27-28)

I just want you to know that you are sufficient to finish this course because, "greater is He that is within you than he that is in the world." (1 John 4:4) I know that it will be a profitable experience if you are faithful to both the class and studying the lessons. Your Christian experience will be greatly influenced by what you will learn in the next 13 weeks. You will accumulate a vast treasure of information and scriptures. As you continue in the spirit filled life, this information will become a tremendous resource for your spiritual foundation and will help guide you in your spiritual walk.

I welcome you as a believer to Good News Church and may God bless all that you strive to do for His name.

In Christ,

Pastor Ruben Trevino

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LESSON 1

THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

INTRODUCTION: As believers we must establish ourselves with a strong foundation. Satan cannot shake a firm foundation that is built on the Word of God.

Psalm 11:3 "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

I. WHO DO YOU SAY JESUS IS?

- A. Matthew 16:13-19
v15 "He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am?"
- B. Romans 10:9
"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."
- C. Romans 1:3-4
"Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh. And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead."
- D. Proofs of the Lordship of Jesus
 - 1. Jesus was confirmed by God as His Son.
 - a. Matthew 3:17
"And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."
 - b. Matthew 17:5
"...and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in who I am well pleased; hear ye him."
 - 2. The Authority of Jesus proves His Lordship.
 - a. Luke 4:32
"And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power."

- b. Mark 2:5-10
v10 "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sin, (he saith to the sick of the palsy), I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house."
- c. Acts 10:38
"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil..."

3. The Sinlessness of Jesus.

- a. Hebrews 4:15
"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."
- b. 2 Corinthians 5:21
"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."
- c. The Bible teaches that Jesus was born of a virgin so the sin nature of man was not inherent in him.

4. The Claims of Jesus Himself.

- a. John 16:28
"I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father."
- b. John 5:22-23
"For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father..."

5. The Testimony of Demons.

- a. Mark 3:11
"And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, saying, Thou art the Son of God."

b. Luke 4:41

“And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God.”

6. The Testimony of His Disciples.

a. Matthew 16:13-20

“When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.”

E. Only by the Revelation of the Holy Spirit can you call Jesus Lord.

1. 1 Corinthians 12:3

“...and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.”

II. WHAT JESUS HAS DONE

A. Jesus exchanged himself for us.

1. 2 Corinthians 5:21

“For he hath made him to be sin for us...”

B. 2 Chronicles 15:3-4, 12-15

Judah made a covenant with God to seek him with all their hearts.

C. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

1. "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price..."

D. The reason Jesus came to earth and died and rose again was because he wanted to be the Lord of your life.

1. Romans 14:9
"For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living."

LESSON 2

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

INTRODUCTION: God delights in speaking to His people. The Bible is God's word to us corporately, as well as individually. There are 66 books in the Bible. These books are divided into 2 sections; the Old Testament, consisting of the books of LAW, POETRY, and PROPHETS; and the New Testament, consisting of the GOSPELS, ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, EPISTLES and the REVELATION. The Old Testament is the story of a nation, Israel. The New Testament is the story of a man, Jesus.

I. WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

A. It is the basic tenant of our faith.

1. Romans 10:17

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

B. The Bible is the total source of our doctrine.

1. 2 Timothy 3:16

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine...”

C. The Bible is the inspired word of God.

1. 2 Timothy 3:16

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God...”

D. Who wrote the Bible?

1. 2 Peter 1:20-21

“Knowing the first that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in the old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

II. WHY DID GOD GIVE US THE BIBLE?

A. God gave us the Bible to reveal Jesus and to show the way to salvation.

1. Romans 1:16
“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”
2. 1 Thessalonians 5:9
“For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.”

III. HOW SHOULD WE MAKE USE OF THE BIBLE?

A. The Bible should be read and meditated on daily.

1. Joshua 1:8
“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth: but thou shalt meditate therein day and night...”
2. 2 Timothy 2:15
“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
3. John 5:39
“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”

B. The Bible will transform your character by the renewing of your mind.

1. Romans 12:2
“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.”
2. Titus 3:5
“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.”

EVERY BELIEVER SHOULD ESTABLISH A SYSTEMATIC PLAN OF BIBLE STUDY AND MEDITATION. GOD’S WORD COMES ALIVE WHEN IT GETS INTO THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER AND IS SPOKEN IN FAITH. GOD’S WORD WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

LESSON 3

THE GODHEAD

DEFINITION: There is one God existing eternally that manifests Himself in three separate and distinct ways: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

I. WHOM OR WHAT IS GOD?

A. God is a spirit being.

1. John 4:24
“God is a spirit...”
2. God is Omnipotent. He has unlimited authority and influence.
See: Genesis 17:1, Matthew 19:29, Revelation 19:6
3. God is Omnipresent. He is unlimited by space; he is present at all times in all places.
See: Psalm 139:7-10, Proverbs 15:3, Matthew 18:19-20
4. God is Omniscient. He knows all things, past, present, and future.
See: Psalm 147:4-5, Luke 16:15, Acts 15:18

B. What is the origin of the word “God”?

1. It comes from a Hebrew word, “ELOHIM.” There is no English word to compare to it, it is a singular word with a plural meaning.

II. WHAT IS THE TRINITY?

A. The Trinity is the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as three persons in one Godhead.

1. Matthew 3:16-17
“And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’”

2. John 14:16
“And I (Jesus) will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter (Holy Spirit)...”
3. 1 John 5:7
“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”

III. HOW CAN THREE BE ONE?

- A. Because they are of the same substance, and have by proof in God’s word performed in man’s behalf revelation of one another. Just as man is a tri-part being (spirit, soul, body), so God is a tri-part being with each identity working in perfect union with the other.
 1. John 17:11
“...that they may be as one, as we are one.”
- B. These three work perfectly together.
 1. John 5:19. The Son with the Father.
 2. John 15:26. The Holy Spirit with the Son.

LESSON 4

REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS AND FAITH TOWARD GOD

Hebrews 6:1-2 “Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God...”

I. WHAT IS THE DOCTRINE OF REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS?

A. The turning from religious and/or man made laws, practices, and traditions that are given by men to draw mankind to God.

1. Colossians 2:8

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

B. What is repentance?

1. It is a change of mind or a turning from an entire lifestyle or way of life unto God and his way of life as taught in the Bible.

C. How can I recognize dead works?

1. 1 Timothy 3:5

“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”

II. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT DEAD WORKS?

A. Titus 3:4-5

“But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...”

B. 1 Peter 1:18-19

“For as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ...”

C. See also: Matthew 15:1-6 and Mark 7:5-9

III. WHAT IS THE DOCTRINE OF FAITH TOWARD GOD?

A. It is the doctrine set forth by the word of God that teaches us that faith is a gift from God that enables us to believe him for our salvation.

1. Ephesians 2:8-9

“For by grace ye are saved through faith: and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works lest any man should boast.”

2. Romans 5:1

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:”

3. Galatians 3:26

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.”

B. Why must I have faith?

1. Because God is a faith God; without faith we cannot please Him.

2. Hebrews 11:6

“Without faith it is impossible to please God; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

IV. WHAT IS FAITH?

A. We get the best explanation of faith from the Bible.

1. Hebrews 11:1 (Living Bible)

“What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead.”

2. Hebrews 11:1 (Weymouth Translation)

“Now faith is a well grounded assurance of that which we hope for, and a conviction of the reality of things which we do not see.”

B. How do I get faith?

1. Romans 10:17

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

V. THEN THERE ARE NO WORKS I CAN PERFORM TO OBTAIN SALVATION?

A. There is nothing we can do but have faith toward God according to what is spoken in his word. It is only by believing in our heart and confessing with our mouth that we make Jesus Lord.

1. Romans 10:9

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

THE ONLY WAY TO GOD IS THROUGH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST. ALL OF OUR OWN WAYS TO GET TO THE FATHER MUST BE LAID ASIDE AND WE MUST LET GRACE THROUGH FAITH DO IT'S WORK.

LESSON 5

RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND ETERNAL JUDGMENT

The doctrines reveal God's dealing with man at the end of the age and after death. It is important for the believer to have knowledge on these subjects so that the enemy cannot bring fear of things to come.

I. WHAT IS THE DOCTRINE OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD?

- A. It is the belief that God did not only raise Jesus from the dead, but will also raise the believer in the last day.
 - 1. John 11:25
"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."
 - 2. One translation of John 11:25 is "...though he dies physically, he will be resurrected bodily back to life."
 - 3. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
"...and the dead in Christ shall rise first..."

II. WHAT DETERMINES WHERE A PERSON GOES WHEN HE DIES?

- A. God determines a person's destiny after death according to his acceptance or rejection of Jesus Christ while he or she is in this life.
 - 1. 1 John 5:12
"He that hath the Son hath life, he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."
 - 2. There are two words in the Greek used for life.
 - a. "bios" means body life or carnal life
 - b. "zoe" means spirit life or quality of life as God knows it
 - 3. 1 Timothy 1:10
"...Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

III. WHERE DOES A SAVED PERSON GO AFTER DEATH?

2 Corinthians 5:8

“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.”

IV. WHAT HAPPENS TO A PERSON WHO DIES UNSAVED?

Revelation 20:15

“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

V. IS THERE A PLACE OF TRANSITION BETWEEN EARTH AND HEAVEN OR HELL?

A. No. You seal your fate here on this earth. People who die either go to heaven or hell. The practice of praying for people after they die is a tradition and is not based on God’s word.

B. See Luke 16:19-31. The story of the rich man and Lazarus.

VI. HOW IS THE DOCTRINE OF RESURRECTION ESTABLISHED IN GOD’S WORD SO THAT WE CAN BY FAITH BELIEVE IN IT?

A. Romans 8:11

“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus Christ from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”

B. Colossians 1:18

“And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.”

VII. WHAT IS THE DOCTRINE OF ETERNAL JUDGEMENT?

A. This doctrine is the belief that Jesus will sit as judge over the entire world at the end of the age. It is eternal judgment because the sentences pronounced upon men can never be changed.

1. Acts 17:31

“Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained...”

B. The three judgments in the Bible.

1. The Cross. 2 Corinthians 5:21

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

2. The Judgment Seat of Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:10

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”

3. The Great White Throne of Judgment. Revelation 20:11

“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away...”

VIII. WILL BELIEVERS BE JUDGED FOR SINS THEY HAVE COMMITTED?

A. No. The blood of Jesus has covered all the sin of the world, past, present, and future.

1. Jeremiah 31:34

“...and I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

2. See also Hebrews 9:12-14, 10:16-17

LESSON 6

DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS

I. WHAT IS THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS?

- A. The doctrine of baptisms needs to be rooted in the word of God and established in the heart of the believer. We as Christians need to lay aside tradition and beliefs that are not based on the word of God.
- B. What does the word “baptism” mean?
 - 1. It comes from the Greek word, “baptismos” which means “to cover one’s person, to be immersed or covered.”
- C. There are three baptisms spoken of in the Bible.
 - 1. Salvation: The believer is baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit.
 - 2. Water: The believer is baptized by the minister in water.
 - 3. Holy Spirit: The believer is baptized by Jesus in the Holy Spirit.

II. BAPTISM INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST

- A. 1 Corinthians 12:13
“For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body...”
- B. Romans 6:1-6 (notice especially verses 3 and 4)
“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”
- C. Baptism into Christ gives us the right to fellowship with God.
 - 1. Hebrews 10:19
“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus...”
- D. Baptism into Christ gives us fellowship with one another.

1. Ephesians 2:11-16

“Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands — that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.”

III. WATER BAPTISM

- A. Matthew 3:13-17. The baptism of Jesus.
- B. Water baptism is an outward picture of a spiritual event. It symbolizes the old way of life being “buried” and “rising” to a new way of life with Jesus as your Lord.
- C. Water baptism is a sign of the seal of the covenant and it is a type of the circumcision of the heart.
 - 1. Genesis 15:1-6
Abraham is declared righteous because he believed the promise of God.
 - 2. Genesis 17:10-11
God ordains the outward sign of the covenant between himself and Abraham.
 - 3. Colossians 2:12-13
“Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all your trespasses.”

IV. WHAT IS THE CORRECT FORMULA FOR WATER BAPTISM?

- A. Matthew 28:19
“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”
- B. Colossians 3:17
“And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

V. BAPTISM IN THE HOLY GHOST (SPIRIT)

- A. Are there any requirements for being baptized in the Holy Ghost?
 - 1. Yes. You must be born again.

Acts 2:39
“For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many the Lord our God shall call.”
- B. Why should I be filled with the Holy Ghost?
 - 1. Acts 1:4-5
“And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”
- C. Do I speak in other tongues when I am filled with the Holy Ghost?
 - 1. Acts 2:4
“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”
 - 2. Acts 10:44-46
“While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.”

THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS NEEDS TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS ONE DOCTRINE WITH THREE NECESSARY, RELATED PARTS. WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE THREE COMBINED EQUIP US TO LIVE AN OVERCOMING CHRISTIAN LIFE.

LESSON 7

DOCTRINE OF LAYING ON OF HANDS

I. WHAT IS THE DOCTRINE OF LAYING ON OF HANDS?

A. It is the doctrine based on God's word in which divine power flows from the Spirit of God within the believer through his or her hands to transmit healing, baptism in the Holy Spirit, blessings or separation into the ministry.

1. Acts 5:12

"And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people."

II. USE OF LAYING ON OF HANDS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. For a transferal of blessing.

1. Genesis 48:14

"And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head..."

B. For a transferal of leadership and wisdom.

1. Deuteronomy 34:9

"And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him."

C. For a transferal of the sins of the people individually.

1. Leviticus 1:4

"And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him."

D. For a transferal of the sins of the congregation.

1. Leviticus 4:15

"And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the Lord..."

E. For the sins of the nation.

1. Leviticus 16:21

“And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and shall confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel...”

III. USE OF LAYING ON OF HANDS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

A. For healing.

1. Mark 16:18

“...they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.”

2. Luke 4:40

“...all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.”

B. For the baptism in the Holy Ghost.

1. Acts 8:17

“Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.”

2. Acts 9:17-19

“...and putting his hands upon him said...receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.”

3. Acts 19:9

“And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with new tongues and prophesied.”

C. For separation into the ministry.

1. Acts 13:3

“And when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.”

2. 2 Timothy 1:6

“Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.”

D. For conferring of an office or assignment in the service of the church such as deacon, elder, or staff.

1. Acts 6:6

“Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed they laid their hands on them.”

E. To transfer blessings.

1. Mark 10:16

“And He took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.”

LESSON 8

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit were given to the Church as instruments of blessing. These gifts are tools against darkness, evil, and ignorance. The gifts work through people and we must always realize that the gifts are perfect, but people are not.

I. WHAT ARE THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

A. They are supernatural manifestations of the Spirit of God that reveal, do, or say something. These gifts go beyond human reasoning and the laws of nature and should always glorify Jesus and be in harmony with the Word of God.

1. 2 Corinthians 10:4

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.”

B. 1 Corinthians 12:1

“Now concerning spiritual gifts, bretheren, I would not have you ignorant.”

II. ARE THE GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH TODAY?

A. Acts 2:38, 39

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ.”

B. Mark 16:17

“And these signs shall follow them that believe: in my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues...”

III. DIVISION OF THE GIFTS. 1 CORINTHIANS 12:8-10

A. Gifts of Utterance. These gifts say something.

1. Tongues

2. Interpretation of Tongues

3. Prophecy

B. Gifts of Revelation. These gifts reveal something.

1. Word of Wisdom
2. Word of Knowledge
3. Discerning of Spirits

C. Gifts of Power. These gifts do something.

1. Gift of Faith
2. Working of Miracles
3. Gifts of Healing

IV. EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. Acts 10:47

“Can any more forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?”

1. Peter recognized the infilling of the Holy Ghost by the fact that these men spoke with other tongues.

V. DEFINITIONS AND EXAMPLES OF THE GIFTS IN THE BIBLE

A. Word of Wisdom. The supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit concerning the divine purpose in the mind and will of God. This gift deals with the future.

1. Old Testament Examples:

Genesis 6:13

“And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.”

Daniel 7

God gives Daniel a vision of future kingdoms that will rule on the earth.

2. New Testament Examples:

Acts 11:27-30

Agabus prophesies a great dearth coming upon the earth.

Acts 21:10-11

Agabus prophecies Paul's future.

- B. Word of Knowledge. The supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit of certain facts in the mind of God. This gift deals with the present or past.

1. Old Testament Examples:

2 Kings 6:8-12

Elisha knows the thoughts of the king of Syria.

2 Kings 5:25-26

Elisha knows the heart of his servant Gehazi.

2. New Testament Examples:

John 1:47-50

Jesus sees Nathanael sitting under a fig tree.

John 4:18

Jesus with the woman at the well.

Acts 9:10-12

Ananias knows supernaturally about Saul's conversion.

- C. Discerning of Spirits. The supernatural insight given by the Holy Spirit into the spirit realm.

1. Two areas of the gift:

- a. Seeing into the spirit realm with your natural eyes.

2 Kings 6:15-17

Elisha at Dothan.

Isaiah 6:1-4

Isaiah's vision of the Lord.

- b. Understanding the motivation behind a person or situation.

John 1:47

Jesus knows the motivation of Nathanael.

Acts 8:9-10, 18-23

Peter knows the motivation behind Simon.

D. Gift of Faith. A supernatural surge of faith that allows the believer to know without any doubt that what he says or does will come to pass.

1. Old Testament Examples:

1 Kings 17:1-7

Elijah causes no rain by his word.

Daniel 3:20-25

Three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace.

Daniel 6:16-23

Daniel in the lion's den.

2. New Testament Examples:

Matthew 21:19

Jesus curses the fig tree.

Acts 27:20-25

Paul's faith during shipwreck.

E. Working of Miracles. The supernatural ability given by the Holy Spirit by which the laws of nature are suspended, altered, or controlled.

1. Old Testament Examples:

1 Kings 18:21-38

Elijah calls down fire from heaven.

1 Kings 17:12-16

Widow's barrel of meal did not fail.

2. New Testament Examples:

John 6:5-14

Jesus multiplies the loaves and fishes.

Acts 8:39-40

Philip caught away by the Spirit of the Lord.

F. Gifts of Healing. The supernatural imparting of God's healing power to a believer.

1. Old Testament Example:

2 Kings 5:1-19
Healing of Naaman the leper.

2. New Testament Examples:

Mark 2:10-12
Jesus heals the man sick of the palsy.

Acts 3:1-3
Healing of the man at the gate called Beautiful.

G. Tongues. The ability to speak supernaturally in a language not learned by the speaker.

1. Use of Tongues in the Bible:

Jude 20
Prayer language of the believer.

Romans 8:26
A tool of intercession.

1 Corinthians 14:22
A sign to unbelievers.

1 Corinthians 12:10
A message given that should be interpreted.

(Instruction on the use of tongues may be found in 1 Corinthians 14)

H. Interpretation of Tongues. The supernatural ability to interpret an utterance of the gift of tongues.

1. This gift always works in conjunction with the gift of tongues and is an interpretation, not a translation.
1 Corinthians 14:27

I. Prophecy. The supernatural ability to speak by the Holy Spirit in a known tongue.

1. 1 Corinthians 14:5

“I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except that he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.”

2. 1 Corinthians 14:3

“But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.”

VI. DID THESE GIFTS OPERATE IN JESUS' MINISTRY?

A. Yes. John 3:34

“For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.”

B. There are two gifts that did *not* operate in the ministry of Jesus. They are tongues and the interpretation of tongues.

C. These gifts did not operate in the ministry of Jesus because in the Old Testament and during Jesus' ministry the Spirit of God resided in specific places and worked through only a few people. Now in the Church age the Spirit of God resides in man and God's people are scattered all over the world. Tongues and interpretation of tongues are a sign of the Church age and show that his spirit is flowing through his people.

1. John 14:7

“Even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”

2. Hebrews 10:16

“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.”

VII. IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO MAKE THESE GIFTS OPERATE IN MY LIFE?

A. God looks for faithful, holy, and willing people to pour His Spirit through, but these gifts are given at God's will.

1. 1 Corinthians 12:11

“But these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.”

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

All the gifts of the Spirit (charisma) are given to us by the grace (charis) of God. We need to be sensitive to the Spirit of God to properly operate in these gifts so that all the body will be edified when they are manifested in the local assembly. If you are called on by God to minister in the Spirit, be recognized by the one in authority at that time. The usurping (forcefully taking, wresting away) of authority is not permitted in the church of the Lord Jesus. We in no way suppress the Spirit of the Lord in services but we do seek to do all things unto edification and to do all things decently and in order.

LESSON 9

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY: PART ONE

I. OUR PLACE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

- A. The world's concept of authority is not the same as God's concept of authority. You should never come under the will or control of someone but walk according to the spiritual authority defined in the word of God.
- B. Ephesians 4:11
"And he gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers..."
- C. 1 Peter 5:1-3
"The elders which are among you I exhort...Feed the flock of God...taking the oversight...not by constraint, but willingly...Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock."

II. GOD'S PERMANENT WORK IS THE LOCAL CHURCH

- A. Matthew 16:18
 - 1. Everywhere the apostles went they established churches.
- B. God has placed spiritual authority in the local church.
 - 1. James 5:14
"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord"
 - 2. Matthew 18:15-20
Disputes between brethren should be dealt with through the local church.

III. ALL MINISTRIES BEGIN AND END IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

- A. All the work of God anyone does in his or her lifetime can and should be vented through the local church.

1. Acts 13:1-4
 “Now there were in the church at Antioch certain prophets and teachers...As they ministered to the Lord...the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them...and they laid their hands upon them and sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed...”
2. Acts 14:26-28
 “And thence sailed to Antioch from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled. And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them...”

IV. DISCIPLINE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ALWAYS COMES THROUGH THE LOCAL CHURCH

- A. Acts 15
 There were men who were teaching that you had to be circumcised to be saved. Paul challenged their doctrine and took them back to the local church in Jerusalem to determine who was right.
 1. Notice how each different faction gave its option.
 v5: Pharisees
 v7-11: Peter
 v12: Paul
 2. v13-19: James, who was the Pastor of the church at Jerusalem, held the spiritual authority to rule on the matter.

V. THE LOCAL CHURCH IS GOD’S PROTECTION AGAINST DESTRUCTION FROM SATAN

- A. 1 Corinthians 5:1-13
 These scriptures show that people who live knowingly in sin and will not repent should be delivered over to Satan. This means that the members of the church will not fellowship with them.
- B. The value of the local church to the believer:
 1. Teaches how to operate in God’s principles.
 2. Allows testimonies of other believers to encourage the rest of the church.

3. Believers pray for the needs of one another.
4. Gifts of the Spirit operate for healing, deliverance, exhortation, comfort, etc.

LESSON 10

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY: PART TWO

I. IMPORTANT TRUTHS IN THE WORD ABOUT SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

A. First instance of rebellion against authority

1. Isaiah 14:12-14

“How art thou fallen from heaven O Lucifer...For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...I will ascend above the stars of God...I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”

II. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THE AUTHORITY IN THE MAN AND NOT THE MAN IN AUTHORITY

A. Numbers 12

Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses, who was anointed by God to be the leader over Israel.

B. 1 Peter 5:6

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.”

C. God has placed gifts in individuals in the body of Christ and these gifts put these people in a place of spiritual authority.

D. With spiritual authority also comes responsibility.

1. Hebrews 13:17

“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; For they watch for your souls, as they that must give account...”

III. WHEN YOU REBEL AGAINST GOD’S REPRESENTED AUTHORITY YOU REBEL AGAINST GOD

A. 1 Samuel 8:4-7

v7 “And the Lord said unto Samuel...they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.”

- B. 1 Samuel 15:1-23. God's attitude toward rebellion.
Notice verse 23: "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft..."

IV. SUBMISSION OF THE HEART IS THE KEY TO BEING RIGHTLY RELATED TO SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

- A. 1 Samuel 24:2-7. David cuts off Saul's garment and then repents for touching God's anointed.
- B. 1 Samuel 26:7-12. David again has the opportunity to kill Saul but will not touch God's anointed.
- C. Genesis 9:20-26. The sin of Ham.

V. SERVING WITH STRANGE FIRE

- A. Leviticus 10:1
"And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord."
- B. Other examples of men walking outside of God's designed line of authority.
 - 1. 1 Samuel 4:4. Hophni and Phineas.
These were the sons of Eli, they were priests and knew not to move the ark of God without proper commandment.
 - 2. Numbers 16. The rebellion of Korah.
Though they were men of renown, they were not anointed to lead over Israel as Moses was.

AS MEMBERS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST, WE MUST LEARN TO RECOGNIZE THE LEVELS OF SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY SET FORTH BY GOD AND HIS WORD. THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES THAT UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY IS ONE OF THE KEYS TO PROTECTION AGAINST DIVISION AND STRIFE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH AND THE BODY OF CHRIST.

LESSON 11

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY: PART THREE (THE PATTERN OF AUTHORITY)

I. THE WAY TO PROMOTION IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

- A. Mark 9:33-35. Disciples disputing about who would be the greatest in the kingdom.
 - 1. Notice verse 35: "And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, 'If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all and servant of all.'"

II. GOD'S LINE OF AUTHORITY

- A. Exodus 17:9-14
 - 1. In this narrative we see the line of authority God had set forth. Each man did his part in his place to achieve the victory.
 - 2. 1 Corinthians 12:13, 18, 27-28
God sets members in the body as it pleases him and each one becomes members in particular.

III. THE PATTERN OF PROMOTION

- A. The servitude of Joshua.
 - 1. Exodus 17:9, 14. Battle at Amalek.
 - 2. Exodus 24:13. On the Mount with Moses.
 - 3. Exodus 33:8-11. In the Tabernacle with Moses.
- B. Elijah and Elisha.
 - 1. 1 Kings 19:16-21. Elijah cast his mantle on Elisha.
 - 2. 2 Kings 3:11. The reputation of Elisha.

IV. HOW WE CAN RECOGNIZE REBELLION AGAINST SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

A. Rebellion in your mind.

1. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

“...bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

2. Romans 12:2

“...be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

B. Rebellion through wrong reasoning.

1. Numbers 12. Miriam and Aaron rising up against Moses.

C. If thoughts and reasoning are not dealt with, words are manifested that will stir up rebellion among others.

LESSON 12
TITHE & OFFERINGS
(GOD'S WAY OF BLESSING YOU FINANCIALLY)

III John verse 2 “I wish above all things that you prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers.”

I. WHAT IS THE TITHE? WHAT IS AN OFFERING?

- A. The tithe is 10% of your income and an offering is anything above the tithe!
Example: You make \$300 per week. The tithe is \$30 and if you give \$10 extra, the \$10 will be an offering.

II. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE TITHE & OFFERINGS?

- A. Deuteronomy 8:18
“But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, *that he may establish his covenant* which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day.”
1. To establish God's covenant of getting this Gospel message out in the Earth through TV, Radio, Newspaper, Internet, and Social Media; and to pay the bills of the church (ex: building, utilities, TV equipment, etc...)
- B. Malachi 3:8-9
“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.”
1. To keep the curse off of you and your family.
- C. Malachi 3:10-12
1. Six Blessings that come when you tithe and give offerings:
 - a. Meat in God's house
 - b. Windows of heaven are opened to you
 - c. God will pour out blessings on you
 - d. The devourer (devil) is rebuked
 - e. The devourer (devil) will not destroy you nor your family

f. You will reap in due season

III. TITHING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. Genesis 14:18-24

Abraham tithes 430 years before the law.

B. Malachi 3:8-12

“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.”

IV. TITHING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

A. Matthew 23:23

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matter of the law, judgement, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.”

B. Hebrews 7:1-9

“...and here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them (Jesus) of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.”

LESSON 13

MINISTRY OF HELPS

(HOW TO FIND YOUR PLACE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST)

I. WHAT IS THE MINISTRY OF HELPS?

A. The “Ministry of Helps” is a supernatural ministry anointed by God to serve Him and to serve the Pastor and the people.

1. 1 Corinthians 12:28
“And God hath set some in the church...*helps*, governments...”
2. Definition of “helps” is literally one who gives assistance. Anything that you can do to help the Pastor in the Church.
 - a. Ushering
 - b. Hosting
 - c. Helping in the Nursery
 - d. Helping in yard maintenance

II. WHO IS QUALIFIED FOR THE MINISTRY OF HELPS?

A. Ephesians 4:16

“From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joined supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

1. Everyone in the body of Christ should help. God is looking for “availability” not “ability.”
2. God does the setting, and He will speak to the Pastor and give the confirmation of the area in the Ministry of Helps you are to participate in.
3. Does God need to speak to me directly, or should I wait to be “led of the Spirit?” God can and will speak to you through an inward witness about certain things, but there will be many instances where the willingness to serve out of obedience is all that is needed.

III. HOW DOES GOD REVEAL HIS WILL OR HIS GOAL FOR THE CHURCH?

- A. He places a vision in the Pastor's heart and they share it with the congregation.
 - 1. To fulfill the vision it takes faithful people that are willing to serve.
 - 2. Success of the church depends on the unity of the Body of Christ. Without a strong Ministry of Helps the Body will weaken and become non-productive.