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# INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on putting your faith and trust in Christ and becoming a Christian. I pray that you will find joy in knowing Christ and studying the scriptures.

In this study we will be introduced to some of the beginning doctrines of the Christian life. We want you to understand that this is not a test and that all that you need to do is your best.

In our study we will only use the Bible as our text. The study will be derived from the King James Version of the Bible and not another translation. I recommend you use the King James Bible to avoid confusion.

You will find for the study the answers for the questions to be found in the Bible in this format.

The book of the Bible first.

The chapter in that book second

The verse in that chapter third

It would look like this. Genesis 1:1

Genesis	1 (one)	1 (one)
book	chapter	verse

I hope that you will enjoy this study and that it will help you grow in Christ, and your relationship to Him.

# NOW THAT I'M SAVED

## LESSON ONE

Key and memory verse. John 3:16

### I. WHAT I WAS

1. How many people does the Bible tell us are righteous?  
Romans 3:10 \_\_\_\_\_.

2. What does the Bible tell us all men are?  
Romans 3:23 \_\_\_\_\_.

*When the Bible tells us that all men are sinners and have come short of the glory of God, it means that we fall short of the standard of God.*

*The standard of God is His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us in 1 Peter 2:21-22 that the Lord Jesus Christ never did commit sin.*

3. How many sins would one have to commit to be a sinner?

James 2:10 "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in \_\_\_\_\_, he is guilty of all."

4. Would you be included as a sinner?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. How did you become a sinner? "Wherefore, as by \_\_\_\_\_ sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Romans 5:12

*That one man was Adam the father of the human race. The bible tells us that we inherited the nature of sin from him. The natural ability to sin was passed down through the human race to you.*

6. The Bible tells us in Romans 6:23a that the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

*We can easily understand what a wage is. It is something that you earn. Sin always has consequences. The bible says that it is death.*

*This can be related to physical death but it is also speaking of spiritual death. The bible calls this the “Second death” See Revelation 21:8, 20:11-15*

7. Without trusting Christ where would you have gone?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## II. WHAT HAPPENED

1. The Bible tells us in Luke 19:10 that Jesus Christ ( the Son of man) came to do what?

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2. Do you think that you were lost? \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The Bible tells us this in Romans 5:8: “But God \_\_\_\_\_ his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

*This word commendeth means demonstrated or God acted out His love toward you. He showed His love toward you even when you were a sinner.*

4. How did God show his love toward you, by giving what? John 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_.

*Without God giving his Son the Bible tells us that we would have perished.*

*John 3:16 is what we call the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the good news or joyful message how Jesus Christ was crucified, buried, and rose again the third day from the grave.*

*By receiving Him as your personal Saviour you became part of the family of God and received forgiveness of your sin.*

*When Jesus Christ died upon the cross, He died in your place; he paid the wage (penalty) of sin for you.*

5. The Bible tells us that God is not willing that any should what?

2 Peter 3:9 \_\_\_\_\_.

6. What then does the Bible tell us the Lord would have all men come to? 2 Peter 3:9 \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus said in Luke 13:3 “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”

*Repentance is not just being sorry. Real repentance is not just a change in action. Repentance is a change of heart that will result in the amendments of one’s ways. (or a change in action)*

*Just a change in action does not constitute Biblical repentance.*

*Repentance toward God would be a sorrow in the heart for the sin committed against God, and a change in the thing that displeases Him. By no means does it teach that you will never sin again.*

7.. How does the Bible tell us that a person is saved (or not to perish) Ephesians 2:8 “For by \_\_\_\_\_ are ye saved through \_\_\_\_\_;”

8. What does the Bible tell us in Romans 6:23b?

“...but the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, through \_\_\_\_\_ Our  
Lord.”

*Grace is how God saves a person, repentance and faith is how a person is saved.*

9. The Bible tells us that there are two things we are not saved by in the following verses; what are they? Ephesians 2:8 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that \_\_\_\_\_ : it is the gift of God: 2:9 not of \_\_\_\_\_, lest any man should boast.”

*To receive eternal life we must receive it as a gift. Salvation cannot be earned, there is no way that you could live a good enough life to be saved, or to do enough good things. Salvation is by the grace of God alone.*

### III. WHAT I AM NOW

1. What does the Bible say that you are now that you have received Christ? II Corinthians 5:17 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Romans 5:1 tells us that when you put your faith and trust in Christ you have what with God? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Since you have received Christ as a gift what is it that you now have? Romans 6:23b. \_\_\_\_\_

4. I John 5:13 teaches that you can **know** something; what is it? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How is it that you can know that you have eternal life? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Since you have received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, to whom do you now belong? 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you willing to live for the Lord Jesus Christ?

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Please write out the key and memory verse. John 3:16

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## **O B E D I E N C E**

### LESSON TWO

*We now come to lesson two where we will look into this matter of obedience. As with all things obedience is important. Obedience is not about a God who wants to dictate your life. Obedience to God will not only guide you in life but also protect you in your life as a Christian.*

Key verse. Matthew 6:33

### **I. WHO DO I OBEY**

1. Deuteronomy 13:4 Ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ after the LORD your \_\_\_\_\_, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and \_\_\_\_\_ his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

2. Who does the Bible say that Abraham obeyed? Hebrews 11:8 \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The following verse teaches us that we ought to obey who above all else? Acts 5:29

\_\_\_\_\_.

*These passages do not teach us to be rebellious but to esteem the Lord above others, especially when the desires of others or ourselves go against that of God.*

*As Christians the primary focus of our obedience to God is what His Word tells us. We must come to the conclusion by faith that we need to obey the Word of God.*

4. Psalms 119:128 David said "...I esteem all thy \_\_\_\_\_ concerning \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to be right; and I hate every false way."

*What the Scripture is teaching us is that what God says in His Word is to be our authority in all matters.*

## **II. WHEN DO I OBEY**

1. According to this verse what are we to seek? Matthew 6:33 \_\_\_\_\_

2. When are we to seek the kingdom of God in the things we do?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*The kingdom of God is the Holy Spirit of God that lives within you. It should be our desire to do first that which please the Lord of our lives. According to the verse above we have a promise from God that He will provide and supply all that He sees needed in our lives if we will seek to obey him first.*

4. According to the following verse when is a person to obey the Lord? Psalms 18:44 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## **III. WHY DO I OBEY**

1. What does the Bible tell us is better, obedience or sacrifice? I Samuel 15:22 \_\_\_\_\_.

2. John 14:21 tells us "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that \_\_\_\_\_:"

*It should be our desire to love the Lord and obey Him, to please Him because of his great love for us.*

3. Jesus said John 14:15 “If ye \_\_\_\_\_ me, keep my commandments.”

4. What does the Bible tells us that Jesus Christ learned? Hebrews 5:8 \_\_\_\_\_.

*If the Lord Jesus Christ learned obedience than we should follow His example to be obedient.*

5. John 15:11 “These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your \_\_\_\_\_ might be full.”

*There is no greater joy in a Christian’s life than to be obedient to the things which God has spoken to us in His Word and through the Holy Spirit.*

*Since the Lord is our heavenly Father He cares for us with great love and concern. As our Father it is His responsibility to correct us when we are disobedient.*

6. What does the Bible tell us the Lord does to those who He loves? Hebrews 12:6 \_\_\_\_\_.

Please write out the key and memory verse. Mathew 6:33

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# BAPTISM

## LESSON THREE

*The very first thing that we need to say about our topic is that baptism is not a means of salvation and that you cannot have your sin forgiven through being baptized. That work was completed by Jesus Christ when He died upon the cross and shed his blood for your sin. See Colossians 1:14*

### **I. WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED.**

Key verse Mark 1:9

1. What does it say happened to the Lord in Mark 1:9

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. In Matthew 28:19 Christ gave a command to preach the gospel to all creatures, to teach them all things and what?

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. If the Lord Jesus Christ himself was baptized, and then gave a command to baptize others do you think that you should be baptized? \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Matthew 10:32 says “Whosoever therefore shall \_\_\_\_\_ me before men, him will I \_\_\_\_\_ also before my Father which is in heaven.”

*Under this heading of “Why should I be baptized” we need to study what baptism is. The passage above teaches that we should be willing to confess the Lord Jesus Christ before men. Baptism is one of the ways that we would do this.*

*Romans 6:3-5 speaks of baptism. This baptism is a spiritual baptism into the body of Christ when you were saved. However, we can use this passage as a type to see the teaching of water baptism*

and what it represents.

*This passage teaches us three things about the Lord Jesus Christ.*

- *The remembrance of His death*
- *The likeness of His death*
- *The picture of His resurrection*

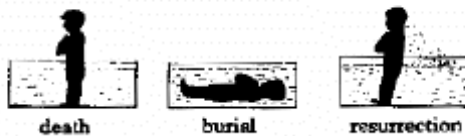
5. Romans 6:3 says that we who were baptized into Jesus Christ (spiritually) by receiving Him, were baptized into His what?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Romans 6:5 Tells us that we are planted in the likeness of His what? \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Romans 6:4 says that we should walk in what \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*All these things are symbols of what took place when you were saved. When you put your faith and trust in Christ you were placed spiritually into the family of God (the body of Christ). The Bible tells us that when you received Christ you were made a new creature in Christ Jesus, and given a new life. When you were born again, the old man (self) is no longer to be the one who leads you but a new man is raised from the dead, to walk in newness of life.*

Below is a diagram of what baptism represents.



## II. WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED.

1. In Acts 2:41 what does it tell us happened to those who gladly received the word?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2 In Acts 8:12 what was it that Phillip preached, that those who were baptized believed?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*In the same chapter we find another account of a man being baptized. Read the following verses and then answer the question.*

Acts 8:36-37 “And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? (37) And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

3. When the Ethiopian asked to be baptized, Phillip told him that he may under one condition, what was it?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*God has reserved the ordinance of baptism for a select people. It is for people who have placed their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Only those who are able to make a clear decision regarding Christ should be baptized. This is why we refer to this ordinance as “Believer’s baptism”*

### III. HOW SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED.

*There are many different types of “Baptism” practiced by different religions. However, as we have learned, we need to know what the Bible says so we can do what pleases the Lord.*

*First let’s look into what the word baptize means. We already know what the Bible likened the word Baptism to in Romans six. It was death. When one dies the proper mode taken with that person is a burial, which takes place by an enclosing or a covering.*

1. What does it tell us in Mark 1:10 that Jesus Christ came up out of?

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*If the Lord Jesus came out of the water it only make sense that he went down under the water to be baptized.*

2 In John 3:23 referring to John the Baptist it said he was baptizing in a certain place why? \_\_\_\_\_.

*If all that was needed to baptize was a sprinkling or pouring then there would be no need of much water?*

3. The Bible tells us in Acts 8:38 “And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the \_\_\_\_\_, both Philip and the eunuch; and he \_\_\_\_\_ him.”

*This passage show us that the mode of baptism was to be immersed under the water. Remember that we are typifying a death, burial, and resurrection.*

*It should be our desire to follow the Scripture in this matter of baptism.*

Write out the key and memory verse.

Mark 1:9 \_\_\_\_\_

# PRAYING

## LESSON FOUR

Key verse; Ephesians 6:18

### I. HOW DO I PRAY.

*We need to understand that prayer is not mystical it is natural. There is much in the line of prayer that is misunderstood. Praying is a part of our relationship with our heavenly Father. He desires us to speak with Him and to communicate with Him*

1. Luke 11:2 says we should pray to the \_\_\_\_\_ which is in \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Hebrews 4:16 tells us to come to the throne in what manner? \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Psalms 62:8 “Trust in him at all times; ye people, \_\_\_\_\_ out your \_\_\_\_\_ before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.”

*God is interested in your life and your concerns. He desires that you come before Him boldly as His child. You can be open with God, and tell Him what is upon your heart.*

4. Where does the Bible tell us Jesus went to pray? Mark 6:46 \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Matthew 14:23 “And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to \_\_\_\_\_: and when the evening was come, he was there \_\_\_\_\_.”

*These passages tell us a little of the Lord Jesus Christ prayer life. It is important that we have a time each day to pray. It seemed that the Lord Jesus Christ went to the mountain many times to pray. This does not mean that you must go to a mountain to pray, however we should learn from this that a private prayer*

*time is essential.*

6. Matthew 6:7 “But when ye pray, use not \_\_\_\_\_, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.”

*Here the Lord Jesus Christ encourages us to be real in our prayer life. It is not how you say the words of prayer or how many times you say them, but that you prayer in a sincere attitude.*

## **II. DEPENDENCY OF PRAYER.**

*Let's look briefly no into this matter of our help in prayer. We have an aid in our prayer life.*

1. Ephesians 6:18 tells us to pray with all supplication and prayers in the what? \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Jude 1:20 “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the \_\_\_\_\_”

3. The Bible tells us that there is a help for us if we do not know what to pray, what is it? Romans 8:26 \_\_\_\_\_.

*The Holy Spirit of God lives inside of you as a Christian. He is a part of the personage of God and knows the mind and will of God. If we will allow the Holy Spirit to have control of our lives he will help and teach us to pray as we should.*

### III. DESIRE OF PRAYER

1. Mark 11:24 Tells us that God will grant our desires in our prayer if we will what?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2 The Bible tells us that we can have confidence in God in answering our prayers if we ask according to what? 1 John 5:14  
\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The following scripture James 4:3 says, “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask \_\_\_\_\_, that ye may consume it upon \_\_\_\_\_.”

*Here in these scriptures we find assurance of God answering prayers if we pray according to the will of God believing that he will answer. It is also vital as you have seen that you do not become selfish in your prayers.*

### IV. THE DIFFICULTY OF PRAYER.

1. David said in Psalm 66:18 if I regard what in my heart the Lord will not hear me?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2 What does the Bible tell us we should pray without? I Thessalonians 5:17?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

3 Luke 18:1 the Lord Jesus said men ought always to pray and not to what? \_\_\_\_\_.

*Here in these passages we find some things that can hinder our prayer life. It is important that you do not have things in your heart and life that are not pleasing to the Lord. Also it is important that you are persistent in your prayers. If you have prayed and not received an answer do not give up. You need to remain constant in*

*your prayer life.*

Write out the key and memory verse; Ephesians 6:18

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## **FAITH**

### LESSON FIVE

#### **I. THE NATURE OF FAITH.**

Key and memory verse Hebrew 11:1

*Let me just say as we begin in this matter of faith, that it is important to spend more time in practice of our faith, and less time trying to explain it.*

1. Hebrews 11:1 tells us “Now faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ of things hoped for, the \_\_\_\_\_ of things not \_\_\_\_\_.”

2. Where does faith come from according to Romans 10:17? \_\_\_\_\_.

3 Who is the author and finisher of our faith? Hebrews 12:2

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*The faith that we exercise is a belief in what God has told us. Faith is the confidence that we place in the things that we cannot really see. However faith is not a guessing game, we have the assurance of our faith based upon the Word of God. Your faith stems from God himself.*

## II. THE NECESSITY OF FAITH.

1. What does the Bible say in Ephesians 2:8? “ For by \_\_\_\_\_ are ye \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.”

*This scripture is a great passage on salvation, because it is the only way a person can be born again into the family of God. If you are saved then you were saved by putting your faith and trust in what Jesus Christ did for you .*

2. According to 2 Corinthians 5:7 we are to walk by \_\_\_\_\_ and not by \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Hebrews 11:6 tells us that without \_\_\_\_\_ it is impossible to please God.

4. Romans 14:23 tells us that \_\_\_\_\_ is not of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

*It is vital in our Christian lives to exercise a life of faith. God desires that we trust Him not just to be saved, but in every aspect of our day to day lives. God desires that we live so strongly by faith that He tells us that it is impossible to please Him without it.*

5. Hebrews 11:2 tells us the elders (leaders) obtained a good report; how did they do it?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## III. THE NOURISHMENT OF FAITH.

*The word nourish means that which is needed to grow by. God wants our faith in him to increase lets look a little about how we can do that.*

1. According to the following verse James 2:20 “Faith \_\_\_\_\_ works is \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. Luke 17:5 “And the apostles said unto the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. 2 Timothy 3:15 “And that from a child thou hast known the holy \_\_\_\_\_, which are able to make thee \_\_\_\_\_ unto salvation through \_\_\_\_\_ which is in Christ Jesus.”

*From the previous passage we see that our faith can grow by exercising it practicing it, and through the preaching and teaching and reading of Gods word. The more that you read and study God’s word the stronger our faith will grow.*

*The other thing that we need to do is to ask the Lord to help our faith to grow that He might increase our ability to trust him further.*

Write out the Key and memory verse; Hebrews 11:1 \_\_\_\_\_

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## **THE CHURCH**

### LESSON SIX

Key and memory verse Hebrews 10:25

*As we enter into our next lesson we will study the church and ask the questions, why should I go to church? where should I go to church? and what kind of church should I attend?*

*Now that you have trusted the Lord Jesus you need a church. Since you are part of the family of God you need to be a part of a local church family also. It is necessary to have other Christians around you and also to have a place where you can grow and learn more of the doctrines of Christ.*

*The word “Church” as found in the New Testament scrip-*

*tures does not represent just a building, although this is the name that we give the place where we meet. The word “Church” means an “assembly of people called out for a specific purpose.”*

*The local assembly of the New Testament was where the people could pray, sing, study, preach, worship the Lord, and do the work that the Lord had called them to do.*

*The first thing that we will look into is why. We have already mentioned some of these things but lets take a closer look at the Bible.*

## **I. WHAT IS THE CHURCH.**

1. In Matthew 16:18 Jesus Christ said he would do something, what was that?

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2. What does the Bible say in 1 Timothy 3:15 the church is? “ The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

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*The church is the institution mentioned in the Bible which is responsible for being the pillar which is the support and the ground on which truth stands.*

3. What did Jesus Christ tell us could not prevail against the church?

Matthew 16:18

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*The church is what Christ ordained and what He also said he would defend. Substitution should not be made for the church, such as radio and television preachers. These type of ministries are good and needed however one should never replace their church attendance for these things unless there is no option.*

4. Acts 20:28 gives instruction to pastors to feed the church (flock) which he purchased with his own what?

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5. What does Ephesians 1:22,23 call the body? (Meaning the body of Christ) \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Another scripture that mentions the church is 1 Timothy 3:5 it is called the Church of \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Who is to be the head of the church?  
Ephesians 5:23 \_\_\_\_\_.

*It is very clear from these places that the church is ordained by, and bears the title of God himself. People refer to the church being "Their church." The truth of the matter is that it is God's church because he paid for it and builds it through His son the Lord Jesus Christ.*

## **II. WHY SHOULD I GO TO CHURCH.**

1. What is the command of the scripture regarding the assembling of ourselves together? Hebrews 10:25

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\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The scripture tells us in Ephesians 5:25 that the Lord Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the church and \_\_\_\_\_ himself for it

3. If the Lord Jesus Christ died for the church, do you think it must be important to Him?

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. James 4:17 says "Therefore to him that \_\_\_\_\_ to do good, and \_\_\_\_\_ it not, to him it is \_\_\_\_\_."

*Jesus Christ gave himself for the church and the scripture commands us to go. It is also a sin to skip and not attend when*

*you are fully capable of being a part of the assembly.*

### **III. WHAT KIND OF CHURCH SHOULD I ATTEND**

*This is a very important topic that we will look into next. There are many churches that exist today, even “Satanic” churches. We must be able to discern what is right and what is wrong. The only way to really know the truth is to use the truth of God’s Word.*

1. According to 2 Timothy 4:2 the pastor of the church should preach what?

\_\_\_\_\_.

2 Ephesians 4:12 speaking of the church tells us some things that the local church should do. “For the \_\_\_\_\_ of the saints, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the body of Christ.”

3. Acts 2:1 tells us that all the people that were in one place were of one what? \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Acts 2:47 says the Lord added how often to the church?

\_\_\_\_\_.

5. What does it tell us in Acts 12:5 was made for Peter who was bound in prison for preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

*The church that you attend should be a church that preaches the truth of the word of God, a place where the work of the ministry is being done; where people are being taught and helping each other to live for God.*

*It should be a church where people are going out to proclaim the gospel message so that so others are being added to the local assembly. (being saved)*

*A church that is also interested in raising up and supporting missionaries around the globe so that those in foreign lands can also be added to the body of Christ.*

*The church that you attend should be a church that gathers together to pray and intercede for the problems and needs of others and the country in which they live.*

*These should be the primary focuses of the church, not social functions, politics, and church dinners.*

*The church that you attend should be one that practices the scripture to the best of their abilities and has the same goal (mind) for the church.*

*The things that are mentioned above are what need to be accomplished and the local church is the Lord's way of getting it done.*

*Remember that the Lord Jesus Christ loved the church and he was willing to lay down his life for it.*

Write the key and memory verse.; Hebrews 10:25 \_\_\_\_\_

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# TITHING

## LESSON SEVEN

Key and memory verse 1 Corinthians 4:7

*As we continue our study we look into the matter of tithing or giving. This matter to some is a very controversial matter however, to the person who desires to please the Lord in all that they do, it is not.*

*There are several points that we need to study so let's begin.*

### I. THE PRINCIPAL OF TITHING.

*The word principal means, Chief; most important or considerable. We want to look at some very important or chief things regarding this matter of tithing.*

*From the English dictionary we find the word tithe to mean this: "The tenth part of any thing;"*

*Many people today do not believe that tithing is for the New Testament Christian; their argument stems from a belief that tithing came from the Old Testament and we as New Testament believers are not under the "Old Covenant" any longer.*

#### A. WHAT IS THE TITHE.

1. Who was the first person in the Bible to give a tithe?  
Genesis 14:19-20 \_\_\_\_\_.

*This was not a tenth of money it was goods, but we are looking at the principals of the matter.*

2. What does the Bible tell us the tithe was to be? Leviticus 27:30 "And \_\_\_\_\_ the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the \_\_\_\_\_ : it is \_\_\_\_\_ unto the LORD."

*What we see here is not that God is exacting a law upon man, but that a certain percentage of whatever was gained should be returned to the Lord. That is, God is reserving a certain amount unto himself.*

3. What does the Bible tell us we should honor the Lord with? Proverbs 3:9 \_\_\_\_\_

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*The principal here is that we should honor the Lord with the first part of the increase that we may have whether it be month by month or week by week. We would do that by giving at least the tenth.*

## B. WHERE DOES THE TITHE GO.

*There is another principal to look at regarding the tithe and that is the place that they were to give it.*

1. Malachi 3:10 says that they were to do bring all the tithes where? \_\_\_\_\_

*In the same verse God identifies the “Storehouse” as His house. We should give our tithe to the house of God as He identifies it.*

*Now many argue the fact that the temple is not the church and that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and that’s true. But by all practical reasoning the place that you meet is still the church.*

*Consider this thought. If you were to go to a restaurant to eat a meal, and you found the meal a great blessing and enjoyed it very much, when the time came to pay for it you certainly would not go to the restaurant down the street to pay the bill. You would pay it where you received it.*

*The same principal applies to the tithe. The church that you call yourself apart of is the place you should put it.*

*There are many things to consider when you think about this matter. In the verse in consideration God said that there*

should be “Meat” enough (meaning sufficiency) to take care of the things regarding it.

Today we have many expenses. Granted, many churches today go way outside the needs that they really have and overdo it with the Lords money. Yet there are still many needs. There are bills to pay. For instance, lights, heat, phones, materials, buildings, etc. If we desire to have a place to meet, than we must make sure that there is “Meat” to cover it.

Many will argue these points but note what Paul tells us in the following New Testament passage.

*I Corinthians 9:13-14* “ Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.”

The thought process that Paul is using here is referring back to the Old Testament when the care of the Temple and the Ministry thereof was to fall into the category of the tithe that was brought into the Lord’s house.

In verse 14 he uses the phrase “**Even so**” meaning in like manner, as in the Old Testament. What we are looking at here is a principal. Again, there is no reason for a church or pastor to live above those around him or for a church to have the most extravagant things. However the principal found in the word of God still stands true.

Another principal carried over into the New Testament is the following.

### C. WHEN AND WHAT DO I TITHE.

1. 1 Corinthians 16:2“ \_\_\_\_\_ let every one of you lay by him in \_\_\_\_\_, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.”

*Evidently these saints were meeting much the same as we do today holding our services on the first day of the week. Of course a person could tithe another time if they were not able to the first day of the week, but the principal is to tithe when you meet.*

*In this passage we can see a very important principal. Paul told these saints to do a few things.*

*One, was that “EVERY ONE” of them was to lay in store or set aside. Now that would take a definite planning or a purposed thought of an act. Not a spur of the moment thing. Secondly, he tells them the amount that they are to lay aside. It is not left to guess work, or to how a person feels led by the Spirit, or what they think they should do.*

*Notice that he says “As God hath prospered him.”*

*Was does that mean? What Paul is saying is that you can determine the amount that should be given by the amount the Lord has allowed you to bring in. By all practical reasoning that would be a tenth, (tithe) 10%.*

*For instance if God were to prosper you with one-hundred dollars the tenth (tithe) would be ten dollars. According as God prospered you. If that amount were to increase, then you would also increase your amount accordingly.*

## **II. THE PEOPLE WHO TITHE.**

*Obviously we should have a desire to give back to God a portion of that which he has blessed us with and we know that all the things that we posses come from God. However let’s look into the matter a little closer.*

*As we have already noted the first person we see in the Bible to give a tithe was Abraham. I would say that the principal existed before Abraham and that he is just our first named example. Let’s look into the scripture for more information.*

*In the following passage we find the man Jacob who is making a vow unto God and is telling Him that if he will guide and direct him he will surely do something. What was it?*

1. Genesis 28:22 “And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will \_\_\_\_\_ give the \_\_\_\_\_ unto thee.”

*This man Jacob is a direct descendant of the man Abraham who we know gave a tenth. Is it possible that the principal was taught through the generations?*

*Many people will argue that only those who were under the law were obligated to tithe. However, neither Abraham nor Jacob were under the law that Moses received for the children of Israel.*

2. What is Abraham called in the following verse? Luke 16:24 \_\_\_\_\_.

*Abraham is given this title because his name means “Father of multitudes.” Another place in the scripture we find Abraham identified as the following:*

3. Galatians 3:7 “Know ye therefore that they which are of \_\_\_\_\_, the same are the \_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham.”

*As saved people we are the children of the promise made to Abraham. That promised seed to Abraham was that Christ would come through that line. Abraham is the Father of all the people who by faith put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Neither Abraham, nor Jacob, or any other child of God tithes because of the Old Testament law. It is strictly a matter of the condition of the heart before God, and the law gives us the standard of the least amount that we should give.*

### **III. THE PROMISE OF THE TITHE.**

*There are many blessing to be found in the word of God and the matter of tithing is none the less.*

1. Luke 6:38 “Give, and it shall be \_\_\_\_\_ unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”

2. Malachi 3:10 tells us if we bring all the tithes into the storehouse what will God do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*Here we find the promise from God that if we will be faithful to give of our tithe, then He will open the windows of heaven and bless us in return.*

3. What does the scripture say if we do not tithe that we are doing? Malachi 3:8 \_\_\_\_\_.

*If it is our desire to please God, certainly we do not want to steal from Him. It should be our desire to maintain a proper relationship with Him.*

Please write out the key and memory verse.

1 Corinthians 4:7 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

# FORGETTING THE PAST

## Lesson Eight

Key and memory verse. II Corinthians 5:17

*Those of us who have been saved surely know that there are some things that we have done that we just wish we had not. One of the greatest blessing of being saved is knowing that we have been forgiven of the past.*

*Any person would have a hard time living for the Lord today if they could not forget the past. (yesterday)*

### A. THE DIFFERENCE IN YOU.

1. What does 2 Corinthians 5:17 tell us we have become since we are in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_.

2. It also tells us that old things are what? \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The verse also tells us all things have become what? \_\_\_\_\_.

*This is a great promise that has been given to us from God. Knowing that we have been forgiven of our sin, and past life. And that our position as a individual with God has changed.*

*The Apostle Paul addresses this matter concerning his own life.*

4. Philippians 3:13 “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, \_\_\_\_\_ which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,”

5. In the next verse Philippians 3:14 “I press toward the \_\_\_\_\_ for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

*This mark that Paul speaks of is like running a race the mark is the finish line. You can see the finish line ahead and you are doing all that you can to finish by pressing toward it, or leaning toward it.*

*It should now be your desire to live for the Lord and strive to please Him in all that we do. Living a different life and having the power of God to accomplish it is one of the many great blessings of being saved.*

6. 1 Peter 1:16 Tells us to be holy because? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

7. 2 Corinthians 7:1 tells us that we should be perfecting what? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

8. Romans 12:1 tells us that we should present our bodies a living \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*It is important that we realize that God has made us different and that we live our lives in a different manner now that we are saved.*

## B. THE DIFFERENCE TO OTHERS.

1. Romans 1:16 tells us the power of God unto Salvation is \_\_\_\_\_?

*The gospel is what has changed your life, and made you a new creature in Christ.*

2. In Acts 1:8 The disciples were told to be \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_?

3. Mark 16:15 tells us we should \_\_\_\_\_ into all the world and \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel to every \_\_\_\_\_.

*Since you have been saved you should be a witness of what God has done in your life. You can tell others about the work that God can do in their life.*

Please write out the key and memory verse.

2 Corinthians 5:17 \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_.

*Thank you for taking the time to go through this study please contact us if there is any question, or if we can be of any further assistance.*