



Building New Disciples

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This Bible study book has five goals:

1. To encourage and help a new disciple to disciple someone else, one on one.
2. To help a new disciple be able to lead a small group.
3. To help pastors with the content for their sermon preparation.
4. To give pastors an example format of how to form their sermons, that is,
 - a. Goal for sermon
 - b. Introduction
 - c. Scripture reading
 - d. Questions based on the Scripture reading
 - e. Short explanation of important points
 - f. Application points
 - g. Key verse for memorization
5. To teach people who are not followers of Jesus but are interested to learn.

The author's sincere desire is that this book will be used to an encouragement and help in the lives of individual Christians as well as to encourage growth in the church resulting in much fruitfulness.

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1. Worship of the One and Only God

1. Goal

To help Christians understand the importance of worship of God and how we should worship.

2. Introduction

The worship of God is not the same as showing respect or obeisance to a sacred object as is common in our culture. If you have made offerings to the spirits you need to understand we do not make offerings like this to God. If you have made a vow at a spirit shrine or to territorial spirits or to the spirits of your ancestors you need to know that you cannot make a vow like this with God. You cannot worship God the same way as you made vows and showed obeisance to the spirits. Worship of God is completely different.

3. Read Scripture - Exodus 20:1-6

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Who gave this command?
Exodus 20:1

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4.2 What should we not use in worship?
Exodus 20:3

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4.3 What should we not worship idols?
Exodus 20:3

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4.4 After we have become a follower of Jesus should we keep our idols and sacred images in our house? Exodus 20:5

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4.5 The person who keeps his idols and spirit worship sacred objects shows what kind of attitude toward God? Exodus 20:5

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4.6 What is God’s response to the person who worships idols and spirits?
Exodus 20:5

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4.7 What is God’s response to the person who believes, follows and worships God?
Exodus 20:6

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5. Explanation – Worship of the only and only God

5.1 Christians are to worship God alone. You cannot worship God at the same time as worshipping idols and spirits. Exodus 20:1-6

- 5.2 A Christian must worship God as God has commanded- singing songs of praise to God
- telling others the good news of Jesus
 - talking about the glory of God
 - praising and thanking God
- 5.3 A Christian must worship God with a pure heart. This worship is not with things or formulas but it is worship with a pure heart, that is with a heart that acknowledges that God is the one and only God far above all, that he is Lord over all and that we are sinners who God has saved.
- 5.4 A Christian must worship God with all of his heart and mind and soul and strength.

6. Application

- 6.1 If you have an idol or sacred object dedicated to the spirits what should do with it?
- 6.2 Let all Christians praise and thank God for all that God has given us and let us worship God, the only one and true God.

7. Memory Verse

Exodus 20:3

2. Prayer to God

1. Goal

To help Christians understand why we should pray and how we should pray.

2. Introduction

Before you became a Christian, did you pray to anyone? Did that spiritual power have the power of the Creator of the world?

3. Read Scripture – Matthew 6:7-13

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 When you pray who do you pray to?

Matthew 6:9

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4.2 When we pray how should we address our heavenly Father?

Matthew 6:9

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4.3 According to verses 10-13 what are the things we should ask from our Father God?

Verse 10

Verse 10

Verse 11

Verse 12

Verse 13

4.4 How should we end our prayer?

Matthew 6:13

4.5 What does “Amen” mean?

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5. Explanation – Prayer

5.1 Prayer can be compared to a conversation between a father and a child.

5.2 There are many kinds of prayer. For example, prayers of worship and praise, prayers of confession of sins, prayers of thanks for food and other things, prayers for guidance and so on.

5.3 An example way to prayer is:

1 - worship 2 - confess sins 3 - ask for things you need 4 - pray for other people and their needs 5 – give thanks. Everything that we pray we should pray in the name of Jesus for we are not trusting in ourselves to have the authority to pray to God.

6. Application

We should make a note of the things that we should pray to God about to help us remember to thank God when we see God's answer to our prayers.

7 Memory Verse

Matthew 6:9-13

3. Loving God and Loving our Neighbor

1. Goal

To help Christians understand how we are to relate to God and to our neighbor.

2. Introduction

In Lao society there are things that everyone should respect, that is, the nation, the party and the government but what should a Christian love the most?

3. Read Scripture – Luke 10:25-28

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 How should a true child of God love God?

Luke 10:27

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4.2 In addition to loving God who else should we love?

Luke 10:27

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4.3 How are we to love our neighbor?

Luke 10:27

4.4 If we love God and if we love our neighbor what will we receive?

Luke 10:28

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5. Explanation – Loving God and loving our neighbor

5.1 Loving God

- with all of our heart, that is, loving God as the one and only God more than anything or anyone else.

- with all of our strength, that is, using our body and our strength to love and serve God

- with all of our mind, that is, using our mind and our thoughts and abilities to serve God.

For example, study the Bible and teach the Bible to others, lead our family in God's ways.

5.2 Loving others means that we help them by leading them to know God and by showing

them love by not gossiping about them or cursing them, not being jealous of them, by

not belittling them but by considering others more than ourselves.

6. Application

6.1 Love is possible when two people make time to talk to each other and seek to

understand one another. In your relationship with God what are you doing to love God more?

6.2 Let everyone in the group help each other know how we can love our neighbors. Write down the names of your neighbor and write down when you plan to visit them. Have the group pray asking for God's help in visiting our neighbors and showing God's love to them.

7. Memory Verse

Luke 10:27

4. Holy Spirit

1. Goal

To help Christians understand the Holy Spirit lives in every person who believes in Jesus.

2. Introduction

Have you noticed that doing the will of God is good but many times we are unable to do the will of God because we lack the ability. How can we have the strength or the authority to do the will of God?

3. Read Scripture – John 14:15-19 & John 14:26, 27

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Jesus said that He would ask the Father to give us a Helper. Who is this Helper?
John 14:15-17

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4.2 How long will the Holy Spirit be with us?
John 14:16

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4.3 What are the characteristics of the Holy Spirit?
John 14:17

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4.4 Where does the Holy Spirit live?
John 14:17

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4.5 Where does the Holy Spirit do?
John 14:26

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4.6 If the Holy Spirit lives within us what should our heart be like?
John 14:27

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5. Explanation – The role of the Holy Spirit

5.1 The Holy Spirit lives with every follower of Jesus and assures them that they are a child of God.

5.2 The Holy Spirit lives in every believer and is their strength and authority to live in victory over sin, the devil and the world.

5.3 The Holy Spirit lives in every follower of Jesus to teach them and lead them to live a life according to the will of God.

6. Application

6.1 Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead your daily life

6.2 As a follower of Jesus ask yourself if you have any fears, for example: are you afraid of spirits or of death? If you are afraid of these things you need to know that the Holy Spirit is with you and He is greater than all of these things.
Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to banish fear from your heart.

7. Memory Verse

John 14:26

5. New Christian

1. Goal

To help Christians understand that a new believer in Jesus is someone who is a new creation.

2. Introduction

People like to say that every religion teaches people to be good and when Christians talk about following Jesus many people like to say that all religions are equally good. But a child of God is not the same as followers of other religions. A Christian is not just a person following a religion and trying to do good but a Christian is someone who has been born again, has new life, has new character because he has been born again by the power of the Holy Spirit.

3. Read Scripture – 2 Corinthians 5:17

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What kind of person is the person who belongs to Jesus?

2 Corinthians 5:17

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4.2 What goes away when a person becomes a new creation in Christ?

2 Corinthians 5:17

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4.3 Have every old thing of our lives gone away when we become Christians?

2 Corinthians 5:17

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4.4 What are some of things that have gone from your life since you became a Christian?
(think of your own examples)

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4.5 Where are some new things that are part of your life since becoming a Christian?
(think of your own examples)

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4.6 If you have not yet become a new creation in Christ what kind of person are you?

2 Corinthians 5:17

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5. Explanation – A Christian is a new creation

5.1 Changed from living in darkness in serving the spirits and worshipping idols and entered light as a child of God.

5.2 Changed from being a slave in Satan’s kingdom and become a person with freedom in the kingdom of God

5.3 Changed from being a person under the condemnation of God and become a person who is forgiven.

5.4 Changed from being a sinner to become a righteous person through faith in Jesus Christ.

6. Application

Are there any things from your old life before becoming a Christian that you have not yet thrown away? For example: worshiping idols, serving spirits, call upon your ancestors, keeping sacred objects like bones or a tooth, consulting the spirits and occult practices.

In addition to old practices like these there are also sins that we know we should also throw away. If you still have some of these things in your life, confess your sin to God and reject the sin so you can fully live in the new life Jesus is giving you.

7. Memory Verse

2 Corinthians 5:17

6. Church

1. Goal

To help Christians understand what the church is.

2. Introduction

“Church” is the people that God has called out of the world to be His children. The church is not a building or material things and it is not an organization but it is a group of people that believe in Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ is the Lord and Master of the church.

3. Read Scripture – 1 Peter 2:9-10

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What are the characteristics of the church?

1 Peter 2:9

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4.2 What has God chosen the church for?

1 Peter 2:9

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4.3 What has God called us all out from?

1 Peter 2:9

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4.4 What does God want us to enter into?

1 Peter 2:9

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4.5 What were we missing before we came to trust in God?

1 Peter 2:10

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4.6 What is our citizenship now?

1 Peter 2:10

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5. Explanation – The church

5.1 The church:

- is a people that God has chosen

- is a kingdom of priests to worship God. “Priest” is a Hebrew word meaning a person who serves God and who leads people to serve God.

- is a holy people. “Holy” means a person who has thrown away his sin and received the righteousness of Jesus.

5.2 How the church should respond to God:

- We have received mercy from God therefore we should speak out the mercy of God so that others can also know and receive God’s mercy.

6. Application

As a Christian how do you feel about being a people belonging to God. Belonging to the people of God has great significance for you. When we know that we are a people that God has chosen how should we respond to God's great mercy and grace?

7. Memory Verse

1 Peter 2:9-10

7. Responsibilities of the Church

1. Goal

To help Christians understand what responsibilities the church has toward God and toward mankind.

2. Introduction

Before we became Christians, we served ourselves and thought that we were important and did what we wanted but now that we are Christians we are to serve God, the church and the community.

3. Read Scripture – Acts 2:41-47

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What four things did the early church do?

Acts 2:42

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- 2
- 3
- 4

4.2 What response should we have to God's work?

Acts 2:43

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4.3 God blesses Christian leaders that enables them to do what?

Acts 2:43

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4.4 Why did the Christians in the early church sell their land and their possessions?

Acts 2:44-45

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4.5 What kind of heart attitude did the Christians have for one another in the church?

Acts 2:46

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4.6 What did the people outside of the church think of the Christians?

Acts 2:47

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4.7 How did God bless the early church?

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5. Explanation – The responsibilities of the church

5.1 Whatever the church does God must be Lord of all

- 5.2 The early church is a good example in three ways:
- the way they served God, that is, they worshipped God every day and they prayed
 - the way they served one another, that is, they helped one another and they ate together
 - the way they served the community, that is, they helped the poor and they led people to come and believe in Jesus.

6. Application

Does our church today follow their example in these three ways? If not, what should we do about it? What can we do to begin this week?

7. Memory Verse

Acts 2:42

8. The Church and Worship – Part 1

1. Goal

To help Christians understand worship is the most important responsibility of the church.

2. Introduction

When you think about the church have you thought about what the responsibilities of the church are? In reality the church has been raised up to worship God. Worship of God is not something that is done to make merit as we did in our old religion. Making merit is in the hope of receiving something good or better in the future, in another life but the goal of worshipping God is to love God, to praise God not in order to receive something from God. But we worship God because He is supremely good and precious.

3. Read Scripture – Revelation 5:9-14

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Why is Jesus worthy of receiving worship?

Revelation 5:9

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4.2 In our worship of Jesus what do we say to praise God?

Revelation 5:12

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4.3 Who should worship Jesus?

Revelation 5:13

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4.4 What is the reason the elders bow down when they worship Jesus?

Revelation 5:14

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5. Explanation – The church and worship – part 1

5.1 The purpose of the church is to worship Jesus King of Kings. We must worship with our full attention and everyone should participate. We must worship with reverent hearts because God is high above all and is holy.

5.2 The person who worships God should do so with a dedicated and honest heart not just going through a religious activity.

5.3 There are many ways to worship God, such as, singing, praying, reading the Bible, praising God, giving and offering ourselves in service to God.

6. Application

How do we worship in our church? Share with each other some ways that you worship in the various types mentioned above. Each member of the church should examine themselves as to what our motives are when we gather as a church to worship. Are our hearts sincere or are we just fulfilling a ceremony? After studying this lesson on worship spend some time worshipping God together.

7. Memory Verse

Revelation 5:12

9. The Church and Worship – Part 2

1. Goal

To help Christians understand in order to worship God it is necessary to know God.

2. Introduction

How well do you know the character and works of God? In order to know God we must Study the Bible which is the word of God teaching us and commanding us so that we are able worship God fully.

3. Read Scripture – Revelation 15:3-4

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 In this verse what do all the people do to worship God?

Revelation 15:3

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4.2 How much power does Jesus have?

Revelation 15:3

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4.3 What are God's royal acts like?

Revelation 15:3

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4.4 Over whom is God King?

Revelation 15:3

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4.5 What are God's ways like?

Revelation 15:3

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4.6 Why do all people reverence and fear and give glory to God?

Revelation 15:4

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4.7 Who is holy?

Revelation 15:4

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5. Explanation – The church and worship – part 2

5.1 Who is God?

- He is all powerful
- He is King of Kings over all peoples
- He is King over all time (see Revelation 15:3)

- 5.2 The character of God
- holy
 - faithful
 - love
 - (list 10 more characteristics of God)

- 5.3 The work of God
- Creator of the world
 - Judge of the world
 - Savior of the world
 - (list 10 more works of God)

6. Application

Spend some time together praising God and thanking God for his work and his character that we have studied today.

7. Memory Verse

Revelation 15:3-4

10. Unity in Jesus Christ

1. Goal

To help Christians understand that every Christian must be in unity with other Christians and with Jesus Christ.

2. Introduction

Having love for one another and living in unity as a church of Jesus Christ is of great importance for this is the evidence that we are children of God and that God lives with us. Jesus said, "If we love one another everyone will know that we are followers of Jesus" (John 13:35)

3. Read Scripture – Ephesians 4:1-6

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 The apostle Paul urged us to live together in what way?

Ephesians 4:2

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

4.2 What must every Christian strive to do?

Ephesians 4:3

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4.3 Should Christians have divisions among themselves?

Ephesians 4:4

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4.4 What do Christians have that makes them one, makes them united?

Ephesians 4:4

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- 2
- 3

4.5 What other things do Christians have that make them one, make them united?

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- 2
- 3
- 4

5. Explanation – Unity in Jesus Christ

- 5.1 We must live in unity so that people outside of the church will believe God is real and believe that we are children of God and followers of Jesus. Dividing into different groups dishonors the glory of God.
- 5.2 “We know that we have moved out of death and entered into life because we love one another. The person who does not love that person still lives in death.” 1 John 3:14

6. Application

- 6.1 If a Christian has an attitude that is not good towards another believer they should change their heart and turn around to love with the love of God, forgive and be reconciled.
- 6.2 Make three goals towards helping you build unity in love.

7. Memory Verse

Ephesians 4:3

11. Fellowship in the Church

1. Goal

To help Christians understand the responsibility they have for each other.

2. Introduction

Has there been problems within the church? What has been the cause of these problems and how should be solve these problems?

3. Read Scripture – 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What kind of attitude should we have towards the leaders in the church?

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

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4.2 What does the Bible teach about how we are to live together as the church?

1 Thessalonians 5:13

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4.3 What responsibility do Christians have to help each other? 1 Thessalonians 5:14

People who are idle

People who are timid

People who are weak

4.4 What attitude should Christians have towards everyone? 1 Thessalonians 5:14

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4.5 In order to encourage love and understanding of what do Christians need to beware?

1 Thessalonians 5:15

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4.6 How should we respond to someone who sins against us? 1 Thessalonians 5:15

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4.7 What is God's will for the church?

1 Thessalonians 5:16

1 Thessalonians 5:17

1 Thessalonians 5:18

4.8 When the church gathers what should we do and what should we not do?

1 Thess. 5:19-22

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5. Explanation – Fellowship in the Church

Every Christian should examine his own heart as to their participation in the fellowship of the church and the unity of the church. What attitude do I have toward:

- the leaders in the church – am I willing to accept their advice and correction?
- other Christians – I am willing to live in peace or do I argue and fight?
- people in need – am I willing to help them?

6. Application

Each person should examine his own heart to see if he has anything against someone else in the church? If so, quickly make things right. Do you know someone who is discouraged? If so, quickly go to encourage them.

7. Memory Verse

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

12. The Responsibility of the Church in Society – Part one

1. Goal

To help Christians understand how to relate to the society around them.

2. Introduction

The first responsibility of the church to society is to be an example of daily life. The witness of the church is important.

3. Read Scripture – Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Today how does God see the people of the world?

Philippians 2:15

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4.2 In this kind of society what kind of people should Christians be?

Philippians 2:15

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4.3 In this kind of society what should Christians show?

Philippians 2:16

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4.4 What kind of lives should we live in order to earn the respect of outsiders?

1 Thessalonians 4:11

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4.5 What result will come if we live like this?

1 Thessalonians 4:12

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5. Explanation – The responsibility of the church towards society that is full of sin is that we must be an example in the following ways:

5.1 We must live blameless lives so that those who do not yet believe will see our lives and will be interested to know Jesus.

5.2 We must speak only what is good and we must speak of God so that people who do not yet believe will be interested in God.

5.3 We should use the words of God as the foundation for our speech so people who do not yet believe will be interested in God.

5.4 If Christians live as evil people we can we be sure that people will not be interested to learn about God.

6. Application

Let each person ask themselves, What influence does my life have over other people? When we speak do people listen? Is our daily life a good example to the people around us or does our daily life show that there is no difference in the life of a Christian from the life of a non-Christian?

7. Memory Verse

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

13. The Responsibility of the Church in Society – Part two

1. Goal

To help Christians understand how to relate to the society around them.

2. Introduction

Imagine that you had a problem or were upset about something but you had no one to help you, how would you feel? In a similar way there are many people in the community who are suffering as they have problems with their health, problems in their family, problems at work and some people do not have anyone interested to help them. The church should be concerned with people like this.

3. Read Scripture – Luke 10:30-37

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Where was the man travelling to?

Luke 10:30

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4.2 What happened while he was travelling?

Luke 10:30

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4.3 Who came and saw him on the road? How did he help him?

Luke 10:31

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4.4 Who was the next person who saw him on the road? How did he help him?

Luke 10:32

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4.5 Who was the person who helped him in the end?

Luke 10:33

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4.6 How did the Samaritan help him?

Luke 10:34-35

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4.7 What does Jesus command us to do?

Luke 10:37

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5. Explanation – The responsibility of the church towards society is to help one another after the example of the Samaritan

5.1 The need of the traveler - he was robbed and beaten in a lonely place.

- 5.2 The mercy of the helper – First there were two men, a priest and a Levite, both religious men but they did not help at all. Only the Samaritan was good hearted towards the traveler and helped him. Even though Samaritans were enemies of the Jews the Samaritan still showed kindness and helped the wounded man.
- 5.3 Jesus’ teaching – Jesus teaches us to act in the same way as the good-hearted Samaritan by showing kindness and generosity to people around us even if they are not our relatives or our friends we should love them and sacrifice for them as God loves us.

6. Application

In your community is there someone who needs help? What should you do to show God’s love to them?

7. Memory Verse

Luke 10:27

14. Christians are Holy People of God

1. Goal

To help you understand what this phrase means, “Christians are holy people of God”.

2. Introduction

Before you believed in God were you ever told that every religion was the same, every religion was the same experience. Actually, belief in Jesus is not a religion which means it is like other religions that people have. God is true and other religions have to do with spirits therefore it is impossible to mix belief in Jesus with other religions.

3. Read Scripture – 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 (“Belial” in verse 15 means Satan)

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Why can’t Christians be partners with unbelievers?

2 Corinthians 6:14 1
2

4.2 Why can’t a child of God be in agreement with idols?

2 Corinthians 6:15-16
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4.3 What is it that a child of God should not touch?

2 Corinthians 6:17
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4.4 What does God promise to the person who separates himself from what is unclean?

2 Corinthians 6:17,18
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5. Explanation – Christians are holy people of God

5.1 “Holy” means God has chosen a people to belong to God. Christians are holy people means they live for God.

5.2 “Holy” means different from other people. People who do not believe are children of the devil who is on his way to hell. God calls these people unrighteous but we are righteous people. What agreement can unrighteous people have with righteous people?

5.3 “Holy” means being like God. God is holy. God has never done wrong. Christians must be holy people. They must hate sin.

6. Application

Everyone should ask himself, If I am still involved with something wrong does God live with me? If so, what should I do?

7. Memory Verse

2 Corinthians 6:17,18

15. True Christians and Fake Christians (Nominal Christians)

1. Goal

To help you understand the difference between genuine Christians and nominal or fake Christians.

2. Introduction

A true Christian is a person who has been born the second time by believing in Jesus Christ. A true Christian knows God and has a relationship with God. A true Christian is a person who has the Holy Spirit living in them.

3. Read Scripture – Matthew 7:21-23

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Will every person who calls Jesus “Lord” be able to enter heaven?

Matthew 7:21

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4.2 Who will be able to enter heaven?

Matthew 7:21

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4.3 Even though nominal (fake) Christians are not children of God what are some things they have done in the name of Jesus?

Matthew 7:22

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4.4 Do nominal Christians claim the name of Jesus?

Matthew 7:22

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4.5 What will Jesus say to nominal Christians?

Matthew 7:23

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4.6 Are nominal Christians evildoers?

Matthew 7:23

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5. Explanation – True Christians and nominal Christians

5.1 All over the world there are many people who say they are Christians but who do not really believe. They speak as a Christian but their hearts are far from God. They often have behavior like a Christian like, praying, going to church, giving money to the church, etc. These are only outward acts but, in their hearts, they do not love God.

5.2 Nominal Christians do not belong to Jesus. Even though they say Jesus is their Lord they are not true children of God and so God will not receive them.

5.3 We must be very careful in judging if a person is a true Christian or not. We must be discerning as there are many people who say they are Christians even though they do not truly believe God. We should not only listen to what they say but must also observe what they do. A true Christian lives his life according to the will of God. Matthew 7:21

6. Application

We should each examine our hearts, are we nominal Christians who are only looking to get what we can from God? Why do we believe Jesus? Is it only to be healed from a sickness or is it get more money? Anyone who is a nominal Christian must repent, turn around and confess their sin to God and ask God to make them a true child of God.

7. Memory Verse

Matthew 7:21

16. Religion Is Unable to Save

1. Goal

To help Christians understand that outside of Jesus Christ there is no religion that is able to save.

2. Introduction

Why is it that people all over the world follow religions? Why do people make religions? The Bible clearly tells us that people make religions in order to worship their religion instead of loving and worshipping God our Creator.

3. Read Scripture – Romans 1:18-25

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Why will God show his anger towards mankind?

Romans 1:18

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4.2 How can mankind know God?

Romans 1:19-20

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4.3 How has mankind responded to God whom they have known since the creation of the world?

Romans 1:21

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4.4 What is the character of the person that does not give glory to God?

Romans 1:21

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4.5 The person who has forsaken God and has turned around to worship something else. What are they worshipping instead of God?

Romans 1:22-23

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4.6 Magical, spiritual things like idols and spirits of many kinds, how do they compare with the glory of God the One who is eternal with no beginning and no end?

Romans 1:22-23

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4.7 God has given over these people to do what?

Romans 1:24

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4.8 They have taken the truth of God and exchanged it for what?

Romans 1:25

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4.9 What do they worship instead of worshipping God?

Romans 1:25

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5. Explanation – All religions are powerless to save.

- 5.1 Every person can know the character of God by looking at everything around them which God created.
- 5.2 Mankind is unwilling to receive God as we are all sinners. We love darkness rather than light. Instead of loving and worshipping God we turn away from God and make a religion and other shortcuts. We worship idols or leaders of other religions rather than turning from our own ways and seeking and worshipping God.
- 5.3 God is grieved when man makes his own religion and worships magical, spiritual things that are not God. God will judge and punish.

6. Application

Do you believe that there is a religion that can save? If you still are trusting in religion and participating in a religion you need to repent of your sin before God and ask Christians to pray for you.

7. Memory Verse

Romans 1:18

17. Sin

1. Goal

To help us understand that every person is a sinner and to understand sin is despised by God.

2. Introduction

Many people think that they are not a sinner. They think they are a good person. They do not understand that every person is a sinner and do not understand what sin is. Sin is not respecting God, it is worshipping other things we consider to be magic or spiritual instead of worshipping God. Sin is doing evil such as murder and stealing. People think that sin is a little thing but the Bible teaches that sin is very evil because sin is against God.

3. Read Scripture – Romans 3:10-18

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Does this world have righteous people who have not sinned?

Romans 3:10

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4.2 Who says that there is no righteous person, not even one?

Romans 3:10

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4.3 What is every person like?

Romans 3:12

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4.4 What is every person's words like?

Romans 3:13-14

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4.5 To what does sin lead us?

Romans 3:16

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4.6 What is the reason that every person has fallen into this condition?

Romans 3:18

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5. Explanation – Sin

5.1 Every person is a sinner. These Bible verses clearly teach that every person is a sinner with no exceptions. Even though many people try to be good by not murdering or committing adultery yet they are sinners in the eyes of God.

5.2 When you think of the sins that you have committed how do you feel? Are you sad and regret what you've done? Every Christian must hate sin just as God hates sin.

5.3 Do not forget that God is holy and hates sin. Because God will certainly judge sin children of God must be determined and make every effort to be on the alert and encourage repentance and turning to God with a new heart.

6. Application

How do you feel about the sin you have done this week? Do you have the same attitude towards sin as Jesus? If you feel sorry for your sin do not hesitate to repent and to examine what led you into sin.

7. Memory Verse

Romans 3:12

18. Punishment

1. Goal

To help us understand God will punish sin and to learn how God will punish sin.

2. Introduction

From ancient times our ancestors have told us that bad people go to hell. This shows us that mankind knows there is punishment however many may not know who decides the punishment and do not know what the punishment is.

3. Read Scripture – John 3:16-21

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Who does God love?

John 3:16

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4.2 How much does God love?

John 3:16

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4.3 Must every person perish?

John 3:16

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4.4 The person who believes in Jesus is saved from what?

John 3:16

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4.5 Why do some people fall under the judgement for sin and go to hell?

John 3:18

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4.6 Some people must go to hell because they do not love Jesus, the light of the world. What do they love more than light?

John 3:19

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4.7 Why do people love darkness rather than light?

John 3:19

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5. Explanation – Punishment

5.1 God's desire is not to punish mankind but to save mankind - John 3:17

5.2 Even though God sent Jesus to be the Savior of mankind there are many people who go to hell because:

- they are unwilling to believe and trust Jesus - John 3:18

- they love darkness because they love evil - John 3:19

- they hate the light – John 3:20

5.3 The Bible says sinners that do not believe and follow Jesus will certainly be judged, with no exceptions. No amount of merit or good works will be able to save them.

6. Application

When you think of people close to you or your relatives that you love that are going to hell, how do you feel? What are you doing to help them?

7. Memory Verse

John 3:18

19. Jesus is the Savior

1. Goal

To help Christians understand Jesus is the One Who saves us from sin and from the punishment of sin and Jesus is the Judge who decides the punishment.

2. Introduction

People all over the world make merit and do good works in order to save themselves from the punishment for their sins. Mankind is unable to save himself. If there is no one able to save mankind then every person will be judged guilty and go to hell.

3. Read Scripture – Romans 5:6-9

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Jesus was willing to die on the cross in order to help whom?

Romans 5:6

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4.2 When Jesus died for mankind what was mankind's condition?

Romans 5:6

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4.3 Is it likely that a person would be willing to die for a good person?

Romans 5:7

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4.4 It is hard to find someone willing to die for a good person. Is it possible that someone would be willing to die for an evil person?

Romans 5:7

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4.5 What were we like when Jesus died for us?

Romans 5:8

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4.6 What do we learn about God by the fact that Jesus was willing to die for us sinners?

Romans 5:8

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4.7 What kind of people does God consider us now?

Romans 5:9

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4.8 How did Jesus save us from God's terrible wrath?

Romans 5:9

5. Explanation – Punishment

5.1 Every person is a sinner. Some religions teach that we are able to save ourselves but is it possible that a person can save himself even though he is dead in his spirit?

5.2 God is a holy God who must punish sin. God does not close his eyes to sin. The person who sins will be judged by God.

5.3 Jesus, the only Son of God, was willing to come down into this world in order to take the punishment for the sin of mankind. Jesus was crucified on the cross not for his own sin, for Jesus never sinned, but Jesus was willing to die instead of mankind in order to take the punishment for man's sin.

6. Application

How can we receive salvation? Is there anyone in this group that has not yet received new life from Jesus? If so, urge that person to receive Jesus Christ who is able to save him.

7. Memory Verse

Romans 5:8

20. Getting a New Heart - Conversion

1. Goal

To help Christians understand what it means to get a new heart (conversion) and what importance it has in the life of a Christian.

2. Introduction

A lot of people think that doing wrong is not an important thing so they are not sorry for the sin that they have done. Few people regret or feel badly about lying, being jealous or other sins but God commands people to hate sin and have a change of heart.

3. Read Scripture – Acts 2:22-24, 36-41

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What did wicked men do to Jesus?

Acts 2:23

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4.2 Who raised Jesus from the dead?

Acts 2:24

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4.3 People crucified Jesus on the cross but God brought Jesus back to life and has established him as what?

Acts 2:36

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4.4 When the people heard Peter preach they understood that they were the ones who had killed Jesus. What emotional response did they have?

Acts 2:37

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4.5 What did Peter tell them to do?

Acts 2:38

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4.6 What does it mean to “throw away your old heart and receive a new heart”?

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4.7 If we are willing to change the direction of our hearts what will God do for us?

Acts 2:38

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4.8 And what will we receive?

Acts 2:38

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4.9 Who is this promise for?

Acts 2:39

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5. Explanation – A change of heart, getting a new heart, conversion

- 5.1 Hating and despising our sin – When a person has a change of heart they begin to realize they are a sinner and they are sorry for their sin. They are sorry for being a sinner.
- 5.2 Turning your back on sin – The person who has a new heart must turn his back on sin, stop sinning and cut off ties to sin.
- 5.3 Asking God for forgiveness of sins – The person who has a new heart must understand that only Jesus can help him. Apart from Jesus, the Savior, he must go to hell. For this reason, a person who has a new heart will quickly pray asking God to clean him from his sin and forgive him.

6. Application

Have you received a new heart yet? If there is anyone who has not yet turned away from his old heart and received a new heart in sincerity let that person repent and confess his sins now.

7. Memory Verse

Acts 2:28

21. The Grace of God

1. Goal

To help Christians understand that they are saved by the grace of God.

2. Introduction

Every religion teaches, "If we do good we will receive good, if we do bad we will receive bad". This means that mankind is able to save themselves but the Word of God teaches the opposite. The Bible teaches that it is impossible for salvation to come from man.

3. Read Scripture – Titus 3:3-7

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Before we believed in God what kind of people were we?

Titus 3:3

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4.2 Even though we were evil people what has God shown to us?

Titus 3:4

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4.3 What did Jesus come to this world to do?

Titus 3:5

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4.4 Are we saved from our sin by our good works?

Titus 3:5

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4.5 If mankind is not saved by his good works how is he saved?

Titus 3:5

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4.6 How has God made us a righteous person?

Titus 3:7

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5. Explanation – The grace of God

5.1 The grace of God means God shows his mercy to mankind even though mankind deserves to receive punishment.

5.2 A person cannot save himself by his good works because every person has sinned and the good works of a person in God's eyes is like dirty rags.

5.3 Are you able to answer this question, "We do good works in order to be saved or we do good works because we have been saved." Which is correct?

6. Application

Making merit does not profit us because mankind is unable to save himself. If there is someone who thinks he will be saved because he regularly goes to church or because he gives money to the church or because he does good works he must stop thinking this way. He must turn around and depend on Jesus only and trust in God who alone is able to save him.

7. Memory Verse

Titus 3:5

22. Making A Decision

1. Goal

To help Christians understand that we must decide between our old life and Jesus.

2. Introduction

Some people want the benefits of being a Christian like being forgiven their sin and having eternal life but without leaving their old life. They want to keep on worshipping their idols as well as other sins but every person must decide between two ways – you cannot stand on two boats at one time.

3. Read Scripture – Luke 18:18-30

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What did the young rich man want to have?

Luke 18:18

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4.2 Did the young rich man accept the fact that he was a sinner?

Luke 18:20-21

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4.3 What did Jesus say the young rich man had to give away?

Luke 18:22

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4.4 Jesus' request made the young rich man choose between two things. What were the two things?

Luke 18:22

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4.5 What did the young rich man choose, Jesus or his possessions?

Luke 18:23-25

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5. Explanation – Making a decision

5.1 Christians must choose between Jesus and everything else. They must choose what will be the most important thing in their life.

5.2 Before Jesus can be the most important person in our life we must throw away our old life, that is, being selfish, other religions, idols and every evil thing of this world. We must choose Jesus plus nothing else.

5.3 Luke 18:18-27 tells us that the idol in the young rich man's heart was his possessions. That is why Jesus told the young rich man to give his possessions away and receive Jesus as the most important person in his life.

6. Application

Have you received Jesus as the most important person in your life yet? You cannot receive Jesus and keep everything else at the same time. Jesus is not just another spiritual power. He is not an idol that man makes and then worships but Jesus is the one and only God whom all mankind should worship.

7. Memory Verse

Luke 18:27

23. Rejecting Old Beliefs - Repentance

1. Goal

To help those who believe in God live in line with the truth in the Bible by putting off their old beliefs such as worship of things other than God, believing in mystical things and sacred days and events. When we believe in God we must put off, reject all these other things.

2. Introduction

Some people ask if it is possible to follow and worship other spiritual leaders at the same time as being a Christian. There have been some people who have believed in God but still continue to worship other people and things. The power of our old beliefs is buried deep in our hearts and has power over us so even after believing in God we continue to worship and believe our old beliefs and go to spiritual leaders or spirit mediums or fortune tellers. This is very dangerous as the pull back to our old life is very strong.

3. Read Scripture – Deuteronomy 18:9-14

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What does God command his people not to do?

Deuteronomy 18:9

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4.2 What does God forbid his people to do?

Deuteronomy 18:10,11

1. don't do what you're your children?

2. don't go where and don't do what?

3. don't go where and don't do what?

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6. don't go where and don't do what?

7. don't go where and don't do what?

4.3 How did God warn his people against doing these practices?

Deuteronomy 18:12

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4.4 People who belong to God should be what kind of people?

Deuteronomy 18:13

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4.5 Were the people of God to live the same ways as the people around them? Why?

Deuteronomy 18:14

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5. Explanation – Putting off our old life

- 5.1 Idols - We cannot worship God while we are worshipping idols. We must decide who we will worship. If we decided to follow God, the Creator and the one true God, we must get rid of our idols.
- 5.2 Auspicious days and objects – The evil spirits hate God and they say this day or that day are bad or this year or that year is bad. People who do not believe God go to spirit mediums to tell them the auspicious time to do this or that. The medium will say this day is good and that day is not good and people believe them and follow what they tell them to do. If we believe in God we no longer believe in the other practices but trust and obey Holy God as God is the Creator of every day and every time and he makes them all good.
- 5.3 Divination, sorcery, interpreting omens, witchcraft, casting spells, consulting the dead – We have learned that God hates fortune telling and black magic because these things come from the devil. The devil wants mankind to be under his power and tries to hide the truth of God to keep men from knowing it. When we believe God, we must end all involvement with the occult and black magic and completely cut off all ties to it. We must pray and give our lives into the hands of God asking God to protect us and heal us from all evil and evil powers.

6. Application

- 6.1 Have you been involved with occult objects? Do you still have sacred objects in your house or in your family? If so, what will you do with those things?
- 6.2 Have you gone to a fortune teller? Are you ready to repent and confess your sins? Ask God to be the One who is in charge of your days and in charge of your life.
- 6.3 Are you ready to cut off all your ties with spirit practices that you have done in the past and to get rid of all objects related to these spirit practices? If so, pray and ask Jesus to come to lead you and take care of your life.

7. Memory Verse

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

24. A Christian is a Child of God

1. Goal

To help Christians understand that they are a child of God.

2. Introduction

Sometimes people say to Christians that they are a child of a Westerner or this teacher or that teacher but it is not the truth. Christians are not children of any person but they are children of God.

3. Read Scripture – John 1:12,13 Romans 8:14-17

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 How is it possible for a person to become a child of God?

John 1:12

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4.2 What are three ways in which a person does *not* become a child of God?

John 1:13

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4.3 When the Holy Spirit is leading a person it is evidence that person is what kind of a person?

Romans 8:14

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4.4 Since a Christian is a child of God how does he address God?

Romans 8:15

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4.5 How can we know for sure that we are a child of God?

Romans 8:16

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4.6 If we are a child of God what position do we have?

Romans 8:17

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4.7 The people who receive the inheritance of Jesus Christ will also receive what?

Romans 8:17

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5. Explanation – A Christian is a child of God

5.1 Every person receives their physical life through their mother and father but spiritual life is by rebirth through the Holy Spirit.

5.2 Christians are children of God. This means that they are not orphans and they are not children of the devil but they are children of God who the best Father.

5.3 Being a child of God means that we are part of the family of God and we have the honor of belonging to God. Being part of the family of God means that God is our Father and that the many millions of Christians in the world are our brothers and sisters and we have a part in the joy and the sufferings of our family members.

6. Application

6.1 Are you certain that you are a child of God?

6.2 Since Christians are children of God what kind of attitude should they have towards God? Are you thankful for your indebtedness to God?

7. Memory Verse

John 1:12

25. Freedom in Christ

1. Goal

To help us understand that when we receive salvation we are freed from being slaves to our sin through Jesus Christ.

2. Introduction

The Lord Jesus Christ has delivered us, has freed us from being slaves to sin and death in order that we may live according to the will of God.

3. Read Scripture – Romans 8:1-4

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Family members in God's family have been saved from what?

Romans 8:1

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4.2 We have also been saved from what else?

Romans 8:2

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4.3 Who is the Person who has saved us from being slaves to sin and death?

Romans 8:2

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4.4 Did keeping the law save us from being slaves to sin and to death?

Romans 8:3

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4.5 Why was keeping the law unable to save us?

Romans 8:3

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4.6 How is Jesus able to save us?

Romans 8:3,4

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4.7 How should we live for God?

Romans 8:4

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5. Explanation – Freedom in Christ

Suppose there was a man who stole something and was caught. He was fined 10 million kip but the man could not pay the fine, he had no way to help himself and so he had to go to jail. One day there was a person who decided to help the man get out of prison. This person had to pay the fine the thief owed. The policemen would not free the thief from prison until the fine was paid. In a similar way, Jesus came into this world to free us from being in the prison of sin and death. We received freedom when Jesus was willing to take our punishment for our sins instead of us. There is no other person able to take our punishment for us. Because of Jesus taking our punishment for us we now have freedom in Christ.

6. Application

Let each person ask himself if he has received freedom from Jesus Christ? Or, are you still a slave to sin and death? If you do not yet have freedom in Christ, think about the price Jesus has paid for your salvation. You do not have to continue to be a slave of sin and death.

7. Memory Verse

Romans 8:1,2

26. We are Chosen by God

1. Goal

To help Christians understand God has chosen us before the creation of the world.

2. Introduction

God has planned everything and prepared well for the salvation of mankind. To receive God's salvation that he has prepared for us all we are required to do is to believe. God choose a people for Himself even before he created the world. Thanks be to God who has opened a way through Jesus so that we can come to God the Father.

3. Read Scripture – Ephesians 1:3-12

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Who is it that blesses us spiritually with every spiritual blessing?

Ephesians 1:3

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4.2 God has chosen us to be what kind of people?

Ephesians 1:4

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4.3 God has chosen a people to also be what kind of people?

Ephesians 1:4

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4.4 What else has God called us to?

Ephesians 1:5

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4.5 Who has given us salvation and forgiveness for our sins?

Ephesians 1:7

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4.6 Who planned the salvation of mankind?

Ephesians 1:11

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4.7 For what has God chosen us?

Ephesians 1:12

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5. Explanation – We are chosen by God. God's plan of salvation has four purposes:

5.1 God choose us to be his children.

5.2 God choose us to come out of the ways of the world, the devil and our natural fallen hearts.

5.3 God choose us to be righteous people by washing us clean with the blood of Jesus.

5.4 God has given us the right to go to be with him in heaven.

6. Application

God has done everything for us. How should we respond to the grace and love of Jesus?

7. Memory Verse

Ephesians 1:3,4

27. Assurance of Salvation

1. Goal

To help Christians understand we are secure in God.

2. Introduction

There are some Christians who may be afraid that if they make a mistake God will reject them and they will no longer be his children or some people may be worried that Satan or other things around them will be able to cut them off from the love of God but God's Word, the Bible teaches that we are not to fear.

3. Read Scripture – Romans 8:35-39

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 There is nothing that is able to separate us from the love of God. What are the things that cannot separate us from God's love? Romans 8:35

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4.2 What must Christians suffer?

Romans 8:36

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4.3 Are there some circumstances that will defeat us and cut us off from God's love?

Romans 8:37

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4.4 What things are not able to cut us off from the love of God?

Romans 8:38,39

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5. Explanation – Assurance of salvation

There is nothing that is able to cut us off from God's love, compassion, care and protection and help because God holds us and carries us in his arms. God will not throw away his child whom he loves.

- 5.1 Death is not able to separate us from the love of God because when we die we will go and live with God.
- 5.2 The circumstances of our everyday life are not able to separate us from the love of God because every day and every night a Christian lives in the love, care and grace of God.
- 5.3 Spirits are not able to separate us from the love of God even though their evil power is great and they try to make us leave the love of God but they will be defeated because Jesus lives with us.

6. Application

When Christians are sick does it mean that God no longer loves them, that God has forsaken them? When the devil tempts us to leave God do we fear that the spirit will make God stop loving us? When we are in trouble and stressed is it wrong to think that God has stopped loving us? Stand firm in God who is love and be certain of God's promises which are true and then thank God for giving you salvation that is everlasting and certain.

7. Memory Verse

Romans 8:38,39

28. God

1. Goal

To help Christians understand the character and works of God.

2. Introduction

Are you able to love someone you do not know? In a similar way, how can we love God if we do not know him?

3. Read Scripture – 1 Timothy 6:13-16

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Who gives life to every man?

1 Timothy 6:13

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4.2 How should we obey the commands of God and for how long?

1 Timothy 6:14

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4.3 What are God's characteristics?

1 Timothy 6:15

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4.4 Can God die?

1 Timothy 6:16

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4.5 Where does God live?

1 Timothy 6:16

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4.6 Has any person seen God?

1 Timothy 6:16

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4.7 What should we offer to God?

1 Timothy 6:16

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5. Explanation – Assurance of salvation

5.1 God is the one and only true God but the Bible talks about God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. These are not three Gods but the three Persons are one God.

5.2 God is God over all things, over all kings, over all spiritual beings, over all evil spirits. There is nothing and no one that is not under the feet of God.

5.3 The character and works of God – God has given us his Word, the Bible so that we can know God's character and works.

6. Application

What is one characteristic of God that is special to you? Why? Let each person think for awhile and then praise and pray to God thanking him for who he is and for what he does.

7. Memory Verse

1 Timothy 6:16

29. The Bible

1. Goal

To help you understand the Bible is the Word of God given for every person.

2. Introduction

Since God created mankind God has been communicating with mankind the things God wants mankind to know. God choose and inspired some men to write the Bible so mankind would have the words of God to obey.

3. Read Scripture – 2 Timothy 3:16-17 Luke 1:1-4

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What did the people who wrote the Bible receive from God so that they knew what to write?

2 Timothy 3:16

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4.2 What is the Bible profitable for?

2 Timothy 3:16

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4.3 What is God's purpose for the Bible in the lives of Christians?

2 Timothy 3:17

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4.4 For what purpose did God ask the person to write these verses?

Luke 1:4

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5. Explanation – The Bible

5.1 The Bible is a special book over every other book in the world because it is the words of God that God has given to mankind. May you understand that the Bible you have, even though it is made with paper, has the words of God that are holy and powerful.

5.2 The Bible is not effective if you do not choose to live your life according to God's will therefore, it is important for you to study the Bible every day.

- 5.3 The Bible is profitable in many ways:
- it teaches us to know the will of God, to know God, to understand mankind, sin, salvation, heaven, hell and much more.
 - it warns us and leads us away from evil
 - it helps us know how to deal with our problems and when we have done wrong it shows us what to do
 - it teaches us how to live well so we do not need to be ashamed before God.

6. Application

Decide to read the Bible. You could start reading in Matthew chapter 1 and read one chapter a day. If you read it out loud then the people you live with can also hear it. After reading a chapter select one verse that you want to remember. When you have finished reading the New Testament you can start reading the Old Testament.

7. Memory Verse

2 Timothy 3:16,17

30. Satan

1. Goal

To help you understand who Satan is, what he does and some of the ways he works.

2. Introduction

We see evil everyday in our society. Why is this?

3. Read Scripture – Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7,15; 1 John 3:8 Revelation 20:10

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Who created the snake?

Genesis 3:1

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4.2 What punishment did God say man would receive if they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

Genesis 2:17

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4.3 What did Satan say to the women?

Genesis 3:4

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4.4 Who did the woman believe and what did she do?

Genesis 3:6

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4.5 What did God say to Satan? What does this mean?

Genesis 3:15

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4.6 Why did Jesus come into this world?

1 John 3:8

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4.7 What had the devil done to be thrown out of heaven? To where was he thrown?

Revelation 20:10

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4.8 How long will the devil have to stay there?

Revelation 20:10

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5. Explanation – The Bible

5.1 The devil was an angel in heaven but he became proud and wanted to become like the Most High God so God banished him from heaven and threw him down to earth.

5.2 After the devil was thrown out of heaven he had the name “ruler of the kingdom of the air”. He deceives mankind in order to put them under his rule and control.

- 5.3 Jesus came into this world as a human in order to destroy the power of Satan. Jesus did this through his death on the cross and rising again from the dead on the third day. Jesus has power over the Satan forever.
- 5.4 In the end the devil will be unable to do anything because he will be thrown into the fire pit of hell and he will be tormented there with no end.

6. Application

Should Christians fear Satan? Why? (read 1 John 4:4)
James 4:7 is important for your daily life in what way?

7. Memory Verse

1 John 4:4

31. Creation of the Word

1. Goal

To help Christians understand God is the Creator of everything that is.

2. Introduction

A lot of people like to say that this world just happened. This statement has no foundation of truth. Everything has someone who made it, for example there is no person who just happened but rather was born to his mother; houses do not just appear but they are built by someone. We can see the truth that there is nothing that just appears by itself. In the beginning God created everything that there is.

3. Read Scripture – Genesis 1:1-2:3

4. Questions – Answers

What did God do on:

- 4.1 day 1
Genesis 1:3-5
- 4.2 day 2
Genesis 1:6-8
- 4.3 day 3
Genesis 1:9-13
- 4.4 day 4
Genesis 1:14-19
- 4.5 day 5
Genesis 20-23
- 4.6 day 6
Genesis 1:24-31
- 4.7 day 7
Genesis 2:1-3

5. Explanation – The creation of the world

- 5.1 God existed before everything that he created.
- 5.2 God created everything in the universe.
- 5.3 God is the Creator of everything. God is the Ruler of everything.
- 5.4 God is the Creator. God is the Ruler of the world and is the Ruler of all mankind. Every person should give highest honor to God, should believe and obey him and seek to please him.

6. Application

If you are staying in a big house everyone should take responsibility to keep it clean and be careful not to destroy anything in the house. In a similar way, this world that we live in belongs to God. How then should we live?

7. Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 8:6

32. Mankind Did Not Trust and Obey God

1. Goal

To help us understand where sin and evil came from.

2. Introduction

The Bible teaches that there is no righteous person, not even one. How is that mankind has become sinners? Why is it that we all start sinning when we are small children? How is it that we all can do evil without anyone teaches us?

3. Read Scripture – Genesis 2:9, 15-17; 3:1-24

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What command did God give to the first couple?

Genesis 2:16-17

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4.2 How did the snake deceive the woman?

Genesis 3:4

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4.3 What did the snake say would happen to the woman if she ate from the tree God has forbidden?

Genesis 3:5

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4.4 The first man and women did they believe the snake or did they believe God?

Genesis 3:6

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4.5 When the man and the woman heard the sound of God walking in the garden what did they do?

Genesis 3:8

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4.6 Why did they not want to meet God?

Genesis 3:10

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4.7 In the end what did God do to prevent the man and the woman from eating from the tree of life?

Genesis 3:23-24

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5. Explanation – Mankind did not trust and obey God

5.1 When God created the first couple he gave them the ability to make decisions, to choose. Man has the ability to decide to obey God or to disobey God.

5.2 The first couple decided to obey Satan. They choose Satan to be their master. Ever since then mankind, whom God created to rule the world, have fallen to be slaves of Satan.

5.3 Every person is born a sinner because our first father, Adam sinned. Our father and mother and our grandparents are sinners. No one taught us to sin but we all sin as it is our nature.

6. Application

Every person is a sinner ever since Adam and Eve sinned. We sin by not obeying God and by choosing to follow Satan. If any person born into a Christian family thinks he is automatically a Christian, he is wrong. If you think you are a Christian because your father and mother are Christians you need to repent in order to be delivered from the power of sin and become a true child of God.

7. Memory Verse

Romans 3:23

33. God's Plan

1. Goal

To help Christians understand God's plan for mankind.

2. Introduction

After mankind rebelled against God did God still have a plan to help mankind? God is faithful and holy. It is impossible for God to ignore sin. God must punish sin and must punish it appropriately. Mankind, every person, must perish but God is not willing that anyone should perish. God has a plan for sinful mankind, that is, to send Jesus Christ into the world.

3. Read Scripture – Philippians 2:5-11

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What form or nature does Jesus have?

Philippians 2:5-6

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4.2 Even though Jesus is God what form or nature did he take?

Philippians 2:6-7

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4.3 What was Jesus willing to become?

Philippians 2:7-8

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4.4 When Jesus came into the world as a man what was he willing to do?

Philippians 2:8

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4.5 What kind of death was Jesus willing to die?

Philippians 2:8

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4.6 What was God's response to Jesus sacrifice?

Philippians 2:9

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4.7 Mankind must have what response to Jesus?

Philippians 2:10-11

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5. Explanation – God's plan

5.1 Every person has fallen into the snare of sin.

5.2 Jesus was willing to come down into this world to redeem mankind from their snare of sin.

5.3 God has lifted Jesus high and exalted him to the highest place because of Jesus sacrifice, humility, holiness, love and mercy.

5.4 In the end God will receive the person who believes in Jesus. This is God's plan.

6. Application

- 6.1 Christians do not need to fear the future. If you fear the future pray that you will understand the plan of God and fear no more.
- 6.2 Are you able to explain the plan of God to someone who does not yet know about God and Jesus?

7. Memory Verse

Philippians 1:10-11

34. Jesus' Birth

1. Goal

To help you understand that Jesus is man and Jesus is God.

2. Introduction

There is no one like Jesus. Jesus is 100% a man and Jesus is 100% God.

3. Read Scripture – Matthew 1:18-25

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Were Mary and Joseph already married?
Matthew 1:18

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4.2 What kind of woman was Mary?
Matthew 1:23

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4.3 How did Mary get pregnant?
Matthew 1:18

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4.4 When Joseph found out that Mary was pregnant what did he plan to do?
Matthew 1:19

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4.5 Before Joseph broke off the engagement what happened to him?
Matthew 1:20

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4.6 The angel said that Mary would give birth to a son. What name was Joseph to give him?
Matthew 1:21

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4.7 What name did the prophet foretell and what was the meaning of this name?
Matthew 1:22-23

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4.8 After Joseph woke up what did he do according to what God had commanded?
Matthew 1:24-25

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5. Explanation – Jesus' birth

5.1 Who is Jesus' father? Jesus has one father, God. Joseph was only his foster father. God is the Father of Jesus. Jesus is the Son of God and Jesus is 100% God.

5.2 Who was Jesus' mother? Mary was Jesus' mother. Mary was an ordinary woman but she loved God. Mary was a woman willing to submit to God's plan. Jesus was Mary's firstborn child. Jesus was 100% human.

5.3 Jesus is God (Immanuel means "God with us") and Jesus is human. Mary became pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. It was a miracle. Jesus is human and he understands us. Jesus is God so he can save us. Jesus is the Person between us and God.

6. Application

Why cannot one man save another man from his sins?

Why is Jesus able to save us from our sins?

7. Memory Verse

Matthew 1:23 (Immanuel means God with us)

35. Jesus' Death and Resurrection

1. Goal

To help you understand that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive today.

2. Introduction

Every person in this world who has founded a religion has died and remained dead. You can go to visit their grave. Jesus is different. You cannot go to a grave that has Jesus' bones because on the third day after Jesus' death Jesus came back to life.

3. Read Scripture – Mark 15:21-16:8

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 When Jesus was crucified how did the people mock him?

Mark 15:30

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4.2 At 3:00 in the afternoon what did Jesus call out in a loud voice?

Mark 15:34

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4.3 What did the centurion who was guarding Jesus say when he saw Jesus die?

Mark 15:39

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4.4 After Jesus died what did they do with Jesus' corpse?

Mark 15:46

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4.5 What day did Jesus rise again from the dead?

Mark 16:2

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4.6 When the women got to Jesus' tomb what did they see?

Mark 16:5

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4.7 What did the angel say about Jesus?

Mark 16:6

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5. Explanation – Jesus' death and resurrection

5.1 Jesus was willing to be crucified in order to take the punishment instead of mankind who are sinners.

5.2 Jesus was willing to be forsaken by God the Father as this was part of the punishment for the sins of mankind.

5.3 Jesus was willing to die in our place to take our punishment for us.

5.4 On the third day Jesus was victorious over death, sin and the devil as Jesus rose from the dead and Jesus is still alive today.

6. Application

Let us praise God for Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Let us commit to telling one or two of our friends this week about Jesus who is alive today and who is able to save us from our sins.

7. Memory Verse

Mark 16:6

36. The Church and the Holy Spirit

1. Goal

To help Christians understand how the church was founded and how the Holy Spirit came.

2. Introduction

From the creation of the world until Jesus ascended back up into heaven there were many people who believed God. The Bible does not call these people who believed God a “church” because the “church” was founded later after Jesus had ascended into heaven. After Jesus ascended into heaven then the Holy Spirit came and lived in every person who believed.

3. Read Scripture – Acts 2:1-42

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 On the day of Pentecost what happened to the Christians who were gathered there?
Acts 2:2-3

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4.2 With what were the Christians filled?
Acts 2:4

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4.3 What miracle happened?
Acts 2:4-8

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4.4 Who got up to preach?
Acts 2:14

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4.5 Who did Peter preach about?
Acts 2:22

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4.6 What did Peter preach about?
Acts 2:24

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4.7 What did Peter tell his listeners to do?
Acts 2:38

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4.8 What gift from God did the people who believed receive?
Acts 2:38

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4.7 How many people believed in God on that day?
Acts 2:41

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5. Explanation – The church and the Holy Spirit

- 5.1 The church is formed by the Holy Spirit. Everyone who believes receives the Holy Spirit.
- 5.2 The church announces and teaches the good precious news and urges people to throw away their old hearts and receive new hearts.
- 5.3 The church is fruitful. In the beginning there were about 120 people who received the Holy Spirit. Then on one day there were about 3000 more people who believed.

6. Application

What is your church like? Is it formed and filled with the Holy Spirit? Do you have courage to go out and tell others the good news? Is your church fruitful? If the church is different from the early church what needs to change?

7. Memory Verse

Acts 1:8

37. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

1. Goal

To help Christians understand about the second coming of Jesus Christ.

2. Introduction

The first time Jesus came into this world He came as a servant and as a savior. He came as a man who was humble, poor and willing to sacrifice for the salvation of mankind. But when Jesus comes to this world the second time He will come as the King of Kings with great power and with great glory.

3. Read Scripture – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What will Jesus' second coming be like?

1 Thessalonians 4:16

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4.2 Who will be raised to life first?

1 Thessalonians 4:16

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4.3 What will happen to the Christians who are still alive?

1 Thessalonians 4:17

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4.4 Where will every person who believes live from then on?

1 Thessalonians 4:17

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4.5 Why does the Bible teach us about the second coming of Jesus?

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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4.6 Did Jesus tell us the day and the year he will come back?

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

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4.7 When Jesus comes back will everyone be prepared and ready to receive him?

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

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4.8 What should every Christian do to prepare himself to be ready for Jesus' second coming? 1 Thessalonians 5:6

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5. Explanation – Jesus second coming

5.1 Jesus has promised that he is coming back a second time. God's word is for certain. God has said, "I am going to prepare a place for you and then I am coming back for you so that we can live together." (John 14:3)

- 5.2 The Bible does not tell us the time or day that Jesus will return. Only God the Father knows the time Jesus will return. (Matthew 24:36)
- 5.3 When Jesus comes back he will come back with glory and with many angels and with the trumpet call of God. Jesus will return as King.

6. Application

When a Christian dies how should we respond? When will we meet that person again? For those of us still living, how should we prepare so that we are ready when Jesus comes again to take us to live with him?

7. Memory Verse

1 Thessalonians 5:9,10

38. Heaven

1. Goal

To help Christians understand what heaven is like.

2. Introduction

Some people like to say that there is no heaven and no hell. Some people say, "Heaven is in hell; hell is in the heart" meaning, heaven is in the heart of a good person and hell is in the heart of a bad person but this is not what the Bible teaches. The Bible teaches there is a heaven and it is the place where God lives and it is the destination for every Christian.

3. Read Scripture – Revelation 21:1-4; 22:1-5

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Who will be living together in heaven?

Revelation 21:3

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4.2 What is not in heaven?

Revelation 21:4

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4.3 What is in heaven for the healing of the nations?

Revelations 22:2

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4.4 What else is not in heaven?

Revelations 22:3

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4.5 What will Christians do in heaven?

Revelations 22:3

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4.6 Who will Christians see in heaven?

Revelations 22:4

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4.7 There is no night in heaven. What is the light of heaven?

Revelations 22:5

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4.8 How long will Christians reign in heaven?

Revelations 22:5

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5. Explanation – Heaven

5.1 Heaven is the royal residence of God and for sure it is a very beautiful place filled with more glory than this world many hundreds of time over.

- 5.2 Heaven has many things that this world does not have like, the throne of God, the Son of God, the river of life, a garden with a tree of life that has leaves for the healing of the nations, light of God and full of happiness and peace.
- 5.3 Heaven does not have many things that this world has like, suffering, sadness, sin, Satan, spirits, sickness, poverty, famine and many other such things.
- 5.4 What will we do in heaven? Lots of people are worried that heaven will not be a fun place but the Bible teaches that we will serve and worship God. It certainly will be a happy place for there is no problems or trouble and no fighting there. There is nothing to spoil the peace and joy that is there.

6. Application

Will people who have not believed go to heaven? When people who have believed die and go to heaven should be grieve and feel sad in the same way as when someone who has not believed dies?

7. Memory Verse

Revelation 22:4,5

39. Hell

1. Goal

To help Christians understand what hell is like.

2. Introduction

There are people everywhere who are not afraid of hell because they think that there is no hell. The Bible teaches very clearly that God has prepared hell for Satan and for his followers. Hell is a place of terrible torment. Every follower of Satan will be in hell with Satan and there is no escape or end.

3. Read Scripture – Revelation 20:10-15; 21:8

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Who will be thrown into hell?

Revelation 20:10

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4.2 What is hell like?

Revelation 20:10

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4.3 What will happen to the ones thrown into hell?

Revelation 20:10

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4.4 How long will the ones in hell be there?

Revelation 20:10

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4.5 What is another name for the fire pit of hell?

Revelation 20:14

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4.6 Who else will be in hell besides Satan?

Revelation 20:15

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4.7 What kind of people will be in hell?

Revelation 21:8

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5. Explanation – Hell

5.1 Hell is a place of terrible torment, a place to be avoided at all costs. People who go to hell will be there with Satan and with the evil spirits forever. Hell is dark, hot, no food and nothing to do. Hell only has sulphur and fire. Some people say, "I want to go to hell. It will be fun to be with Satan!" People who think this way are terribly mistaken.

5.2 Everyone who trusts in God does not need to fear hell. Hell has been prepared as a place of punishment for Satan and his spirits and for anyone who is unwilling to believe in Jesus Christ.

5.3 Hell has no escape, no way out. Some religions teach that you must go to hell for a little while but after you have received the punishment for your sins you will get out. The Bible teaches very differently. The Bible says that each person has one life on earth, will then will die and after their death God will decide their punishment. Every person who does not believe in Jesus will be sent to hell forever with no escape, no reincarnation and no possibility of salvation.

6. Application

Do believe there is a hell? If you really believe there is a hell how should you live, what should you do for your relatives and people you know?

7. Memory Verse

Revelation 20:12

40. Christian Family

1. Goal

To help Christians understand what God’s plan is for family, for a husband and for a wife, to understand how to live together as a family.

2. Introduction

Some religions teach that a wife and children and possessions are chains that bind men and keep them from entering Nirvana but the Word of God does not teach this. The Bible says that sin is the chain that drag people to hell but a wife, children and possessions are blessings from God.

3. Read Scripture – Ephesians 5:21-31

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What kind of attitude should a husband and wife have for each other?

Ephesians 5:21
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4.2 Why should a wife be willing to listen to her husband?

Ephesians 5:22,23
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4.3 What kind of attitude does the Bible say a husband should have for his wife?

Ephesians 5:25
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4.4 A husband is to love his wife following the example of whom?

Ephesians 5:25
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4.5 A husband is to love his wife in the same way as he loves whom?

Ephesians 5:28
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4.6 What should a husband do when he marries a wife?

Ephesians 5:31
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4.7 When a husband and wife marry how close a relationship should they have?

Ephesians 5:31
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5. Explanation – Christian family

5.1 In a Christian family the husband and wife must love each other deeply. If the husband and wife love each other well their children will have peace and the husband and wife will not have worries.

5.2 In a Christian family the husband should be attentive, protective and looking for ways to make his wife happy. He should not expect his wife to carry the burden caring for the children by herself. The husband is responsible to provide food and shelter and clothes for his family.

5.3 In a Christian family the husband is the head of the family and the wife is the crown. Proverbs 12:4 says, “A wife of noble character is her husband’s crown.”

6. Application

Today there are families everywhere that have lots of problems. Why do you think this is? For those of us who believe in Jesus how can we deal with family problems?

7. Memory Verse

Ephesians 5:31

41. Fathers, Mothers and Children

1. Goal

To help Christians understand the responsibilities of a husband, wife and children.

2. Introduction

Many fathers and mothers only think of the personal benefits of having children, that is, children are good to help with the farm work or family business and children will be able to care for us when we get old. So, many fathers and mothers try to control their children from a young age to do everything their want. But in a Christian family parents love their children. Instead of thinking of the benefits to themselves the parents sacrifice for their children so that their children will love God and follow Jesus with their whole heart. If a family is one in Jesus Christ that family has great strength.

3. Read Scripture – Ephesians 6:1-4

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What attitude should children have towards their parents?

Ephesians 6:1

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4.2 Which one of the ten commandments has a promise connected with it?

Ephesians 6:2

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4.3 What reward will be given to children that honor their father and mother?

Ephesians 6:3

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4.4 What should parents not do to their children?

Ephesians 6:4

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4.5 What should parents do for their children?

Ephesians 6:4

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5. Explanation – Fathers, mothers, children

5.1 Children should honor and obey their parents in the Lord. "In the Lord" means according to the will of God. If parents tell their children to do something that is against the will of God, for example, to become a monk, worship the ancestors or anything else that is against what God commands, then the child should not do what is against God's will.

5.2 Fathers and mothers are responsible to teach their children. If a child is disobedient the parents should discipline him to learn how to respect and obey his parents.

When disciplining a child parents should follow these guidelines:

- wait until your own anger or frustration has died down before you discipline your child. Do not discipline your child when you are angry.
- spank so that it hurts but do not beat or threaten
- after you have spanked your child talk with your child about why you needed to discipline them
- pray with your child helping them to confess their sin to God and to receive God's forgiveness
- assure your child of your love for him, you love him too much to ignore his sin or to neglect teaching him
- when parents do wrong to their children, parents should ask forgiveness of their children with a sincere heart.

5.3 Parents are responsible to train their children with the wisdom of God. Parents must accept their responsibility to teach their children the way of salvation and to train their children to live their lives according to God's will.

6. Application

A Christian family should meet together every day to:

- read the Bible together
- pray together
- sing together
- talk about important things of life together
- confess their sins to each other and work together on the problems they are facing.

7. Memory Verse

Ephesians 6:4

42. Important Christian Family Event – the Wedding Day

1. Goal

To help Christians understand a Christian wedding.

2. Introduction

People think that that a wedding is a big ceremony to show off your importance and wealth to the community. It is important, they feel, to have fancy and expensive decorations and lots of special food so the family of the bride will get lots of honor but Christians do not have this goal. The goal of a Christian wedding is to give glory to God.

3. Read Scripture – 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 Mark 10:2-12

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 The Bible teaches that a Christian should not partner with a non-Christian. So, should a Christian marry a non-Christian?

2 Corinthians 6:14-15

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4.2 A Christian is the temple of the Holy Spirit. When two Christians get married should they follow the wedding ceremony of their former religion?

2 Corinthians 6:16-18

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4.3 Who instituted marriage?

Mark 10:6,9

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4.4 When you have married how should you set up your family?

Mark 10:9

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4.5 God has said that a husband and a wife should be one body. What should other people not do?

Mark 10:9

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5. Explanation – Wedding

5.1 A wedding should give glory to God. God is the one who has instituted marriage so a wedding should be done in worship to God, in praise of God and in thanksgiving to God for the love he gives. A wedding should not be for the purpose of getting personal glory or praise but be for the praise of God.

5.2 Wedding – Christians should go to weddings in order to bless the bride and groom and not just to get something out of it for themselves. They should go to show love and give encouragement to the new couple.

5.3 A Christian wedding is a good opportunity to bring someone who is not yet a Christian so they can learn about Jesus. A Christian wedding ceremony should include Bible reading and teaching about Jesus and about what it means to live as a Christian family so the non-Christian want to be a Christian like the wedding couple.

6. Application

When two Christians get married how should they plan their wedding ceremony?
Are there some things that they should not do?

7. Memory Verse

Mark 10:9

43. Important Christian Family Event – Having Children

1. Goal

To help Christians understand how parents should care for their children.

2. Introduction

In our Lao society many people make vows to the spirits saying that if the spirits will help them have a child they will fulfill their vow to the spirits. This practice results in their children being under the control of the spirits from birth. Christians should not do this. Christians must know that children are a gift from God. Christians should dedicate their children to God.

3. Read Scripture – Mark 10:13-16

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Why were the parents bringing their children to Jesus?

Mark 10:13

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4.2 Who forbid the children to come to Jesus?

Mark 10:13

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4.3 What did Jesus say to his disciples who were trying to turn the children away from him?

Mark 10:14

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4.4 Why did Jesus tell his disciples to not turn away the children?

Mark 10:14

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4.5 Jesus said that children were a good example of what?

Mark 10:15

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4.6 Jesus took the children in his arms. What else did Jesus do?

Mark 10:16

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5. Explanation – Wedding

5.1 God is the creator of every child that is born from the moment that child is conceived. This means that God knows us before we are born. If this is true we should not abort our children for children come from God. (Psalm 139:13-16)

5.2 From the moment a father and mother know that a baby has been conceived they should dedicate their child to God. This means they commit to praying for their child every day of their life and they will teach their child to know the love of God and to know God.

5.3 Even a very young child can believe and love Jesus. Just as Jesus praised children saying that the kingdom of heaven belonged to them so parents should lead their children to believe in Jesus from a young age.

6. Application

When Christians understand that children are a blessing from God what kind of attitude should parents have towards their children?

7. Memory Verse

Psalm 139:13

44. Important Christian Family Event – Death

1. Goal

To help Christians understand what to do when a Christian dies.

2. Introduction

When a non-Christian dies their relatives make merit for him in the hopes of helping the dead person get to heaven. The Word of God says that when a person dies he must stand before God who will judge where that person goes. If he is a child of God he will go to heaven but if he is a person who has not believed in Jesus he must go to hell. People, while they are alive in this world, do not have the power to help someone who has died. Doing ceremonies to make merit for a dead person no matter if they are done for seven days or 100 days or on anniversaries of the death, they have no power to help the person who has died. If Christians do not make merit for a person who has died what should they do?

3. Read Scripture – Acts 7:54-8:2 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 When Stephen told of the greatness of Jesus what did the Jews do to him?

Acts 7:59

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4.2 Before Stephen died what did he ask God to do to the people who were killing him?

Acts 7:60

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4.3 What word does the Bible use for a Christian who has died?

John 11:11-14 Acts 7:60

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4.4 What attitude did the Christians have as they buried Stephen?

Acts 8:2

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4.5 What does a Christian receive after they die?

1 Corinthians 15:51

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4.6 How will a Christian be changed after he dies?

1 Corinthians 15:53

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4.7 Can death defeat a Christian?

1 Corinthians 15:55

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4.8 When we experience death what attitude should we have?

1 Corinthians 15:57

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5. Explanation – Death

- 5.1 For the Christian death is like sleep so we do not need to fear death. Jesus is victorious over death by the power of resurrection. Christians must die like every human must die but after death the Christian goes to live with God.
- 5.2 We should not make merit for a Christian who has died because making merit is powerless to save anyone. There is salvation only through the grace of God. All merit making is useless and powerless.
- 5.3 When a Christian dies we do not need to be overcome by grief. It is natural to be sad and to cry when a Christian friend dies for it is likely to be a long time before we see them again. Christians grieve but not in the same way as non-Christians grieve for non-Christians have no hope but we know that the Christian who has died has gone to be with God and is happy and at peace.
- 5.4 The funeral of a Christian is a good opportunity to preach the good news of salvation of Jesus Christ. There is likely to be many non-Christians at the funeral so we should make the most of this opportunity to tell the good news of Jesus.

6. Application

When a Christian dies what should the Christians do for the funeral? What kind of attitude should we have towards the relatives of the person who has died? What should we do with the corpse? Remember Christians should do everything to the glory of God including at a funeral.

7. Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 15:52

45. Celebrating Important Christian Days

1. Goal

To help Christians understand that we should celebrate the goodness of God towards us by having special celebrations.

2. Introduction

In Bible times the Israelites had various special celebrations and festivals that God had commanded them to do to remember God's goodness to them, God's love and God's help. In current times we do not have festivals that God has commanded but it is good for Christians to celebrate special events in order to remember and enjoy the mercy of God.

3. Read Scripture – Isaiah 12:1-6 This is a song the Israelites sang at some of their festivals.

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What is the purpose of special Christian celebrations and festivals?

Isaiah 12:1

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4.2 For what reason should we thank God?

Isaiah 12:2

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4.3 When we have a special celebration and when we praise God what kind of attitude should we have?

Isaiah 12:3

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4.4 When we have a special celebration to whom are we announcing the mighty acts of God?

Isaiah 12:1

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4.5 What did the Israelites do to show their joy in God?

Isaiah 12:5-6

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5. Explanation – Christian celebration of special events

5.1 What events should Christians celebrate? God does not command us to celebrate specific days or events so Christians have the freedom to choose important events to celebrate. All over the world most Christians agree that they want to celebrate the following special days:

- Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ as a man. We do not know the specific day that Jesus was born but most people in the world celebrate Christmas on December 25 every year.
- The day of Jesus' death to the day of his resurrection from the dead is three days in March or April every year.
- Harvest celebration or Thanksgiving Day is a day to thank God for all his provision. The date for celebrating Thanksgiving Day is up to the local group of Christians to decide because the time of harvest is a different time in the different places and countries.
- New Years Day is a day to thank God for the year that has past and to ask for God's help and leadership in the new year.

In addition to these special celebration dates Christians can celebrate other special days as they wish as the Bible does not forbid this. Some examples of other celebrations are dedicating a new house, birthdays, Mother's Day, etc.

5.2 When you think of Christian celebrations the important thing to think about is how to celebrate in order to give glory to God. Christians give glory to God when they express their joy in God by singing, preaching, eating together, special music, drama, playing together. What ever we do we must do in the name of Jesus.

5.3 Celebrations are a good opportunity to praise God with other Christians and with the people we invite to come and learn about God. But it does not mean that these special celebration days have special spiritual power or more important than any other day. The Bible teaches that every day in the year is the same. The day is not important but what is important is what we do and why we do it – does it give glory to God or not.

6. Application

What do you want to celebrate as a special day and how will you do to celebrate?

7. Memory Verse

Isaiah 12:4

46. The Full Armor of God

1. Goal

To encourage Christians to be strong and courageous in the battle against spiritual forces by putting on the full armor of God at all times.

2. Introduction

Once there were two men fighting trying to kill one another. One man had a sword but the other man was fighting with his bare hands. They only fought a short time before the second man had to give up because he had no weapon and he received many wounds from the sword of the first man. The meaning of the story – do you know that you are in a battle against an evil enemy, that is, Satan and the evil spirits of the air and of darkness? If you try to fight with bare hands you will quickly be defeated. It is essential that we put on the armor of God in order not to be defeated by Satan and the evil spirits.

3. Read Scripture – Ephesians 6:10-18

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Where does the strength of the Christian come from and what kind of strength is it?
Ephesians 6:10

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4.2 What should we put on? Why should we put it on?
Ephesians 6:11

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4.3 Who are we fighting against?
Ephesians 6:12

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4.4 Why do we need to put on the full armor of God?
Ephesians 6:13

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4.5 What is it that we need to put on to protect our body? To what can each object can be compared?

Ephesians 6:14-17

1truth..... 1belt.....

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4.6 With what piece of armor are we to fight? What is this and what does this mean?
Ephesians 6:17

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4.7 What are we commanded to do?
Ephesians 6:18

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5. Explanation – The full armor of God

5.1 Every person is involved in a war. This war is a spiritual war, the war between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan, between light and darkness.

5.2 God has provided a full armor for us so that we are always prepared for battle.

- Truth tied around our waist, that is, the Christian must be true and speak the truth.
- Breastplate of righteousness, that is, a heart washed clean from sin by the blood of Jesus
- Shoes of good news, that is, as the Christian walks following Jesus to every place he give witness to the good news.
- Shield of faith, that is, believe in the Word of God and trust in God’s power always.
- Helmet of salvation, that is, protect our mind to think only according to God’s word.

5.3 God has prepared an armor with many pieces to protect us but God has given us only one piece of armor to fight, that is, a sword which is the Word of God. We must therefore read and study the Bible, mediate and memorize the Bible so that we are ready to fight the devil and have victory.

5.4 Prayer is very important in our fight against spiritual forces. We must pray asking for wisdom and skill and strength to be delivered from the devil. We should pray for ourselves and we should pray for other Christians as well.

6. Application

How can a Christian put on the full armor of God?

7. Memory Verse

Ephesians 6:10-12

47. Victory Over Satan's Lies

1. **Goal**
To teach Christians to understand Satan's tactics and how to defeat Satan.
2. **Introduction**
In a war a soldier must understand his enemy's weapons and strategy in order to prepare himself to fight him. In a similar way a Christian must know how to defeat the attacks of Satan.
3. **Read Scripture** – Matthew 3:13 - 4:11
4. **Questions – Answers**
 - 4.1 After Jesus was baptized who came and rested on him?
Matthew 3:16
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 - 4.2 What did God say about Jesus? Matthew 3:17
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 - 4.3 Who led Jesus into the wilderness? Why did he lead them there?
Matthew 4:1
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 - 4.4 How many days did Jesus go without eating food? How did he feel?
Matthew 4:2
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 - 4.5 What did Satan say to Jesus when he came to him?
Matthew 4:3
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 - 4.6 What did Jesus reply? Matthew 4:4
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 - 4.7 What did the devil tell Jesus to do?
Matthew 4:6
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 - 4.8 Jesus did not listen to the devil. What did Jesus reply?
Matthew 4:7
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 - 4.9 What did the devil say he would give to Jesus if Jesus would bow down and worship him? Matthew 4:9
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 - 4.10 What did Jesus reply? Matthew 4:10
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 - 4.11 What did the devil do? Matthew 4:11
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5. **Explanation** – Victory over Satan's lies

- 5.1 When Satan came to tempt Jesus the Holy Spirit was with Jesus and led Jesus. In the same way the Holy Spirit lives with us to led us and help us when the devil comes to tempt us.
- 5.2 The devil tried to get Jesus to doubt God's Word. God said, "This is my Son whom I love" (Matthew 3:17) so the devil said, "If you are the Son of God..." (Matthew 4:3). One of the strategies of the devil is to get us to doubt God's Word and to doubt the truth of God's promises.
- 5.3 Jesus answered the devil every time quoting the Word of God (Matthew 4:4,7,10). Like Jesus, the teaching and commands of God are our weapons in our fight against the devil. Therefore, we should be diligent in our study and memorization of the Word of God
- 5.4 The devil likes to lie. The devil said he would give the kingdoms of the world to Jesus (Matthew 4:8) but all the kingdoms of the world belong to Jesus. The devil is always lying to us. We must be careful not to allow ourselves to listen to and believe the devil lies.
- 5.5 Jesus commanded Satan to leave and Satan left Jesus (Matthew 4:10,11). We are children of God and we have the authority in the name of Jesus to command Satan and his evil spirits to leave us and Satan and his evil spirits must leave.

6. Application

How are you preparing yourself to fight against the lies and deceit of Satan and evil spirits? When Satan tempts you to do wrong what will you do to defeat Satan and not be led into sin?

7. Memory Verse

Matthew 4:10-11

48. Victory Over Evil Spirits

1. Goal

To teach those who believe that they have authority over evil spirits because Jesus has power over spirits and Jesus has given authority to those who believe in him.

2. Introduction

Many people think that evil spirits are the spirits of people who have died but this understanding is wrong. Evil spirits belong to Satan. Evil spirits deceive people in order to make them afraid and stressed. When a person dies he does not come back as a spirit but rather either goes to heaven or goes to hell according to God's judgement.

3. Read Scripture – Mark 5:1-20 Luke 10:17-20

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Where did the man possessed by evil spirits live? What did he do?
Mark 5:2-5

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4.2 What did he do when he saw Jesus? Mark 5:6

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4.3 Whom did he say Jesus was? Mark 5:7

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4.4 What did Jesus command the evil spirits to do?
Mark 5:8

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4.5 What request did the evil spirits ask Jesus?
Mark 5:12

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4.6 What did Jesus do? Then what happened?
Mark 5:13

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4.7 What change was there in the life of the man after the spirits left?
Mark 5:15

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4.8 What were the 70 disciples happy about?
Luke 10:17

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4.9 What authority did Jesus give to his disciples?
Luke 10:19

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4.10 What should the disciples of Jesus rejoice about?
Luke 10:20

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5. Explanation – Victory over evil spirits

- 5.1 Evil spirits belong to Satan. These spirits were angels of God but when Satan rebelled against God these spirits joined Satan in his rebellion. God cast Satan and these spirits out of heaven.
- 5.2 Evil spirits know that Jesus is the Son of the Most High God and they also know that their power is limited because Jesus has authority over them. They must obey Jesus' commands.
- 5.3 On the last day of this world God will punish the evil spirits by throwing them into hell with Satan.
- 5.4 Jesus lives with those who believe in him. Jesus has authority and power over every evil spirit in the world so Christians have the authority to cast out evil spirits in the name of Jesus.
- 5.5 Jesus does not want us to rejoice because we have authority over spirits but Jesus wants us to rejoice that we have eternal life in him.

6. Application

Why do Christians not need to fear evil spirits? When evil spirits come to harass us or deceive us what should we do?

7. Memory Verse

James 4:7

49. Baptism

1. Goal

To help us understand the meaning of baptism in the life of a Christian.

2. Introduction

Most non-Christians when they see a Christian get baptized they like to say that the Christian is getting washed clean from their sins but baptism is not getting washed clean from our sins. There is no one able to wash us clean from our sins with water. If a person only had to wash themselves with water to get rid of their sins that would be so easy to do! If baptism is not for washing away our sins then what is the meaning of baptism?

3. Read Scripture – Acts 8:26-40 Romans 6:1-4

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What story did Philip tell the Ethiopian?

Acts 8:35

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4.2 As they were travelling what did they come to?

Acts 8:36

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4.3 What are the conditions necessary to get baptized?

Acts 8:37

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4.4 Into what are we baptized when we are baptized into Jesus Christ?

Romans 6:3

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4.5 What is the meaning of being plunged under the water?

Romans 6:4

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4.6 What is the meaning of being raised up out of the water?

Romans 6:4

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5. Explanation – Baptism

5.1 Receiving baptism is a picture that shows us we are the children of God. Baptism is not able to give us salvation. It is only possible for a person to be saved by the grace of God believing in God, not by getting baptized. Anyone who is baptized but does not believe in God has only got wet.

5.2 Going under the water is a picture of death showing that a person who receives baptism has died to his old life of sin.

5.3 Getting raised back up out of the water is a picture of new life showing that the person who receives baptism has new life in Jesus Christ.

5.4 Jesus has commanded everyone who believes in him to be baptized with water. We should obey and get baptized as Jesus has commanded.

6. Application

Are you believing in Jesus but have not yet received baptism? If so, do not hesitate to get baptized to show that you are person who has decided to follow Jesus.

7. Memory Verse

Romans 6:4

50. The Lord's Supper – Communion

1. Goal

To help Christians understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper in the life of a Christian.

2. Introduction

The most important event since God created the world is the death of Jesus Christ to pay for the sins of mankind. We must not forget the death of Jesus. Jesus instituted the ceremony of the Lord's Supper for Christians to always remember the death of Jesus on the cross.

3. Read Scripture – Mark 14:22-26 1 Corinthians 11:23-34

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 When did Jesus institute the Lord's Supper?

1 Corinthians 11:23

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4.2 What is the meaning of the bread?

1 Corinthians 11:23,24

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4.3 What is the meaning of us eating this bread?

1 Corinthians 11:24

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4.4 What did Jesus say the cup was?

1 Corinthians 11:25

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4.5 What does this cup point to?

1 Corinthians 11:25

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4.6 Why should we drink from this cup?

1 Corinthians 11:25

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4.6 What should we do before we participate in the Lord's Supper?

1 Corinthians 11:28

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5. Explanation – Baptism

5.1 The bread points to the body of Jesus that suffered on the cross because of the sins of mankind. When we eat the bread we should always remember that Jesus received our punishment for us.

5.2 The cup of grape juice points to the blood of Jesus poured out on the cross. When we receive and drink from this cup we should always remember Jesus washed our sins away by his own precious blood.

- 5.3 The Lord's Supper is a ceremony that Christians do in order to remember the death of Jesus. When we remember we should thank and praise God and sing songs of praise for the great love of God towards us.
- 5.4 Before taking the Lord's Supper each person should examine himself and confess his sins to God. If you have a problem with another Christian you should make things right with that person first before taking the Lord's Supper.
- 5.5 Christians should understand that the bread and the grape juice used in the Lord's Supper are just ordinary food, not something auspicious nor food with spiritual powers to heal. The bread and the grape juice are only symbols that point to the body and blood of Jesus.

6. Application

- 6.1 Who should participate in the Lord's Supper? Who should not participate?
- 6.2 Each time before we take the Lord's Supper how should we examine ourselves? Why?

7. Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 11:26

51. Tithes and Offerings

1. Goal

To help Christians understand why we should give tithes and offerings and how we should do it.

2. Introduction

Everything that humans have, the world, their body, their breath, their life, their food, comes from God who gives to us. If God's heart is as generous as giving us all things we should have a generous heart like God's in doing the work of God and in sharing and helping others in need.

3. Read Scripture – 2 Corinthians 9:5-15 Matthew 6:1-4

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 What is the main subject of 2 Corinthians 9:5-15?

2 Corinthians 9:5

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4.2 When we give money what attitude should be avoid?

2 Corinthians 9:7

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4.3 What kind of attitude does God want Christians to have when they give their offerings?

2 Corinthians 9:7

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4.4 If a Christian gives in order to get the praise of men, in order to get a good reputation, what will this Christian receive from God?

2 Corinthians 6:1

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4.5 How should we share or offer our money?

Matthew 6:4

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5. Explanation – Tithes and offerings

5.1 Giving tithes and offerings is not making merit. There is no person who can be saved by making merit. The only way of salvation is through the grace of God.

5.2 Giving tithes and offerings is not to make a reputation for ourselves. The way of giving tithes and offerings which pleases God is offerings given for the glory of God not for our own glory or reputation.

5.3 Christians should give money to help with the work of God, to help with the spread of the good news throughout the whole world and to help the needy.

5.4 You do not need to wait until you get a lot of money before you give. Everyone should have a part in giving in accordance to what he has.

6. Application

Have you given money to God? We should give a portion of what we have, that is, 10% or even more than 10%. Each person should keep an account of the money they get each week so that they can know if they are being faithful in giving a portion to God and using their full strength for God.

7. Memory Verse

2 Corinthians 9:7

52. Pastors and Leaders in the Church

1. Goal

To help Christians understand what kind of people pastors and leaders in the church should be and what their responsibilities are.

2. Introduction

Jesus taught his disciples, "Whoever want to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:43-45

3. Read Scripture – 1 Timothy 3:1-7

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 If someone wants to serve in the church what kind of task does he want?

1 Timothy 3:1

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4.2 The person serving in the church should have what kind of character?

1 Timothy 3:2-3

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4.3 Why is a person who serves God in the church required to be a person who manages his own family well?

1 Timothy 3:4-5

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4.4 Why should a new Christian not be chosen to serve as a leader in the church?

1 Timothy 3:6

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4.5 A person who serves in the church must be respected by who else?

1 Timothy 3:7

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5. Explanation – Pastors and leaders in the church

- 5.1 A leader in the church should not be chosen because he has knowledge and training or because of his status in the community but because he is a person who is spiritually mature.
- 5.2 A leader in the church is not the boss of the fellowship but rather is a servant of the fellowship. Paul often said that he was a servant of Jesus serving the church.
- 5.3 A leader in the church has the responsibility of caring spiritually for the Christians so that the Christians are growing in Christ.

6. Application

- 6.1 What characteristics should a leader in the church have?
- 6.2 What responsibilities does a leader in the church have? What attitude should you have towards the leaders in your church?

7. Memory Verse

Mark 10:43

52. Suffering

1. Goal

To help Christians understand that a person who follows Jesus will experience suffering just as Jesus suffered.

2. Introduction

Some people think that when you become a Christian you will not have any problems. Some people think that God will not allow Christians to suffer but they will only experience happiness and peace. People who think this way are very disappointed when they experience suffering and many turn away from being Christians.

3. Read Scripture – 1 Peter 4:12-19

4. Questions – Answers

4.1 Christians should not be surprised when they experience what?

1 Peter 4:12

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4.2 When we experience suffering because we are followers of Jesus, what kind of attitude should we have?

1 Peter 4:13

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4.3 Why will followers of Jesus experience mocking and cursing?

1 Peter 4:14

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4.4 When someone who is not a Christian curse us because we are following Jesus, how should we feel?

1 Peter 4:14

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4.5 If we are persecuted and suffer because we are a Christian what should we do?

1 Peter 4:16

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4.6 What should Christians do who experience persecution and suffering because they are Christians?

1 Peter 4:19

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5. Explanation – Suffering

5.1 Christians will experience suffering just as Jesus experienced suffering. When Jesus was in this world He experienced hardship and persecution to the point of death so those who follow Jesus will also experience suffering.

5.2 When you are persecuted because you are a Christian you should rejoice and praise God because you will receive a crown in heaven.

5.3 When you are accused and slandered because you are a child of God we should not hate or take revenge on those who are mistreating us but we should show God's love to them so that they can see the mercy of God and might turn from their old hearts and receive new hearts.

6. Application

Think of a Christian that has suffered persecution because they follow Jesus and then commit to praying for them every day.

7. Memory Verse

1 Peter 4:12,13