

# *Bible Doctrines*

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## ARE YOU BORN-AGAIN?

Knowing in your heart that you are born-again, and followed by a statement of faith are the two prerequisites to studying and getting the most out of your ICBT materials. We at ICBT have developed this material to educate each Believer in the principles of God. Our goal is to provide each Believer with an avenue to enrich their personal lives and bring them closer to God.

Is Jesus your Lord and Savior? If you have not accepted Him as such, you must be aware of what Romans 3:23 tells you.

*23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God:*

How do you go about it? **You must believe that Jesus is the Son of God.**

I John 5:13 gives an example in which to base your faith.

*13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

What if you are just not sure? **Romans 10:9-10 gives you the Scriptural mandate for becoming born-again.**

*<sup>9</sup>That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto Salvation.*

Take some time to consider this very carefully. Ask Jesus to come into your heart so that you will know the power of His Salvation and make your statement of faith today.

Once you become born-again, it is your responsibility to renew your mind with the Word of God. Romans 12:1-2 tells us that that transformation of the mind can only take place in this temporal world by the Word of God.

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

The Apostle Paul, giving instructions to his “son” Timothy states in *2 Timothy 2:15*:

*15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

What happens if we do these things? Ephesians 4:12-13 gives us the answer to this question.

*12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:*

By studying the Word of God, you will be equipped for service in the Kingdom of God and you will also be ready to take the position in the Body of Christ to which God has appointed you. You will be able to walk in unity with other Believers and you will be a vessel of honor to God that can rightly divide the word of truth.

If you are not saved and you do not know what to say, consider this simple prayer.

***Lord, I know that I have need of a saviour. I believe that Jesus died for my sins and the God raised Him from the dead three days later. I ask to be forgiven and for Jesus to come into my heart and be the Lord of my life. I believe now by faith that God has heard my prayer and I am born- again.***

If you have prayed this prayer, you must accept by faith that your sins have been forgiven. It is important that you tell someone of your decision to accept the Lord. Also, it is our recommendation that you should attach yourself to a local church and undergo water baptism.

For those who have prayed this prayer with sincerity of heart, we welcome to eternal life in the Kingdom of God. May the blessings of God overtake you.

May God grant you wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in all of His ways.

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As we have been commissioned by the prophet of old, we now set our hand to write the vision of International College of Bible Theology, so that: **"He that runs may read it, the vision having been clearly written and made plain" Habakkuk 2:2.**

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- 7) **APPLICATION** - To bring opportunity to students by making available to them teachings and information for practical application and beyond traditional confines.
- 8) **DREAM A DREAM** - To cause each person we associate with to catch a vision, to dream yet another dream, and to keep their eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith.
- 9) **THE CALL** - To encourage each person to move out of their comfort zone, to be all they can be for Christ and to fulfill that call upon their life. To encourage each one to pursue his purpose, live up to his potential, and produce the fruit of the Spirit.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord so walk ye in Him: Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."  
(Col. 2:6-7)

This series of lessons is designed especially for you, to establish you upon a spiritual foundation. It is so that you would grow into a complete and perfect man or woman in Christ Jesus, unmovable, steadfast, and always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Jesus said in Matthew 7:24-25, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock."

Many things taught in this class may seem very elementary and basic. We must have a clear understanding of the truths of God's Word for it knows the truth that makes us free, and Jesus is that truth.

May God spiritually enrich your life as we study together!

## **I. LESSON ONE - GOD**

### **A. What Does the Word "God" Mean?**

The word God, one who is worshiped, is a title men use to describe the Supreme Being. He is wise enough, able enough, and strong enough to create and maintain all things (De.4:39; Is.44:6).

### **B. Can We Understand God?**

Yes. God does not hide from His creation in high and holy places. He made Himself a physical part of the creation and provision to dwell within His creation. He dwells in the bodies of men (Je.9:24; Ac.17:24,25,27,28).

The Judeo-Christian view is that the physical world declares God's glory and creative power (Ps.148:3-5; Ro.1:18-20). The view of many unbelievers is that the creation itself is a Divine entity (De.4:19; 2Kg.23:5) with a force that controls human destiny (Is.47:13). Others believe it came about by chance. The true Believer rejects these views, accepts the Scriptural revelation about the universe, and is thus moved to praise the Maker.

### **C. Is God in Nature?**

Yes. All the laws of nature were spoken by God in the beginning. God is not worshiped by worshiping His creation, but by worshiping Him. We do not understand God by observing nature, but by the study of His Word (Ge.1:1; Ps.19:1; Jn.5:39).

### **D. What is God?**

God is Spirit. He is a personal being without flesh and blood and therefore invisible (Jn.4:24; He.11:27).

#### **1. The Bible reveals God.**

God is revealed in the Bible as an infinite, eternal, self-existent being who the first cause of all that is. Never was there a moment when God did not exist. As Moses affirms, God was from everlasting to everlasting (Ps.90:2). In other words, God existed eternally and infinitely before creating the finite universe. He is above, independent of and prior to all that has been created in heaven and on earth (1Ti.6:16; Co.1:16).

## 2. In His image

God is revealed as a personal Being who created Adam and Eve in His own image (Ge.1:26-27). Because Adam and Eve were created in God's image, they could respond to and have fellowship with God in a loving and personal way.

## 3. Moral Being

God is also revealed as a moral Being who created everything good and is therefore without sin. After God had finished creating and was surveying what He had made, He observed that it was very good (Ge.1:31). Since Adam and Eve were created in God's image and likeness, they were also without sin. Sin entered human existence when Eve was tempted by the serpent or Satan (Ge.3; Ro.5:12; Re.12:9).

### **E. What Attributes (Qualities) Belong to God?**

1. He is eternal, unlimited by time, a non-moral attribute. Read Psalms 90:1-2 and Genesis 21:33. This phrase refers to God's eternal existence, having neither beginning nor end.
  - a. Everlasting (Hebrew "olam"), does not necessarily mean that God transcends time, but rather connotes His endless duration in time (Ps.48:14; Ge.21:33; Job 10:5). Scripture does not teach that God exists in some kind of eternal present, where there is neither past nor future.
  - b. Those Bible passages that affirm God's eternity do so in terms of continuation, not timelessness. God knows the past as past, the present as present, and the future as future.
2. He is unchangeable, unaffected by circumstances, a non-moral attribute (Mal.3:6).

There is no change in God's attributes, in His perfections or in His purpose for humankind (Nu.23:19; Ps.102:26-28; Is.41:4; Mal.3:6; He.1:11-12; Ja.1:17). This does not mean, however, that God never alters His temporary purposes in response to the actions of humans. He may, for example, alter His intentions of judgment because of the sincere repentance of sinners (Jn.3:6-10). Furthermore, He remains free to respond to the needs of human beings, and to the prayers of His people. The Bible speaks of God changing His mind as a result of the diligent prayers of the righteous.

3. He is omnipotent, almighty, all powerful, a non-moral attribute (Ge.17:1; Mt.19:26; Re.19:6; Ps.62:11; Mk.14:62; Ep.1:19).

This does not mean, however, that God uses all His power and authority at all times; for example, God has the power to destroy all sin, but He has chosen not to do so until the end of history (1Jn.5:19). In many cases, God limits His power, channeling it through His people (2Co.12:7-10); in these cases, His power is dependent on our degree of availability and submission to Him.

4. He is omniscient, all knowing, a non-moral attribute (Ps.139:4; 1Jn3:20; He.4:13).

He knows not only our actions, but also our very thoughts (1Sa.16:7; 1Kg. 8:39; Ps.44:21; Je.17:9-10). When the Bible speaks of God's foreknowledge (Is.42:9; Ac.2:23; 1Pe.1:2), it means that He knows all things possible as possible, all things certain as certain, all things contingent as contingent, all things future as future, all things past as past, and all things foreordained as predestined certainties (1Sa.23:10-13; Je.38:17-20). Biblical foreknowledge does not entail philosophical determinism. God remains free to make decisions and alter His purposes in time and history, according to His own will and wisdom. In other words, God is not a prisoner of His own foreknowledge.

5. He is omnipresent, present everywhere, unlimited by space, a non-moral attribute (Je.23:24; Ps.139:8).

He is everywhere at the same time. The psalmist states that no matter where we go, God is there (Ps.139:7-12; Je.23:23-24; Ac.17:27-28). God observes everything we do.

6. He is holy, sinless and hating sin, absolutely pure, a moral attribute (Le.19:2; Is.6:3).

He is completely without sin and absolutely righteous (Le.11:44-45; Ps.85:13; 145:17; Mt.5:48). Adam and Eve were created without sin, but with the capability of sinning. God, on the other hand, cannot sin (Nu.23:19; 2Ti.2:13; Ti.1:2; He.6:18). His holiness also includes His dedication to carrying out His purposes and plan.

7. He is just, fair and impartial. Truth is the basis of His righteousness, a moral attribute (De.32:4).

Jesus called Himself the Truth (Jn.14:6), and the Spirit is known as the "Spirit of Truth" (Jn.14:17; 1Jn.5:6). Because God is entirely trustworthy and true in

all He says and does, His Word is also described as truth (2Sa.7:28; Ps.119:43; Is.45:19; Jn.17:17). In keeping with this fact, the Bible makes it plain that God does not tolerate lies or falsehood of any kind (Nu.23:19; Ti.1:2, He.6:18).

8. He is faithful, keeping His promises, absolutely trustworthy, a moral attribute (2Ti.2:13; De.7:9).

God will do what He has revealed in His Word, carrying out both His promises and His warnings (Nu.14:32-35; 2Sa.7:28; Job 34:12; Ac.13:23, 32-33). God's faithfulness should birth unspeakable comfort to Believers and great fear of judgment to all who do not repent and believe in the Lord Jesus (He.6:4-8; 10:26-31).

9. He is benevolent, good, kind, desiring our welfare, a moral attribute. (Ps.145:9; 52:1; 1Jn.1:5; 1Ch.16:34)

10. He is compassionate, full of pity, a moral attribute. (Ps.145:8; Ex.34:6-7)

To be compassionate means to feel sorrow for someone else's suffering, with a desire to help. Out of His compassion for humanity, God provided forgiveness and Salvation (Ps.78:38); likewise, Jesus showed compassion for the crowds when He preached the Gospel to the poor, proclaimed freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, and released the oppressed (Lk.4:18; Mt.9:36: 14:14; 15:32; 20:34; Mk.1:41).

11. He is gracious, showing undeserved kindness, forgiving, a moral attribute (Ex.22:27; Ps.145:8; 1Pe.2:3).

He does not cut off and destroy humanity as our sins deserve (Ps.103:10) but offers forgiveness as a free gift to be received through faith in Jesus Christ.

12. He is love, a moral attribute (1Jn.4:8).

His love is a selfless love that embraces the entire world of sinful humankind (Jn.3:16; Ro.5:8). The chief expression of that love was His sending of His only Son, Jesus, to die for sinners (1Jn.4:9-10). In addition, God has a special family love for those who through Jesus are reconciled to Him.

The more we learn of God's attributes the better we will know Him. We need to know His character. We will then understand His will clearer and have a better relationship with our God.

## **F. How big is God?**

God is bigger than the entire universe. His hands are large enough to measure the waters. He can weigh the mountains in His scales. He covers all. There are no instruments of men that can measure Him (Is.40:12, 22).

## **G. Where is God?**

God's home and throne are in a place called heaven, but He inhabits the whole earth. We cannot hide from God. His eyes see everything. We cannot escape from God, for He is everywhere (Is.66:1; Pr.15:3; Ps.139:7-8).

## **H. What is the Trinity?**

The word trinity is not used in the Bible, but the Scriptures teach one God who has revealed Himself in three personalities - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The word "tri-unity" is a better way to describe the three-in-one (1Jn.5:7; De.6:4; Mt.28:19; Co.2:9; Ge.1:26; 3:22).

## **I. How are the Three Personalities Distinguished?**

The Father has begotten the Son; the Son is begotten of the Father; Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. To the Father especially is ascribed the work of creation; to the Son, the work of redemption; and to Holy Spirit, the work of sanctification (Ps.2:7; Jn.15:26; Ga.4:6; 1Ti.3:16).

## **J. Is it Possible to understand the "Mystery of the Triune God?"**

Not completely. Although God is a mystery, something beyond comprehension, we can gain a satisfactory understanding of Him through the anointed Word of God (Jn.1:1; 17:11, 23; 1Co.2:10).

1. The entire Trinity, not just the Father, had a role in creation.
  - a. The Son is the powerful Word through whom God created all things. In the prologue to John's Gospel, Christ is revealed as the eternal Word of God (Jn.1:1,3). Likewise, the Apostle Paul affirms that by Christ were all things made (Co.1:16). Finally, the author of the letter to the Hebrews asserts emphatically that by His Son, God made the universe (He.1:2).
  - b. Likewise, the Holy Spirit had an active role in the work of creation. He is pictured as hovering over the creation, preserving and preparing it for God's further creative activity. The Hebrew word for Spirit, "ruach", may also be translated as

wind and breath. Thus, the psalmist affirms the role of the Spirit when he says that by the Word of the Lord were the starry host made by the breath of his mouth (Ps.33:6). Also, the Holy Spirit continues to be involved in sustaining creation (Job 33:4).

## **K. What is God's Name?**

God uses many names, and the various names of God reveal something of His character and His nature. But the name by which God originally revealed Himself was "YHVH". This is sometimes shortened to Yah in the Poetry Books. The meaning of this word is "I AM." When we read the word Yehovah in the Bible, this is God, revealed as "YAH" or "I AM." Yehovah, "YAH," or "I AM" is in the Bible 2,570 times (Ex.3:14).

I AM WHO I AM. The Lord gave Himself this personal name, from which is derived the Hebrew "Yahweh", a phrase that indicates action. God was in effect saying to Moses that He wanted to be known as the God who was present and active.

1. Inherent in the name "Yahweh" is the promise of the living presence of God Himself, day by day with His people. It expresses His faithful love and care and His desire to redeem His people and live in fellowship with them. This corresponds with the fundamental promise of the covenant (Ge.17:7). The Lord states that His will is to be His name forever.
2. It is significant that when Jesus Christ was born, He was called Immanuel, meaning God with us (Mt.1:23). He also called Himself by the name "I am" (Jn.8:58).

## **L. Was This Name Sacred?**

Yes. Israel never pronounced this name. They were afraid they would take or use His name in vain. This is the reason we often find the word "LORD" (with all four letters capitalized) used in the Old Testament. Whenever the Old Testament scribes, those who copied the Scriptures, came to the word YHVH they wrote LORD, instead of YHVH (Le.24:16; Ex.20:7).

## **M. Does God Reveal Himself Through Jesus as the Great "I AM?"**

Yes! (Jn.8:23-24, 58; 13:19)

## **N. How is God the Holy Spirit Identified With Jesus?**

Jesus is identified with Holy Spirit because of Holy Spirit activity in His life and ministry, but the most important identification is through the name. Holy Spirit is the anointing, meaning "the Christ." Jesus is called "the Christ" (Ac.2:36; Lk.2:26).

## **O. What is the New Testament Name for God?**

Jesus commissioned the disciples to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The Apostles, in obedience, used the name "Lord Jesus Christ" in their ministry (Mt.28:19; Ac.2:38).

## **P. What is the Complete New Testament Name for the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?**

"Lord," the YHVH (Yah) of the Old Testament

"Jesus," the earthly name, the name of His humanity

"Christ," the name of the Spirit, the Anointing, the Messiah

## **II. LESSON TWO - THE BIBLE**

### **A. What is the Bible?**

The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It is the only authoritative source for which we can give instruction about God (Ex.24:4; Jn.7:17; 1Th.2:13). The Greek word "biblios" means "The Book."

#### **1. Scripture is God breathed.**

Paul affirms that all Scripture is God-breathed (Gr. "theopneustor", from two Greek words: "theos", meaning God, and "pneo", meaning to breathe). Scripture is the very living Word of God. Down to the very words of the original manuscripts, the Bible is without error, absolutely true, trustworthy and infallible. This is true not only when it speaks of Salvation, ethical values and morality, but it is also without error on all subjects about which it speaks, including history and the cosmos (2Pe.1:20-21).

#### **2. God's Word came to the writers.**

The Old Testament writers were conscious of the fact that what they said to the people and what they wrote down was God's Word to them (De.18:18; 2Sa.23:2). Over and over the prophets prefaced their comments with, "This is what the Lord says."

## **B. Who Wrote the Bible?**

The Bible was written by holy men of God. Prophets and certain Priests were moved by Holy Spirit to write the Books of the Old Testament, and the same Holy Spirit moved upon Evangelists and Apostles to write the Books of the New Testament (2Pe.1:21).

## **C. Why is the Bible the Word of God although it was written by Man?**

Read 2 Timothy 3:16. This refers primarily to the Old Testament writings (2Ti.3:15). There is an indication that at about the time Paul wrote 2 Timothy, some New Testament writings were already viewed as inspired and authoritative Scripture (1Ti.5:18; Lk.10:7; 2Pe.3:15-16). For us today, Scripture refers to the authoritative writings of both the Old Testament and New Testament; in other words it is "the Bible." They are God's original messages to humanity and the only infallible witness to God's saving activity for all people.

## **D. What does "by Inspiration of God" Mean?**

By "inspiration of God," we mean that God, the Holy Spirit, moved the holy men to write, and breathed into their minds the very thoughts which they expressed and the very words which they wrote (2Pe.1:21; 1Co.2:13).

## **E. Whose Word Then, is Every Word of the Bible?**

Every word of the Bible is God's Word, and therefore the Bible is without error (Jn.17:17; 10:35; 2Ti.3:16). Jesus Christ taught that Scripture is God's inspired Word to even the smallest detail (Mt.5:18). He also affirmed that all He said He received from the Father and is true (Jn.5:19, 30-31; 7:16; 8:26). He further spoke of revelation to come from the Holy Spirit through the Apostles (Jn.16:13; 14:16-17; 15:26-27).

## **F. What is God's Purpose for Giving Us the Bible?**

God gave us the Bible to make us "wise unto Salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" and to train us in holy living (Ps.119:105; 2Ti.3:15-17).

## **G. What Use Should We Make of the Bible?**

We should study the Scriptures diligently and reverently. We should listen while they are being read, for God has magnified them above His great name. We should believe them and make them our guide to daily living. We must know them, for in the Scriptures God is speaking to man (Ps.138:2).

1. The Scriptures tell us about Jesus (Jn.5:39).

God's Word must be received, believed and obeyed as the final authority in all things pertaining to life and godliness (Mt.5:17-19; Jn.14:21; 15:10; 2Ti.3:15-16). It must be used in the Church as the final authority in all matters for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteous living. One cannot submit to Christ's Lordship without submitting to God and His Word as the ultimate authority (Jn.8:31-32, 37).

2. We are blessed when we obey the Bible (Lk.11:28; Jn.13:17; Je.15:16).
3. When we obey the Bible, we prove our love for Jesus (Jn.8:31-32; 14:23).
4. We will not sin against God if we obey the Bible (Ps.119:11).

We must use the inspired Word to conquer the power of sin, Satan, and the world in our lives (Mt.4:4; Ep.6:12,17; Ja.1:21).

## **H. What are the Two Great Doctrines of the Bible?**

The Law (Old Testament) and the Gospel (New Testament) are the two great doctrines of the Bible.

### **I. What is the Law?**

The Law is a guideline that teaches us morality and how to live in harmony with God and others. It is the basis of all government (Le.19:2; Ex.34:11; De.6:6-7).

### **J. What is the Gospel?**

The Gospel is the good news of our Salvation in Jesus Christ (1Jn.4:9; Jn.3:16; Ro.1:16).

### **K. What is the Difference between the Law and the Gospel?**

1. The Law teaches what we are to do, not to do, and shows us our sin. It is based on works, producing frustration and confusion, and deals mostly with the flesh, showing the wrath of God.
2. The Gospel teaches us what God has done and is doing for us. It shows us our Savior and our righteousness in Him. The grace of God produces peace and deals internally with the spirit of man (Ro.8:3).

## **L. What Will the Study of the Bible Do For Us?**

1. It uncovers sin and mistakes as well as our true motives and helps us recognize the motives of others (He.4:12).
2. It continually cleanses us from the pollution of sin (Ps.119:9;1Jn.1:9).
3. It imparts strength (Mt.4:4).
4. It gives us foundation and direction to our lives (Mt.7:24-27).
5. It makes our lives fruitful and prosperous (Ps.1:1-3).
6. It provides us a sword for victory over sin (Ps.119:11).
7. It gives us power to pray (Jn.15:7).

## **M. What Other Books Should I Use to Supplement My Study of the Bible?**

A good Bible Dictionary, a standard dictionary, and a good concordance are useful tools. We should not lean on other men's commentary, ideas and explanations, as a crutch in understanding the Bible. We are to rely on the Holy Spirit in us. Remember, other men's commentaries may be their opinions.

## **N. What Should I Do After Reading the Bible?**

We should meditate on that which we have read and dedicate ourselves to the obedience of that Word of God (Ps.119:15, 48; Jos.1:8; Ps.19:14).

## **O. Definitions**

1. Atheism: It is disbelief in God's existence.
2. Agnostic: It does not deny the existence of God, but does not believe there is proof of His existence.
3. Polytheism: It is a belief in many gods.
4. Pantheism: It is the worshiping of nature as god.
5. Deism: It is belief in a God that is distant and not in touch with us.
6. Theology: It is the study of the existence, nature and laws of God.

7. Canon: It is a reed or rod applied to measuring a rule, as they didn't have rulers; standard rule; official.
8. Canonized: It is something that has been established as being the standard rule, as the Canon of Scripture.
9. Apocrypha: It means, hidden or secret. The Apocrypha first showed up during the silent years, four-hundred (400) years between the Old and New Testaments when nothing canon was written. It was canonized in 1546 at the Council of Trent. The Catholic Bible chose 11 books of the Apocrypha to be in their Bible. The Protestant church rejected the Apocrypha. There are 4 reasons why Protestants rejected the Apocrypha:
  - a. Jesus never quoted from them. There is no evidence that the Apostles quoted from them either as authoritative Scripture.
  - b. Most of the early Church fathers did not consider them to be Scripture.
  - c. The Apocrypha was not in the ancient Hebrew Bible, or the New Testament.
  - d. There was inferior quality and writing style in the books.
  - e. The Canon of the Bible was written by hand, and copies were difficult. This is the main reason why there are not more ancient copies around.
10. Christian Theism: This is the proper name for the Bible doctrine, teaching, about God. There is one true God, Creator of all. Christian theism is the sum and substance.

## **P. What is the Bible Based On?**

The Bible is not based on any original manuscript because there are no original manuscripts of the Bible! There are only ancient copies that came from originals available, also handwritten.

1. Codex Sinaiticus: It is a copy of the original Greek Bible in the fourth (4th) century. It was bought from Russia in 1933 and is in a British museum.

# Homework Section

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## STUDENTS:

**STUDENTS: If you are not born-again, please refer to the Salvation message at the beginning of your Course Commentary.**

STUDENTS: Be sure to read the syllabus thoroughly at least twice.

Please write your name on each homework sheet, each quiz, each exam and on any other work that you submit.

Be sure to check grammar, spelling and sentence structure on all work you submit. Grading is based on homework, quizzes, exams, grammar, spelling, attendance, participation, etc.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

READ: SYLLABUS AND OUTSIDE READING OTHER THAN BIBLE OR SYLLABUS IF APPLICABLE

COMPLETE: HOMEWORK

COMPLETE: QUIZZES

COMPLETE: EXAMS

COMPLETE: ESSAY/TERM PAPER, IF APPLICABLE, ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STUDY LEVEL OF THE STUDENT.

**PLEASE ASK YOUR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR IF AUDIO/REVIEW TAPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS COURSE.**

**Homework1, Intro. – III**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. What does the word "God" truly mean?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ view is that the physical world declares God's glory and creative power.

3. How did God exist before He created the universe?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. In 2-4 paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper, explain the difference between God's moral and non-moral attributes. Your answer should not exceed 1 page.

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**STUDENT ANSWER (WORTH 5 POINTS)**

Name 5 of God's non-moral attributes as discussed in the Commentary.

- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. God may alter His intentions of \_\_\_\_\_ even in light of the sincere repentance of sinners.

11. The omnipotent God limits His power, \_\_\_\_\_ it through His people.

Name the moral attributes of God as discussed in the Commentary.

- 12. \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. \_\_\_\_\_

19. The word \_\_\_\_\_ is not used in the Bible, but the Scriptures teach one God who has revealed Himself in three personalities.

20. In 2-4 paragraphs, on a separate sheet of paper, discuss your concept of the Trinity. Your answer should not exceed 1 page. **STUDENT ANSWER (WORTH 5 POINTS)**

21. It is not possible to completely understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Triune God.

22. In 2-4 paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper give an explanation and scriptural references to back up the following statement: "The entire Trinity, not just the Father, had a role in creation." Your answer should not exceed 1 page.

**STUDENT ANSWER (WORTH 5 POINTS)**

23. The Hebrew word for Spirit, "\_\_\_\_\_", may also be translated as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

24. In the name "\_\_\_\_\_" is the promise of the living Presence of God Himself, day by day with His people.

25. Whenever the Old Testament scribes, came to the word YHVH they wrote \_\_\_\_\_.

26. God, the Holy Spirit, is identified with Jesus by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit in His life, by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit in His ministry, and the \_\_\_\_\_ through His name.

27. What is the Bible?  
\_\_\_\_\_

28. Define the Greek word *theopneustor*.  
\_\_\_\_\_

29. In 2-4 paragraphs, on a separate sheet of paper, discuss if there is a difference between being "God Breathed" and being "God Inspired." Your answer should not exceed 1 page. STUDENT ANSWER (WORTH 5 POINTS)

30. Scripture refers to the authoritative writings of both the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

31. In 2-4 paragraphs, on a separate sheet of paper, explain the phrase, "by inspiration of God". Your answer should not exceed 1 page. (5 POINTS) STUDENT ANSWER

32. Why did God give us the Bible?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For righteous living, the Scriptures must be used in the Church as the final authority in all matters for:

- 33. \_\_\_\_\_
- 34. \_\_\_\_\_
- 35. \_\_\_\_\_
- 36. \_\_\_\_\_

Name the 2 greatest doctrines of the Bible.

- 37. \_\_\_\_\_
- 38. \_\_\_\_\_

39. What is the Law?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List 3 of the 7 things Bible Study does:

- 40. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 41. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 42. \_\_\_\_\_

Define the following words:

- 43. Atheism: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 44. Polytheism: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 45. Pantheism: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 46. Theology: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Give 4 reasons why Protestants rejected the Apocrypha.

- 47. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 48. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 49. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 50. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Define the following:

- 51. Codex Sinaticus: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

52. Codex Alexandrius: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

53. Codex Vaticanus: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name 3 of the ancient versions of the Bible:

54. \_\_\_\_\_

55. \_\_\_\_\_

56. \_\_\_\_\_

57. Which version of the Bible has been the first place in the English speaking world for many years?  
\_\_\_\_\_

58. What is the theological meaning of the word covenant?  
\_\_\_\_\_

59. The \_\_\_\_\_ records the relationship of man with God before the coming of Christ.

60. The entire Old Testament was originally written in the \_\_\_\_\_ language.

Name each form of literature that is used in writing the Old Testament.

61. \_\_\_\_\_

62. \_\_\_\_\_

63. \_\_\_\_\_

64. \_\_\_\_\_

65. \_\_\_\_\_

66. \_\_\_\_\_

67. \_\_\_\_\_

68. \_\_\_\_\_

69. \_\_\_\_\_

70. \_\_\_\_\_

71. \_\_\_\_\_

72. \_\_\_\_\_

73. \_\_\_\_\_

74. \_\_\_\_\_

75. \_\_\_\_\_

76. \_\_\_\_\_

77. \_\_\_\_\_

78. In 2-4 paragraphs, on a separate sheet of paper, explain if Jesus can be found symbolically in the Old Testament. If your answer is yes, give an example. Your answer should not exceed 1 page.

STUDENT ANSWER (5 POINTS)

79. The New Testament is the fulfillment of God's \_\_\_\_\_ to His people of a Savior who would restore all that Adam had lost through sin.

80. The Bible is the final authority for our \_\_\_\_\_.

## Homework 2, Chap. IV-VII

Name \_\_\_\_\_

What does repentance really mean?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the basic meaning of the Greek word *metanoeo*?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ that includes \_\_\_\_\_ is always a condition for Salvation.

6. In 2-4 paragraphs explain why repentance is necessary to receive Salvation. Your answer should not exceed 1 page. (5 POINTS)

STUDENT ANSWER

7. \_\_\_\_\_ calls for a renouncing of self-will and initiating confidence in God.

8. Repentance is \_\_\_\_\_ for salvation and a \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

9. Dead works are:

- A. Man-made rites, customs, beliefs
- B. Good works performed believing it will earn them the favor of God
- C. Animal Sacrifices
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

10. What is one of the greatest philosophical threats to biblically based Christianity?

\_\_\_\_\_

11. What does philosophy teach?

- A. There is an all present God
- B. We are made in the image of God
- C. The process of evolution has created the human race
- D. All of the above

12. How does Scripture identify humanists?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name 5 "works" that are put on Christians

13. \_\_\_\_\_
14. \_\_\_\_\_
15. \_\_\_\_\_
16. \_\_\_\_\_
17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. We are born-again into the newness of life by the \_\_\_\_\_.

19. A apart from Christ, all people, in their inherent natures, are not sinners, and are capable of obeying and pleasing God.

True or False

20. \_\_\_\_\_ involves a transition from an old life of sin to a new life of obedience to Jesus Christ.

Give the definitions of "Faith" that are found in the Commentary.

21. \_\_\_\_\_
22. \_\_\_\_\_
23. \_\_\_\_\_
24. \_\_\_\_\_
25. \_\_\_\_\_
26. \_\_\_\_\_
27. \_\_\_\_\_
28. \_\_\_\_\_

What role does faith play in the life of the Believer?

- 29. \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. \_\_\_\_\_
- 31. \_\_\_\_\_
- 32. \_\_\_\_\_

33. In 2-4 paragraphs, on a separate sheet of paper, explain how regular faith differs from the Gift of Faith? Your answer should not exceed 1 page. (5 POINTS)

STUDENT ANSWER

Name 2 ways that we can receive the Word of God

- 34. \_\_\_\_\_
- 35. \_\_\_\_\_

Name 4 benefits of the Cross.

- 36. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 37. \_\_\_\_\_
- 38. \_\_\_\_\_
- 39. \_\_\_\_\_

40. The Law of God did not demand the shedding of blood in order to forgive the sins of man. Give a scriptural reference to back up your answer.

True or False

41. We confess our sins to Jesus Christ; they are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

We know our sins are forgiven because:

- 42. \_\_\_\_\_
- 43. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

44. To obtain assurance of eternal life we must:

- A. Believe in Jesus
- B. Obtain assurance through the written Word
- C. Allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit
- D. All of the Above
- E. None of the above

Match the following iniquity with its Commandment:

- \_\_\_ 45. Rebellion
- \_\_\_ 46. Using God's name in vain
- \_\_\_ 47. Disobedient to parents
- \_\_\_ 48. Deception, dishonesty
- A. Not to lie
- B. No other gods
- C. Honoring Parents
- D. Cursing

49. Sin is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ transgression of God's Laws

50. Why was man separated from God?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Peace speaks of:

- 51. \_\_\_\_\_
- 52. \_\_\_\_\_
- 53. \_\_\_\_\_

54. Socially, we can have peace with God because:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

55. The sicknesses, including spiritual, emotional, and physical disease of the world was beaten into the body of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary.

True or False

56. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ entered into the world when Adam sinned against God.

57. \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed the power of Satan over God's people \_\_\_\_\_.

58. When do we receive healing?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name 6 ways in which we can receive healing from God.

- 59. \_\_\_\_\_
- 60. \_\_\_\_\_
- 61. \_\_\_\_\_
- 62. \_\_\_\_\_
- 63. \_\_\_\_\_
- 64. \_\_\_\_\_

65. What is the most common reason for people not being healed?  
\_\_\_\_\_

66. Unworthily means:
- A. To be in favor with God
  - B. To be unfit or irreverent
  - C. To be filled with humility
  - D. None of the above

67. The Greek word *baptizo* means:  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Baptism saves us and identifies us with Christ.  
True or False

What are the prior conditions for receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit as stated in the Commentary?

- 69. \_\_\_\_\_
- 70. \_\_\_\_\_
- 71. \_\_\_\_\_

The four things that should precede baptism are:

- 72. \_\_\_\_\_
- 73. \_\_\_\_\_
- 74. \_\_\_\_\_
- 75. \_\_\_\_\_

76. Water baptism is a point of \_\_\_\_\_.

77. Water baptism does not identify with Jesus' work.  
True or False

Name 2 main meanings of water baptism as stated in the Commentary.

- 78. \_\_\_\_\_
- 79. \_\_\_\_\_

80. In 2-4 paragraphs, on a separate sheet of paper, explain the symbolic representation of Baptism. Your answer should not exceed 1 page. (5 PTS)  
STUDENT ANSWER

### Homework 3, Chap. VIII-IX

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. The Holy Spirit is:

- A. A mere influence or power
- B. A totally unknowable entity
- C. The third personality of the Godhead
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

Four manifestations of the Holy Spirit that causes us to know He is a person are:

- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

Name 5 ways the Holy Spirit is symbolically represented in Scripture.

- 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. \_\_\_\_\_

Give 4 other names that are used for the Holy Spirit as given in the Commentary.

- 12. \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. \_\_\_\_\_

16. What is the one requirement that must be fulfilled in order to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name the 3 distinct methods by which the Holy Spirit is imparted.

- 17. \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. \_\_\_\_\_

20. What is the evidence that we see of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

21. A genuine baptism in the Holy Spirit will cause us to love, magnify and glorify God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ more than we did before.

True or False

22. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit will cause us to:

- A. Appreciate Scripture more
- B. Love our Brethren more
- C. Increase our consciousness of our relationship with the Father
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

23. The ministry of Spirit of truth will not deepen our love for the truth of God's Word.

True or False

Name 7 specific blessings that can be brought to Believers by the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

- 24. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 25. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 26. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 27. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 28. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 29. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 30. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

31. \_\_\_\_\_ is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit.

Name 5 areas of the Holy Spirit's workings as discussed in this Commentary.

32. \_\_\_\_\_

33. \_\_\_\_\_

34. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

35. \_\_\_\_\_

36. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

37. In 2-4 paragraphs, on a separate sheet of paper, discuss your views of the benefits of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Believer. Your answer should not exceed 1 page. (5 PTS.)

STUDENT ANSWER

38. Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

39. Prayer is not absolutely necessary to the life and well-being of the Believer and the Church.

True or False

40. What does the Greek word "exousia" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

41. There are \_\_\_\_\_ promises in the Word of God.

42. What happens when we fail to pray diligently with all kinds of prayer?

\_\_\_\_\_

Name the 8 different types of prayer that are discussed in the Commentary.

43. \_\_\_\_\_

44. \_\_\_\_\_

45. \_\_\_\_\_

46. \_\_\_\_\_

47. \_\_\_\_\_

48. \_\_\_\_\_

49. \_\_\_\_\_

50. \_\_\_\_\_

51. \_\_\_\_\_ is showing God we are more concerned with spiritual matters than physical.

52. In the Bible, fasting refers to the discipline of abstaining from food for spiritual purposes.

True or False

53. Fasting, along with prayer only has one purpose.

True or False

54. We should pray for:

A. Only our family's salvation

B. Only our wants and desires

C. For all men, especially those in authority

D. None of the above

55. How does the Holy Spirit's baptism affect our prayer life?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name 4 positions of prayer that are recorded in Scripture.

56. \_\_\_\_\_

57. \_\_\_\_\_

58. \_\_\_\_\_

59. \_\_\_\_\_

### Homework 4, Chap. X-XI

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the Hebrew word for tithe?  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. What was the tithe primarily used for?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. What was the first mention of tithing in the Bible? Give first mention Scriptural reference.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. What blessings were promised to those who tithed?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ who give what they can to help those in need, will find that God's grace provides a sufficiency for their own needs.

6. What does the word "storehouse" mean?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. In 2-4 paragraphs, on a separate sheet of paper, discuss if you should tithe on your gross or your net income. Your answer should not exceed 1 page. STUDENT ANSWER (5 PTS)

8. In 2-4 paragraphs, on a separate sheet of paper, define what an offering is and explain its ministry in comparison with the tithe. Your answer should not exceed 1 page. STUDENT ANSWER (5 PTS.)

9. \_\_\_\_\_ are works of mercy or charitable gifts to relieve the poor.

10. We must be willing to give up anything that Christ asks of us. True or False

11. Give a scripture reference that teaches against greed.  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. How does the Bible define greed?  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. The clinging to earthly wealth will have no effect on our eternal wealth. True or False

14. How can you tell if your heart is directed toward heaven?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. Give a scriptural reference that will give validity to the following statement: Giving in genuine sacrifice pleases God more than much wealth given without meaning.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name 4 attitudes in which we are to give:

16. \_\_\_\_\_

17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. \_\_\_\_\_

19. \_\_\_\_\_

To those poor and in need, how does the Lord reveal Himself?

20. \_\_\_\_\_

21. \_\_\_\_\_

22. \_\_\_\_\_

23. \_\_\_\_\_