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PREFACE

Jesus wants his church to be a people with a big front door and a small back door. He commissioned his church to preach the gospel to all the world, but what then? What happens to those who hear and obey the gospel? Do they grow? Do they remain faithful? Or, do they exit through the back door of the church building as quickly as they entered the front?

New Christians are babies. They need care, attention, and healthy food to ensure growth. They must not be left unattended or abandoned following their baptism. Baptism alone does not ensure salvation nor growth. Baptism is the beginning of a new life!

The lessons contained in this booklet are very simple. Nothing new! Nothing profound! These are just a good dose of the milk of the word. (1 Pe. 2:2). It is my prayer that these basic lessons will stimulate growth and diminish the size of the back door in your congregation.

SUGGESTION: Select thirteen mature Christians to teach the lessons contained in this book -- one Christian teacher per lesson. "Baby Christian" will go to John Doe's house to study lesson one the first week after baptism. The next week "baby Christian" goes to Joe Blow's for lesson two. The third week "baby Christian" visits with Sam Deacon, who teaches lesson three. This format continues for three months or until all the lessons are completed.

BENEFITS: (1) Those who teach benefit from teaching. (2) More people will become involved in teaching and thereby gain confidence. (3) The baby Christian benefits from the study of the word. (4) The baby Christian is somewhat integrated into the congregation after being in thirteen different homes.

Let's close the back door!

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*Most any reliable translation will suffice for this study. The King James Version and New International Version were used in the preparation of this material.

WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

1. It is the word of God

- a. All scripture is _____ of God. 2 Ti. 3:16
- b. The Thessalonians regarded the scriptures as the _____
_____. 1 Th. 2:13
- c. The apostles knew what words to speak because the _____
revealed the word of God. 1 Co. 2:12, 13.
- d. For it is not you that speak, but the _____ of your Father which speaks in
you. Mt. 10:19, 20
- e. When the Holy Spirit came, he would guide the apostles to _____.
Jn. 16:13

2. It helps us grow spiritually

- a. The word of God's grace is able to _____.
Acts 20:32
- b. New Christians (babes) should desire (crave) _____
so they can grow. 1 Pe. 2:2
- c. Older (mature) Christians feed on _____. He. 5:12-14

3. It leads us to eternal salvation

- a. Jesus' words are spirit and _____. Jn. 6:63
- b. ...you heard the word of _____, the gospel of your _____.
Ep. 1:13
- c. Jesus is the author (source) of salvation unto all that _____.
He. 5:9

4. It meets all of our spiritual needs

- a. The scripture thoroughly equips (completely furnishes) us for _____.
2 Ti. 3:16,17
- b. The scriptures (knowledge of him) give us all things that _____.
2 Pe. 1:3

c. The word of God is described as a _____ and a _____.
Ps. 119: 105

5. It will be God's standard of final judgment

- a. God's judgment will be according to _____. Ro. 2:2
- b. Even the secrets of men will be judged by _____. Ro. 2:16
- c. The _____ shall judge (condemn) men in the last day. Jn. 12:48
- d. We must all appear before the _____ to account for our deeds on earth, whether they be _____ or _____. 2 Corinthians 5:10

TOOLS FOR BIBLE STUDY: (Teacher: Explain and demonstrate the following.)

1. Use of different translations
2. Concordance
3. Bible Dictionary
4. Commentary
5. Bible Correspondence Course

TWO COVENANTS

1. The old covenant was an agreement between God and Israel.

- a. God made a _____ with Israel. Ex. 34:27
- b. God made this covenant when he brought Israel out of _____. 1 Kings 8:9, 21.
- c. God revealed the old covenant to Moses on Mount _____. Ex. 34:32
- d. The covenant given to Moses is also referred to as the _____. Jn. 1:17

2. Christians believe the old covenant to be inspired of God but no longer binding upon Christians today.

- a. "Then said he, 'Lo, I come to do thy will, O God.' He taketh away (sets aside) the _____, that he may establish the _____." He. 10:9
- b. "In that he saith, (by calling this) _____ covenant, he hath made the _____ old (obsolete) . Now that which decayeth (is obsolete) and waxeth old (aging) is ready to _____." He. 8:13 (6-13)
- c. "Blotting out (having cancelled) the handwriting of ordinances (written code) that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way _____." Col. 2:14 (cf. 15-17)

3. What were/are some of the purposes of the old covenant?

- a. Ro. 15:4 _____
- b. 1 Co. 10:11 _____
- c. Ga. 3:24 _____
- d. Jn. 1:45; Mt. 5:17 _____

4. Two mediators for two covenants

- a. _____ was mediator of the old covenant. Ex. 20:19
- b. _____ is mediator of the new covenant. He. 9:14, 15

NOTICE A COMPARISON OF THE TWO COVENANTS

FIRST

He. 10:9

SECOND

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Given by prophets (He. 1:1,2) | Given by Christ (He. 1:1,2) |
| 2. Written on stone (2 Co. 3:7) | Written on hearts (2 Co. 3:3) |
| 3. Shadow (He. 10:1) | Reality (He. 8:1,2) |
| 4. Blood of animals (He. 10:1-4) | Christ's blood (He. 9:14) |
| 5. Dead sacrifices (He. 10:1-4) | Living sacrifice (Ro. 12:1) |
| 6. Nothing made perfect (He. 7:19) | Perfect in Christ (Col. 1:28) |
| 7. Levites as priests (He. 7:11) | Christian priests (1 Pe. 2:5) |
| 8. Sins remembered (He. 10:3) | Sins forgotten (He. 8:12) |
| 9. Old covenant (2 Co. 3:14) | New covenant (2 Co. 3:6) |
| 10. Blotted out (Col. 2:14) | Remains (2 Co. 3:11) |

AREN'T YOU GLAD WE LIVE UNDER A NEW AND BETTER COVENANT?

CHRISTIAN ASSURANCE

1. Jesus paid it all (entire price and not a percentage)

- a. We have _____ through _____ blood. Ep. 1:7
- b. Jesus was born in order to _____
_____. Mt. 1:21
- c. Jesus shed his blood for _____
_____. Mt. 26:28
- d. Jesus gave himself for us that he might _____
_____. Tit. 2:14
- e. Jesus loved us and _____ us in his blood. Re. 1:5

2. Jesus continues to make intercession for Christians

- a. Jesus is our _____. 1 Ti. 2:5
- b. Jesus is our _____. He. 7:24, 25
- c. Jesus is our (the one who) _____. 1 Jn. 2:1
- d. Jesus is faithful to forgive and cleanse the sins of Christians if _____
_____. 1 Jn. 1:9
- e. Christians must _____ in the light in order to be continually forgiven.
1 Jn. 1:7
- f. Christians are more than _____ through Christ. Ro. 8:37
- g. Christians have _____ through Christ. 1 Co. 15:57

3. Christians must avoid over confidence

- a. Let him that thinks he stands _____
1 Co. 10:12
- b. It is possible for one to fall from _____. Ga. 5:4

c. Take heed that you do not _____
_____. He. 3:12

d. The apostle Paul had to exercise self control because he might _____
_____. 1 Co. 9:27

4. Christians should do their best for the glory of God

a. Whatever the Christian does, it should be done _____
Col. 3:23.

b. "...work out your own _____." Phil. 2:12

c. The Christian is to continue in the faith and be not _____
from the hope of the gospel. Col. 1:23

d. The Christian is to _____ to make his calling and election sure.
2 Pe. 1:10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What about sins committed after baptism? e.g. Acts 8:9-24 Simon, the sorcerer, believed and was baptized and then sinned. What was he told to do? vs. 22
2. Is salvation "earned" or by grace? Can we boast about our salvation? Ep. 2:8,9
3. What does 1 Jn. 5:11-13 say about Christian assurance?

FOLLOWING JESUS

1. Jesus' first command

- a. The first command Jesus gave Peter and Andrew was _____ me. Matthew 4:18-20.
- b. Following Jesus means we will _____ him. Luke 6:46
- c. Following Jesus means we will _____ self. Matthew 16:24. (What specific items of self-denial will challenge you the most?)
- d. Jesus expects a disciple to pay the price and not _____. Luke 9:62

2. Counting the cost

- a. Jesus gave two examples of counting the cost of discipleship. Luke. 14:28-32
 - (1) Man intending to build a _____ must first _____.
 - (2) King going to _____ must first _____.
- b. What costs are involved in following Jesus? Luke 14
 - (1) Unless a person _____ he cannot be my disciple (vs. 26).
 - (2) Unless a person _____ he cannot be my disciple (vs. 27).
 - (3) Unless a person _____ he cannot be my disciple (vs. 33).
 - (4) Jesus intended for his disciples to properly arrange their priorities. The proper arrangement means Jesus will always be _____. Matthew 6:33. First, even among relationships, other responsibilities, and possessions.

3. Excuses, Excuses, Excuses

- a. Excuses are not acceptable for failing to follow Jesus. Note three excuses given in Luke 14:15-20, 24.
 - (1) I have _____ (vs. 18)
 - (2) I have _____ (vs. 19)
 - (3) I have _____ (vs. 20)
- b. What is the difference between a reason and excuse? Are there good reasons for not following Jesus?

4. What difference does it make if we follow Jesus?

- a. John 14:6 _____
- b. John 6:68 _____
- c. Acts 4:12 _____
- d. Matthew 16:24-26 _____
- e. Romans 5:1 _____
- f. 1 Peter 1:8 _____

5. Those who follow Jesus will bear three “distinctive marks”.

- a. John 8:31 _____
- b. John 13:34,35 _____
- c. John 15:8 _____

HOW CLOSELY ARE YOU FOLLOWING JESUS?

THE CHRISTIAN'S PERSONAL LIFE

1. Following baptism, the Christian begins a new life.

a. The Christian's old manner of life is buried with Christ in baptism, and he then begins

_____. Ro. 6:4

b. If any man is in Christ he is a _____ .
2 Co. 5:17

c. If one is risen with Christ he will seek (set his heart on) _____ .
Col. 3:1 (Col. 2:12)

2. Some things will be "put off" and others "put on."

"Put off" Col. 3:5,8,9

"Put on" Col. 3:10,12-14

3.

Characteristics of the Christian's personal life

a. Purity

(1) The body is to be a _____ . Ro. 12:1,2

(2) The Christian is not to be caught up in the things of the _____ . 1 Jn. 2:15-17

(3) God redeemed Christians to be a _____ . Tit. 2:14

b. Self Control

(1) Not my will but _____ . Mt. 26:39

(2) A Christian must control the _____ . Jas. 1:26

(3) Christians avoid _____ . Mt. 5:28

(4) Christians put away _____ . Ep. 4:25,26

c. Faith and Optimism

- (1) All things work together for good for those _____.
Ro. 8:28
- (2) Christians have _____ through Jesus Christ.
1 Co. 15:57
- (3) Christians are _____ through Jesus Christ.
Ro. 8:37
- (4) Christians can do _____ things through Christ which gives strength. Phil. 4:13 (4:19)

d. New Priorities

- (1) Seek _____ the kingdom. Mt. 6:33
- (2) Love the Lord more than _____.
Mt. 10:37-39
- (3) Love the Lord with _____.
Mk. 12:30,31

e. Good Example

- (1) You are the _____ of the earth. Mt. 5:13
- (2) You are the _____ of the world. Mt. 5:14
- (3) Christians are to _____ like lights (stars). Phil. 2:15;
Mt. 5:16

THE CHRISITAN LIFE IS A MARATHON AND NOT A HUNDRED-YARD DASH. MATURITY ISN'T ATTAINED OVERNIGHT. KEEP GROWING!

CHRIST'S CHURCH

1. What is the church of Christ?

- a. God's _____ . Ephesians 2:19
- b. The _____ of God. 1 Timothy 3:15
- c. The brothers in Christ at Colosse (Col. 1:2) were part of the _____ of God's son. Colossians 1:13
- d. Christ is head of the _____, the church. Colossians 1:18.

2. Why is it Christ's church?

- a. He _____ it. Matthew 16:18
- b. He _____ it. Acts 20:28
- c. He _____ it. Ephesians 5:23
- d. He is the _____ of it. Ephesians 2:20
- e. He is the _____ of it. Colossians 1:18

3. How many churches did Christ establish?

- a. Jesus promised to build his _____ . Matthew 16:18
- b. The church has many members but is _____ body. Ro. 12:4 So we, being _____, are _____ body in Christ, and every one members of another. Ro. 12:5
- c. There is _____ body (Ep. 4:4). The body is the _____ (Col. 1:18). And the church is the _____. (Ep. 1:22,23).
- d. One head (Jesus) for one _____ (church).

4. Who belongs to the church?

- a. Those who believed the good news of Jesus were told to _____ and _____ _____ . (Acts 2:38)
- b. The _____ added these same people to the _____. (Acts 2:47)

c. Saul persecuted the _____. (Acts 8:1) The church was referred to as _____ (Acts 9:1) and the disciples were called _____ first in Antioch. Acts 11:26

5. Must one be part of the “called out” (church) to be saved?

- a. Jesus shall save _____ people from _____ sins. (Matthew 1:21). Who are “his” people?
- b. Jesus is _____ of the body, the church. Ep. 5:23. Christ is the savior, and the church is the _____.
- c. Jesus _____ the church with his blood. Acts 20:28
- d. The Lord added to the church (their number) those who were _____. Acts 2:47
- e. The assembly/church of the firstborn have their _____ written in _____. Hebrews 12:23

6. What kind of relationship are church members to maintain?

- a. 1 Corinthians 1:10 _____
- b. John 17:22 _____
- c. Philippians 1:27 _____
- d. Ephesians 4:3 _____
- e. God is to be glorified through Christ and his _____ throughout all ages. Ep. 3:21

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is the difference between the church and the church building?
2. Is the church important or essential?
3. What relation does the church have to salvation?
4. Can one have a proper personal relationship with Jesus without being part of the church?

AREN'T YOU THANKFUL TO BE PART OF CHRIST'S CHURCH?

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

WHY DOES THE CHURCH COME TOGETHER ON A REGULAR BASIS?

1. Because it is God's will that we assemble

- a. He. 10:25 Christians are not to forsake (give up) _____
_____.
- b. Acts 20:7 Christians came together upon the _____ in order to
_____.
- c. 1 Co. 16:1,2 Christians met on the _____ and
contributed their money.
- d. When you _____ into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's
Supper. 1 Co. 11:20

2. To express our love and gratitude to Christ for his sacrifice

- a. Jn. 14:15 If you love me _____.
- b. 1 Jn. 5:2,3 This is the love of God that we keep his _____, and they
are not a burden.
- c. The grateful and thankful return to praise God.
 - (1) Acts 3:8 What did the crippled man do when he was healed? _____
 - (2) Lk. 17:15,16 What did the grateful leper do when he realized he was healed? _____
_____.
 - (3) What will Christians do to express their gratitude? _____
_____.

3. To set a good example

- a. Mt. 5:16 Let your _____ shine, so that others will _____
_____.

b. 1 Co. 11:26 When partaking of the Lord's supper the Christian shows (proclaims) _____
_____.

c. Christians don't go for show, but their going does show. Phil. 2:15

4. To be encouraged by fellow Christians

a. He. 10:24, 25 When Christians gather, they are to encourage (spur) one another to _____
_____.

b. He. 3:13 "But _____ one another _____, while it is called today; so that none of you....."

c. Acts 2:42 The early church (devoted themselves) continued steadfastly in the _____
_____.

d. Ro. 1:12 Paul looked forward to being in Rome so that he might be comforted (encouraged) by
_____.

5. To worship God collectively

a. Acts 20:7 The disciples came together to _____.

b. Acts 2:42 The disciples _____ in/to the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer.

c. 1 Co. 16:2 The early Christians worshipped God in giving on what day? _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Is church attendance really a test of personal dedication to the Lord? Can you attend all the church assemblies and not be dedicated? Can you be dedicated and not attend?
2. Are there valid reasons for being absent from worship services? (What about jobs, company, travel, sickness, death, etc.)
3. Is it necessary for me to assemble with the saints? Wouldn't it be just as good to have a devotional while on a hunting or fishing trip?
4. Is it necessary to attend on Sunday and Wednesday nights for worship and Bible study?
5. What does it mean to "forsake" the assembly? He. 10:25

THE MISSION OF JESUS AND HIS CHURCH

1. The mission of Jesus

- a. Jn. 1:18 Jesus came to _____ the father.
- b. Mt. 1:23 Jesus was to be called Immanuel, which means _____
_____.
- c. Jn. 9:4 Jesus came to do the works of _____.
- d. Jn. 3:16 "For _____ so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten _____, that whosoever believeth in him should not _____, but have _____ life."
- e. Jn. 3:17 God did not send his son to _____ but to _____.
- f. Mt. 1:21 Jesus came to _____ his people from their _____.
- g. Jn. 10:10 Jesus, unlike the thief, came that we might have _____
_____.
- h. Lk. 19:10 Jesus came to _____ and _____ the lost.
- i. Jn. 20:30,31 Jesus performed miracles that we might believe he is _____,
and that by believing we might _____.
- j. Mt. 5:17 Jesus did not come to _____ the law but to _____.
- k. Gal. 4:4,5 Jesus came to _____ those who were under the law.
- l. Jn. 1:29 Behold the _____ of God, who takes away _____
_____.

2. The mission of His church

- a. Jesus commissioned his disciples to preach the _____ to all _____.
Mk. 16:15,16
- b. Peter preached Christ and with other words exhorted (warned/pleaded with) the people to _____.
Acts 2:40

- c. Peter and John did not cease _____ in the temple and in every house. Acts 5:42
- d. The early church , scattered by persecution, went everywhere _____
_____. Acts 8:4, 25
- e. Paul was determined (resolved) to preach only _____ and him
_____. 1 Co. 2:2
- f. The early church was accused of turning the world (causing trouble) _____. Acts 17:6
- g. The early church was charged with filling _____ with their _____
_____. Acts 5:28
- h. The gospel was preached to _____ in the first century. Col. 1:23
- i. Paul taught the gospel _____ and from _____ to _____. Acts 20:20
- j. The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto (for) _____ to everyone that believes. Ro. 1:16
- k. Go and make _____ of all nations _____ them... and _____ them to observe (obey) all things whatsoever I have _____ you: Mt. 28:19,20
- l. Follow me and I will make you _____. Mk. 1:17

LET'S NOT KEEP THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS TO OURSELVES

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

1. Three unchanging truths concerning worship

a. The right object is to be worshipped — God

(1) "_____ is spirit...they that worship _____." Jn. 4:24

(2) "Thou shalt have no other _____ before me." Ex. 20:3 (vss. 3-5)

(3) Jesus said, "Thou shalt worship the _____, and _____ only..." Mt. 4:10

(4) God has always prescribed how he wants to be worshipped. We should seek to please _____ and not _____. Gal. 1:10

b. The right spirit — spiritual

(1) "God is _____: and they that worship him must worship him in _____ and truth." Jn. 4:24

(2) Jesus said the Pharisees would honor God with their mouth and lips, but their _____ was/were far from God. Mt. 15:8

(3) Our worship is to be spiritual in nature. Example: Paul told the Ephesians to sing psalms, hymns, and _____ songs. Ep. 5:19

(4) Christians are like living stones built into a _____ house in order to offer _____ sacrifices to God. 1 Pe. 2:5

c. The right manner — according to the word of God.

(1) "God is spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and _____." Jn. 4:24

(2) "Thy (your) _____ is _____." Jn. 17:17

(3) Therefore, Christians must worship God according to his _____, which is truth.

2. Not all worship, even though sincere, is acceptable to God.

a. Mt. 15:9 Some were guilty of _____ worship

- b. Acts 17:22,23 _____ worship (cf. KJV)
- c. 1 Co. 1:20,21 according to _____ wisdom
- d. Ro. 10:2 Israel was _____ for God but not (based on) according to _____.

3. Christians worship God through Jesus Christ

- a. "For there is one God, and one _____ between God and men, the man _____." 1 Ti. 2:5
- b. Jesus said he was the way, truth, and the life: no man can come to God except _____ . Jn. 14:6
- c. Christians offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by (through) _____ . 1 Pe. 2:5
- d. Christ is able to save to the uttermost (completely) those that come unto God _____... He. 7:25
- e. "Let us therefore come (approach with) _____ unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain _____, and find _____ to help in time of need." He. 4:16

4. A key to Christian worship is the heart

- a. Ep. 5:19 sing and make melody in your _____
- b. 2 Co. 9:7 give as you purpose in your _____
- c. 1 Pe. 3:15 sanctify (set apart) the Lord in your _____
- d. Mk. 12:30 love the Lord with all your _____
- e. 2 Ti. 2:22 call on the Lord with a pure _____

OUR GOD IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP

THE LORD'S SUPPER

1. What is it? (A memorial feast/supper.)

- a. Jesus instituted it the night he was _____. 1 Co. 11:23
- b. The _____ feast was being observed the night the Lord's Supper was instituted. Mt. 26:19-21; Lk. 22:15
- c. The bread is _____. Mt. 26:26
- d. The fruit of the vine is _____. Mt. 26:27,28
- e. The bread and fruit of the vine were in _____ of Jesus. 1 Co. 11:24,25
- f. As often as you eat and drink the Lord's Supper you _____
_____. 1 Co. 11:26
- g. Whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup _____ is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 1 Co. 11:27
- h. Men and women are to _____ themselves. 1 Co. 11:28

2. Who is it for? (Christians)

- a. Those who are _____. Acts 20:7 (cf. KJV) Who came together?
- b. Those who are _____. Acts 11:26 The disciples were also called?
- c. Those who were _____. Acts 2:42
- d. Those who are in _____ with the Lord. 1 Co. 10:16
- e. You cannot eat and drink at the Lord's table and the _____ table. 1 Co. 10:21
- f. Those who are part of the Father's _____. Mt. 26:29

3. When is it to be observed? (On Sunday, the first day of the week.)

- a. Christians were not to forsake _____. He. 10:25
- b. Upon what day did the early Christians assemble to give? _____
1 Co. 16:2
- c. Upon what day did they assemble regularly to partake of the Lord's Supper? _____
Acts 20:7 (cf. Jn. 20:19)
Acts 20:7 (cf. Jn. 20:19)

d. The early church continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine, fellowship,
_____, and prayer. Acts 2:42

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Should the Lord's Supper be offered to children?
2. Isn't there a danger the Lord's Supper will lose its significance by partaking of it every Sunday?
3. Is the collection of money part of the Lord's Supper?
4. Does the Lord's Supper have mystical/magical power to protect us from evil?

DON'T FORGET! YOU HAVE A MEMORIAL FEAST TO KEEP EACH SUNDAY !

CHRISTIANS AND PRAYER

1. The first century church was a praying church

- a. The early disciples continued with one accord (together) in _____. Acts 1:14
- b. One important item involved in the selection of a replacement for Judas was _____. Acts 1:24
- c. After becoming Christians, the church continued steadfastly in _____
_____. Acts 2:42
- d. Rather than wait on tables, the apostles wanted to devote themselves to _____
_____. Acts 6:4
- e. When "servants" were chosen, the selection was also accompanied by _____. Acts 6:6
- f. Peter and John came to Samaria and _____ that the Samaritans might receive the Holy Ghost. Acts 8:15
- g. Before Peter resurrected Tabitha, he _____. Acts 9:40
- h. Why did Peter go to the housetop at noon? _____ Acts 10:9
- i. What did the church do while Peter was in prison? _____ Acts 12:5, 12
- j. What did Paul and Silas do at midnight while in prison? _____ Acts 16:25
- k. What did Paul do before tearfully departing from the Ephesian elders? _____ Acts 20:36,37

2. To whom do we pray?

- a. According to Matthew 6:6, to whom do we pray? _____ (also Mt. 6:9)
- b. To whom did Jesus pray? _____ Mt. 26:42
- c. What did Peter tell Simon the sorcerer about prayer? _____
_____ Acts 8:22
- d. To whom did Paul and his associates pray? _____ 2 Co. 13:7
- e. Paul and Silas prayed to whom? _____ Acts 16:25

3. Through whom do we pray?

- a. Jesus Christ is our _____ . 1 Ti. 2:5; He. 9:24
- b. Jesus Christ is our _____ . He. 4:14-16; 7:24-28
- c. Jesus Christ is our _____ . 1 Jn. 2:1,2
- d. We therefore pray in _____ . Ep. 5:20; Col. 3:17

4. How should we pray?

- a. Lk. 18:9-14 _____
- b. Mt. 6:5-8 _____
- c. Jas. 1:6; (cf. Mt. 7:11) _____
- d. Mt. 6:10 _____

5. Conditions of Prayer

- a. Jn. 9:31 God heareth not _____ .
- b. 1 Pe. 3:12 God's ears are open to _____ .
- c. Is. 59:1,2 Our _____ cause God not to hear.
- d. Pro. 15:29 The Lord heareth _____ .
- e. 1 Jn. 5:14 If we ask according _____ then he hears us.

**WE SHOULD ALWAYS PRAY AND NOT GIVE UP !
LUKE 18:1**

THE CHRISTIAN'S MONEY AND GIVING

1. Jesus and giving

- a. Jesus said it is more blessed to _____ than _____. Acts 20:35
- b. Jesus taught that our giving is to be in secret and not to be _____.
Mt. 6:1-4
- c. Lay up treasures in _____ and not on this _____. Why? Mt. 6:19-21
- d. If the Christian gives with the proper motives, then what can be expected? _____
_____. Lk. 6:38
- e. Jesus also taught that man is not to be controlled by his possessions.
- (1) Lk. 12:15, 16-21 A man's life does not consist of _____
_____.
- (2) Mk. 12:42-44 Why was the widow praised above those who were wealthy? _____
_____.
- f. For what does it profit a man if he _____ the whole _____ and loses his _____.
Mt. 16:26

2. The apostle Paul and giving

- a. Christians are to give regularly. . . How often should a Christian set aside a sum of money to be given to the Lord's work? _____ 1 Co. 16:2
- b. Christians are to give cheerfully. . . "Every man according as he _____ in his heart, so let him give; not _____, or of necessity (compulsion): for God loveth a _____ giver." 2 Co. 9:7
- c. Christians are to give liberally. . . The Macedonian churches, even in severe trial, were very _____ in their giving. 2 Co. 8:1,2
- d. Christians are to do good to _____ and especially to _____
_____. Gal. 6:10

e. Christians are to be hard workers and earn money so they may be able to _____
_____. Ep. 4:28

3. Look what God has given

a. God so loved the world that he _____. Jn. 3:16

b. Every good gift comes from _____. Jas. 1:17

c. God gives to all men _____
Acts 17:25

d. God gives _____ to the sower, and _____ for food... 2 Co. 9:10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Read Matthew 19:16-26. What was the rich man's problem? Is it a sin to be rich?
2. What will the love of money cause people to do? 1 Timothy 6:10
3. Those who are rich are tempted to put their trust (hope) in _____
and not in _____. 1 Timothy 6:17 What does this mean?
4. Does the New Testament specify a certain percentage to be given each Sunday? 10% 20% 30%

THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

1. God's description of love

a. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. List the things love will and will not do (is and is not)...

WILL (IS)

WILL NOT (IS NOT)

b. Without love I am...

(1) 1 Co. 13:1 _____

(2) 1 Co.13:2 _____

(3) 1 Co.13:3 _____

c. According to 1 Corinthians 13:13, three things remain _____, _____,
and _____. The greatest of these is _____. Why?

d. The greatest motivating force in all the world is _____. Love never
_____. 1 Co. 13:8

2. How are we to love God?

a. Four ways are stated in Mark 12:30. With all our _____, _____, _____,
_____.

b. If we love God, his commandments will not be _____.
1 John 5:3

c. We love him because _____.
1 John 4:19

d. Whoever does not love does not _____ God, because God is _____.
1 John 4:8

e. If we love Jesus, we will _____
_____. John 14:15

3. How are we to love our fellowman?

a. The second great commandment is _____
_____, Mark 12:31

b. If any man says he loves God and hates his brother, he is _____.
1 John 4:20

c. One characteristic of Jesus' disciples is _____
_____. John 13:35

d. How are we to love one another?

(1) John 13:34 _____

(2) 1 Peter 1:22 _____

(3) 1 John 3:18 _____

e. Love covers _____. 1 Peter 4:8

f. We also are to love _____
_____. Matthew 5:44

g. Christians are not to love _____
_____. 1 John 2:15

h. Love does no harm (ill) to his _____: Love is the _____
_____ of the law. Romans 13:9, 10

CAN GOD'S LOVE BE SEEN IN YOU?

JENKS AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Prospect Survey

Matthew 28:18-20

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone numbers: _____ (home) _____ (work)

Work place _____ work schedule _____

Retired from what line of work? _____

Is this person: ___ family? ___ acquaintance? ___ friend?

Do you want to notify your prospect that someone will be contacting them in the near future?
___yes ___no

Would you like to be paired with an experienced soulwinner in teaching your prospect?
___yes ___no

If the soulwinner makes a "cold" contact with your prospect, may they use your name?
___yes ___no

Do you know where this person has attended church in the past?

Name of church _____

City and State _____

Are they married:

Single?

Divorced?

of children? yes no _____

Names and ages yes no _____,

yes no _____,

Since you know this person, what type of approach might be helpful? Check all that apply.

___telephone

___outside home meeting

___Bible study (group)

___personal visit to home

___one on one

___Bible study (team)

Additional comments

Your name: _____

To *Howard and Ann Reece*,
who gave me life,
and taught me of eternal life.

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