

Foundations of Faith

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Class # 1

FAITH RIGHTEOUSNESS

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

The foundation is the _____ part of a building.

A faulty _____ is what causes people to waver and fall.

Hebrews 5:11-14, NIV, *"We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil."*

A spiritual infant is not familiar with the teaching of _____.

_____ is the cornerstone (or capstone) of the gospel.

Romans 1:17, NIV, *"For in the gospel a righteousness _____ is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written:*

'The righteous will live by faith.'"

Romans 3:21,22,NIV, *"But now a righteousness from God, _____, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through _____ to all who believe."*

Romans 4:3, NIV, *"What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as _____."*

Romans 4:17, NIV, *"As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were."*

What did God call Abraham? _____.

Why did He call him righteous? _____.

Who made us righteous? _____.

Can we make ourselves more righteous? _____.

Can we make ourselves less righteous? _____.

How do we receive the gift of righteousness? _____.

Romans 10:2,3,4, NIV, *“For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.”*

The Jews wanted to _____ righteousness through their
_____, therefore, they _____ the righteousness of God.

_____ is the end of the law/works for righteousness.

Romans 9:30-33, NIV, *“What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, has not attained it. Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the “stumbling stone.” As it is written: ‘See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.’”*

Is Jesus the stumbling stone? _____.

What is the stumbling stone? _____.

Hebrews 6:1-3, *“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit.”*

Not laying again can mean:

1. _____.

2. _____.

We should not have to _____ the foundation, but we should never
_____.

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Class # 2

REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS

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

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

The first two foundations of the faith are repentance from dead works and faith toward God. Of all we build upon, this is the most important. However, this is impossible apart from understanding the grace and peace of God.

Repent means to _____.

When we accept Jesus, we are to change our minds about _____.

What is the difference between dead works and good works? _____.

Ephesians 2:10, *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

Dead works and good works can be the same actions with different motives.

_____ can be dead works or good works.

_____ can be dead works or good works.

_____ can be dead works or good works.

_____ can be dead works or good works.

In order to understand and repent from dead works it is essential that we understand the grace of God. The grace of God was the power that worked in Jesus. It was the power that worked in the apostles. It is the power that works in every believer to live above sin and do good works.

John 1:14 & 17, *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. 17) For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."*

Jesus brought _____ and _____.

The law was _____, but it required the _____ of man to uphold it.

Romans 8:3 *"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh."*

According to this verse, the weakness of the law was the _____.

When the Bible speaks of flesh, it speaks of man's attempt to be righteous by his own _____./_____.

Attempting to be made righteous by one's _____ is dead works.

Jesus brought grace and truth.

Everything that Jesus did was a work of God's grace in His life; the ability to live above sin; the ability to work miracles; the love and the patience to minister to the people; even the ability to face the death and suffering of the cross was a work of grace.

Traditional definition of grace, _____.

A biblical definition of grace: "A divine influence which works from the heart and makes one able."

Jesus gave us truth and the _____ to live that truth.

Ephesians 2:8-10, *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."*

We are saved by _____ through _____.

The word "saved" comes from a Greek word, "sozo." Sozo means to save, heal, deliver, preserve, do well, make whole, keep safe and sound, and to rescue from danger and destruction.

Every work of God is a work of grace, a divine influence in the heart that makes one able.

Grace makes us able to walk in healing, _____ makes us _____ to be all that God said we could be. It is His power, not ours.

How does grace work in my life?

Romans 5:21, *"That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."*

When sin reigns it always brings _____.

When righteousness reigns it brings _____.

When grace reigns it brings _____.

Righteousness was given to me as a free gift when I received Jesus.

_____ is my righteousness.

Romans 10:9-10, *"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.*

For with the heart man _____ unto _____; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

We do not work our way to righteousness we _____ on the finished work of Jesus. He makes us righteous as a free gift.

Galatians 5:4 *"Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."*

When a person tries to be righteous by _____ of any law, he has rejected the finished work of Jesus. Christ is no longer of any effect in his life. Why? He has fallen from _____/_____.

Falling from grace means that we have fallen from the realm of God's _____. His ability cannot work in our lives when we are trying to live in our ability.

Galatians 2:21 *"I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."*

The word "frustrate" means to set aside, _____, disannul, nullify, make void or reject.

When we try to be righteous and acceptable to God by our works we neutralize God's ability. His power no longer works in our lives we are left to our own ability.

When I believe I am _____ because of Jesus, the _____/_____
_____ of God works in my life to live _____.

This is what the apostle meant when he said, "I can do _____ things through Christ who _____ me."

Everything that the Bible says I can do, I can do because I trust Him to live in me and empower me. None of the things I do will make me more righteous. I am righteous through Jesus. Because I believe I am righteous, I have the _____/_____ of God to live righteous, fulfill my dreams and be all that God would have me to be.

"Grace The Power to Change", by Dr. James B. Richards, would be excellent reading to come to a full understanding of God's grace.

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Class # 3

FAITH TOWARD GOD

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

Faith is simply trusting God. It is impossible to _____ someone if you are _____ of that person. We are only able to trust God when we believe He loves and will not _____ us. Tradition has created an un-biblical view of God. Religious people have tried to use _____ as the motivation to obey God. We should be motivated by _____.

When we believe God love's us we will _____ Him. When we love Him it will be easy to _____ Him.

John 14:15, *"If you love me, you will obey what I command."*

God's love is revealed by what He did at the cross. He loved us so much that He put all of the punishment that we deserved on Jesus. Because Jesus paid the penalty for sin, there is now peace between God and man.

Read Luke 2:8-10

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Luke 2:10, *"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you _____ tidings of _____ joy, which shall be to _____ people."*

Luke 2:14, *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth _____, _____ _____ men."*

Was the good will between men? _____. Was the peace between men? _____.

Who was the good will from? _____. Who was the peace from? _____.

What is significant about this? _____

_____.

Under the Old Covenant sin had not been paid for, righteousness was not satisfied and God was angry.

Psalms 7:11 *“God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.”*

God made a new covenant in the blood of Jesus. How should we relate to the Old Covenant? _____

Read Galatians 3:13 & 2 Corinthians 1:20. NIV

Galatians 3:13, *“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.’”*

2 Corinthians 1:20, *“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.”* NIV

All the _____ are ours, none of the _____ are ours. Why?

Read Romans 5:8-11. NIV

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”

I am _____ by the blood of Jesus and saved from _____ through Him. I was an _____ of God, but now I am _____ to God by the death of His Son.

Define: Justified _____, Reconciled _____.

Read Isaiah 53:4-10:NIV.

“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5) But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6) We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7) He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8) By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. Yet who of his generation considered that he was cut off from the land of the living for the transgression of my people, to whom the blow was due? 9) He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. 10) Yet it is the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.”

Isaiah 53:4-10 describes the _____.

1 John 2:1-2, *“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for <the sins of> the whole world.”*

Define propitiation _____.

In your own words, describe what this means for you? _____

1 John 4:10, *“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”*

The exchange has two parts:

1. God proved His loved at the cross by _____ all wrath, so we would never _____ wrath.
2. Jesus experienced rejection so we could be assured of _____.
 Ephesians 1:6, *“To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us _____ in the _____.”*

Read Isaiah 54:6-17. NIV

“For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you, says the LORD your Redeemer. To me this is like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth. So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again. Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you. O afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will build you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with sapphires. I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children’s peace. In righteousness you will be established: Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you. If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing; whoever attacks you will surrender to you. See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc; no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me, declares the LORD.”

In verse 9, what is it referring to when it says, “for this is as the waters of Noah unto me?” _____

54:9b, “now I have sworn not to be _____ with you, never to _____ you again.”

54:10, “my _____ for you will not be shaken nor my _____ of _____ be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you.”

This New Covenant that God established is called a Covenant of _____.

Why? _____.

54:17 says, we should _____ every tongue that _____.

An accusation brings judgement. God has freed us from judgement through Jesus. If He were to accuse and judge us, He would break His own covenant.

Proverbs 19:27, “Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.”

Any message that undermines the _____ of God will cause a believer to err.

Read Romans 10:13-17, KJV

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

One must believe the Gospel of _____ if the Word is to produce faith when it is read.

Read Ephesians 6:11, 15, KJV

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace . . .”

The word “preparation “ means a firm foundation that comes from a readiness of mind. (Thayer’s Greek Lexicon of the New Testament)

The Gospel of _____ is the foundation that causes every believer to stand firm in every situation.

The message of the cross is the message of how God made _____ between man and God.

1 John 4:18-19, TLB

“We need have no fear of someone who loves us perfectly; His perfect love for us eliminates all dread of what He might do to us. If we are afraid, it is for fear of what He might do to us, and shows that we are not fully convinced that He really loves us. So you see, our love for Him comes as a result of His loving us first.”

Believing that God _____ me with a _____ love, sets me free from fear of _____.

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Class #4
DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS

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

Baptism into the Body of Christ

The Bible teaches about _____ different baptisms:

Baptism _____

Baptism _____

Baptism _____

The word "baptize" means to place something into something else. In ancient Greek writings the word "baptize" is used to describe a _____.

1 Corinthians 12:13, *"For by one _____ are we all _____ into one body..."*

The first baptism is something that occurs when we _____.

The _____ baptized or placed us _____ the body of Christ. Because we are placed (baptized) into Jesus' body, we no longer relate to God on our own merit. We are now _____. We relate to God on the merit (righteousness) of Jesus.

Because the Spirit _____ me into Jesus, when God looks at me He sees me _____.

As you read the New Testament notice how many times it refers to us as in Christ, through Christ, by Him etc... God only sees us through the righteousness of Jesus.

Baptism in Water

The next baptism is the baptism in water. Jesus commanded His followers to be baptized in water and in the Holy Spirit. In the great commission, He told His followers to go to all the world and preach the Gospel and to baptize all that believed.

Matthew 28:19, *"Therefore go and _____ of all nations, _____ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

Throughout the book of Acts we see the early church obeying this commandment. All of the early Christians were baptized by immersion in water. Throughout the years, baptism has become a ceremony or ritual that has very little meaning for the new believer. This is not the plan of God.

Everything we receive from God is a work of _____ through _____.

_____ has no value apart from faith and grace.

When a believer is baptized into water he should _____ (faith) God for some specific things and he should be _____ (grace) in an area of his life.

Ceremonies are designed to give us a specific way to _____ God's realities. Let's read the following scriptures and determine what reality we should experience in water baptism.

Mark 16:16, *"He that _____ and is _____ shall be saved..."*

The _____ for baptism is to be a believer. Baptism is not for children or for the unconverted.

Romans 6:4, *"Therefore, we are buried with Him by _____ into _____."*

Baptism is where we identify with the _____.

Romans 6:6, *"Knowing this, that our old man _____ with Him."*

Jesus became our _____ while on that cross. Therefore, our _____ died with Him. If our sinful man died with Him then we are dead to sin.

Romans 6:11, *"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

Reckon means to _____.

If you believe you _____ with Christ you can _____ yourself dead to sin, grace will give you the _____ to live free from sin.

Romans 7:1, *“Do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to men who know the law—that the law has authority over a man only as long as he lives?”* (NIV)

Romans 7:4, *“So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God.”* (NIV)

We are dead to the _____, so we do not look to the law for _____. We are alive to God, therefore, we are under _____ / _____ not _____ / our _____.

Romans 6:15, *“For _____ SHALL NOT have _____ over you.”*

Our death to the law and sin is only part of what happens in baptism. Jesus _____ on the cross and was buried. But He was _____ up by the _____ of God, the same _____ that works in us.

Colossians 2:12, *“Buried with Him in _____ raised with Him through your _____ in the _____ of God who raised Him from the dead.”*

If we believe that Jesus died, then we believe that we died with Him. Therefore, we are _____. If we believe that God raised Him from the dead, then we believe that we were raised with Him and we are _____.

2 Corinthians 5:17, *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a _____ creation; the _____, the new has come!”* (NIV)

After a person has received Jesus as Lord and Savior he is to be baptized in water. He is to believe (consider/reckon) that his old life and his old nature died with Christ on the cross. By trusting in the power of God he is to believe that he is raised up as a new person, with a new nature, just as Christ was raised from the dead.

Based on this belief, the new believer is to bury the old man. In water baptism we demonstrate our faith in the fact that we are dead. We also demonstrate our faith in the fact that we are now raised from the dead in Him. For many this is the place where grace/empowerment to live the new life becomes a reality. It is here that we experience the reality of death burial and resurrection.

YOUR RESPONSE

1. Do you believe that God raised Jesus from the dead? _____
2. Have you confessed Jesus as your Lord? _____
3. Have you been baptized since you believed? _____
4. If not, are you ready to be baptized in water? _____

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus promised that He would not leave us as _____. He said He would send us another _____. This Comforter is the _____.

John 14:16,26.

"I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

The Spirit of God is with us to:

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| _____,' | _____,' |
| _____,' | _____,' |
| _____,' | _____,' |

The Holy Spirit is our _____ to God.

In Acts 1:4 Jesus told the disciples to wait until they were endued with power from the Father. Jesus promised that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them.

Acts 1:8, *"But you shall receive _____ after that the _____ is come _____ you."*

Is this scripture talking about the Holy Spirit coming upon you or in you?
_____.

When does the Holy Spirit come in you? _____.

The Holy Spirit comes in us at salvation. It is then that we are born of the Spirit,

John 3:5, *“Jesus answered, ‘I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.’ ” (NIV)*

Titus 3:5, *“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;”*

In Acts 1:8, Jesus was not talking about the Spirit coming in us at salvation, He was talking about us receiving power when we were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:17, *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon _____.”*

Acts 2:39, *“For the promise is unto _____, and to your _____, and to all that are _____, even _____ as the Lord our God shall call.”*

From these scriptures about the baptism in the Holy Spirit, to whom is this promise given? _____.

According to Acts 2:4, what happened when the believers were filled with the Spirit?

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

They _____ with other _____.

Tongues is another word for _____.

In Acts 10:46 when the Gentiles received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, what happened?

For they heard them speaking in _____ and _____ God. NIV

In Acts 19:6, what happened when the believers received the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

“When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit _____ them, and they _____ and prophesied.” (NIV)

In all of the instances of believers receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit, they all spoke with tongues. By reading the following scriptures we see that there are three reasons for us to speak in tongues:

_____, 1 Corinthians 14:4
_____, 1 Corinthians 14:2, Acts 2:11
_____, Romans 8:26-27

People mistakenly think that the Holy Spirit will make them speak in tongues or that He will speak for you. The Bible clearly points out that it was the believers who spoke in tongues, not the Holy Spirit. The Spirit never forces anyone to do anything. But, when a believer decides to act on the promises of God, the Holy Spirit will certainly do His part. We speak; the Spirit gives the words.

HOW TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Receive Jesus as Lord and Savior.
2. Believe that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is for you.
3. Ask Jesus to baptize you in the Holy Spirit.
4. Receive by faith. This has nothing to do with your feelings.
5. Act on your faith.
 - a. Thank the Lord for baptizing you in the Holy Spirit. Worship Him for answering your prayers.
 - b. Begin to speak in tongues. You might ask, "But, how will I know it's not me speaking in tongues?" It will be you. You do the speaking, the Holy Spirit supplies the words.

YOUR RESPONSE

1. Have you received Jesus as Lord? _____
2. Have you received the baptism in the Holy Spirit? _____

The tape series "Keeping Yourself Encouraged" Will provide thorough teaching about the importance of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Speaking in other tongues.

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Class # 5

LAYING ON OF HANDS

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

The next area of foundation is "laying on of hands." The laying on of hands not only focuses on the ceremonial laying on of hands, but more specifically the realm of personal ministry. Every believer is called to personal ministry. Personal ministry is an important part of personal growth and development.

Luke 4:40, *"Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them."*

Jesus _____ on the sick to minister to them and heal them.

Jesus never did _____ by His own power. He did all that He did as a _____ full of _____.

Acts 10:38, *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."*

Jesus had power because the _____ was upon Him.

We have power because the Holy Spirit is _____.

Luke 10:8-9, *"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'" (NIV)*

When Jesus sent His disciples out, he gave them the power to _____.

Mark 16:17-20, *"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19) So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20) And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."*

Signs follow _____.

Does that mean me? _____.

This was a part of the _____.

How could I possibly lay hands on the sick and expect them to recover?

Is this a special power that works like magic? _____

Is there a special anointing I must receive to do this? _____

Everything God does is by _____ through _____.

Jesus told His disciples to do two things:

Preach _____.

Minister _____.

Romans 10:17 _____ comes by _____ the Word.

In the majority of miracles that happened under Jesus ministry, the Bible clearly states that the miracle was the result of _____ faith, not _____ faith.

He shared the _____ news about the _____, when they heard it and believed it they were able to receive _____.

We should always share the good news, allow people to _____, then they will be able to _____.

Sharing Our faith

Philemon 6, *"I pray that you may be active in _____, so that you will have a full understanding of _____ we have in Christ."* (NIV)

Who benefits when I share my faith? _____

What does it help me grasp? _____

What are some ways I can share my faith?

Should everyone share his or her faith? _____

Are you a minister? _____

Do I lay hands on everyone I minister to? _____

The key thing about ministry is to follow up with prayer. After we have shared with a person we should either pray for them or ask them to pray. Too often, people hear the truth, but never act on that truth. When it is appropriate, we will lay hands on them, otherwise we will allow them to pray or lead them in prayer.

Romans 10:13, *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

Special times for laying on of Hands

Mark 16:18 _____

Acts 6:6 _____

Acts 13:3 _____

1 Timothy 4:4 _____

For the _____ of ministry this ceremony is done by the Local
_____.

Like any ceremony, this becomes a time when we experience something from God because we believe and receive from Him. It is not the magic of the ceremony. No one can give a gift or a ministry to a person. We can only facilitate and recognize what God is doing.

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Class # 6

RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD

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

The _____ is the one thing that separates Christianity from all other religions of the world.

Jesus rose from the dead on the _____ just as He said.

Matthew 17:23, *"And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry."*

The resurrection is the proof that He is _____.

Romans 1:4, *"And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:"*

The fact that God raised Jesus from the dead is the _____ we have of eternal life.

1 Corinthians 6:14, *"And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power."*

The Holy Spirit was given to us as a deposit to _____ Eternal life.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22, *"Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." (NIV)*

There have always been people who taught error about the resurrection.

2 Timothy 2:17-18 *"And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some."*

There are two basic deceptions about the resurrection:

1. God will not _____.
2. The resurrection is _____.

Paul's logic was simple. If God raised _____ from the dead; He will raise _____ from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:12-17, *"But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins."* (NIV)

Can the resurrection happen without me knowing it? _____.

1 Corinthians 15:51-51, *"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."*

Even if I don't _____ I will be _____.

Every mortal man will put on _____.

Every man will live _____.

Some will live _____ God; some will live _____ from God, but all will live forever.

Revelation 20:5-6 *"But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."*

The resurrection is when we receive our _____ bodies.

What happens when someone dies? _____

Death is when the spirit _____.

James 2:26, *"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."*

When the wicked dies he goes to a place called _____.

When the believer dies he _____.

2 Corinthians 5:8, *"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."*

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Class # 7

ETERNAL JUDGMENT

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

The thought of judgment brings _____ to those who are not established in the _____.

John 12:31 *"Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. 32) And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."*

_____ took all the _____ of the world.

John 12: 48, NIV, *"There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day."*

The one who _____ Jesus will be judged.

John 5:24, NIV, *"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."*

The one who believes on Jesus will not be _____.

We accept the righteous judgment of God against us now.

Jesus gives us _____ as a free gift.

The person who does not have faith righteousness will be judged by his _____.

Revelation 20:11-15, NIV, *"Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."*

If your name is in the _____ you will not be in the Great White Throne of Judgement.

2 Corinthians 5:10, NIV *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."*

_____ will appear before the Judgement Seat of Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:10-15, NIV, *"By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames."*

We are judged to receive _____.

Rewards are based on _____.

That which is unacceptable to God will be _____.

There will be no reason for fear or shame in the presence of God.

Isaiah 54:17, *"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD."*

We should never accept a message of _____.

Resource: Review the book, *"The Gospel of Peace"* by Dr. Jim Richards

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Class # 8
TRANSFORMING THE THOUGHT LIFE

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

The literal meaning of repentance is, "to have a _____ of _____."

Romans 12:1-2, NIV, *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God this is your spiritual (or reasonable) act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is his good, pleasing and perfect will."*

The word "transformed" means _____.

Metamorphose is change _____.

We have been made _____.

Our spirit is righteous, but we want to walk in righteousness. In order for that which is in my spirit to come out I must _____.

Romans 8:6, *"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."*

The word "carnal" means _____.

I cannot think about God, life, or myself the way I thought before _____.

2 Corinthians 10:4, *"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."*

My warfare is not with the _____ it is with my _____.

Our warfare is to bring every thought captive to the obedience of _____.

Explain: _____

Steps to bringing thoughts captive:

1. Know the New Covenant. (Read the New Testament.)
2. When vain imaginations come (temptations, rejection, works righteousness, etc.) bring it captive to what Jesus accomplished through His death, burial and resurrection.
3. Change your opinions to line up with God's opinions
4. If it is not Bible do not accept it as reality.

I must walk by _____.

Hebrews 11:6, *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."*

Faith is our _____ of trust to what God has done for us through the Lord Jesus.

Unbelief is our lack of _____ for what God has done for us through the Lord Jesus.

When I accept God's opinion I am walking in _____.

My faith _____ God.

When I trust God I have _____ and _____.

Philippians 4:7 *"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

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