Foundational Bible Study

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Preface

Foundational truths for Christians

In the times that we live, the basic doctrines of Christianity are under attack by not only the cults and various religions of the world, but also some main line denominations are in stages of APOSTASY (a falling away) a falling away from the doctrines and principles that Christians through out the ages have embraced and held dear to.

Just as a house must have a good foundation and solid structure to be strong, so too must a Christian. If a Christian isn't founded on solid biblical doctrines they can be easily moved from their Faith.

EPHESIANS 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine.

MATTHEW 7:24-25 Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Vs.25 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.

In this study course, a house under construction will be used as an illustration of Christian growth; using the <u>foundation</u>, the <u>wooden structure</u>, and the <u>building bricks</u> as an example. Just as a house is built from the foundation up, brick upon brick, so too is our Christian growth in understanding and knowledge of God.

ISAIAH 28:9-10 Whom shall He teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from milk, and drawn from the breast. Vs.10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little.

Memory Verse

1 CORINTHIANS 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid. which is Jesus Christ.

➤ Jesus Christ is the <u>only</u> foundation that we can build on for eternal life and a relationship with God. Just as the foundation of a house has various components such as, cement, sand, gravel, and water, so to does our foundation, Jesus Christ and the different doctrines concerning him.

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A. FOUNDATIONAL BASICS



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1. The Divinity of Jesus Christ



Jesus Christ is not a god but is God. Existing before his physical birth at Bethlehem, from eternity he was always with God the Father (the first person of the trinity) as God the Son (the second person of the trinity). Although he was God manifested in the flesh, here on earth, he lived as a perfect sinless man and ministered by the anointing of the Holy Ghost (Acts 10:38). At no time was Jesus ever an Angel (Hebrews 1:4-5, 13) but in truth, as part of the God Head, he created them (Colossians 1:16-17)

JOHN 1:1-3 In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God and the Word was God.

Vs. 2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Vs. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as the only begotton of the Father, full of grace and truth.

1 TIMOTHY 3:16 And without controversy great was the mystery of godliness. God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles believed on in the world, received up into glory.

TITUS 2:13 Looking for the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

PHILLIPIANS 2:6 Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.

1 JOHN 1:2 For the life was manifested and we have seen it and bear witness and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested unto us.

ISAIAH 9:6 His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. (see Numbers 21:6)

2. His Eternal Existence



JOHN 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

JOHN 8:58 Jesus said to them, verily verily. I say unto you. before Abraham was, I am.

JOHN 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was

➤ God shares his glory with no one, only God can partake of Gods glory (Isaiah 42:8 another reference to the divinity of Jesus Christ).

HEBREWS 1:8-9 But unto the Son he saith Thy throne O God is forever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Vs.9 Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

REVELATION 1:8, 11, 17, 18 I Am Alpha Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Vs.11 Saying, I Am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Peramos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelhia, and unto Laodicea.

Vs.17. And when I saw Him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I Am the first and the last:

Vs.18 I Am he that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

3. As the Creator



Jesus Christ was not created and in his pre-Bethlehem existence as God the Son, was indeed the Creator of all the Universe and every thing in it, visible and invisible.

JOHN 1:3, 10 All things were made by him and without him was not anything made, that was made.

Vs.10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

EPHESIANS 3:9 And to make all men to see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.

COLOSSIANS 1:16 For by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him.

HEBREWS 1:1-2 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.

4. His Virgin Birth



The virgin birth of Jesus Christ was necessary because of Original Sin that passed upon the human race through Adam, Being born of a virgin, he never inherited original sin, and therefore was able to offer himself up as a sin offering for all of mankind.

ISAIAH 7:14 Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son and shall call his name Emmanuel.

MATTHEW 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, <u>before they came together</u>, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

MATTHEW 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name, Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

LUKE 1:26, 27, 31, 34, 35 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto the city of Galilee, named Nazareth.

Vs.27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgins name was Mary.

Vs.31 An behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

Vs.34 Then said Mary unto the angel, how shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

Vs.35 And the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

HEBREWS 10:5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me.

5. Jesus Christ was Sinless



Jesus Christ was the perfect sin offering for the sins of all humanity, because he was without the spot and blemish of original sin and personal sin. Although he was God manifested in flesh, he was also fully man and therefore, because of his humanity, was able to sin. Resisting every temptation from Satan and the weakness of his flesh, he is the only person who has never sinned.

1 PETER 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.

1 JOHN 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

HEBREWS 1:9 Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

HEBREWS 4:15 For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew not sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

6. Only Way of Salvation



Jesus Christ came to this earth the first time for one purpose, to save sinners; in the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy and the Fathers will. He died for our sins, was buried and rose again on the third day. The scriptures teach that he is the only way of salvation, for all of mankind. Without him there is no way to God.

- JOHN 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotton Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- JOHN 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
- JOHN 14:6 Jesus saith to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.
- LUKE 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord
- ACTS 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
- 1 TIMOTHY 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.
- ISAIAH 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
- 1 PETER 3:18 For Christ also hath suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened (made alive) by the Spirit.

7. His Resurrection



If you have never seen Jesus Christ and believe in him, then consider yourself blessed. Thomas said "He would not believe unless he could see and feel the nail scars", Later Jesus appeared to him and said "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet believe" The word of God gives birth to our faith and that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)

The resurrection of Jesus was bodily, as the first fruit, of them that sleep. (1 Corinthians 15:20)

In Luke 24:36-43...Jesus appeared to his disciples, ate food with them and they touched him.

MATTHEW 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples how that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things of the elders and the chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the 3rd. day.

LUKE 24:46 Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the 3rd. day.

ACTS 26:23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people and to the Gentiles.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures: Vs.4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the 3rd. day according to the scriptures.

ROMANS 4:25 Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

8. Our Advocate



The Bible says in 1 Timothy 2:5 that there is only one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. In order for him to be our Mediator, he had to become our High Priest, a Priest that knew what it felt like to suffer the temptations of the flesh and Satan, yet without sin. Because he can identify with us, he can represent us before God as our Advocate (a lawyer or one who pleads the cause or case of another) based upon the blood he shed at Calvary for the remission of our sins. The bible says we can come boldly unto the throne room of grace and find help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16)

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.

Vs.2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 TIMOTHY 2:5 For there is one God, and <u>one Mediator</u> between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

HEBREWS 4:15-16 For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; But was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Vs.16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

HEBREWS 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come to God by him, seeing he ever live to make intercession for them.

HEBREWS 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

1 JOHN 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

* Admitting to God that you have sinned, and asking for forgiveness keeps us in right standing with him.

9. His 1st. Coming



The first coming of Jesus Christ was one of suffering and rejection, throughout the Old Testament it was proclaimed that the Messiah was to come; while some scriptures speak of him suffering and dying, yet others speak of him reigning as a King. Needless to say this was perplexing to many, who read and interpreted the scriptures throughout the ages.

In the times that Jesus was manifested, Israel was under the rule of the Roman Empire and the people were looking for a deliverer, to lead them out of their oppression and not a lamb who was to die for the sins of the world. As a whole, Jesus was rejected by the religious leaders of his day because of this and also their jealousy over his ministry and popularity with the common people. God's plan was the salvation of the whole world, the lst. Coming of Jesus was to provide the means for this and the second will be to reign as King over all the world. Israel failed to understand this.

1 PETER 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ who was in them did signify, when it testified before hand its sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

MARK 8:31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

LUKE 24:26 Ought not Christ to have suffer these things, and to enter into his glory?

ISAIAH 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

PSALMS 22:16 For dogs have compassed me: the assemble of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

10. His 2nd. Coming



The second coming of Jesus Christ will be: visible and in glory and power.

A. Visible

ACTS 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into the heavens? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

REVELATIONS 1:7 Behold he cometh with the clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

B. Glory and Power

REVELATONS 19:11, 12, 15, 16 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. Out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. He hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

REVELATIONS 11:15 The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

(Other references: Isaiah 11, Jeremiah 23, Zechariah 14)

B. STRUCTURAL TRUTHS



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1. The Trinity



Within the nature of the <u>One</u> eternal God (Isaiah 43:10) there are three distinct persons (Luke 3:21, 22) The Father (2 Peter 1:17) The Son (John 1:1, 14) and The Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3, 4). The Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Holy Spirit, and The Holy Spirit is not the Father, these three are one in unity and share equally in the divine nature.

1 JOHN 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, The Father, The Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

GENESIS 1:26 And God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... Vs.27 So God created man in his own image.

Notice that he said <u>our</u> image, <u>our</u> likeness in vs.26, God was speaking to the God Head when he said our.

The Bible says that man is spirit, soul and body (1 Thessalonians 5:23). Being created in Gods image, our triune person is in a small way a reflection of God.

The Trinity can be seen in the following verses:

MATTHEW 3:16-17 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: And, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him:

Vs.17 And, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

MATTHEW 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost.

2. The Holy Spirit



God the Holy Spirit is a person, as much as the Father and Son are persons, and therefore, has the elements that are involved, within a personality. Some traits of his personality are as follows:

He has a will

1 CORINTHIANS 12:11 But all these worketh that one and selfsame Spirit: dividing to every man severally <u>as he will.</u>

He speaks

ACTS 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Her grieves

EPHESIANS 4:30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

He prays

ROMANS 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

There in creation

GENESIS 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. (see also Job 26:13, 33:4, and Psalms 104:30)

Is called God

ACTS 5:3-4 But Peter said Ananias why hath Satan filled thine heart to <u>lie to the Holy Ghost</u>, and to keep part of the price of the land?

Vs.4 While it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

3. THE BIBLE



The Bible was given to us by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, inspiration literally means God breathed. Under the divine influence of God, men spoke and wrote down the Holy Scriptures (Jeremiah 36:2, Acts 1:16, and 2 Peter 3:15-16) Jesus said "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God (Matt. 4:4) God's word gives instruction in every area of life, from how to know God, to how to raise our children. The word of the Lord shall endure forever (1 Peter 1:25).

- 2 TIMOTHY 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and <u>is profitable for</u> doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.
- 2 PETER 1:21 For prophesy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
- 2 TIMOTHY 3:15 And from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to <u>make thee wise</u> unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- 1 JOHN 5:13 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.
- ROMANS 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.
- JOHN 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
- PSALMS 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to the word.
- PSALMS 119:11 Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.
- PSALMS 119:30 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple.
- 1 PETER 2:2 As newborn babes. desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

4. Man is a created being



The popular myth that is being taught in our schools and universities is that of evolution. Evolution is a lie from Satan, and is a doctrine of demons, working through unregenerate man.

God's word declares that life began on dry ground (Genesis 1:21) while evolution says the sea. God's word declares that birds and fish were created at the same time (Genesis 1:21) but evolution says that fish evolved hundreds of millions of years before birds. God's word declares that He made the animals and fowl out of the ground (Genesis 2:19) but evolution says they evolved. The Bible stresses ten times that the things created reproduce after its kind. Man has never evolved and will never evolve into anything else. Let us examine the scriptures.

GENESIS 1:26-27 And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living that moveth upon the earth.

Vs.27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them

GENESIS 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

GENESIS 5:1-2 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him.

Vs.2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

JOB 33:4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

MALACHI 2:10 Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers.

5. Mankind is lost and needs salvation



Jesus Christ said, "He came to seek and save that which was lost" (Matthew 18:11). By lost it is meant, separated from God and destine for eternal damnation in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15). Mankind has a sin problem inherited from Adam, which is rooted at his very core, his spirit. Man sins because he is a sinner and in his fallen condition cannot save himself.

God devised a plan of salvation in which His Son would die for the sin and sins of all people everywhere. Man can dress himself up with religion, education, social skills and good deeds, but it takes the shed blood of Jesus Christ, to change mans inner being. Only through Jesus can man be restored to relationship and fellowship with God.

ROMANS 3:10-12 As it is written, there is none righteous no, not one.

Vs.11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

Vs.12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

ROMANS 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

PSALMS 53:3 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

ECCLESIASTES 7:20 For there is not a just man upon the earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not

PROVERBS 20:9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin.

ISAIAH 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all <u>our righteousness are as filthy</u> rags...

JOHN 3:16 For <u>God so loved</u> the world, <u>that he gave his only begotten Son</u>, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

6. Heaven is a real place



Jesus said, "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name" (Matthew 6:9). Heaven is the abode of God, the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 7:55-56) the angels (Matthew 18:10) and the departed saints (Hebrews 12:23, Revelations 7:9).

The Lord Jesus told one of the men who was crucified with him that "This day you shall be with me in paradise". When a believer dies, the body returns to the earth (ashes to ashes) to wait for the resurrection, but the born again spirit departs to be with the Lord in heaven.

In Matthew 17:3, Moses and Elijah appear to Jesus and talk with him; Elijah was taken to heaven in a fiery chariot, without seeing death and Moses went to heaven by way of death, the point is both men retained their identity. In heaven you will still be you, only glorified! When a person dies their spirit will depart for one or two places; heaven if they have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and hell, if they haven't. There is neither scriptural evidence nor proof of purgatory, nor such a thing as soul sleep.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:8 We are confident. I say, and willing rather to be <u>absent from the body</u>, and to be present with the <u>Lord</u>.

PHILLIPIANS 1:23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a <u>desire to depart, and be with Christ</u>; which is far better.

MARK 16:19 So after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was <u>received up into heaven</u>, and sat on the right hand of God.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-4 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth) such an one caught up to the third heaven. (1st. heaven is the sky etc. 2nd. heaven is where stars are, space 3rd. heaven is where God is.)

Vs.3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

Vs.4 How that he was <u>caught up into paradise</u>, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. See also Revelations 5:9, 6:9, 7:9

7. Hell is a real place



Jesus spoke about hell just as much as he did heaven and warned about the consequences of ending up there. In Luke 16:19-31, Jesus tells us of a man in the torments of hell. The man was aware of his surroundings, he was thirsty, he realized he had a family on earth and wanted to warn them about the place he was in.

The Bible says "hell was not prepared for man but for the devil" (Matthew 25:11) but because of his sinful condition, this fate awaits man as well. The Bible says "that it is not God's will that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 2:9). God has provided a way of salvation for man and it is through his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ

PSALMS 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:9 Who shall be punished with <u>everlasting destruction</u> from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.

MATTHEW 8:12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast into <u>outer darkness</u>; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

MATTHEW 3:41-42 The Son of Man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them that do iniquity; and shall cast them into a <u>furnace of fire</u>: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 3:12, 25:41 Jude 1:7, and Revelations 20).

MATTHEW 25:46 And these shall go away into <u>everlasting punishment</u>: but the righteous into life eternal.

MARK 9:43 It is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell. into the fire that shall never be quenched: Where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

The occupants of hell will be Satan, the antichrist, the false prophet, fallen angels, and all unsaved people. (Revelations 20:10, 19:20, 20:15, and 2 Peter 2:4).

8. Satan is a real being



Jesus said of Satan that, "He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44).

The devil is not some character out of Hollywood, nor a cartoon character but is in fact a fallen angel, who has access and dominion in this world. He opposes God and the people of God and is the enemy of mankind. The Lord Jesus came to this earth and defeated him, so that people could be set free from his rule. In the plan of God that is being worked out through the ages, Satan was overthrown and will have his place in the lake of fire. (Revelations 20:10).

He tempts

GENESIS 3:4-5 And the serpent said unto the woman, "Ye shall not surely die. Vs.5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

MATTHEW 4:1 Then Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Blinds minds

2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: Vs.4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them

Sinners still under his rule

ACTS 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Contends with God's people

EPHESIANS 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Preys upon people

1 PETER 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

Resisting him

EPHESIANS 4:26-27 Be ye angry and sin not: let not the sun go down on your wrath: Vs.27 Neither give place to the devil.

JAMES 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Christ defeated Satan

HEBREWS 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.

1 JOHN 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Satan's doom

REVELATIONS 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the Lake of Fire and brimstone, where the beast and false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.



Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!



Throughout the Bible, the word Sin is mentioned many times; Romans 6:23 says, "that the wages of sin is death". Throughout man's history, he has always blamed the results of his actions upon something or someone else without taking personal responsibility. Man has a fallen nature and sin is the product of it.

The root of mans problem cannot be dealt with by education, psychology, or technology. Sin is a spiritual problem and must be dealt with accordingly. The visible flower of a dandelion can be torn off, but it will grow back, because of its root. To get rid of a dandelion, the root must be dealt with.

One of the reasons that Jesus Christ came, was to deal with mans root problem, a sinful nature and the product of sin. Jesus told Nicodemus that a man had to be born again, or he could not see the Kingdom of God (John 3:1-12). When a person accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior, a new birth takes place in the spirit of man and his inner nature is changed.

A definition of Sin:

* To Miss the Mark

ROMANS 3:23 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

- * To Over Step a Forbidden line
- 1 JOHN 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.
- * Is Unrighteousness

JOHN 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin

How Sin Entered Into The World

ROMANS 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:22 For as in Adam all die.

* Sin entered into the world through Adam and was passed upon the human race. (We inherited it).

Sins Origin

EZEKIEL 28:11-19 Vs.15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created, till iniquity was found in thee.

* Sin originated in Lucifer, also called Satan, the Devil

Isaiah 14:12-15 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

- 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
- 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.
- 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.



Thank you Lord Jesus!

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

10. The Resurrection



The Resurrection is the reunion of the bodies and souls of people, which have been separated by death. The word resurrection means to make stand, or rise up. Every person that ever lived will be resurrected; this will take place in two phases, the resurrection of the just and the resurrection of the unjust. These two phases of the resurrection will be separated by one thousand years, which will be the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ.

JOHN 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

ACTS 24:15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.

DANIEL 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

REVELATION 20:4-6 Vs.5...but the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

Phase 1

* Will occur at the 2nd. coming of Jesus Christ, it will include Old Testament and New Testament Saints of God.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18 Vs.16....For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Phase 2

REVELATION 20:11-15 Vs.13....and the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

(Other references: John 5:25, 6:40, 11:25 Job 19:25-27, Isaiah 26:19, 1 Corinthians 15:35-58)

C. SOLID BUILDING BLOCKS



- 1. THE CHURCH
- 2. THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST
- 3. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT
- 4. WATER BAPTISM
- 5. COMMUNION
- 6. SONSHIP AND JOINT HEIRS
- 7. RIGHTEOUSNESS
- 8. DEATH

1. The Church



The Church is not a building or any certain denomination, <u>but is all born again believers</u>, from the day of Pentecost to the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ. It is the body of Christ, of which he is head (Ephesians 1:22-23). As such, the church is a temple for the habitation of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:21-23) and is espoused, as a chaste virgin to Christ (2 Corinthians 11:2-4) and will be translated to meet the Lord in the air at his 2nd Coming (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17).

The Church meets together locally, under various names and denominations, for the purpose of worship, praise, fellowship, and the teaching and preaching of God's Word: with its governing body of Pastors, Elders, Deacons, etc.

EPHESIANS 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is head of the Church: and is Savior of the body.

COLOSSIANS 2:19 And he is head of the body, the Church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

ACTS 2:47 Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved.

PHILIPPIANS 1:1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the Bishops and Deacons.

HEBREW 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much more, as ye see the day approaching.

2. The Judgment Seat of Christ



The Judgment Seat of Christ will take place, when the Church is caught up to meet him in the air at his second coming. This judgment is upon the works and not the sins of the believer. The results of this judgment will be reward or loss of reward, but the believer shall be saved.

- JOHN 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son.
- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10 For we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.
- ROMANS 14:10-12 But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we must all stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ. As I live, saith the lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.
- 1 CORINTHIANS 3:13-15 Every mans work shall be manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every mans work of what sort it is. If any mans work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any mans work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.
- 1 PETER 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every mans work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.
- REVELATIONS 22:12 Behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
- HEBREWS 9:27 It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

3. The Great White Throne Judgment



The Great White Throne Judgment will be upon all the unsaved people, from the beginning of humanity to the end. This judgment will be according to people's works and any person not found in the Book of life, is thrown into the Lake of Fire. This judgment will take place at the end of the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ.

There will be a day of reckoning, for all the evil things that have been done throughout all of humanity. God has seen everything and it has been recorded and each will be judged according to what was written.

REVELATIONS 20:11-15 And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. Vs.12 And I saw the dead, small and great stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things that were written in the books, according to their works Vs.13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Vs.14 And death and hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. this is the second death. Vs.15 And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire.

Is your name written in the Book of Life?

JUDE 1:14-15 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these saying, behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

4. Water Baptism



Jesus Christ commanded his disciples to preach the gospel to the entire world, baptizing all who believed in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. This command was faithfully carried out in the early church. Water baptism is for believers only; those who hear the gospel, believe and turn to Christ as their Savior.

This is the pattern we see throughout the early church, as is seen in the book of Acts. Water baptism is the outward symbolic act, of the regeneration, that has already taken place in the heart (spirit). It symbolizes the death of the old life and the birth of the new.

MARK 16:15-16 And he said unto them. "Go ye into all the world, and <u>preach the gospel</u> to every creature". Vs.16. "<u>He that believes and is baptized</u> shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned".

MATTHEW 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and <u>teach</u> all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost".

ACTS 8:35-38 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

Vs.36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, "See, here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized"?

Vs.37 And Philip said, "If thou believeth with all thine heart, thou mayest". And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God".

Vs.38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch: and he baptized him.

See the following: ACTS 10:1-48

Notice that while Peter was preaching about Jesus they received the Holy Spirit, later they were baptized in water. (Only born again Christians receive the Holy Spirit) they became Christians before they were baptized in water. Water Baptism has nothing to do with regeneration.

5. Communion



Communion, also called the Lord's Supper is an ordinance that the church observes; in remembrance of the sacrifices that the Lord Jesus made. The bread is a symbol of his body, broken for us: the cup a symbol of his blood, shed for the remission of our sins.

MATTHEW 26:26-28 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, take, eat; this is my body.

Vs.27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, drink ye all of it:

Vs.28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for the remission of sins.

LUKE 22:17-20 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, take this and divide it among yourselves:

Vs.18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

Vs.19 And he took bread and gave thanks, and broke it and gave unto them, saying, this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.

Vs. 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:20-34...Vs.26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lords death till he come.

6. Son ship and joint heirs



The scriptures teach that we are the children of God <u>by faith in Christ Jesus</u> (Galatians 3:26) and as sons, are joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

A. Children of God

JOHN 1:12 But as many as receive him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

GALATIANS 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father.

PHILIPPIANS 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.

ROMANS 8:15-16 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba Father.

Vs.16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

1 JOHN 3:1-2 Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Vs.2 Beloved, now are ye the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

B. Heirs of God

1 PETER 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

ROMANS 8:17 And if children then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be glorified together.

GALATIANS 3:29 And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.



Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

7. Righteousness



The righteousness of God, is all that God demands and approves, to be in good standing with him, and is ultimately found in Christ. By faith in Jesus Christ, the righteousness of Christ was imputed unto us.

Romans 3:21-22 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is manifested, being witnessed by the prophets.

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe; for there is no difference.

2 Corinthians 5:17 For he hath made him who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Philippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.

Abraham's Example:

Romans 4:3 For what saith the scripture, Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

- * Our Righteousness (in good standing with God) is not produced by self effort, our works but is by faith in Jesus Christ. We do good works because we are righteous, not to gain righteousness.
- * Holiness is a product of our right standing with God (righteousness) It is the outliving of our position.
- * God has made provision for us, that if we sin, we can be forgiven and cleansed thereby maintaining, our standing with God.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

8. DEATH



John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Death can be defined as separation. <u>Physical death</u> is the separation of the spirit and the soul from the body; <u>spiritual death</u>, is the separation of a person from God; (as in the case of people who have not accepted and received Jesus Christ as their Savior) and the <u>second death</u> is eternal separation from God, in the Lake of Fire, without no hope.

By his death, burial and resurrection, Jesus Christ defeated death, the grave and hell, for all of humanity. His victory has become our victory, delivering us from the fear of death. (This is not automatically applied to the human race, it is only to those who have receive Jesus as their Savior).

Jesus defeated death

HEBREWS 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Vs.15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

REVELATION 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death.

Physical Death

GENESIS 3:19 In the sweat of thy face, shalt thou eat thy bread, till thou return to the ground, for out of it thou was taken, for dust thou are and unto dust thou shall return.

HEBREWS 9:27 It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

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.

Spiritual Death

EPHESIANS 2:1 You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

EPHESIANS 4:18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their hearts.

Second Death

REVELATION 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the 2nd. death. (see also John 8:24)



Quiz

Part A. Foundational Basics

1.	How many scriptures can you find that say God was manifested in the
	flesh?
	Name those scriptures.
3.	Whose will did Jesus come to do?
	What did Jesus have with the Father before the world was?
	God will share his glory. true or false
6.	In Hebrews 1:8-9, who calls the Son, God?
7.	God the Father created everything by whom?
	God the Father created everything by whom? Which scripture says that God the Son was in the world, but the world knew him not?
9.	Which Old Testament Scripture says that a virgin shall conceive?
	The name Emmanuel means
11.	Jesus never committed any sin. true or false
12	What three scriptures say this?
13.	Jesus loved and hated iniquity. Why did God give his only begotten Son?
14.	Why did God give his only begotten Son?
15.	Which scripture says that Jesus is the only way to the Father?
16.	In your own words: What does Acts 4:12 say?
	Jesus Christ came into the world to
18.	Why can we determine from Luke 24:36-43, that Jesus rose bodily?
19.	Which scripture tells us that Jesus died, was buried and rose on the third day?
20.	Who is our Advocate with God the Father?
	How many Mediators are there between God and man?
22.	Christians can come boldly unto the throne of grace; for what purpose?
23.	Jesus has obtained eternal redemption for us. true or false
24.	1 John 1:9 If we and just to and to cleanse us from all
	to and to cleanse us from all
25.	What Old Testament Scripture says that Christ would be despised and rejected?
26.	When Jesus comes back to earth every eye shall see him. true or false
27.	In what manner will Jesus come back to earth?

Quiz

Part B. Structural Truths

1.	The three that bear record in heaven is
2.	In Matthew 3:16-17 what tree persons of the Godhead are manifested?
3.	What are some of the traits, that show the personality of the Holy Spirit?
	The Holy Spirit had a part in creating the universe. true or false
5.	All scripture if profitable for
6.	What can the scriptures make a person wise about?
	In John 5:13, John says he wrote these things that we might what?
8.	How does faith come?
	Which scripture says that God gave man dominion over all living things upon the earth?
10.	Man was created in God's image. true or false
11.	Jesus came to seek and save what?
	How did sin enter into the world?
13.	According to Isaiah 64:6 our righteousness (what we do to be right with God) is a pleasing to God b. as filthy rags c. acceptable
14.	To be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord is found in. a. Mark b. 1 Corinthians c. 2 Corinthians
15.	What desire did Paul have in Philippians 1:23?
	What did Jesus promise to one of the men who was crucified with him?
	What book and chapter does Jesus speak about a man in hell?
18.	Name some of the occupants of hell.
19.	What has Satan done to the minds of those that believe not?
20.	Christians wrestle against
	Ephesians 6:11 says to put on what?
22.	What will be Satan's finale destiny?
	Give a definition of sin
24.	What does 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 teach us?
25.	There will be a resurrection to life and one to damnation. true or false

Quiz

Part C. Solid Building Blocks

	Christ is head of the church. true or false
2.	What will happen to the church, when the Lord comes back?
3.	Hebrews 10:25 says that Christians should not forsake their assembling together, name some reasons why we should assemble.
4.	Why must Christians appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ?
5.	In your own words what does 1 Corinthians 3:13-15 teach us?
6.	What happens to the unsaved people at the Great White Throne Judgment?
7.	Before one is baptized in water, one must be saved; from the scriptures given, what are some of the things that took place before anyone was baptized?
8.	What are we showing when we take communion?
	What does the bread and cup symbolize in communion?
	What scripture says that we are children of God by faith in Jesus Christ?
	What has God sent into the hearts of his children?
	The bible says that now we are the sons of God. true or false
13.	Christians are joint heirs with
	where is this scripture found?
	A person must earn righteousness. true or false
	God's righteousness comes by faith in
10.	What did Paul declare about righteousness in Philippians 3:9?
17.	Through death Jesus Christ destroyed who had the power of death.
18.	Jesus Christ has the keys of
	The text defines death as separation: complete the following:
	a. physical death is the separation of
	b. spiritual death is the separation of
	c. 2nd death is

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