

Campaign Materials

The Approach at the Door

The purpose of a soul-winning campaign is to find and win souls to the Lord Jesus Christ. We must be wise as serpents and harmless as doves (Matt. 10:16).

We do not expect to find an open and honest heart behind every door, but there are people who will come to Jesus when they are invited. Our task is to find those who are searching for a relationship with Jesus Christ. Just as you are seeking them, they are seeking too.

As you knock on doors, remember God's promise in 2 Chronicles 16:9, "For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His."

The primary goal of each door knocked is to open a heart to the Word of God. Successful campaigns begin with prayer. The apostle Paul urged:

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of* thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak (Col. 4:2-4)

We do not know how God opens doors for the gospel, but we know that God answers prayer (Matt. 7:7-8). We know that if we pray, God will open doors for the gospel to work in the hearts of good and honest people.

The way to win souls is by teaching, because "faith comes by hearing" (Rom. 10:17). We want to expose them to the teaching of Christ either at the campaign meeting or through a home Bible study. Every visit should include an invitation to the meeting. If the person shows interest, ask him/her for a home Bible study.

At the Door

Go in groups of three, if possible. In each group there should be a female or an older child. Make sure the female or the child can be clearly seen by the person who is answering the door. We want to leave the best impression on everyone. When females and children are on the team, people behind the door will feel more comfortable with the visit.

Carry a small Bible with you, since larger Bibles may be intimidating to the person behind the door. Knock the door with a smile on your face and joy in your heart (Phil. 4:4). You are approaching this prospect in the name of Jesus. He/she will be sizing you up, to see if you are what you claim to be. Since you have come to their house, you are imposing on their time. A positive, kind, and gracious attitude is essential to reaching them. "Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person" (Col. 4:5-6).

Once you have knocked the door, take a step back. You do not want your neighbor to think you are pushy or forcing your way in on him/her. This body language will reassure your neighbor of your respect and kind intentions.

Since your neighbor is sizing you up at the door, do your best to represent Jesus Christ. Be genuine and authentic in your words and tone of voice. No one likes a “canned speech” or a phony. If you are genuine, your neighbor will know it. If you are pretentious or insincere, your neighbor will also know it. We do not go to a door to argue doctrinal points or show our “superior” Bible knowledge. We go there to open a door for the Word.

Each group must have only one leader who does the talking. The others are there to help and support.

If no one is at home, be sure to leave the printed materials about the campaign. You may want to write a short, hand-written note on the materials. “Please come!”

What Do I Say at the Door?

1. Introduce yourself.

“Hello, I’m _____, and this is _____ and _____. We are members of the Church of Christ. You may have seen some of our advertizing. We want everyone in the community to know we care about you. We are knocking doors all over the city trying to reach out and serve people. You can help us practice our faith by letting us serve you.

2. First question:

“Do you have anyone in the hospital?”

Your neighbor will usually say “No.” But he will be impressed that you asked. If your neighbor says yes, take down the name and information of the hospitalized person and your neighbor. Follow up with a call on the sick person at the hospital.

3. Second question: (optional)

(Low income area): “We know many people are having a difficult time. Some have lost jobs and others have faced illness. Do you or your family have any need for food or clothing?”

(Middle or high income area): “We know many people are having a difficult time. Some have lost jobs and others have faced illness. Do you know of someone who may need food or clothing?” (Perhaps a neighbor, friend, co-worker, or relative.)

If the answer is “yes,” give them the phone number or address of the church, where they can find help.

4. Third question (optional)

“These days we have found many who have experienced financial or family problems and could use some free counseling. A lot of people are just lonely and need someone to talk to. Do you know of someone like this we can serve?”

The Psychology behind this approach: Up to this point you have been asking questions and getting to know your neighbor. You are there to serve and to open a door for the Word.

5. Fourth question

“Not only are we concerned about people’s physical and emotional needs, we also care about their spiritual needs. This is why we are inviting everyone we know to the We invite you to be our guest (offer printed materials about the meeting).

6. Fifth question

“Do you have a church home?” If they say “no,” invite them to church. If they say “yes,” ask them if they are happy where they attend.

- If they say “yes,” then ask how they were saved and became a member of their church? After listening to them, remark that you were not saved that way. “May I share with you how I was saved?”
- If they say “no,” then ask why they are not happy. Offer them an alternative by saying, “Would you like to find out how people were saved in the Bible?”

7. Ask for a Bible study

“We are offering a free home Bible study course. We’re interested in following Christ, and the Bible tells us about Him. We’d love to spend some time with you studying God’s Holy Word.”

8. Set the time

“We’ll be happy to leave this study with you. When would be a good time for us to get together and study the Scriptures? Can we get together at a convenient time today or tomorrow?” (Always offer a choice of times.)

Conducting The Study

- 1) Be on time.
- 2) Take a silent partner with you. You or your silent partner should be a woman if you are studying with a woman.
- 3) Be sure to eliminate any distractions or disturbances. Take a baby sitter if needed.
- 4) Be sure to take enough studies, pencils, paper, Bibles.
- 5) Each one in the study should have his own lesson to answer.
- 6) A good place to study is the kitchen or dining table.
- 7) Start with a prayer.
- 8) King James, NKJV, or NASV are preferable with this study, but have the individual to use his own Bible regardless of the version. NIV will work with "Upon the Rock" Bible Studies.
- 9) All need to put their names on their lesson sheets.
- 10) You might ask them, "Do you accept the Bible as the word of God?" "Do you want to please God?" "John, if you discover something in our study of God's word that you haven't done, would you be willing to change and do what God says?"
- 11) You might stress that "We want to speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent and let the scriptures speak to us as to what God wants us to do."
- 12) Tell them that if they do not understand something or have questions to let you know.
- 13) Have the people you are teaching do all the reading of scripture. Involve the individual in the study as much as possible. Don't quote or read scripture to him. This can provoke arguments. Allowing the individual to read the truths for himself, especially from his own Bible will help hold his attention and have more of an impact on him. In some cases people will not own a Bible, so be sure to have an extra with you.
- 14) Do not skip any scriptures or questions and do not proceed until agreement with scriptures is gained. If he answers the question wrong have him to re-read the scripture and ask, "What does the Bible say?"
- 15) Use illustrations and explanations to help emphasize the point.
- 16) Do not preach to him, but let the Bible give the answers. Never apologize for the truth or express regret or excuse for what the Bible says as if we are half ashamed of it. We should never be ashamed to talk to a friend or acquaintance concerning his soul, Christ, and the gospel.

17) Don't argue - you will always lose. We should never get angry or argumentative when discussing a religious point with others. We read in 2 Timothy 2:24, "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient." When asked questions, try as much as possible to say, "Let's see what the Bible says."

18) Always show sincere concern and interest. If we do all the talking in the study, we will fail to get the other person's viewpoint. If we will let him express himself, we can work at the problem from his point of view and not from our own. If we will not listen to him, how can we expect him to listen to us.

19) Do not allow the one you are studying with to get off of the lesson. "Don't chase rabbits." Write down his question or concern and come back to it after the study.

20) This study can be covered in one, two, or three appointments although two or three are better.

21) With this study you don't have to remember a lot of scriptures.

22) If a person believes his sins were taken away and he was saved before his baptism, then he still has all of his sins and he is still lost. The lost must understand it is at baptism that God forgives us of all of our sins, gives us salvation, and makes us one in Christ.

22) This study involves the individual, and teaches the individual what he must do to be saved, that denominationalism is wrong, that the Lord only established His one church, and what God expects of an individual when he becomes a Christian. Keep three things in mind: 1. The one who has not obey the gospel is lost, 2. The gospel is God's power to save the lost, 3. We are the vessels through which the gospel is carried to the lost.

23) In winning souls we seek by studying God's word to 1. Arouse within the lost the realization of their lost condition. 2. Guide them into an understanding of God's plan of salvation. 3. Excite within them a desire for this salvation. No work requires so much patience and perseverance as soul winning. We have the greatest message the world has ever known. Millions are searching for it. They have not found it but have become bogged down in denominationalism, worldly pleasures, sin, etc. Many would gladly give these up for the pure gospel of Christ if they only knew.

Closing the Study

(After Being Properly Taught)

- 1) **Establish A Need** – Before one can be led to obey the gospel, he must first realize he is a sinner who is lost.
- 2) **Display A Loving And Caring Attitude** - Use a low, calm tone of voice.
- 3) **Eliminate Objections Before The Close** – "John, if in the course of our study tonight you were to discover something the Lord wanted you to do that you have not done, would there be anything to keep you from doing it tonight?"
- 4) **Ask The Individual To Respond.** "John let's go to the church building right now so that you can be baptized into Christ."
- 5) **Close In The Affirmative** – By asking a series of questions which he answers yes to.
 - A. Do you love Jesus?
 - B. If you love Jesus will you obey Him?
 - C. Do you want to please Jesus?
 - D. Do you want to go to heaven?
 - E. Is it your understanding that one has to be baptized to be saved?
 - F. Since Jesus wants you to be baptized and you understand the importance of being baptized, wouldn't it please Jesus for you to be baptized right now?
 - G. Fine let's go right now. (Stand up)
- 6) **Silence** – Ask the one to be baptized and then remain silent.
- 7) **Change Places With Him** – "Suppose that you are me and I am you, and you have taught me what God wants me to do to be saved. Let's suppose that I see that I need to be baptized for the remission of my sins so I can be saved and go to heaven, but I don't want to do anything about it. What would you tell me? No really tell me what you would say if you really loved my soul and wanted me to go to Heaven?"
- 8) **Emotional Close** – Relate an incident with which you are personally acquainted with in which the sinner hesitated to obey the gospel and died lost. "But the tragic thing about it is he will not have another opportunity. You have an opportunity right now, but do you know if you will have another opportunity after tonight? Then let's go and take of this matter right now."

9) **Help The Individual Face The Consequences** – "John, do you realize what you have just said? You are telling God that the death of His Son on the cross on your behalf is not important to you. You are rejecting the salvation that God wants to give to you. John, God is going to put you in one of two places: Heaven or Hell. Now you have just rejected Heaven. What does that leave you?" (Remain silent and wait for his answer.)

10) **Reassurance** – "1. John have I shared anything with you that is not from the Bible? 2. Have I taken anything out of context? 3. Then the conclusions you have come to are your conclusions based on God's word, aren't they? 4. So if you do these things who will you be obeying? 5. Can you go wrong if you do what God's word says to do?"

11) **Comparison** – Compare what he believes with what the Bible teaches. Or compare the advantages of being in Christ with that of being outside of Christ. "Which one is according to the Bible?" or "Which one will God accept?"

12) **Welcome Objections** - Don't Be Afraid Of Objections. Objections tell you what he thinks and feels? 1. "John, your question is why wasn't the thief baptized, is that right? 2. John, do you have any other questions? 3. If we can answer this question to your satisfaction is there anything else that would keep you from being baptized tonight."

13) **Key Words To Use In Closing** –

1. **Why** or **Why Not** – The individual cannot answer honestly without committing himself. "Why are you waiting?" "Why not now?"

2. **Let's** – This is a cooperative and unselfish word, which leaves the idea that you and the one you are studying with are trying to work the matter out together. "Let's see what the Bible says." Or "Let's go now to the building and baptize you into Christ."

3. **When** – Helps nail down a specific time and impress upon him the urgency of the matter. "When does the Lord want you to be baptized."

4. **Which** – "Which one is according to the Bible?" "Which one will God accept?"

13) **Every Time You Try to Close** you are checking the individuals spiritual pulse to see how near he is to being baptized. If you try to close and he does not respond, give him some more teaching concerning the questions he has and try for a close again. Continue to persuade as long as you can. Acts 2:40 "And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, Be saved from this perverse generation."

14) **Always Leave The Door Open For Further Studies** – Try other studies such as OBS, Jule Miller, etc.

Scriptures To Use In Closing

1. Mark 9:43-48 "Cast into Hell, where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched."
2. Luke 16:19-31 Rich man and Lazarus.
3. Hebrews 9:27 "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment."
4. James 4:14 "For what is your life? It is as a vapor that appears for a little time."
5. John 5:28-29 "All that are in the graves shall come forth, they that have done good to the resurrection of life, they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation."
6. Matthew 16:26 "What is a man profited if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul."
7. Hebrews 5:8-9 "He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him."
8. Ephesians 5:23 "He is the saviour of the body."
9. Acts 26:27-28 "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."
10. 2 Thess 1:8-9 "Vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel."
11. John 12:48 "He who rejects Me and does not receive My words has that which judges him"
12. Matthew 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven."
13. Luke 6:46 "But why do you call Me Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say?"
14. Revelation 20:10 "Devil was cast into lake of fire and brimstone and tormented day and night"
15. Revelation 20:15 "Anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."
16. Matt 25:41 "Depart from Me, into the everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels."
17. Matthew 7:13-13 Few saved, many lost.
18. Acts 22:16 "And now why are you waiting, arise and be baptized and wash away your sins"
19. 2 Corinthians 6:2 "Behold now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation."
20. John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments." (Do you love Jesus?)

Upon the Rock Bible Study Series

Prelesson

"GETTING TO KNOW THE GOD OF THE BIBLE"

What do you think?

The greatest questions of life:

- Where did we come from?
- Why are we here?
- What happens when we die?
- What is the purpose of life?

If there is a God,

- Then there is a Supreme Being to whom we must give an account.
- Then we need to learn whatever we can about the nature of God.
- Then we need to know what He requires of us and how to please Him.
- Then we have a reason for existence and a purpose in life.

If there is no God,

- Then there is no Supreme Being to whom we must give an account, i.e., no Judgment Day, no heaven, and no hell.
- Then this life is all there is.
- Then right and wrong, good and evil hardly matter.
- Then no one has any reason for existence or purpose in life.

Is there any evidence for the existence of God?

Hebrews 3:4

Can a house build itself? T F

Does a house show intelligent design? Y N

Psalm 19:1

Do the heavens declare the glory and intelligent handiwork of a Supreme Being? Y N

Genesis 8:22

Do the seasons indicate order and intelligent design? Y N

Isaiah 40:26

Does the universe display order and design? Y N

Does the order in the universe point to an intelligent Being for that order and design? Y N

Romans 1:20

Could ordinary matter without intelligence bring about the order and design seen in the universe?
Y N

Psalm 139:14

Does the human body show order and intelligent design? Y N

If there is intelligent order and design in the universe and in a human body, does it make sense to believe that there is a designer. Y N

Would this designer have to possess great intelligence? Y N

Would this designer have to possess great power? Y N

Is man intelligent enough to create the universe and the human body? Y N

Is man powerful enough to create the universe and the human body? Y N

How could inanimate matter so design and arrange itself to bring about the intricate workings of the human body?

Romans 2:14-15

How do you feel when someone does something to hurt you?

How do you feel when you do something to hurt or sin against someone else?

It is reasonable to believe that inanimate matter gave rise to the moral nature of rational man.

T F

The fact of God's existence gives the best reason why man has a moral nature. T F

Man has a spiritual side, which cannot be explained by matter. T F

Can We Trust the Bible?

2 Peter 1:16-21

Is it reasonable to believe that an intelligent God would communicate to all? Y N

The Scriptures claim that men spoke from God being moved by the Holy Spirit. T F

Isaiah 46:9,10

Can God reveal the end from the beginning and tell what will happen in the future? Y N

Joshua 6:26; 1 Kings 16:34

Did what Joshua predict in 1400 BC come to pass in 870 BC? Y N

How could Joshua have known the future?

Some Messianic Prophecies

Micah 5:2

Was Jesus born in Bethlehem (Matt. 2:1-10)? Y N

How can a person decide where he is going to be born?

Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25 (cf. Gen. 3:15)

Was Jesus to be born of a virgin? T F

How could Isaiah know this 750 years before the birth of Jesus?

How could they know these things about Jesus?

- tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10)
- seed of David (Psalm 132:11)
- would teach in parables (Psalm 78:2)
- Jewish rulers would reject him (Psalm 118:22)
- Flesh would not decay (Psalm 16:8-10)
- would enlist Gentiles (Isaiah 42:10)
- would be scourged (Psalm 35:15)
- casting lots for his garments (Psalm 22:18)
- bones not broken (Ex. 12:46; Psalm 34:20)
- given gall and vinegar (Psalm 69:21)
- buried with the rich (Isaiah 53:9)

Many prophecies Jesus fulfilled were totally beyond the power of human control, such as: (1) place of birth, (2) time of birth, (3) manner of birth of a virgin woman, (4) betrayal, (5) manner of death in crucifixion, (6) people’s reactions at his death, (7) piercing, and (8) his burial.

Concerning these eight prophecies, Peter Stoner in *Science Speaks* estimated the probability of anyone fulfilling all of them is 1 in 10¹⁷. That would be 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. In order to help us comprehend this staggering probability, Stoner illustrates it by supposing we take 10¹⁷ silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these eight prophecies and having

them all come true in any one man, from their day to the present time, providing they wrote them in their own wisdom.

If Jesus were not from God and the Scriptures were not true, how could these prophecies have been fulfilled?

Upon The Rock Bible Study Series
Lesson 1
"THE SON OF GOD"

1. Matthew 7:24-27

The _____ man built his house upon the rock. He showed wisdom by _____ "these words of Mine" and _____. The foolish man hears but does not _____. Which foundation will you choose? _____

WHO IS JESUS?

2. Matthew 1:18-25

Jesus was to _____ his people from their sins. Immanuel means _____.

3. John 1:29-34

Jesus is the _____ of God who takes away the sins of the world.

4. Hebrews 1:1-4

God in these last days has spoken to us by _____ whom He has appointed _____ of all things, and through whom He made the _____. Jesus, the Son, is the _____ of God's glory and the _____ of His nature or person.

When Jesus made purification of our sins, He sat down at the _____ of God.

WHY DID HE COME?

5. John 3:16,17 _____

6. John 10:10 _____

7. John 18:37 _____

WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE HIM?

8. John 20:30,31

John's gospel was written so that _____

9. John 3:1-3

How did Nicodemus describe Jesus _____

Why did He believe this? _____

10. John 11:43-53

Did the people believe Jesus could raise the dead? _____ Did the enemies of Jesus recognize that Jesus could work signs? _____. "If we let him go on like this, _____ will believe in him."

11. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

List those to whom Jesus appeared after his resurrection:

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.

12. John 20:19,20

Where were the disciples hiding? _____

Why were disciples hiding? _____

What did they do when they saw the Lord? _____

13. Acts 1:1-3

How long did Jesus show himself alive after his resurrection? _____ Were the disciples convinced of his resurrection? _____

14. Acts 5:26-32

Did the apostles state that they were witnesses of the resurrection? _____ What caused this group, who was at first afraid, to openly disobey the Council (Sanhedrin) and preach the gospel of Jesus?

Would you break the law, knowing you would be punished, to preach a belief that you knew was a lie? _____

15. Matthew 28:18

Jesus has been given _____ authority in heaven and on earth.

16. John 3:35-36

The Father has given all things into the hands of the _____. Can one disobey Christ and still please God? _____

17. John 12:48

By what will we be judged on the last day? _____

18. John 16:12,13

Did Jesus tell his disciples everything during his earthly ministry? _____ The Spirit of truth was to guide them into _____ truth.

19. 2 Timothy 3:16,17

All Scripture is _____ by God. The Scriptures thorough equip (or furnish) the man of God for _____ good work. If the Scriptures furnish man for every good work, is there any need for additional revelation? _____

20. 2 John 9-11

Can one add to, take away from, or change the teaching of Christ and still please God? _____

21. Galatians 1:6-10

How many gospels have come from Christ? _____ What will happen to anyone preaching a different gospel? _____

We should always seek to please _____.

22. John 12:48

By what will we be judged?

creeds of men?

preachers?

the old and new covenants?

the words of Jesus in the new covenant?

What do you think of the following statement of C. S. Lewis?

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic--on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg--or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon, or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come away with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

Matthew 16:13-19

"But who do you say that I am?"

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Lesson 2

"THE GREAT SALVATION"

THE DOWNFALL OF MAN

1. Romans 3:23

Every person has _____ and _____ of the glory of God.

2. 1 John 1:8-10

If we say we have not sinned we deceive _____ and make Him a _____.

3. What is sin?

James 4:17 _____

1 John 3:4 _____

1 John 5:17 _____

4. What are the consequences of sin?

Romans 6:23 _____

Galatians 5:19-21 _____

5. Matthew 26:41

The spirit is _____, but the flesh is _____.

SALVATION IS IN CHRIST

6. Romans 5:6-10

While we were still _____, Christ died for the _____.

7. 1 Peter 2:21-25

Jesus bore our _____ in his body on the tree (cross) that we might _____ to sin. By his _____ we are healed.

8. John 3:16

God so loved the _____ that He gave His only begotten Son that _____ believes in Him should not perish.

9. Matthew 7:13,14

_____ will go the broad way to destruction. _____ will find the way to life.

SURVEY OF YOUR LIFE:

Are you saved? _____

When were you saved? _____

When were you baptized? _____

Why were you baptized? _____

Were you saved before or after baptism? _____

10. Matthew 7:24-27

What distinguishes the wise from the foolish man? _____

11. John 14:15

If you love Me, you will _____ My _____.

12. Romans 6:17,18

Is obedience to God inward only, outward only, or both inward and outward?

_____ The Romans obeyed from the heart a _____ of doctrine. What is a form? _____

Were they freed from sin before or after they obeyed the form of teaching? _____

13. Hebrews 11:6

We cannot _____ God without faith in Him and His promises.

14. James 2:24

One is justified by faith (Romans 5:1) but not by faith _____

15. Luke 13:1-5

Along with faith and love, one must repent or he will _____

16. Matthew 21:28,29

Which son repented? _____

Is repentance good intentions only? _____

17. Luke 15:11-24

When the lost son came to himself or came to his senses, he decided to go to his _____ and said, "_____ against heaven and in your sight." *What sins in your life cause you sorrow?*

18. Matthew 10:32,33

Christ wants us to confess _____ before other men. Could I do all these (love, believe, repent, and confess) except one and still please God? _____

19. Matthew 28:20 (Matthew 23:23)

Will God be pleased if we do only part of what He commands? _____

20. Mark 16:15,16

He that _____ and has been _____ shall be saved. In this sentence which comes first "baptized" or "saved?" _____

21. Acts 2:36-41

Why were the Jews pierced to the heart? _____

Peter told them to _____ and be _____ for the forgiveness of their sins. Is this promise for them alone? _____

What did these who gladly received his word do? _____

Did the 3,000 understand Peter's message alike? _____

22. Acts 8:35-39

Was baptism included in Philip's preaching of Christ? _____ The Eunuch saw _____ and wanted to be baptized. In baptism the Eunuch went _____ the water and came up _____ the water.

23. Acts 22:16

Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your _____, calling on the name of the Lord.

24. Romans 6:3-7

We are baptized into the _____ of Christ. We are _____ with Him by baptism into death. Christ walked in newness of life when he was _____ from the dead. We walk in newness of life before or after we are buried and raised with Christ? _____ Our old self is crucified with him that our body of _____ might be done away. If baptism is a burial, could one please God without being buried in water? _____

25. Titus 3:3-7

He saved _____, not because of righteous things we have done, but because of His _____. He saved us through (by) the _____ of regeneration (rebirth) and the _____ of the Holy Spirit.

26. Ephesians 4:5

There is _____ baptism. If we obeyed the form of teaching that Paul, the Eunuch, and the Romans obeyed, could we too be set free from sin? _____

The one baptism is burial in _____ for the _____ of sins.

Would you like to have your sins forgiven today? _____

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Lesson 3

"THE BODY OF CHRIST"

1. Matthew 7:24-27

To have a solid foundation we must _____ and _____.

CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

2. Christ is:

_____ of the church. (Matthew 16:18) _____ of the church. (Acts 20:28) _____ of the church. (Ephesians 1:22,23)

3. Colossians 1:18

The body (of Christ) is the _____.

4. How many bodies does Christ have?

Romans 12:4,5 _____

1 Corinthians 12:12,13 _____

Ephesians 4:4 _____

5. 1 Corinthians 12:13

We are all _____ into one body.

6. 1 Corinthians 12:27

If the body is the church, then the body of Christ is also the _____ of Christ.

RELIGIOUS UNITY

7. John 17:20-23

Jesus prayed that all his people might be _____. Is religious division a stumbling block to the faith of many people? _____ Does God approve of religious division? _____

8. 1 Corinthians 1:10-13

Christians should be perfectly united or made complete in the same _____ and the same _____.

9. 1 Corinthians 14:33

God is not a God of _____ but of peace.

THE CAUSE OF RELIGIOUS DIVISION

10. Matthew 7:15-23

Beware of _____ who come in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. Will all who say, "Lord, Lord," be saved? _____ He who _____ the will of my Father will enter heaven. Some were rejected because they practiced _____.

11. Matthew 15:1-14

The disciple transgressed the tradition of the elders but the Pharisees transgressed the _____ for the sake of tradition. Isaiah said that these people honor Me with their _____, but their _____ are far from me. Their worship is _____ because they teach the _____ of men. Every plant not planted by the Father shall be _____. Can a person be blind to the truth? _____

12. Galatians 1:6-9

How many gospels are there? _____ If one teaches a different gospel, he will be _____.

13. 2 John 9-11

To have both the Father and the Son, one must _____ in the teaching of Christ. Does it please God to assist, bless, or support some who does not teach the doctrine of Christ? _____

14. John 8:31,32

If you _____ in My word, then you are _____ my disciples, and you will know the _____, and the truth will make you _____.

THE PROPHECY OF THE FALLING AWAY

15. Acts 20:28-30

Savage wolves will destroy the flock by _____ to draw away the disciples after them.

16. 1 Timothy 4:1-3

Some will fall away by paying attention to (or following) _____ and _____.

17. 2 Tim. 4:1-5

The time will come when men will not put up with sound _____. People will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to _____.

18. 2 Peter 2:1-3

False teachers will secretly introduce _____.

THE FALLING AWAY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH A BRIEF HISTORICAL STUDY

I. THE CHURCH AS IT WAS ESTABLISHED

Matthew 16:18; Acts 20:28; Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; Ephesians 1:20-23; 4:1-6.

II. THE FALLING AWAY

Unscriptural doctrines and practices began to be introduced after the death of the apostles: Holy water (113 A.D.); Lent (140 A.D.); Penance (157 A.D.); Infant baptism (185 A.D.); Intercession of the saints (240 A.D.); Sprinkling for baptism (250 A.D.); sacrifice of Mass (370 A.D.); celibacy of priests (425 A.D.); purgatory (450 A.D.); confession to priests (500 A.D.); Pope (Boniface III, 606 A.D.); instrumental music used in worship (670 A.D.).

The church continued to depart from the faith until it did not even resemble the church that Christ built. It was different in doctrine, worship, organization and in mission.

The Reformation was a step in the right direction. The reformers rebelled against many of the corruptions of Rome. They rejected many of the unscriptural practices of the apostate church; but they were inconsistent in holding on to other things which were just as unscriptural, e.g. infant baptism, sprinkling, and instrumental music.

Some reformers: Martin Luther (1530 A.D.) Lutheran Church; Luther's catechism; John Calvin (1536 A.D.) Presbyterian Church; Westminster Confession; Henry VIII (1552 A.D.) Episcopal Church; Book of Common Prayer; John Smyth (1607 A.D.) Baptist Church; Standard Manual; John Wesley (1629 A.D.) Methodist Church; Methodist Discipline.

Today there are more than 1000 denominations that create division and confusion in the minds of men. More denominations are not needed. We have enough!

III. THE RESTORATION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

If the church of Christ today is simply another denomination, it has no reason or right to exist. These men wanted to restore the church of Christ in its simplicity and purity as it was in the first century. This is still our plea today: James O'Kelly (1793 A.D.) a Methodist preacher; Elias Smith (1800 A.D.) a Baptist preacher; Barton W. Stone (1804 A.D.), a Presbyterian preacher; Thomas and Alexander Campbell (1830 A.D.), Presbyterian preachers.

These men said, "Let us cast aside all denominational names, creeds, doctrines and practices which divide the Christian world and just wear the name 'Christian' and be only members of the New Testament church." Their plea was, "Where the Scriptures speak we speak; where they are silent we are silent." They began to sow the seed of the Kingdom (Luke 8:11) which produced only Christians, members of the church of Christ, as it had done more than 1900 years earlier.

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Lesson 4

"BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD"

Covenants

Through the ages God has established relationships with men through covenants. Covenants are permanent, formal agreements between two parties, wherein God pledges to keep promises and men pledge to obey His commandments. God has made many covenant promises to man but made only two major covenants with men. The first covenant was with Israel as a nation; and the second through the blood of Jesus with all men.

The First Covenant

Exodus 19:1-8

The first covenant was made at _____.

God promised to make Israel a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. T F

God would bless Israel whether they obeyed His voice and kept His commandments. Y N

The sons of Israel said, "All that the LORD has spoken we _____!"

Deuteronomy 5:1-22

God made a covenant with Israel at Sinai. T F

The Sinai covenant also included their fathers. T F

Israel remembered the Sabbath because God delivered them from Egyptian slavery. T F

Exodus 34:27-28 (Deut. 4:13)

Moses wrote on the tablets the words of the _____, the _____ commandments.

The Promise of a New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34

God promised to make a _____ covenant.

Israel broke the first covenant. T F

In the new covenant, everyone will know the Lord. T F

God said, "I will forgive their _____, and their sin I will remember no more."

Hebrews 8:6-13

He [Jesus] is the mediator of a _____ covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

If that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.

T F

When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first _____.

Romans 7:4-7

We were made to _____ to the Law by the body of Christ, that we might be joined to another.

We have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound. T F

We serve in _____ of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

Which law said, "You shall not covet"?

Galatians 3:19-25

The law was added because of _____.

The law was our _____ to lead us to Christ. Now that _____ has come, we are no longer under the _____.

Matthew 5:17,18

Jesus came to _____ the Law and the Prophets.

Romans 15:4

Whatever was written in earlier times was written for our _____, that through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have _____.

The New Covenant in Jesus

Ephesians 2:11-19

But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were _____ have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Jesus broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the _____ of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man.

Matthew 28:18-20

_____ authority has been given to Jesus. Christians are to observe _____ that Jesus commanded.

Matthew 7:24-27

The wise man hears the _____ of Jesus and _____ upon them. The foolish man hears but does not act upon _____.

John 12:48

He who rejects Me, and does not receive My _____, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

John 8:31-32

If you _____ in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the _____, and the truth shall make you free.

How would you describe someone who added to, subtracted from, or changed the teachings of Jesus?

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you _____ one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

How has Jesus loved us?

John 14:15, 23

If you love me, you will _____ my commandments.

John 15:8

By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so _____ to be My disciples.

How do Christians bear fruit?

2 John 9-11

If anyone goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, he does not have God.

T F

One who supports a false teacher participates in his _____ deeds.

Why would a follower of Jesus want to change any teaching that comes from Christ?

Colossians 3:1-17

Christians should seek the things _____
where Christ is.

Christians should consider the members of their body as _____ to immoral things.

Christians have laid aside the old self and has put on the new self, who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him. T F

What characteristics should a Christian display in his life?

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Lesson 5

"UPON THE ROCK"

ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH

1. Matthew 7:24-27 (1 Corinthians 3:11)

The safe foundation is the _____. Can one be sure of any other foundation? _____

2. Acts 14:21-23

Paul and Barnabas appointed _____ for them in every church. Is the word "elders" singular or plural? _____

3. Acts 20:17-28

Paul called the _____ of the church at Ephesus. Paul said the Holy Spirit made them _____ to shepherd the church of God. Elders are _____.

4. Philippians 1:1

T F There was only one bishop (overseer) and one deacon of the church at Philippi.

5. Titus 1:5-9

Elders and _____ are terms used to refer to the same office. Titus was to appoint _____ in every city.

6. 1 Timothy 3:1-13

T F Overseers and deacons must meet certain qualifications to hold these offices.

7. 1 Timothy 2:10-15

Women are not allowed to teach or to _____ over a man.

NEW TESTAMENT WORSHIP

8. John 4:23,24

God seeks those who will worship Him in _____ and in _____.

9. John 8:31,32

The true disciples of Christ abide in His _____.

10. 1 Timothy 2:8

God wills that men should _____.

11. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray _____

12. Acts 17:10,11

The Bereans were noble because they _____ the Scriptures _____ to see whether these things were so.

13. 2 Peter 3:18

Grow in the grace and the _____ of our Lord.

14. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Christians eat the bread and drink the cup in _____ of the death of Christ.

15. Acts 20:6,7

Why did the church at Troas gather together? _____

When did the gathering take place? _____

Would it be a safe guide for us to break the bread each first day of the week? _____

16. 1 Corinthians 16:1,2

The church was to put aside and save on the _____ day of the week. Does this passage mention the word "tithes?" _____

17. 2 Corinthians 9:6,7

Each should give as he has _____ in his heart. God loves the _____ giver.

Does this passage mention tithes? _____

18. Ephesians 5:19

God desires that we _____ to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. We should make melody _____ our hearts. Is an instrument mentioned here other than the heart?

19. Colossians 3:16

We should _____ and _____ one another with songs, hymns and spiritual songs.

Would God be pleased if we sang without using any instruments (such as a piano)? _____ Are musical instruments able to speak, teach or admonish? _____

20. John 8:31

If we speak, teach and admonish by singing a cappello, are we abiding in God's word? _____

Can one be sure he is abiding in God's Word if he adds musical instruments to his worship?

21. Hebrews 10:23-26

A Christian should stimulate others to _____ and _____

_____. Forsaking our own _____ does not please God. There no longer remains a sacrifice for sin for the one who _____ goes on sinning.

22. Romans 12:1,2

Our bodies should be a living _____. We should _____ what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

SUMMARY

- T F The wise man builds his house upon the rock by hearing and acting upon the word of God.
- T F Jesus is the Son of the living God.
- T F Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and arose the third day.
- T F You and I will be judged by the words of Christ.
- T F God will hold us responsible for sin.
- T F I have always done the will of God.
- T F The wages of sin is death.
- T F We should obey from the heart the teachings of Christ.
- T F One must do all the will of God to please Him.
- T F To be saved one must love, believe, repent, and be baptized.
- T F True baptism is burial in water for the forgiveness of sins.
- T F God wants all who believe to be one.
- T F God wants each church to have elders and deacons.
- T F God wants churches to pray, study, give, sing, and partake of the Lord's supper.
- T F I want to build my house on the rock.
- T F I know I have a loving and right relationship with God.
- T F I want to be right with God today.

Acts 2:41

They that gladly received his word were _____.

Did they wait for another day? _____

James 4:13-17

Do you have assurance of tomorrow? _____

It is _____ to fail to do what you know is right.