



# New Members CLASS

## *A Firm Foundation to Start You on Your Way*

**Key Verse:** **Psalm 138:8** “The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your Mercy, O Lord endures forever. Do Not Forsake the works of Your Hands.”

**Purpose:** To reveal to the believer how salvation affects the total man and God’s provision for man’s complete Redemption.

### **Introduction**

Since the Garden of Eden, God the Father has always desired complete fellowship with man through a personal relationship. Salvation through Jesus Christ commences this relationship and continues throughout the life of the believer.

In this six-week study, we will embark on five-cornerstones – Bible Basics (Important Books and Figures of the Bible), Salvation, Baptism, Giving God’s Way, Five Dysfunctions of a Team & Four Dynamics of a Team, and the Military Outreach Ministries International Church History

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Let’s Begin!



## Week I: Bible Basics – Important Books of the Bible

**Genesis** (Moses) The first book of the Bible. It is the spoken word of creation, and reveals an intimate and faithful God who planned redemption from the moment Adam and Eve’s sin, through the prophesied Jesus Christ.

### Popular Passages:

(Gn 1-3) The creation, Adam, Eve and the Fall

(Gn 6-8) Noah, the flood, and the ark

(Gn 37-50) Joseph, his coat, and his dreams

**Joshua** (Anonymous) Illustrates the powerful story of God fulfilling his promises to lead the Israelites into the promise land of milk and honey after wandering in the desert for 40 years.

### Popular Passages:

(Joshua 1:9) “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous...”

**Job** (Anonymous) It is not only the direct word of God but also a demonstration of a man’s resolve to serve God in spite of despair, poverty, death, illness, and rejection.

### Popular Passages:

(Job 19:25) “I know that my redeemer lives...”

(Job 33:4) “The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”

(Job 38:1) “Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said.”

**Psalms** (David, Asaph –the family, sons of Korah, Heman, Solomon, Moses, Ethan the Ezrahite, & 50 “orphan psalms” uncredited) Is an open expression of human emotions. God fashioned us to experience emotions, and the Book of Psalm teaches us how to manage them in a godly manner.

### Popular Passages:

(Ps 23) “The Lord is my shepherd...”



(Ps 119) The longest psalm

(Ps 139) Assurance of God's presence

**Proverbs** (Many penned by King Solomon) Written to help us discern with wisdom and justice.

#### Popular Passages:

(Pr. 3:5-6) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths straight."

**Isaiah** (Isaiah) The book is a collection of oracles, prophecies, and reports with Salvation as the common theme. Isaiah (his name means "The Lord is salvation") was a major prophet who spoke several prophecies concerning Jesus, and offers especially encouraging words to the Israelites.

#### Popular Passage:

(Is 40:31) "Those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength."

**Matthew** (Matthew) Written to Jewish audience and carefully points to prophecies Jesus fulfilled as the awaited Messiah.

#### Popular Passages:

(Mt 2) The story of the wise men

(Mt 5-7) The Sermon on the Mount

(Mt 28: 19-20) The Great Commission

**Luke** (Luke) The Book of Luke is the longest book of the New Testament. Delineated Jesus' life, death, and resurrection with great detail. He interviewed witnesses to provide a chronological account of Jesus' ministry.

#### Popular Passages:

(Lk 2) Provides an account of Jesus' birth

**John** (John) Proclaims Jesus' deity and oneness with God the Father, and proclaims the ushering of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel of John claims to be an



eyewitness account from the testimony of the unnamed “disciple whom Jesus loved”.

#### Popular Passages:

(Jn. 3:16) “For God so loved the world...”

(Jn. 14:6) “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

(Jn. 21:24) “This is the disciple who is testifying to these things...”

**Acts** (Luke) Luke gives an account of the early church, the Holy Spirit spreading the church through the Roman world, the apostles preaching the gospel, and the Apostle Paul.

#### Popular Passages:

(Acts 1:8) “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...”

(Acts 2:4) “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

(Acts 2:17) “In the last days, God says, “I will pour out my Spirit on all people...””

(Acts 4:12) “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name...”

**Romans** – (Paul) Our transformation and sanctification begins when the Lord God justifies us through faith in Christ Jesus – freeing us from our past through forgiveness, securing our future, and initiating God’s work in our lives through His Holy Spirit.

#### Popular Passages:

(Ro. 8:28) “All things work together for good...”

(Ro. 12:2) “Do not be conformed to this world...”

**Ephesians** (Paul) Challenges us to accept our identity, God’s masterpiece, as a member of His family. God desires to mold us into the image of His Son as we receive the power and faith to accomplish the Kingdom’s work.

#### Popular Passages:

(Eph. 3:1)

(Eph. 4:1)



**Colossians** – (Paul) Teaches Christians the manner of living a Christian life in the midst of a non-Christian culture.

**Popular Passages:**

(Col 1:15) “The Son is the image of the invisible God...”

(Col 1:16) “For in him all things were created...”

(Col 3:15) “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...”

**1 Peter** (Peter) In this book, Peter demonstrates how transformed mind directly influences radically our behavior.

**Popular Passages:**

(1Pet 2:3) “Now that you have tasted the Lord is good.”

(1Pet 2:9) “But you are chosen people, a royal priesthood...”

(1Pet 5:7) “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

**James** (James) Explores the meaning of following Christ daily through spiritual maturity and how to develop in the faith.

**Popular Passages:**

(James 1:2) “Consider it pure joy, ...”

(James 1:5) “If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God...”

(James 1:17) “Every good and perfect gift is from above...”

**Revelation** (Apostle John) It is the final book of the Bible. Apostle John was about 92 years of age, while a prisoner of Rome on the remote island of Patmos, in the Aegean Sea. Filled with symbolism, Revelations details the ending of our present age, and the beginning of the new age with Christ.

**Popular Passages:**

(Rev. 1:1-3) The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show to his servants things which must shortly come to pass...”



## Week II: Bible Basics – Important Figures of the Bible

### Old Testament

#### **Abraham**

Originally named Abram. Left home in Ur to go to the Promised Land. Faith tested when asked to sacrifice son Isaac. Promised by God he would be father of many nations and kings. Called father of the faithful (Romans 4:16).

#### **Abel**

Adam and Eve's second son. Murdered by jealous older brother Cain. Had faith in God (Hebrews 11) and called righteous by Jesus (Matthew 23:35).

#### **Adam**

Name means 'red' or 'red earth.' He is the first created human. Sinned when he ate fruit of tree of good and evil (Genesis 3). Was cast out of Eden along with Eve. Lived 930 years.

#### **Cain**

Adam and Eve's first child who was a tiller of the ground. Became jealous of younger brother Abel and murdered him. Part of his punishment from God was to live as a fugitive.

#### **Daniel**

A descendent of a noble Jewish family who was taken captive by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon when he conquered Judah. Was highly likely a eunuch. Became a chief advisor to the King and eventually was made third ruler of kingdom (Daniel 5). God gave him ability to interpret dreams. Survived being thrown in lion's den (Daniel 6). Gave prophecies that foretold of future world empires leading up to the return of Christ.

#### **David**

Youngest son of Jesse. Greatest king of Israel who ruled 40 years. As a young man killed Goliath the giant. Won military battles that expanded kingdom. Wrote most



of book of Psalms. Conquered Jerusalem, made it his capital and brought to it the Ark of the Covenant. Committed adultery with Bathsheba. Son Solomon followed him as king.

### **Elijah**

Prophet who warned and punished King Ahab for his sins. Raised widow's son from the dead. Had confrontation with Israel's false prophets which ended in their death. After fleeing death threats from Jezebel is told to anoint 2 kings and make Elisha his successor. Chariot of fire miraculously takes him to a location away from Elisha.

### **Eve**

First woman created. Made from one of Adam's ribs (Genesis 2:21-22). Her name means "life." Sinned by eating from tree of good and evil (Genesis 3) and was thrown out of Eden with Adam. Gave birth to Cain, Abel, Seth and many other children.

### **Jonah**

A prophet sent to warn Nineveh of their impending judgment for their sins. Jonah initially refuses to warn the city. God then has a great fish swallow him. Jonah cries out for help and after 3 days and nights (a type of Jesus' death) the fish vomits Jonah on a beach near Nineveh. He then warns the city, which heeds his words, repents, and is spared destruction.

### **Moses**

A Levite who, when born in 1525 B.C., was hid in a small basket to avoid being killed. Was found and adopted by Pharaoh's daughter (Exodus 2). Moses is educated and learns how to govern in the court of Pharaoh. At the age of forty he sees an Egyptian beating up on a Hebrew and kills the man. His act is discovered and he flees to Midian.

Moses sees a miraculous vision of a burning bush and receives his calling to free the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. With his brother Aaron (who acted as spokesman) he travels back to Egypt and demands the children of Israel be set free. After a series of ten plagues, brought on due to the hardness of Pharaoh's



heart, the Israelites leave Egypt in 1445 B.C.

Moses receives the Ten Commandments directly from God (Exodus 19-20).

Because of the Israelites lack of faith, Moses and the entire nation wander the wilderness for forty years. During his wandering Moses writes the first five books of the Bible. He dies in 1405 B.C at the age of 120 years.

### **Nebuchadnezzar**

Greatest of all Babylonian Kings. Extends power of Babylon over the known world. Conquered Jerusalem in 597 B.C. and took Judah's king, Ezekiel, Daniel and others captive. In 586 B.C. he destroys Jerusalem and completely burns its temple.

### **Noah**

Commanded to build ark to save animals and his immediately family from worldwide flood. Was 600 years old when flood occurred (Genesis 7:6). After flood a rainbow was given as sign another flood would not occur (Genesis 9). Had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Lived 950 years total.

### **Samson**

Helped free Israel of Philistine oppression. Possessed miraculous strength symbolized by his hair. Revealed to Delilah the secret of his strength. Gave his life to overcoming Philistines. Served as Israel's judge for 20 years.

### **Samuel**

Prophet who was miraculously born when his mother was healed of barrenness. Dedicated to serving the Lord before birth (1 Samuel 1). Anointed both Saul and David as Kings. Served 32 years as the last sole Judge of Israel.

### **Sarah**

Wife of Abraham whose initial name (Sarai) was changed by God (Genesis 17). Was healed of being barren and gave birth to Isaac when she was 91 years old and Abraham was 100. She is the only woman in the Bible where her age at death (127) is recorded.

### **Solomon**

One of King David's sons through Bathsheba. After becoming king he asked the Eternal to give him "an understanding heart" with which to rule. He was given not



only wisdom but riches and honor (1Kings 3:10-13). Built Jerusalem's first temple. His 700 wives and 300 concubines turned his heart, when he was old, away from serving the Creator (1Kings 11). Wrote Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and most of the book of Proverbs.

### **Lot**

His uncle was Abraham. Led out of Sodom and Gomorrah by angels before its destruction. Saw wife turned into pillar of salt for her disobedience in watching the cities being destroyed (Genesis 19). After cities destroyed Lot's two daughters, thinking all humans got killed, get him drunk and get pregnant by him. The daughters give birth to founders of the Moabite and Ammonite peoples.

## **New Testament**

### **Elizabeth**

Wife of Zacharias who was a cousin of Mary, Jesus' mother. She was healed of being barren and gave birth to John the Baptist.

### **Herod**

Herod the Great, the son of Antipater (who started the Herodian dynasty of rule), was made tetrarch of Jerusalem/Galilee in 41 B.C. by Mark Antony. In 37 B.C. Herod is made King of Judea by the Romans. Began to repair and restore Jerusalem's Temple in 20 B.C. Known for his cruelty, he ordered the slaughter of males two years old and younger around Bethlehem in an attempt to kill baby Jesus.

Herod Antipas, upon the death of his father Herod the Great, becomes tetrarch of Galilee and Perea around 4 B.C. When condemned by John the Baptist for marrying a relative he throws John in prison. Herod, because of a promise made to Salome (his wife Herodias' daughter by previous marriage) who pleased him with a dance, has John the Baptist beheaded. Herod questions, then mocks Jesus just before he is sent to the cross.

### **John the Baptist**

John, a Nazarite from birth, was born 6 months before Jesus. His ministry lasted



from 26 to 29 A.D. His mission was to prepare the people for the ministry of Jesus. Was beheaded by Herod Antipas.

### **Joseph**

Husband of Mary and foster-father of Jesus. Was a just man who died sometime after Jesus' 12th birthday?

### **Judas Iscariot**

One of Jesus' original 12 disciples who, although a thief, carried the group's money bag. Judas betrayed Jesus to the chief priests for thirty pieces of silver. After his betrayal the remorse of his sin leads him to kill himself.

### **Lazarus**

Brother of Mary and Martha and a relative of Jesus who lived in Bethany. Jesus resurrected him after he had been in a tomb for four days

### **Mary**

Mother of Jesus who was of the lineage of King David. Not counting Jesus, Mary gave birth to four boys and at least two girls (for a family of seven or more children!). After the death and resurrection of Jesus she was taken care of by the apostle John.

### **Mary Magdalene**

Most prominent of Jesus' female disciples. This Mary was the first person to see Jesus alive after his resurrection.

**(Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)** Four of the original 12 disciples.

### **Nicodemus**

A Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin who, like Joseph of Arimathea, believed in Jesus. He first visits Jesus at night and tells him the Sanhedrin knows he is a teacher from God (John 3). He later defends Jesus in a meeting of the Sanhedrin (John 7:45-53). After Jesus' death on the cross he helps Joseph of Arimathea wrap his body and bury him (John 19:38-42).



## **Paul**

Born around 2 A.D. Originally named Saul. Although a Jew was considered a Roman citizen. Taught by well-known Pharisaic Rabbi Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). Became a zealous Pharisee who persecuted early Christian church (Acts 7-8). Was converted on trip to Damascus and later renamed Paul (Acts 13:9). Worked as tent maker during ministry (Acts 18:2-3). From 33 to 67 A.D. conducted 5 missionary journeys preaching the gospel. Spent a total of about 6 years in prison. Wrote 14 New Testament books. Was martyred, at the age of 66, in Rome.

## **Peter**

Originally named Simon and renamed Peter by Jesus. A married fisherman from Bethsaida who was third person Jesus called to be an apostle (John 1:40-42). He walked on water with Jesus (Matthew 14) and also denied 3 times he knew him (Matthew 26). Was a witness to Jesus' transfiguration (Matthew 17). Raised a widow from the dead (Acts 9). Was rebuked by Apostle Paul for his hypocritical behavior (Galatians 2). Wrote two New Testament books. Died a martyr at the hands of Rome around 67 A.D.

## **Philip**

One of Jesus' twelve apostles. Resided in Bethsaida where also Andrew and Peter lived. Also the name of one of the first 7 men specially chosen by the early church to serve (Acts 6). Was also considered an evangelist. The apostle Paul stayed at Philip's house on his way to Jerusalem (Acts 21:8-10).

## **Pontius Pilate**

Was Roman Prefect (governor) of Judea during the time of Jesus' public ministry and crucifixion. Served as Prefect from 26 to 36 A.D. Thought Jesus was innocent of death but condemned him to the cross due to pressure from Jewish leaders.



## Week III: SALVATION

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### A. WHAT IS SALVATION?

Salvation is God's plan for man's total restoration. God enters into a relationship with man through His salvation. Many people limit the meaning of salvation to just believing on Jesus Christ. As we begin to study salvation's definition, you will begin to discover salvation is *really* God's answer to man's *complete* deliverance.

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man and offered as a gift to all who accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The blood of Jesus grants eternal redemption for the believer. Salvation is present and eternal. It includes *regeneration, sanctification, and glorification*.

Redemption means to buy back from the slave market of sin, to release or to set at liberty (**John 8:30 – 33**).

According to **1 Thessalonians 5:23**, whole speaks of salvation affecting man's \_\_\_\_\_ as well as his \_\_\_\_\_.

The scripture clearly identifies three distinct processes involved in salvation – regeneration, sanctification, and glorification, respectively affects man in a unique way.

#### 1 WHAT IS REGENERATION?

Man is a spirit who has a soul and lives in a body. Regeneration is the first part of salvation and affects the most important part of man, his spirit. Let's begin studying regeneration by looking at the following definition:

**Regeneration**, referred as the new birth, is the work of grace; whereby, believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It involves a change of heart, accomplished through the Holy Spirit convicting the sinner of sin, and he or/she responds to the conviction with repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ. True repentance is a genuine turning away *from sin to* God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ,



and the commitment of the believer's being to Him as Lord and Savior.

Regeneration further involves God's **justification** of the repentant sinner. It is His gracious, full acquittal of the judgement of sin. Justification brings the believer into a righteous relationship of peace and favor with God.

**Define** Justification.

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**Define** Righteous.

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Example of the new birth experience. Nicodemus questioning Jesus (**John 3:1-21**)

How does a person receive the new birth experience?

**Romans 10:9–10** states, "if you \_\_\_\_\_ with your mouth and believe in your \_\_\_\_\_ that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

**Ephesians 2:8-9** proclaims, "For it is by \_\_\_\_\_ you have been saved through \_\_\_\_\_ and that not of yourselves; it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Not of \_\_\_\_\_, lest anyone should boast."

**Define** Grace.

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**Define** Mercy.

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What is the result of the new birth experience?

**II Corinthians 5:17**, "Therefore if any man be in



Christ, he is a \_\_\_\_\_

Old things are passed away: behold, all things are become New.”

**Key Phrase 1:** Regeneration affects the spirit of man.

**Key Phrase 2:** Since man’s spirit is renewed, he is free from the penalty of past sin.



## 2 WHAT IS SANCTIFICATION?

After the spirit of man is recreated, God desires to renew the soul of man. Sanctification is the process that impacts man's soul with the redemptive power of God. The definition below clarifies this process for us.

**Sanctification** begins with regeneration and is the experience by which the believer is set apart for God's purpose. Through sanctification, God empowers the believer to progress toward spiritual and moral perfection with the power of the Holy Spirit. Spiritual growth and maturity marks sanctification. It is the outward evidence of the inward experience of regeneration and sanctification. A sanctified believer will love (1) a life of obedience to the Scripture and God's Will, (2) a life of holiness, (3) a Christ-like life the Holy Spirit reproduces internally, and (4) a life of fruitful services as the believer walks in the Spirit and might of God.

**Hebrew 2:14 – 16** illustrates what Christ did concerning our salvation.

According to this passage, what did Christ do concerning the present power of sin in the life of the believer?

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Since Christ overcame sin, Paul admonished us concerning sin.

According to **Romans 6:11 – 14**, what does Paul say about sin in the life of the believer:

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The Bible gives us keys concerning sanctification. The following two verses give insight to what they are.

According to **Romans 12:1 – 2**, what is a key to sanctification?



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**Key Phrase 1:** Sanctification affects the soul of man.

**Key Phrase 2:** As man’s soul matures, he is freed from the present power of sin.

### **3 WHAT IS GLORIFICATION?**

Man’s body is the last part affected by salvation. Glorification is the process that touches the body with the resurrection power of Christ, according to the following definition:

**Glorification** is the culmination of salvation and the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

From the definition, we see that man’s body will undergo a changed state.

According to **I Corinthians 15:50 – 54**, what will the changed state of man’s body be like?

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The definition also states the final resting place of man’s body will be changed.

According to **I Thessalonians 4:13 – 18**, where is the final resting place of man’s body?

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**Key Phrase 1.** Glorification affects man’s body.



**Key Phrase 2.** Because man's body will have a change state and resting place, he will be free from the future presence of sin.

***Internal Inventory:***

When did the regeneration of new birth experience occur in your life?

Are you presently involved in the sanctification process? How do you know?

What do we look forward to in the glorification process?



## Week IV: BAPTISM

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**Key Verse:** Hebrews 6:1-2, “Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ; let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms...”

Purpose: The purpose of this lesson is to give the believer a greater understanding of the doctrine of baptisms.

### **Introduction**

According to the key verse the doctrine of baptisms is a foundational doctrine in which the church should be established. We believe there are three baptisms every believer should experience – the baptism into Christ, water baptism, and baptism of the Holy Spirit. These baptisms are separate and distinct. Let us look at each one in greater detail.

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### BAPTISM INTO CHRIST

When a person is born again, their spirit is reborn, and the person becomes a new creation. When this occurs, the person is baptized into the body of Christ.

A. According to John 3: 5-6, what must a person be born of in order to enter the kingdom of God?

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B. What does II Corinthians 5: 17 declare about a person who is in Christ?

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C. According to Galatians 3: 26-27, all those who are the sons of god through faith are baptized into \_\_\_\_\_

D. Who does I Corinthians 12:13 tell us baptizes us into the body of Christ?

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WATER BAPTISM

After a person has been baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit through faith in Jesus Christ, they should experience water baptism. Water baptism is an outward sign of the inward work that has already taken place.

*A. Picture of Water Baptism*

Throughout the Bible, there are pictures foreshadowing the doctrine of water baptism. Listed below are several stories that reflect the message of water baptism.

1. How does I Peter 3:18 – 21 show Noah as a picture of water baptism?

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2. How does Exodus 14:21-31 show the children of Israel as a picture of water baptism?

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3. How does II Kings 5:1-14 show Naaman as a picture of water baptism?

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4. How does John 9:1 - 7 show the blind man as a picture of water baptism?

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As was stated before, water baptism is an outward sign of an inward work. The pictures we just looked at in the scripture have a common thread going through them that echoes this same truth. In each of these stories, people had to receive and obey the word of God before they could pass through the water and be



delivered. This is exactly what happens to the believer. He or she must first accept Christ as Lord and Savior before they are a candidate to pass through the water signifying deliverance.

*B. The Why, When, How and Who Concerning Water Baptism.*

1. Why are we baptized?
    - a. To obey Christ and confirm repentance (Acts 2:38).
    - b. To identify with Christ and relate testimony (Colossians 2:10–13).
    - c. To Follow Christ and show covenant relationship (Romans 6:3–5).
  
  2. When are we baptized?
    - a. As soon as possible following our commitment to Christ (Acts 19:5).
    - b. When we understand what baptism means.
  
  3. How are we baptized?
    - a. By an ordained pastor or minister.
    - b. In water by full immersion (Acts 10:24-48).
    - c. In the name of the father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).
  
  4. Who should be baptized?
    - a. According to Mark 16:16, all shall be baptized if they wish to be saved:
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## BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

The third baptism that every believer should experience is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We should note that this baptism does not save you. However, it is vital to the spiritual success of the believer.

After a person has become saved, they should seek to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

A. Who can be baptized in the Holy Spirit?

1. Those who are saved and walking in obedience to God (Acts 5:32).
2. Those who ask (Luke 11:13)

B. According to Luke 3:16, who baptizes in the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

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1. What is meant by baptized in Fire?
    - a. First, fire speaks of purification.
    - b. Secondly, fire speaks of intensity and zeal.
    - c. Thirdly, fire speaks of power.

### INTERNAL INVENTORY:

- 1 How do you know that you have been baptized into Christ:
- 2 What is the meaning and purpose of water baptism:
- 3 Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit?



## Week V: TITHES

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God's method to meet our material needs is through releasing our faith as we give. **Giving** is not about what we can do for God; rather, what we will allow Him to do through our giving. Biblical giving involves three different forms:

### Tithe

Our first responsibility is to give God the tithe.

What is the tithe?

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**Proverbs 3:9 – 10**, *“Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”*

How are we commanded to honor the Lord?

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What is the blessing that follows?

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Please read **Malachi 3:8 – 12**:

Identify the two types of giving mentioned in the text?

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Where do we bring the tithe?

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What is the storehouse?

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What is the two-fold blessing that follows?

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### Offerings

After we honor God with the tithe, we give offerings. As shown in **Malachi 3:8**, the tithe is not the offering, and the offering is not the tithe. They are separate.

What is an offering?

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The Bible gives several guidelines for giving:

**Luke**

**6:38**

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**Proverbs 11:24 – 25**

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**II Corinthians 8:12**

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**II Corinthians 9:6 – 15**

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**Matthew 6:24**

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## Alms

The third form of giving the Bible talks about is alms.

What are alms?

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**Acts.**

**24:17**

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**Luke 11:41**

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### 1 NEW TESTAMENT PICTURE OF GIVING

A frequently quoted promise is, “*My God shall supply all of your needs according to His riches in Glory.*” Paul wrote this tremendous promise to the church in Philippi. Out of all the churches that could have received this great promise, the Apostle Paul selected the church in Phillipi to be the benefactor above all others. Look at **Philippians 4:10 – 18** to discover the reason.

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**Verse 17-**

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**Verse 18-**

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### 2 OLD TESTAMENT PICTURE

In **1 Kings 17**, beginning at verse eight, we see the story of Elijah and the widow at Zarephath. This historical account testifies of a widow who was in a desperate state. She had very little; yet, she had abundance if she proved to remain faithful in the ministry of giving. By looking at her life, we can learn some key principles to giving.



In **verse 11**, the man of God asked the woman to bring him a morsel of bread. **Verse 12**, the woman responded to the man of god by telling him what she didn't have.

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After she told the man of God what she did not have, she proceeded to tell him what her plans were.

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**Verse 13** gives us Elijah's response to the widow. The first thing he told her not to do is

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**FEAR** is **F**alse **E**vidence **A**ppearing **R**eal.

Her lack appeared real to her. The truth of the situation was that if with what she did have by replacing fear with faith, she would have more than enough.

**In Verse 13**, we also notice Elijah telling her the principle of "first thing,"

Always

Remember \_\_\_\_\_

### Key Points

A. Because of obedience, her need was met and she never ran out of flour and oil.



**B.** Flour speaks of bread which symbolizes the Word. Always speak the Word over your Giving and stand on the promises of the Word of God.

**C.** Oil speaks of the anointing, which means to smear on or rub on. When we give, God rubs the blessing on all that we have.



## Week VI: Five Dysfunctions of a Team





## Four Stages of a Team





## WEEK VII CHURCH HISTORY

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### MoM's International Church Ministries

#### OUR CHURCH'S STATEMENT OF FAITH

#### **We affirm our faith in the Bible:**

*We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.*

#### **We affirm our faith in God:**

*We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.*

#### **We affirm our faith in the Blessed Hope:**

*We believe in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.*

#### **We affirm our faith in repentance and salvation:**

*We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious Blood of Jesus Christ. We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.*



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## **We affirm our faith in the Holy Ghost**

*That the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it.*

## **We affirm our faith in Sanctification**

*We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world.*

## **Church Ministries**

*Food Bank Ministry*—We distribute free food every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday between 3:00pm to 4:30pm at Meadowbrook Apartments' courtyard behind the main office. This ministry has been a huge blessing to hundreds of low-income military and civilian families.

*Care Package Ministry* – Our care package team assembles care package items together and ships them to active duty service members throughout the world. Once a ship or unit deploys, we begin sending them care packages from our church.

*Women of Power* – The focus of this ministry supports female service members, spouses, and veterans with issues that are unique to a military lifestyle. We meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and location will be TBA.

*Men of Valor*—This ministry serves to strengthen our men to be examples to the young men in our church and community. Men of valor are men with integrity and courage to do the right thing while demonstrating a strong



commitment to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 11am 1pm and location is TBA.

*Youth Choir* – This ministry enables our youth to sing praises to our God. They will spread the gospel through church plays, musicals, and outreach support for the church. Rehearsal time is Fridays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

*Praise Team* – This team worshippers lead the church into worshipping God. A ministry team who love God and consecrate themselves in prayer in order to usher in the Holy Spirit. Rehearsal time is Fridays from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

*Military Outreach Youth Golf Academy* – The ministry exposes our youth (ages 7– 17) to activities outside church walls. Our golf academy partners with Colina Park Golf Course. While learning how to play golf, our youth learn discipline virtues, such as Hole One means honesty, Hole two means forgiveness, Hole Three means integrity, and so forth to Hole 18.

*Ministerial Staff* – The ministerial staff are available to serve the congregants in teaching & preaching, providing family services, such as marriages, funerals, baptisms, and avail ourselves for prayer needs.

*Transportation Ministry* – Our transportation van is available several days a week to transport members to and from church services. To get picked up for church, you can contact us by the following: call 619-773-6023 or download our ministry APP “MoMinistries” and click on the icon name “Ride to Church” and complete form. A text will be sent to our driver.



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Church



