

# INTERSECTION CHURCH

WHERE **FAITH &**  
**CREATIVITY** MEET

## NEW BELIEVER'S CLASS STUDENT CURRICULUM

- SALVATION
- WATER BAPTISM
- HOLY SPIRIT

This class is provided to give anyone a basic understanding of Biblical concepts including salvation, water baptism and the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a disciple of Christ. The goal is to help anyone become a fully devoted disciple of Jesus Christ.



**NEXT STEPS**

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## SESSION 1- What is Salvation?

Salvation is the work of Jesus to save us from our brokenness and spiritual death. It is given to us as a free gift, manifested when the Holy Spirit moves us to believe in Jesus, confess our sins and repent towards a new way of living. It is the first act of faith for a Christ follower.

**SALVATION** makes me a \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

### Read Romans 3:19-24

*19 Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. 20 For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.*

### Christ Took Our Punishment

*21 But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses[i] and the prophets long ago. 22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.*

***23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.** 24 Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. 25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.*

- **What is sin?**
- **Who has sinned?**
- **Who did the work for our salvation? How?**

### Read Ephesians 2:1-10 NLT

*2:1 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world.[a] He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.*

*4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) 6 For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. 7 So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible*

wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

### Read John Chapter 3:1-17 NLT

3:1 There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. 2 After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you."

3 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again,[a] you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

4 "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?"

5 Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.[b] 6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.[c] 7 So don't be surprised when I say, 'You[d] must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."

9 "How are these things possible?" Nicodemus asked.

- **Based on this scripture, what does it mean to be born again?**
- **What two things can we be born of? What does this mean?**

Skip to verse 16...

16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave[g] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 **God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.**

- **Why did God send Jesus into the world?**
- **What do we gain when we believe in Him**

## Read Romans 10:9-14 NLT

**9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.** 11 As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.”<sup>[e]</sup> 12 Jew and Gentile<sup>[f]</sup> are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. 13 For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”<sup>[g]</sup>

14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

- What two things must we do to receive the salvation Jesus provided?
- What does it mean to “believe in your heart”?
- In what ways can we openly declare our faith?

### Prayer of Salvation:

*“Jesus, I know that I have sinned and I need Your forgiveness.  
I believe You died on the cross for my sins and rose again.  
Today I turn from my old life and put my trust in You.  
Come into my heart, be my Savior, and be the Lord of my life.  
Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and help me follow You every day.  
Thank You for loving me, saving me, and making me new.  
In Jesus’ name, Amen.”*

## SESSION 2- What is Water Baptism?

*Water baptism is an act of faith for someone who is committing themselves to Christ. It is a conscious decision to repent and publicly declare that you are in Jesus, resulting in a new spiritual reality for the disciple who takes their commitment seriously.*

**WATER BAPTISM** makes me a \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

**26 For you are all children[m] of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.[n] 28 There is no longer Jew or Gentile,[o] slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children[p] of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.**

**Galatians 3:26-29 NLT**

- How does salvation and baptism tear down any barriers (gender, race, etc.) that exist?
- To what does Paul compare water baptism? Why do you think he does that?

**6 Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? 2 Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? 3 Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? 4 For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.**

**5 Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. 6 We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. 7 For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. 8 And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. 9 We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. 10 When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. 11 So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.**

**Romans 6:1-11 NLT**

- How are life and death symbolized in water baptism?
- What part of us “dies” as a result of our act of obedience in baptism?
- What does it mean to be “dead to sin?”
- What does God raise us up to when we come out of the water?

**19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,[b] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

**Matthew 28:19 NLT**

- What three things does Jesus tell us to do in verse 19?
- What does He promise His disciples in this passage?

If you were baptized, what led you to do it?

If you have not been baptized in water, what's keeping you from doing it?

**Prayer for Faith to Obey:**

*“Jesus, thank You for saving me and loving me.*

*As I consider water baptism, give me faith, courage, and understanding.*

*Help me to follow You with my whole heart and not be afraid.*

*I want my life to belong completely to You.*

*Lead me in obedience and help me grow closer to You every day.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen.”*

## SESSION 3- What is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is when a disciple receives power from the Spirit of God to do all that Jesus calls us to. In the New Testament, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit produced great fruit in the lives of new believers and the Apostles allowing them to do supernatural things like healings and bold speech. It also gave them the ability to live in a more righteous way than they ever could on their own.

THE HOLY SPIRIT empowers you to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

Read John 14:15-20 NLT

### ***Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit***

15 "If you love me, obey[d] my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,[e] who will never leave you. **17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.** The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.[f] 18 No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. 19 Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live. 20 When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

- What is the job of the Holy Spirit according to this passage?
- What does Jesus call the Holy Spirit?

Read Acts 1:1-8 NLT

1 In my first book[a] I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. 3 During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

4 Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. **5 John baptized with[b] water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**"

The Ascension of Jesus

6 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"

7 He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. **8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses,** telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- What is the difference between John's baptism and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?
- What will we receive from the Holy Spirit? For what purpose?

### Read Acts 19:1-7 NLT

19:1 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers.[a] 2 "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" he asked them.

"No," they replied, "we haven't even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

3 "Then what baptism did you experience?" he asked.

And they replied, "The baptism of John."

4 Paul said, "John's baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who would come later, meaning Jesus."

5 As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues[b] and prophesied. 7 There were about twelve men in all.

- What question did Paul ask the believers when he first arrived?
- What do the people begin to do when they are baptized in the Holy Spirit?

### Prayer to receive the Holy Spirit:

"Jesus, thank You for saving me and making me Your child.  
I ask You now to fill me with the Holy Spirit.  
Baptize me with Your power, Your presence, and Your love.  
Open my heart to receive everything You have for me.  
Help me to surrender completely to You and trust You fully.  
Let Your Spirit lead my life and draw me closer to You every day.  
Thank You for Your promise and for hearing my prayer.  
In Jesus' name, Amen."

**SOME PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

**Which term would you say best describes your relationship with Christ right now?**

*I have not received salvation yet.*

*I am a believer who has received Christ's salvation.*

*I am a follower of Jesus, who has already been baptized in water as an act of repentance.*

*I am a disciple of Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit so I can lead others to Jesus.*

***Have you received salvation as a believer?***

***Have you been baptized in water as a follower?***

***Have you received the Holy Spirit's baptism to equip you as a disciple?***

**Which term BEST describes your current relationship with Jesus?**

- Believer**
- Follower**
- Disciple**

**What's your NEXT STEP?**