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Lesson 1 – The Scriptures Inspired

Text: II Timothy 3:14-17
And that from a child you have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Reproof - *elegchos* - a proof, prove, tested; conviction.

Introduction:
Holy Scriptures - Make us wise unto salvation - Lead us to faith in Christ - Given by the inspiration of God - Profitable for: doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness.

I. **The Bible is the inspired Word of God.**

A. God breathed. God inspired men, and they recorded what He desired. II Peter 1:19-21, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: **20** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. **21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

B. God did not personally say everything in the Bible, but He had it recorded, so we could learn from it. Job 1:21, “And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”

1. From the context we know that the Lord was not the one taking away from Job.

2. From other scriptures we know that the LORD was not the one taking away from Job. (John 10:10, James 1:17)

3. However, we can learn from Job's life: what he did right and what he did wrong.

II. Reasons why we believe the scriptures to be the infallible Word of God.

A. Jesus sanctioned the scriptures.

1. John 5:39, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”

2. Matthew 5:18, “For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

3. Matthew 24:35, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”

4. John 17:17, “Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth.”

B. The scriptures themselves - The Bible reveals that it is the product of one master mind: 66 books, written by about 40 different writers, living in different places, with different lifestyles during a time period of about 1600 years - Yet each complete and complement one another without contradiction.

C. History - The history of the Bible is impeccable.

D. Science - Science proves the Bible to be correct - Isaiah 40:22, “It is He that sitteth upon the circle (sphere) of the earth ...”

E. Medicine - Leviticus 17:11, “For **the life of the flesh is in the blood**: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”

III. There is power and life in the Word.

A. God created the earth with His Word - II Peter 3:5, "For this they willingly are ignorant of, that **by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water**:"

B. God keeps the earth with His Word - II Peter 3:7, "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, **by the same word are kept in store**, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

C. The Word has the power to change our life.

1. Proverbs 4:20-22, "**My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings**. **21** Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. **22** **For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh**."

2. Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Conclusion: Change our life by making the choice to accept God's Word as the rule of life.

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Lesson 2 - One True God:
Expressed in Three Persons & The Deity of Jesus Christ

Text: Ephesians 4:6, "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

John 17:3, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

Deuteronomy 6:4, "Hear, 0 Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD."

Introduction:
There is only one true God! We are not materialists; we do not believe that the universe is God. We are not polytheists; we do not believe in many Gods. We are not pantheists; we don't believe that God is all and all is God. We are not deists; we don't believe that God created us and forgot about us. We are theists. We believe that there is One God who created all things, and He has chosen to represent Himself in Three Persons: The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. He hears our prayer and cares for our needs. We believe that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are co-equal and co-eternal. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that He is the full and final revelation of God. We believe that He is God manifest in the flesh, and that He is fully God and fully man.

I. **The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are clearly revealed in the scripture.**

A. John 14:26, “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

B. John 15:26, “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me.”

C. John 16:15, “All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of mine, and shall show it to you.”

D. Matthew 3:16-17, “And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: **17** And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

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

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

G. II Corinthians 13:14, “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”

H. Colossians 2:9, “For in Him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily.”

I. Genesis 1:26, “**And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”

J. Genesis 1:1-2, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. **2** And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

K. Revelation-22:16-21 - Jesus Christ, the Spirit, and God.

II. Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh. He is fully God and fully man.

A. Jesus Christ is the visible representation of the invisible God.

1. Hebrews 1:3, "Who being the brightness of his glory, and **the express image of his person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:"

2. Colossians 1:15, "**Who is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature:"

3. John 1:18, "No man has seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him."

B. Jesus Christ is the Word made flesh. He is eternally God.

1. John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** The same was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

2. I John 1:1-2, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; **2** (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)"

3. John 8:58, "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am**."

4. John 14:9, "Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father**; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?"

5. II John 7-10, "For **many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh.** This is a deceiver and an antichrist. **8**Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. **9** **Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.** He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. **10** If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:"

C. Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God.

1. John 1:18, "No man hath seen God at any time, **the only begotten Son**, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him."

2. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that **he gave his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

3. John 3: 18, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of **the only begotten Son** of God."

D. Jesus Christ is God the Son - I Timothy 3:16, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

E. Jesus Christ was born of a virgin.

1. Luke 1:35, "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

2. Matthew 1:23, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God with us." (Isaiah 7:14)

F. Jesus Christ claimed to be the Son of man.

1. Matthew 16:13, "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?**"

2. John 19:26, "When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, **Woman, behold thy son!**"

G. Jesus was raised from the dead in a physical body.

1. John 20:27, "Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing."

2. John 21:12, "**Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine**. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord."

Conclusion: There is One True God expressed in Three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are co-equal and co-eternal. Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh.

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Lesson 3 - The Fall and Salvation of Man

Text: Ephesians 2: 1-5, 8
"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; **2** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: **3** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. **4** But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, **5** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) **8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"

Introduction: We were dead; we have been made alive. We lived as mere men apart from Christ. Lived in a fallen state, but now we have been saved. It is by the grace of God through faith that we received our salvation. What do we believe about man? Creation. Depravity. Restoration. Eternity.

I. **Mankind was created in the image of God.**

A. Genesis 1:26-27, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

B. Man was the ultimate of God's creation. He was given authority and dominion. He was blessed. He was created as a free moral agent. He had a tremendous mind - Intelligence, Conscience and Will - He had the power to choose.

II. Mankind lost his glorified position through sin.

A. Gave one command - Genesis 2:17, “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

B. Enter the serpent - Genesis 3:1-6.

1. Problem: Listening to the devil (Twisted the Word).

2. Problem: Carrying on a conversation with the devil. The devil is a liar.

3. Problem: Adding to the word of God. "Neither shall you touch it".

4. Problem: Accepting the lie of the devil. "Shall not surely die."

5. Problem: Problem of humanity: Lust of the flesh, lust of the eye, and pride of life. Good for food, pleasant to the eyes and desired to make one wise. (Genesis 3:6, “And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”)

C. Lost authority; Lost dominion; Lost innocence; the fall opened the floodgates of sin, sorrow, sickness and death upon the human family.

1. All have sinned: By nature. Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Born in sin, Psalm 51:5, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."

2. All have sinned: By experience. Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

3. Sin has universally affected the human race. Romans 3:10-19.

III. **God sent Jesus to restore humanity. Bring us salvation.**

A. What is salvation?

1. Sozo, Soteria: Forgiveness, healing, deliverance, peace and protection, safety, preservation and soundness.

2. Restoration to favor. Restoration to right relationship. Restored to our proper place in the family. John 17:3, “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”

B. What could we say about salvation?

1. Salvation is a work of the Holy Spirit. (Salvation is from God and not man.) Planned by the Father, purchased by the Son, worked by the Holy Spirit.

    a. Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

    b. II Thessalonians 2:13, "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because **God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:**"

    c. Ephesians 1:13, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,"

    d. John 3:5, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God**."

2. Salvation is through Christ alone. Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." John 14:6, "…I am the way, the truth, and the life…"

3. Salvation is a product of God's Word.

    a. I Peter 1:23, "**Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God**, which liveth and abideth forever."

b. James 1:18, "Of his own will **begat He us with the Word of truth, that we should be a** kind of firstfruits of his creatures."

c. Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

d. Romans 10:8-10, "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; **9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **10** **For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation**."

e. Acts 13:26, "Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent. "…to you is the word of this salvation sent."

f. II Timothy 3:15, "... the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation…"

g. II Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

4. Salvation is given by grace and received by faith. Ephesians 2:8.

a. Titus 2:11, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,"

b. John 1:16, "And of His fullness have all we received, grace for grace."

c. Grace: God providing salvation for us through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Faith: Man's positive response to the grace of God.

Conclusion: 1. Every man needs salvation. 2. Salvation has been provided for every man through Christ. 3. It is every man's choice to receive or reject salvation which has been provided in Christ.

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Lesson 4 - The Present Day Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Text: Acts 1:8
"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Introduction: Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to come. The Holy Spirit gives us the ability to be effective witnesses for Christ. We are to do the works of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I. **The promise of the Spirit.**

A. Jesus' ministry was marked by the power of the Holy Spirit. Acts 10:38, " How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."
Luke 4:18-19, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, **19** To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

B. Jesus promised the Spirit to those who followed Him.

1. John 7:37-39, "**38** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

2. John 14:16-18, "And I will pray the Father, and **he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. **18** I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

3. John 14:26, "But **the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name**, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

4. John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:"

5. John 16:7, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

6. Luke 24:49, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

7. Acts 1:4-5, "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.**"

II. There are many different aspects of the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

A. Convicted by the Holy Spirit - John 16:8-11, "**8** And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment…"

B. The Spirit works salvation in our life - Romans 8:16, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:"

C. Produces fruit in the believer's life - Galatians 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

D. The Spirit empowers us to witness (Baptism in the Holy Spirit) - Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

E. The Holy Spirit gives gifts to the church. I Corinthians 12:7-11, "**7** **But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.** **8** For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; **9** To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; **10** To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: **11** **But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.**

1. The gifts of revelation: the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, the discerning of spirits.

2. The power gifts: the gift of faith, the working of miracles, the gifts of healings.

3. The inspirational gifts: prophecy, the gift of tongues, the interpretation of tongues.

III. Every believer can and should be filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

A. Distinct and separate experience from salvation

1. For believers only - John 14:17, Even the Spirit of truth; whom **the world cannot receive**, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

2. Promised to all believers - Acts 2:38-39, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.[39] For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

    a. Salvation

    b. Baptism in water

    c. Baptism in the Holy Ghost

3. Acts 8:5-8, 12, 14-17 (Verse 12) - **They believed** Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. **They were baptized.** (Verse 17) – **They laid their hands on them**, and **they received the Holy Ghost.** (What three things happened?)

5. Acts 19:1-6 (Verse 4) - They believed, (Verse 5) - They were baptized, (Verse 6) -The Holy Ghost came on them and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

*We believe that every believer should be baptized in water following Christ's example and in obedience to His command. This is covered more completely in another teaching.

B. Why we need the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

1. Revelation of the love of God for us. Jude 1:20-21, “But ye, beloved, **building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, [21] Keep yourselves in the love of God**, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

2. Greater understanding of God's Word. John 14:26, “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall **teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**” (Isaiah 28:11-12)

3. Strengthened by the power of God- Romans 8:26, “Likewise **the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities**: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

4. Know what God has called us to do. John 16:12-15, “I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. **13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will **shew you things to come**. **14** He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. **15** **All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.**

5. Walk the victorious walk. Acts 4:20, “For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

6. Greater witness for God- Acts 1:8, Mark 16:17, “And **these signs shall follow them that believe;** In my name shall they cast out devils; **they shall speak with new tongues**;”

7. Doorway to the rest of the spiritual gifts.

C. What happens when the believer receives the Holy Ghost?

1. 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.”

2. Acts 10:46, “For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God…”

3. Acts 19:6, “**6** And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”

4. Why tongues? Mind doesn't get involved.

D. How to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

1. Ask - Luke 11:13, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

2. Believe - Mark 11:24, "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

3. Receive - Acts 8:15, 17, "**15** Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost, **17** Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."

Conclusion: Jesus needed the Holy Spirit to fulfill His ministry and so do we! The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a promise for every believer today!

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Lesson 5 – Divine Healing

Text:
I Peter 2:24 - Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.
Isaiah 53:4-5 - Surely he has borne our grief, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (grief=sickness, sorrow=pain)
Matthew 8: 16-17 - When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

Introduction: We believe that divine healing was provided for in the atonement and that it is the privilege and will of God for every believer. Jesus paid for our sickness at the same time that He paid for our sins. What does the Bible say about divine healing?

I. Healing is a covenant right of believers.

A. Exodus 15:26, "And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, **I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee**."

1. Exodus 15:25, "And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet (*healed*): there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them," Three trees of healing - This tree - The cross - The tree of life ... The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

2. Exodus 11:7, "But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel."

B. Sickness is included in the curse. Deuteronomy 28:22, 27, 35, 59, 61 (Verse 22) - ... consumption, fever, inflammation, extreme burning ... (Verse 27) - ... botch, emrods, scab, itch ... (Verse 35) - smote in knees, legs with the sore botch, from the sole of your feet to the top of your head. (Verse 59) - ... great plagues of long continuance and sore sicknesses ... of long continuance ... Verse 61 - every sickness and every plague which is not written in the book of this law

C. Christ has redeemed us from the curse. Galatians 3:13, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:"

D. Luke 13:10-17 (Verse 16), “Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?”

II. Satan is the author of sickness.

A. Sickness entered the human race through sin. John 9:1-7 (Verse 3), “Jesus answered, **Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.**

1. His blindness was not a result of his personal sin, or his parents personal sin, but it was a result of the fall of man.

2. It was a result of the original sin.

B. Sickness is really limited death. It is a result of death that entered the human race through sin. Satan is the author of death. John 10:10, “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

C. Sickness is not good and therefore cannot be from God. James 1:17, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

D. Jesus accounted sickness to the devil. Luke 13:16, ““Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, **whom Satan has bound**, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?”

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

III. **Jesus healed them all.**

A. Jesus was a perfect representation of the Father. If we want to understand the Father we need look no farther that the life of Christ here on the earth.

1. Hebrews 1:3, " **Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power**, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:"

2. John 1:18, "No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known." (No man has seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, He has declared Him.)

B. Fourteen times in the New Testament, the scripture says "He healed them all."

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

2. Matthew 9:35, "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing every sickness and every disease among the people.**"

3. Matthew 4:24, "And his fame went throughout all Syria: and **they brought unto him all sick people** that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; **and he healed them**."

4. Luke 6:17, 19, "**17** And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which **came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;**" **19** And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, **and healed them all."**

5. Matthew 14:14, "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and **he healed their sick.**"

C. The life and ministry of Jesus proves the will of God concerning healing. He healed them all. He never made one sick. Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."

IV. **Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel.**

A. Forgiveness of sin and healing of the body are side by side in the Word.

1. Psalm 103:3, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;"

2. Matthew 9:1-8, "**2** And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, **be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.**" "**6** But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) **Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.**"

3. Mark 2:5-9, "**5** When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, **Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.**" "**9** Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, **Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk**?"

B. Jesus paid for our forgiveness and our healing at the same time. Isaiah 53:5, "But **he was wounded for our transgressions**, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; **and with his stripes we are healed.**"

C. Jesus commanded His disciples to heal the sick.

1. The twelve - Matthew 10:7-8, "And **as ye go, preach**, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. **8** **Heal the sick**, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."

2. The seventy - Luke 10:9, "And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you."

3. All believers - Mark 16:17-18, "And **these signs shall follow them that believe**; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;" "**18** They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; **they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**" John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

Conclusion: It is God's will to heal every believer today. God promised it, Jesus paid for it, and the Holy Spirit gives us the power to receive it in Jesus Name!

Basic Bible Doctrines

Lesson 6 – Water Baptism

Text:
Acts 2:38 - (a) Repent and (b) be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and (c) you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
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, **2** Of the doctrine of baptisms (plural), and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."

Introduction: There are three baptisms of believers.

1. Repentance and faith have to do with the first baptism: being baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12:13). This first baptism is speaking of salvation. We are being baptized into the body of Christ, by the Holy Spirit.
2. Being baptized in Acts 2:38 is speaking of water baptism. We are being baptized in water by another believer. This has to do with identification. We identify with Christ's death and resurrection. We are dead to sin, and we live to God.
3. Receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost is speaking of the baptism in the Holy Ghost. In the book of Acts when they were baptized in the Holy Ghost they spoke in tongues. The believer is being baptized in the Holy Ghost by the Lord Jesus Christ. This makes us better able to proclaim the message of Christ. (Acts 1:8)

To recognize the difference in these baptisms in the scriptures ask yourself, "Who is doing the baptizing and what are we being baptized into?" We will answer several questions concerning water baptism.

I. Who is to be baptized?

A. Believers - Mark 16:15-16, "**15** And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**" What is the emphasis on?

B. Disciples - Matthew 28:18-20, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **19** **Go** ye therefore, and **teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:** **20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

C. Acts 8:35-38, (verse 37) "And Philip said, **If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.** "

D. Acts 18:8, "And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized."

II. Why should believers be baptized?

A. In obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ. Mark 16:15-16 and Matthew 28:19.

B. The answer of a good conscience - I Peter 3:21, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"

C. Following Christ's Example - Matthew 3:13-17.

III. What happens when we are baptized?

A. We identify with Christ's death and resurrection - Dead to sin and alive to God through Christ.

1. Romans 6:1-11 (verse 4), "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life."

2. Colossians 2:12, "Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead."

B. Christ's example to us: Matthew 3:13-17 - Christ identified with humanity in his baptism. We identify with His death and resurrection - Dead to sin and alive to God - Shut the door on the old life.

V. When should we be baptized?

A. When we believe - Acts 10:47-48, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? **48** And he **commanded them to be baptized** in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

B. Acts 9:18, "And Immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized."

C. Acts 8:12, "But **when they believed** Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were baptized**, both men and women."

D. Acts 2:41, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

Conclusion:

1. Who should be baptized? Believers
2. Why should we be baptized? Obedience to Christ's command, following His example and a good conscience.
3. What happens when we are baptized? We identify with Christ's death and resurrection.
4. When should we be bapitzed? When we believe on Christ.

Basic Bible Doctrines

Lesson 7 - The Return of Jesus Christ for His Church

Text: John 14:1-3
"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Introduction: Jesus said He will come again and receive us to Himself. He will come again and receive those who believe on Him to Himself. What does the Bible say about Christ's return for His church?

I. **We look forward to Christ's return with great anticipation.**

A. Titus 2:11-14, "**13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;".

B. Hebrews 9:28, "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

C. I Peter 1:5, "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

D. Revelation 22:12-13, 20, "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. **13** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. **20** He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

II. When Christ comes, the dead in Christ will be raised and living believers will be changed.

A. I Thessalonians 4:13-18, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. **14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. **15** For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. **16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **17** Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. **18** Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

B. I Corinthians 15:49-58, "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. **50** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. **51** Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, **52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. **54** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. **55** O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? **56** The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. **57** But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

1. The dead will be raised.

2. We shall be changed.

C. Philippians 3:20-21, "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: **21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

D. Romans 8:22-23, "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. **23** And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

III. **Many New Testament scriptures promise Christ's return.**

A. I Thessalonians 5:1-2, “But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. **2** For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.”

The day of the Lord is a general term that can speak of any time from Christ's return for His church through His reign on the earth.

B. II Peter 3:3-4, “Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, **4** And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.”

C. The signs of the times are all around us. In Matthew 24:3, Jesus' disciples asked Him three questions. Of these three one was, "**What is the sign of your coming?**" Matthew 24:4-14 - Gives us signs of Christ's coming. “And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. **5** For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. **6** And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. **7** For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. **8** All these are the beginning of sorrows. **9** Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. **10** And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. **11** And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. **12** And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. **13** But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. **14** And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”

1. False Christs.

2. Wars and rumors of wars.

3. Nationality conflicts.

4. Struggle for power & property.

5. Famine.

6. Pestilence, disease.

7. Earthquakes.

8. Hatred of Christians and Jews.

9. Offence and betrayal.

10. False prophets.

11. Iniquity will abound.

12. The Gospel will be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations.

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

VI. Future Judgments and Resurrections.

A. Judgment seat of Christ – Judgment of believers.

1. II Corinthians 5:8-10.

2. Romans 14:7-11.

B. Great white throne judgment – Judgment of unbelievers.

1. Revelation 20:11-15.

C. Two resurrections.

1. John 5:25-29 – Resurrection of life, resurrection of damnation.

2. Revelation 20:4-6 – Resurrection of life precedes the resurrection of damnation by at least 1,000 years.

D. Two aspects of Christ's coming.

1. For His church - I Thessalonians 4:13-18 (Our great hope).

2. With His church - Zachariah 14:5.

Conclusion: Christ is coming for His church. We want to be ready when he comes.

Basic Bible Doctrines

Lesson 8 – Heaven and Hell

Text: Revelation 21:1-8
"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. **2** And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. **4** And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. **5** And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. **6** And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. **7** He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. **8** But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

Introduction: The Bible clearly presents heaven and hell. The Bible reveals heaven as an eternal resting place for all believers. Heaven is revealed as a place of joy, life, health and peace. The Bible reveals hell as the eternal abode of all unbelievers. Hell is presented as a place of pain and torment. The greatest thing about heaven is that the Lord Jesus Christ will be there. The worst thing about hell is that Jesus Christ will not be there. What does the Bible say about these things?

I. What the Bible says about hell.

A. Hell was made for the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41, “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, **Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels**:”

Hell was not made for mankind. But many men will be there. Not because they wanted to be, but because they refused to accept God's payment for sin in the person of Jesus Christ. They refused to believe.

B. Hell is an eternal place of torment. Matthew 25:41 - "Everlasting fire." Mark 9:43-45, “And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into **the fire that never shall be quenched**: **44** **Where their worm dieth not**, and the fire is not quenched. **45** And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:”

C. Satan will spend eternity there. Revelation 20:10, “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

D. Many are headed that direction. Matthew 7:13, “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:”

II. What the Bible says about heaven.

A. Greek - Ouranos - The sky, heaven (as the abode of God); happiness, power, eternity; air, heaven, sky.

B. Heaven is God's place.

1. Psalm 115:16, “The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath He given to the children of men.”

2. Matthew 6:9, “After this manner therefore pray ye: **Our Father which art in heaven**, Hallowed be thy name.”

C. Heaven is a kingdom.

1. Matthew 4:17, “From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: **for the kingdom of heaven is at hand**.”

2. Matthew 5:10, “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

3. Matthew 5:19, “Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the **least in the kingdom of heaven**: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called **great in the kingdom of heaven**.”

4. Jesus represented the kingdom of God on the earth. Luke 17:21, “Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.” The kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom of believers (present). The kingdom of God is a physical kingdom which shall come.

    a. God had His way in Jesus.

    b. God has His way in us (in our spirit).

    c. God will have His way in His coming kingdom (on the earth, and in the new heaven and the new earth).

D. Heaven is the eternal resting place for all believers.

1. Luke 10:20, "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

2. Revelation 21:10, 22-24, " **10** And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,". "**22** And I saw no temple therein: for the **Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it**. **23** And **the city had no need of the sun**, neither of the moon, to shine in it: **for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof**. **24** And **the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it**: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it."

3. Revelation 22:1-7.

a. A pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

b. The tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruit, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

c. There shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him. (Greatest aspect of the curse, separated from the presence of God. Live forever in the presence of God and our Savior Jesus Christ).

d. They shall see His face.

e. There shall be no night there ... The Lord God gives them light and they shall reign for ever and ever.

f. Faithful and true sayings.

g. Blessed are those who keep the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Conclusion: Heaven is our home. Jesus is the way. We look forward to spending eternity in the presence of our King.

Only those who reject God's salvation in Jesus Christ will spend eternity separated from the presence of the Lord in a hell prepared for the devil and his angels. God is not willing that any would perish, but that all would come to repentance.