

THE  
"GOOD NEWS"  
AND  
"SEVEN ONES"

BODY - SPIRIT - HOPE - LORD - FAITH - BAPTISM - GOD

I CORINTHIANS 15:1-4

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"The GOOD NEWS and SEVEN ONES"  
is an interactive, true to scripture, soul winning Bible study,  
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## Dedication

This book is dedicated to those who are willing to take the time to share the GOOD NEWS with others as well as to those who are willing to accept the offer to take a serious look into the word of God as we explore the GOOD NEWS and SEVEN ONES. May this process of sharing and studying continue until the coming of our Lord. To God be all the glory. He made it all possible, through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PREFACE

Many have taken the command of our Lord to go into all the world and preach the gospel very serious. It is with this seriousness that we offer this workbook to any who would be willing to take on this challenge to share the GOOD NEWS with others. It is our prayer that many will benefit eternally from this simple study, that you have so anxiously and graciously shared with them. To those who are sharing, and those who are receiving, we would like to personally thank you for taking the time. Let God's word into your hearts and be ready to accept his perfect will. The scriptures that are printed in this book are from the New King James Version. You may use your own version to read the requested passages. Versions that are most used by the author are King James Version, New King James Version, New American Standard Version, and English Standard Version.

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## LESSON 1

### The ONE GOD, The ONE LORD, and The BIBLE

*And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned"*  
(Mark 16:15-16).

We are happy to have this opportunity to study the word of God together. Grab your Bible and a pen and let's get started.

Do you believe that God is the creator of heaven and earth?

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*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day "(Genesis 1:1-5).*

Read Romans 1:20

God created!

Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God?

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*“Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;”*  
(Romans 1:1-6).

Yes! Jesus is indeed the Son of God!

Do you believe that Jesus is God? This question may cause you to think a little more than the questions before. But, it is a question that, according to Jesus, your salvation depends upon.

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*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth”*  
(John 1:1-14).

Read John 10:30; Hebrews 1:8

Read John 8:24 & 58; Colossians 2:9

What did Jesus say that we must believe about him?

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Jesus is God! Jesus came as God in the flesh. Jesus came to die for our sins. Jesus created all things with God. Jesus is I AM!

Do you believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God?

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*“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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (II Timothy 3:16-17).*

Read II Peter 1:20-21; II Peter 3:15-16

The Bible is God’s breathed out words. Even the epistles of Paul are called scripture by the apostle Peter. We should study and obey God’s inspired word. This study will be founded on the fact that all of the Bible is the inspired word of God.

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## LESSON 2

### The Gospel (GOOD NEWS)

What does the word Gospel mean?

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*“And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!’”* (Romans 10:15).

The word gospel means “GOOD NEWS.”

Before I ask you what the GOOD NEWS is, I want you to tell me what the bad news of the Bible is. The bad news of the Bible is:

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*“Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear”* (Isaiah 59:1-2).

Read Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23

Sin separates us from God. We have all sinned. The wages of sin is death. That is really bad news.

The GOOD NEWS must be something that will keep us from having to face the really bad news of sin and death. If you were supposed to die tomorrow for a crime you had committed, then what would be good news to you today. A million dollars? A new car? The only thing that could be good news today would be to hear that you no longer have to die. We have that GOOD NEWS in Christ who died in our place on the cross. Being in sin we could not be the atoning sacrifice for our own sins. But, in Christ, though we will face physical death, we will no longer have to face a spiritual death.

What is the GOOD NEWS that saves us from the bad news about sin and death? Did the good deeds of Jesus like His feeding the hungry and making the blind see save us from our sin?

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Remember that the wages of sin is not “good deed doing”, but the wages of sin is “death.”

*“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).*

Here we find the gospel, GOOD NEWS, declared.

*“Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures” (I Corinthians 15:1-4).*

Read I Timothy 2:5

Jesus the man is the mediator. He paid the price of death for us. The gospel declared is the DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ. This is GOOD NEWS.

Do you believe with all your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead? Are you willing to confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus before others?

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Read Romans 10:8-13

We must hear, believe, confess, and -----

Is believing enough or must we obey?

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*“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!’ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, ‘Lord, who has believed our report?’ So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:14-17).*

We must obey the gospel or we are still in unbelief.

What will happen to a person who does not obey the gospel?

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*“And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power” (II Thessalonians 1:7-9).*

*“For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God” (I Peter 4:17)?*

The person who does not know God or does not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ will be eternally punished, and eternally separated from God and the power of his glory. God’s power to save is in the gospel. Read Romans 1:16. God as creator made that choice. We as the created must follow His will and His plan.

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## LESSON 3

### Obeying the Gospel and The ONE SPIRIT

How does a human obey the gospel? How does a human obey the DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ? Since we know what will happen to a person who does not obey the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we should be very interested in knowing how to do so.

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*“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin” (Romans 6:1-6).*

Read Romans 6:17-18

We obey the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ by being buried in the waters of baptism. This is how we obey the doctrine delivered. This is where God sees the blood of Jesus Christ in us.



Read Exodus 12:13, Acts 20:28, Romans 6:3-4

Baptism is the place and time that we go from OUT OF CHRIST to INTO CHRIST. (Romans 6:3, Galatians 3:26-29)

Baptism is not a work of man but a work of God. Baptism is the place in repentance that we go from OUT OF CHRIST to INTO CHRIST. We cannot, by our own merit, repent enough (go from doing too much bad to doing enough good) to go from OUT OF CHRIST to INTO CHRIST.

The gospel preached.

*“And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved. Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know-- Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it” (Acts 2:21-24).*

Jesus was crucified, buried, and resurrected and we are guilty.

Were they saved at the point of belief and sorrow?

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Read Acts 2:36-37, James 2:19

They were not! They asked a question, “What shall we do?”

Peter’s response to this question tells us how we call on the name of the Lord.

*“Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.’ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, ‘Be saved from this perverse generation.’ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:38-42).*

Read Acts 2:21, Romans 10:8-17, Acts 22:16

Peter’s response is to obey the gospel which is to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

Read Romans 6:3-4, Romans 6:17-18

What was the gift of the Holy Spirit that they received at baptism? Was it miraculous signs and wonders?

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At baptism we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, The ONE SPIRIT. The gift was the Holy Spirit, and not miraculous signs.

*“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?” (I Corinthians 6:19).*

Read II Corinthians 1:22, Romans 8:15

*“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered” (Romans 8:26).*

When and how were the miraculous signs and wonders given?

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Read Acts 1:4-5, Acts 2:1-11, Acts 10:1-48, Acts 11:1-18

These miraculous signs were given by a baptismal measure on the apostles at Pentecost so that all people could hear the preaching of the GOOD NEWS in their own language and also on the household of Cornelius to prove to the seven Jewish witness that Gentiles were also candidates to hear and obey the GOOD NEWS as well.

Does it mean in (Acts 10:15) when Jesus said, “What God hath cleansed”, and in (Acts 10:47) when Peter said,” received the Holy Ghost” that these Gentiles were saved before they were baptized?

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The Gentiles were called clean (Acts 10:15) because the law of un-cleanness was nailed to His cross (Colossians 2:9-14). But, they were not saved until they obeyed the command to be baptized (Acts 10:48). The miraculous gift of tongues was not a sign that they were saved, but was a sign to the seven Jewish witness that God wanted the GOOD NEWS to be preached to the Gentiles, and that they could be baptized into Jesus Christ for the remission of sins as well. They too had to obey the gospel to become a part of the Spiritual seed of Abraham.

Read Acts 1:8, Romans 9:6-8

*“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:26-29).*

How else were the miraculous signs given besides the baptismal measure given to the apostles at Pentecost as we read in (Acts Chapter 2) and to the household of Cornelius as we read in (Acts Chapter 10)?

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The only other way that these miraculous signs were given was by the laying of the hands of the apostles.

Read Acts 6:1-7, Acts 8:5-25, Acts 19:1-7

Those in (Acts 19) that Paul baptized received the Holy Spirit as a gift immediately upon being baptized and then the miraculous signs when the apostle Paul laid his hands on them. In (Acts 8) we see Philip doing miracles after the apostles had laid hands upon him in (Acts 6), but he does not have the ability to pass these gifts to others. The apostles were called in to do that.

Once the apostles all died and the cannon of scripture was complete, these gifts were no longer needed nor present.

Read I Corinthians 13:1-10, James 2:25, I Peter 3:15, Ephesians 4:15

How is the gospel spread and believed today if there are no miraculous signs for validation?

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*“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher” (Romans 10:14)?*

The gospel is now being spread though the preaching of the truth in love. Men can hear, believe, repent, confess, be baptized, walk in the Spirit and walk in the light.

Read Romans 10:1-17, Romans 6:5-6, Romans 8:1-18, I John 1:5-10



LESSON 4  
Repentance

What does it mean to repent?

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What are some bad things that you feel you should stop doing?

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What are some good things that you feel you should start doing?

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Jesus commands repentance.

*“There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.’” (Luke 13:1-5).*

God commands repentance.

*“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.” (Acts 17:30-31).*

Read Galatians 2:20, Galatians 5:19-26, I Corinthians 6:9-11, James 4:17, Romans 6:1-6

Many will say that because of the GOOD NEWS, we can live as we please and grace will cover all sin, but scripture teaches us that we must stop doing bad and start doing good (repent) because of the fact that Jesus rose from the dead. God is no longer overlooking ignorance. He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ.

How can we be “crucified with Christ” today?

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Read Romans 6:3-4, Romans 6:5-6, Matthew 10:32-39

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new”*  
(II Corinthians 5:17).

*“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation”* (Galatians 6:15).

We must deny ourselves, love all others but love them less than we love Christ, take up our cross and follow Him. We must bury the old man in the waters of baptism and rise up to walk as new creatures in Him.

Extra Questions, Notes, or Concerns:

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## LESSON 5

### The ONE BODY

What is the BODY of Christ?

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*“And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence” (Colossians 1:17-18).*

The body of Christ is the church of Christ.

Who is the BODY of Christ?

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*“For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit” (I Corinthians 12:12-13).*

Read Acts 2:47, Acts 2:40, Acts 2:38

Baptized believers make up the body or church of Christ. At baptism we receive the Holy Spirit as a gift. It is at baptism that we are added to the ONE SPIRITUAL BODY by the Lord.

How many BODIES of Christ are there?

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*“When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, ‘Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?’ So they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered and said, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it’” (Matthew 16:13-18)*

Read Acts 20:28, I Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:26-29

There is one body of Christ which is the church of Christ. Christ built it and Christ purchased it with His own blood.

What is the name of the BODY of Christ?

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Read Romans 16:1, 4, 5, 16, 17-19

*“Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you” (Romans 16:16).*

All of the congregations of the Lord’s church were collectively called the churches of Christ. They were united in doctrine and were told to avoid those who caused divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine they had learned.

What are the members of the BODY called?

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*“And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11:26).*

The disciples were called Christians.

By what authority does this BODY exist and function?

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*“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen” (Matthew 28:18-20).*

Read Acts 2:38, Acts 4:12, Colossians 3:17

The BODY of Christ or church of Christ does all things in the name of Jesus Christ which means by the authority of Jesus Christ

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## LESSON 6

### The ONE FAITH

What is the difference between your personal faith in God and THE ONE FAITH, or is there a difference?

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*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, ‘and was not found, because God had taken him’; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:1-6).*

*“And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily” (Acts 16:4-5).*

Our faith is our belief which compels us to act. THE FAITH is learned decrees. We must have a personal faith in God that compels us to keep THE FAITH if we are to please God.



## LESSON 7

### The ONE FAITH'S Teaching about Church Leaders

Does gender matter when choosing worship leaders?

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Read I Corinthians Chapter 14, I Timothy 2:12-14

During assembled worship, the women are not to speak.

The women are not to teach or usurp authority over the man. (I Corinthians 14:35, I Timothy 2:12). This teaching is from epistles and letters of the apostle Paul, written according to the wisdom given unto him from God. His epistles are called scripture by Peter in (II Peter 3:15-16). This means that they are God breathed and a part of the ONE FAITH.

Does gender matter when choosing elders and deacons?

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Read I Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1-5-9

Elders (bishops) and deacons are to be men, husbands of one wife.

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## LESSON 8

### The ONE FAITH'S Teaching about the Song Service

Does it matter how we worship God in song?

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During the song service, who are the three entities who are to benefit from this part of worship?

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What are some examples of worshipping God in song in the New Testament?

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*“Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God” (Ephesians 5:17-21).*

*“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him”*  
(Colossians 3:15-17).

Read I Corinthians 14:1-40, Matthew 26:30, Acts 16:25-34

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased”*  
(Hebrews 13:8-16).

*“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms”* (James 5:13).

The song service is worship to God in the form of fruit of our lips. The entities who are to benefit are our own person as we make melody in our hearts, the Lord who is the recipient of the praise, and the others who have assembled who will benefit from the message and encouragement found in the words of the songs sung. The words should be sung in a language and method so that those in the room who hear can be edified. Those who do not know God can then begin to worship God and report that God is in you of a truth. The words to the songs we sing must be words that do not add to or take away from the doctrine of Christ (THE FAITH). We must not teach false doctrine through preaching, teaching, prayer or song. There is no command for, nor no need of, instruments of music to fulfill the command to worship God in song. We should not add to or take away from the ONE FAITH (Revelation 22:18-19).

We are certain that singing is of the ONE FAITH, therefore let us offer unto God the fruit of our lips.

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## LESSON 9

### The ONE FAITH'S Teaching about Giving

Does God demand that we give 10% of our income now?

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Is there an appointed time to give?

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What type of giver is God pleased with?

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Are there blessings that are promised to the giver who pleases God?

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*“Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come” (I Corinthians 16:1-2).*

Read Leviticus 27:30-34, Numbers 18:21-32,

I Corinthians 9:11-17, Ephesians 4:26-29, Malachi 3:6-10,

II Corinthians 8:1-5

*“Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation. But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: ‘He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever’” (II Corinthians 9:5-9).*

Read I Timothy 5:16, I Corinthians 16:1-2

In the Old Testament God commanded that the people give 10% of their income. Today God commands that we lay by in-store as we have been prospered, and to give willing on the first day of the week. It is a willing gift from the heart and with it comes the knowledge, not the expectation, that blessings will come again to the cheerful giver. Knowing that we are under a better covenant where grace and mercy prevail, we should willingly give back to God, who has given us all spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:3).

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## LESSON 10

### The ONE FAITH'S Teaching about the Lord's Supper

On what day of the week should the Lord's Supper be partaken of?

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How often should the Lord's Supper be partaken of?

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What are the elements of the Lord's Supper?

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Who should partake of the Lord's Supper?

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*"Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people. Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money."*

*(Luke 22:1-5)*

*“So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude. Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. And He sent Peter and John, saying, ‘Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat.’ So they said to Him, ‘Where do You want us to prepare?’ And He said to them, ‘Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. Then you shall say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, ‘Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’ Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready.’ So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover. When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, ‘With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, ‘Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table.’” (Luke 22:6-21)*

*“And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!” Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing” (Luke 22:22-23).*

Read I Corinthians 11:17-30

*“Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight” (Acts 20:7).*

Read I Corinthians 5:7-8, Acts 20:7

The Lord’s Supper is to be partaken of on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). The first day of the week is Sunday or the Lord’s day. It is the day of the week that Jesus rose from the dead and the day that the BODY of Christ or church of Christ assembled to worship (Matthew 28:1-10, Revelation 1:9-10).

The main purpose of this gathering every first day of the week was to break bread (partake of the Lord’s Supper), although the church in Corinth had to be reminded of this fact (I Corinthians 11:17-30).

Also, on every first day of the week, the worship included singing, praying, preaching, and giving as we see in I Corinthians Chapter 14 and I Corinthians 16:1-2.



The elements of the Lord's Supper are the unleavened bread with represents the body of Christ broken for us and the fruit of the vine which represents the shed blood of Christ.

Those who have been circumcised with the circumcision of Christ (have been baptized into Christ) have right and commandment to eat of Christ our Passover by means of the Lord's Supper.

Read I Corinthians 5:7

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## LESSON 11

### The ONE BAPTISM

Does it matter how baptism is administered? Can we choose between sprinkling, pouring, or immersion?

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*“And the priest shall take some of the log of oil, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand. Then the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle some of the oil with his finger seven times before the Lord”*  
(Leviticus 14:15-16).

Read Acts 2:38, Romans 6:4, Acts 8:26-39

God created human voice and languages and He chose the specific word that He wanted in specific places in scripture. Therefore, man has no right to substitute in another word. In (Leviticus 14:15-16) God used the word for pour, dip or immerse, and sprinkle all in one command. God knows His words.

Pour – Hebrew (Yatsaq) Greek – (Kio)

Dip or Immerse – Hebrew (Tabal) Greek – (Bapto) Sprinkle – Hebrew (Nazah) Greek – (Ramtizo)

In (Acts 2:38) God chose Bapto which means to dip or immerse. Baptism is a burial as we read in (Romans 6:4).

We are sure that the Ethiopian would have had drinking water as he traveled across the desert but yet he waited to come to a certain water that he could "go into and come up out of" to ask for baptism. If baptism was by sprinkling or pouring then the drinking water would have been sufficient anywhere along the way.

Does the teaching that one receives before and after baptism matter?

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*“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen”*

(Matthew 28:18-20).

Should someone or should anyone ever be baptized again?

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*“Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ. And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’ So they said to him, ‘We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.’ And he said to them, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ So they said, ‘Into John's baptism.’ Then Paul said, ‘John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.’ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about twelve in all. And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them” (Acts 18:24 through 19:12).*

Apollos was mighty in the scriptures but he did not know the way of the Lord perfectly. He taught people wrong and baptized them for the wrong reason and with wrong teaching.

Aquilla and Pricilla taught him the way of the Lord more perfectly, but what about those he had taught wrong and baptized under the wrong teaching? Paul came along later, taught them correctly, and baptized them. This baptism was the ONE BAPTISM connected to the ONE FAITH. Their first immersion was not really baptism at all because it was not connected to proper teaching.

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## LESSON 12

### The ONE HOPE

Will all who hope for heaven receive it? What about the expectations and hope of the wicked man and the unjust man?

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*“When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish, And the hope of the unjust perishes” (Proverbs 11:7).*

The hope of unjust men shall perish.

How does it feel when you do not get what you expect to get?  
How does it feel when you do get what you expect to get?

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*“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life” (Proverbs 13:12).*

Hope deferred – soul sick    Desire cometh – a tree of life

Will all who believe in Jesus and believe that they will enter into the kingdom of heaven really get to enter into heaven?

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*“Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness’” (Matthew 7:21-23)!*

Not everyone who saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter –

Is there a hope that will not be deferred? Is there a hope that is sure?

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*“Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil” (Hebrews 6:17-19).*

Read Romans 15:4, Hebrews 11:1, I Peter 3:15

*“... but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end” (Hebrews 3:6).*

*“... in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began ...” (Titus 1:2)*

The ONE HOPE is not a hope that will be a deferred hope but it is an anchor that is sure and steadfast. It is as a tree of life.

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## LESSON 13

The SEVEN ONES - Can you change your religion?

What are the SEVEN ONES?

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*“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (Ephesians 4:4-6).*

By believing in the ONE GOD, believing in the ONE LORD Jesus Christ, accepting the ONE FAITH, being baptized with the ONE BAPTISM, receiving the ONE SPIRIT as a gift, and being added to the ONE BODY, you can have the ONE HOPE of eternal life. It is our prayer that you will obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Can you change your religion?

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Saul did! He went from Judaism to Christianity and became the apostle Paul.

Read Acts 22:1-21

*“While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me. And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision” (Acts 26:12-19).*

What did he give up?

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What did he gain?

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The sorcerers did! They went from witchcraft to Christianity?

*“Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, ‘We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.’ Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, ‘Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?’ Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed” (Acts 19:11-20).*

What did they give up?

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What did they gain?

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Apollos did! He went from “the way of the Lord” to “the way of God more accurately.”

*“Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ” (Acts 18:24-28).*

What did he give up?

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What did he gain?

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The ones Apollos had taught wrong did! They went from false doctrine to truth.

*“And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’ So they said to him, ‘We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.’ And he said to them, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ So they said, ‘Into John’s baptism.’ Then Paul said, ‘John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.’ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about twelve in all” (Acts 19:1-7).*

What did they give up?

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What did they gain?

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Some in Caesar's household did! Some of them may have even gone from Emperor worship to Christianity.

*"Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you. All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household" (Philippians 4:21-22).*

What did they give up?

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What did they gain?

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Some of the Jewish priests did! They went from Judaism to Christianity.

*"Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith" (Acts 6:7).*

What did they give up?

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What did they gain?

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Many Jewish Chief Priests would not follow Jesus!

*“Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God” (John 12:42-43).*

Why would they not follow Him?

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Can you change your religion? \_\_\_\_\_

Should you change your religion? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you have to give up if you changed your religion?

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What would you gain if you changed your religion?

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If you can and should change your religion, then the final question is, “Will you change your religion?” \_\_\_\_\_

*“And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16).*

Be baptized today! Let the Lord add you to His church! Worship the Lord your God in Spirit and in truth! Accept the more perfect way! (Acts 2:38, Acts 2:47, John 4:24, Acts 18:24-28)

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When you are ready to be baptized and added to the body of Christ, please contact a faithful member or minister of a church of Christ near you. You can share what you have learned with them and receive your baptism. You may continue to learn from, and be mutually encouraged by the brethren.

Thanks for joining in the study,  
David



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