

THE
"GOOD NEWS"
AND
"SEVEN ONES"

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I CORINTHIANS 15:1-4

EPHESIANS 4:4-6

LESSON 1

The ONE GOD, The ONE LORD, and The BIBLE

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

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Gen 1:2 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.

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Gen 1:4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Gen 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

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God created!

Do you believe that Jesus is
the Son of God?

Rom 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

Rom 1:2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

Rom 1:3 Concerning **his Son Jesus Christ our Lord**, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

Rom 1:4 **And declared *to be* the Son of God with power**, according to the spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead:**

Rom 1:5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

Rom 1:6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

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.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Joh 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.

Joh 1:7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.

Joh 1:8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.

Joh 1:9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

Joh 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

Joh 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made 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.

Joh 10:30 I and *my* Father are one.

Heb 1:8 But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Joh 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins.

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

Joh 8:59 Then took *they up stones to cast at him*: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

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?

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

2Pe 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

2Pe 1:21 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.

2Pe 3:15 And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

2Pe 3:16 As also in all *his epistles*, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

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.

LESSON 2

The Gospel (GOOD NEWS)

What does the word Gospel
mean?

Rom 10:14 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?

Rom 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, **How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!**

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:

Isa 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

Isa 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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?

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

[Rom 6:23](#) For *the wages of sin is death*; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here we find the gospel,
the GOOD NEWS,
declared.

1Co 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

1Co 15:2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

1Co 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

1Co 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

1Ti 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1Ti 2:5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

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?

Rom 10:8 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;

Rom 10:9 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.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Rom 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Rom 10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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

Is believing enough or must we obey?

Rom 10:14 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?

Rom 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Rom 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

Rom 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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

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

2Th 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

2Th 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that **know not God**, and that **obey not the gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ:

2Th 1:9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

1Pe 4:17 For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?

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.

Rom 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.

God as creator made that choice.

We as the created must follow His will and His plan.

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.

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Rom 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Rom 6:4 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 newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection:

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Rom 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Rom 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

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.

Exo 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD.

Exo 12:13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are*: and **when I see the blood, I will pass over you**, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Act 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed **the church** of God, **which he hath purchased with his own blood**.

Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ** were **baptized into his death?**

Rom 6:4 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 newness of life.

Baptism is the place and time
that we go from OUT OF CHRIST
to INTO CHRIST.

Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:29 And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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.

Act 2:21 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Act 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

Act 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Act 2:24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

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

Were they saved at the point of
belief and sorrow?

Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that **God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, **they were pricked in their heart**, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, **what shall we do?**

Jas 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: **the devils also believe, and tremble.**

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.

Act 2:38 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.

Act 2:39 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.

Act 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

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

Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Act 2:21 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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Rom 10:16 But **they have not all obeyed the gospel**. For Esaias saith, Lord, **who hath believed** our report?

Rom 10:17 So then **faith cometh** by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Act 22:12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt *there*,

Act 22:13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

Act 22:14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

Act 22:15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

Act 22:16 And now **why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.**

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

What was the gift of the Holy Spirit that they received at baptism?

Was it miraculous signs and wonders?

At baptism we receive the
gift of the Holy Spirit, The
ONE SPIRIT.

The gift was the Holy Spirit,
and not miraculous signs.

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you**, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore **glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's**.

2Co 1:21 Now he which **stablisheth us with you in Christ**, and hath **anointed us, is God**;

2Co 1:22 Who hath also **sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts**.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, they are the **sons of God**.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the **Spirit of adoption**, whereby **we cry, Abba, Father**.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Rom 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.**

Rom 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, **because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God.***

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Act 10:1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called **Cornelius**, a centurion of the band called the Italian *band*,

Act 10:2 A devout *man*, and one that **feared God** with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and **prayed to God** always.

Act 10:9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, **Peter** went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

Act 10:10 And he **became very hungry**, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he **fell into a trance**,

Act 10:11 And **saw heaven opened**, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been **a great sheet** knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

Act 10:12 Wherein were **all manner of fourfooted beasts** of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

Act 10:13 And there came **a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.**

Act 10:14 But **Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.**

Act 10:15 And the voice *spake* unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, *that call not thou common.*

Act 10:16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

Act 10:21 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what *is* the cause wherefore ye are come?

Act 10:22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

Act 10:28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

Act 10:34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

Act 10:35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Act 10:36 The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

Act 10:37 That word, *I say*, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

Act 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.

Act 10:39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom **they slew and hanged on a tree:**

Act 10:40 Him **God raised up** the third day, and shewed him openly;

Act 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

Act 10:45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 10:46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Act 10:47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

Act 10:48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

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?

The Gentiles were called clean (Acts 10:15) because the law of un-cleanness was nailed to His cross (Colossians 2:9-14).

Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Col 2:11 In whom also *ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:*

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

Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Col 2:14 *Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;*

Col 2:15 *And* having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

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.

Act 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.

Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

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

Rom 9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For *they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:*

Rom 9:7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Rom 9:8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

Rom 9:9 For this *is* the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son.

Gal 3:26 For *ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*

Gal 3:27 For *as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

Gal 3:28 There is *neither Jew nor Greek*, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are *all one in Christ Jesus.*

Gal 3:29 And *if ye be Christ's*, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

The gospel is now being spread
through the preaching of the
truth in love.

Men can hear, believe, repent,
confess, be baptized, walk in
the Spirit and walk in the light.

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

Eph 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

At baptism we go from OUT OF CHRIST to INTO CHRIST.

Once we are IN CHRIST, we must walk IN THE SPIRIT and IN THE LIGHT as He is in the light.

Our sins of the past are forgiven at baptism and our sins of the present and future are forgiven as we walk in the Spirit and the light and as we confess our sins.

Therefore, there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus who walk in the Spirit and in the light.

LESSON 4

Repentance

What does it mean to repent?

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

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

Jesus commands repentance.

Luk 13:1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

Luk 13:2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

Luk 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luk 13:4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

Luk 13:5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

God commands repentance.

Act 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Act 17:31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Eph 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

Eph 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Gal 5:19 Now the **works of the flesh** are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Gal 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Gal 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

1Co 6:9 Know ye not that **the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God**? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

1Co 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1Co 6:11 And **such were some of you**: but **ye are washed**, but **ye are sanctified**, but **ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God**.

Jas 4:17 Therefore **to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin**.

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Rom 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Rom 6:4 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 newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection:

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

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.

Mat 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 10:33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 10:34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

Mat 10:35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

Mat 10:36 And a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household.

Mat 10:37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Mat 10:38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

Mat 10:39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

2Co 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

2Co 5:15 And *that* he died for all, that **they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.**

2Co 5:16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more.

2Co 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.**

Gal 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

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.

LESSON 5

The ONE BODY

What is the BODY of Christ?

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

The body of Christ is the church of Christ.

Who is the BODY of Christ?

1Co 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.

1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Act 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Act 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Act 2:38 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.

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?

Mat 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?**

Mat 16:14 And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

Mat 16:15 He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?**

Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**

Mat 16:18 **And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock **I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against **it**.**

Act 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed **the church** of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

1Co 12:12 For as **the body is one**, and **hath many members**, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.

1Co 12:13 For **by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Gal 3:26 For **ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus**.

Gal 3:27 For as many of **you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ**.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:29 And if **ye be Christ's**, then are ye Abraham's seed, and **heirs according to the promise**.

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?

Rom 16:1 I commend unto you **Phebe** our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:

Rom 16:3 Greet **Priscilla and Aquila** my helpers in Christ Jesus:

Rom 16:4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also **all the churches of the Gentiles**.

Rom 16:5 Likewise *greet* **the church that is in their house**. Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

Rom 16:12 Salute **Tryphena and Tryphosa**, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved **Persis**, which laboured much in the Lord.

Rom 16:16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

Rom 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.**

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?

Act 11:26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

The disciples were called Christians.

By what authority does this BODY exist and function?

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

Mat 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:

Mat 28:20 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.

Act 2:38 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.

Act 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.

Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

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.

LESSON 6

The ONE FAITH

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

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Heb 11:2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Heb 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is impossible to please him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Act 16:4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

Act 16:5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

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.

What is the ONE FAITH?

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

Mat 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:**

Mat 28:20 **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.**

Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Act 14:21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and *to* Iconium, and Antioch,

Act 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and exhorting them to continue in the faith*, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Act 14:23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

Act 16:4 And as they went through the cities, *they delivered them the decrees for to keep*, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

Act 16:5 And *so were the churches established in the faith*, and increased in number daily.

Act 24:24 And after certain days, when **Felix** came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he **sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.**

Act 24:25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

Rom 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

Rom 1:2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

Rom 1:3 Concerning his Son **Jesus Christ our Lord**, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

Rom 1:4 And **declared *to be* the Son of God** with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

Rom 1:5 **By whom we have received grace** and apostleship, **for obedience to the faith** among all nations, for his name:

Rom 1:11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

Rom 1:12 That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the **mutual faith** both of you and me.

Jud 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the **common salvation**, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should **earnestly contend for the faith** which was **once delivered unto the saints**.

Rom 16:16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

Rom 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.**

The ONE FAITH is all the commandments of Jesus, the apostles' doctrine, and the decrees for to keep.

The ONE FAITH is to be taught, learned, and obeyed.

Those who teach otherwise are to be marked and avoided.

LESSON 7

The ONE FAITH'S Teaching about Church Leaders

Does gender matter when choosing worship leaders?

1Co 14:23 If therefore **the whole church be come together** into one place, and all **speak** with tongues, and there come in *those that are* unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

1Co 14:33 For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

1Co 14:34 **Let your women keep silence in the churches:** for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but *they are commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

1Co 14:35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for **it is a shame for women to speak in the church.**

1Ti 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

1Ti 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

During assembled worship,
the women are not to speak.

The women are not to teach or
usurp authority over the man.

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.

2Pe 3:15 And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

2Pe 3:16 As also in all *his epistles*, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do* also the other *scriptures*, unto their own destruction.

Does gender matter when choosing elders and deacons?

1Ti 3:1 This *is* a true saying, If a **man** desire the **office of a bishop**, he desireth a good work.

1Ti 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the **husband of one wife**, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

1Ti 3:8 Likewise *must* the **deacons** *be* grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

1Ti 3:9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

1Ti 3:10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being *found* blameless.

1Ti 3:11 Even so *must* **their wives** *be* grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

1Ti 3:12 **Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife**, ruling their children and their own houses well.

Tit 1:5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and **ordain elders** in every city, as I had appointed thee:

Tit 1:6 If any be blameless, the **husband of one wife**, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

Tit 1:7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

Tit 1:8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

Tit 1:9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

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

LESSON 8

The ONE FAITH'S Teaching about the Song Service

Does it matter how we worship God in song?

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

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

Eph 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Eph 5:19 Speaking to *yourselves* in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in *your heart* to *the Lord*;

Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Eph 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Col 3:16 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*.

Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

1Co 14:12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, **seek** that ye may excel **to** the **edifying** of **the church**.

1Co 14:13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue pray that he may interpret.

1Co 14:14 For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

1Co 14:15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: **I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.**

1Co 14:16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

1Co 14:17 **For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.**

Mat 26:26 And as they were eating, **Jesus** took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to **the disciples**, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.**

Mat 26:27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it;**

Mat 26:28 **For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

Mat 26:29 **But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.**

Mat 26:30 And **when they had sung an hymn**, they went out into the mount of Olives.

Act 16:22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat *them*.

Act 16:23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

Act 16:24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

Act 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

Heb 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

Heb 13:13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

Heb 13:14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

Heb 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

Heb 13:16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Jas 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

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).

Rev 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:**

Rev 22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, **God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.**

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

LESSON 9

The ONE FAITH'S Teaching about Giving

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

Is there an appointed time to give?

What type of giver
is God pleased with?

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

1Co 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

1Co 16:2 Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

Lev 27:30 And all the tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land, *or* of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD.

Lev 27:31 And if a man will at all redeem *ought* of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth *part* thereof.

Lev 27:32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, *even* of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

Lev 27:33 He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

Lev 27:34 These *are* the commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel in mount Sinai.

Num 18:21 And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, *even* the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

Num 18:22 Neither must the children of Israel henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die.

Num 18:23 But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance.

Num 18:24 But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer *as an heave offering unto the LORD*, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

Num 18:25 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Num 18:26 Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, *even* a tenth *part* of the tithe.

1Co 9:11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, *is it* a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

1Co 9:12 If others be partakers of *this* power over you, *are* not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.

1Co 9:13 Do ye not know that *they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple?* and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

1Co 9:14 Even so hath *the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.*

1Co 9:15 But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for *it were* better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

1Co 9:16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

1Co 9:17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation *of the gospel* is committed unto me.

Eph 4:26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

Eph 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.

Eph 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Mal 3:6 For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Mal 3:7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept *them*. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

Mal 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Mal 3:9 Ye *are* cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation.

2Co 8:1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

2Co 8:2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

2Co 8:3 For to *their* power, I bear record, yea, and beyond *their* power *they were* willing of themselves;

2Co 8:4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

2Co 8:5 And *this they did*, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

2Co 9:5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as *a matter of bounty*, and not as of covetousness.

2Co 9:6 But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

2Co 9:7 **Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.**

2Co 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:

2Co 9:9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

1Ti 5:16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

1Co 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

1Co 16:2 Upon the first *day of the week* let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

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 willingly 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).

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?

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

What are the elements
of the Lord's Supper?

Who should partake
of the Lord's Supper?

Luk 22:1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

Luk 22:2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.

Luk 22:3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

Luk 22:4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

Luk 22:5 And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money.

Luk 22:6 And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

Luk 22:7 Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.

Luk 22:8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, **Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.**

Luk 22:9 And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?

Luk 22:10 And he said unto them, **Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in.**

Luk 22:11 **And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?**

Luk 22:12 **And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.**

Luk 22:13 And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

Luk 22:14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

Luk 22:15 And he said unto them, **With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:**

Luk 22:16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Luk 22:17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, **Take this, and divide it among yourselves:**

Luk 22:18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

Luk 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, **This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.**

Luk 22:20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.**

Luk 22:21 **But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table.**

Luk 22:22 **And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!**

Luk 22:23 **And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.**

1Co 11:17 Now in this that I declare *unto you* I praise *you* not, that **ye come together not for the better, but for the worse.**

1Co 11:18 For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.

1Co 11:19 For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

1Co 11:20 **When ye come together therefore into one place, *this* is not to eat the Lord's supper.**

1Co 11:21 For in eating every one taketh before *other* his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

1Co 11:22 What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise *you* not.

1Co 11:23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That **the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread:**

1Co 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.**

1Co 11:25 After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.**

1Co 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

1Co 11:27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

1Co 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.

1Co 11:29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

1Co 11:30 For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

Act 20:7 And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

1Co 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even ***Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:***

1Co 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

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).

Mat 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

Mat 28:2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

Mat 28:3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

Mat 28:4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.

Mat 28:5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

Mat 28:6 **He is not here: for he is risen**, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Mat 28:7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

Mat 28:8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

Mat 28:9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, **All hail.** And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

Mat 28:10 Then said Jesus unto them, **Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.**

Rev 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

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 which represents the body of Christ broken for us and the fruit of the vine which represents the shed blood of Christ.

Exo 12:41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

Exo 12:42 It *is* a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this *is* that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.

Exo 12:43 And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, ***This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof:***

Exo 12:44 But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof.

Exo 12:45 A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof.

Exo 12:46 In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.

Exo 12:47 **All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.**

Exo 12:48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for **no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.**

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.

Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Col 2:11 In whom also ye are *circumcised with the circumcision made without hands*, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the *circumcision of Christ*:

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

Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Col 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

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LESSON 11

The ONE BAPTISM

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

Lev 14:15 And the priest shall take *some* of the log of oil, and **pour** *it* into the palm of his own left hand:

Lev 14:16 And the priest shall **dip** his right finger in the oil that *is* in his left hand, and shall **sprinkle** of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD:

Act 2:38 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.

Rom 6:4 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 newness of life.

Act 8:26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down **from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.**

Act 8:27 And he arose and went: and, behold, **a man of Ethiopia**, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and **had come to Jerusalem for to worship,**

Act 8:28 **Was returning,** and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

Act 8:29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

Act 8:30 And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

Act 8:31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

Act 8:32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

Act 8:33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

Act 8:34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

Act 8:35 Then **Philip** opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and **preached unto him Jesus.**

Act 8:36 And as they went on *their* way, **they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?**

Act 8:37 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.

Act 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and **they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.**

Act 8:39 And when **they were come up out of the water**, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

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?

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Mat 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:

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Should someone or should anyone ever be baptized again?

Act 18:24 And a certain Jew named **Apollos**, born at Alexandria, an **eloquent man**, *and* **mighty in the scriptures**, came to Ephesus.

Act 18:25 This man **was instructed in the way of the Lord**; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and **taught diligently the things of the Lord**, knowing only the **baptism of John**.

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

Act 19:7 And all the men were about twelve.

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.

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?

Pro 11:7 When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust *men* perisheth.

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?

Pro 13:12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire cometh, *it* is a tree of life.

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?

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Mat 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

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?

Heb 6:17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath:

Heb 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Heb 6:19 Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

Rom 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

1Pe 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Heb 3:6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Tit 1:1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

Tit 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

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.

LESSON 13

The SEVEN ONES

Can you change your religion?

What are the SEVEN ONES?

Eph 4:4 *There is one body*, and *one Spirit*, even as ye are called in *one hope* of your calling;

Eph 4:5 *One Lord*, *one faith*, *one baptism*,

Eph 4:6 *One God and Father of all*, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

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?

Saul did!

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

Act 22:1 Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence *which I make* now unto you.

Act 22:2 (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,)

Act 22:3 I am verily **a man *which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city*** in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, *and* taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

Act 22:4 And **I persecuted this way unto the death**, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

Act 22:5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

Act 22:6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

Act 22:7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**

Act 22:8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, **I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.**

Act 22:9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

Act 22:10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, **Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.**

Act 22:11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

Act 22:12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt *there*,

Act 22:13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

Act 22:14 And he said, **The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One**, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

Act 22:15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

Act 22:16 **And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.**

Act 22:17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

Act 22:18 And saw him saying unto me, **Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.**

Act 22:19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:

Act 22:20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

Act 26:12 Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

Act 26:13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

Act 26:14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?** *it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*

Act 26:15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.**

Act 26:16 **But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;**

Act 26:17 Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

Act 26:18 To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Act 26:19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

What did he give up?

What did he gain?

The sorcerers did!

They went from witchcraft to Christianity?

Act 19:11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

Act 19:12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Act 19:13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

Act 19:14 And there were seven sons of *one* Sceva, a Jew, *and* chief of the priests, which did so.

Act 19:15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

Act 19:16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Act 19:17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

Act 19:18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

Act 19:19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all *men*: and they counted the price of them, and found *it* fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.

Act 19:20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

What did they give up?

What did they gain?

Apollos did!

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

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The ones Apollos had taught wrong did!

They went from false doctrine to truth.

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What did they give up?

What did they gain?

Some in Caesar's household did!

Some of them may have even gone from Emperor worship to Christianity.

Php 4:21 Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you.

Php 4:22 All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household.

What did they give up?

What did they gain?

Some of the Jewish priests did!

They went from Judaism to Christianity.

Act 6:7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and **a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.**

What did they give up?

What did they gain?

Many Jewish Chief Priests would not follow Jesus!

Joh 12:42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:
Joh 12:43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Why would they not follow Him?

Can you change your religion?

Should you change your religion?

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

What would you gain if you changed your religion?

If you can and should change your religion, then the final question is,

“Will you change your religion?”

Act 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Are you ready to be baptized today!

Let the Lord add you to His church!

Worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth!

Accept the more perfect way!

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