

# GOD’S SOLID FOUNDATIONS

An interdenominational study of  
**the foundation principles of Christianity**  
as outlined in Hebrews 6:1-2:

“Therefore, leaving the discussion of **the elementary principles of Christ**, let us go on to maturity, not laying again **the foundation** of repentance from dead works and of faith towards God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgement. And this we will do if God permits.”  
**Hebrews 6:1-3** (NewKJV)

## THE SEVEN FOUNDATIONS

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This course outlines only the basics of each foundation. It is only the beginning!  
God says, “Learn these, teach them, and then, go on from here.” (Heb. 6:1-3).

(Scriptures quoted are from the NEW King James Version).

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Lesson One:                    **THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST**

**VERY IMPORTANT !**    **Read: Colossians 1:13-20.**

**A. – WHO JESUS REALLY IS !**

**I. Jesus is fully God**

1. “Great is the mystery ... God was manifest in the flesh” (1 Tim. 3:16).
2. “Emmanuel - God with us” (Matt. 1:21-23) (‘Jesus’ means ‘Saviour’).
3. “Thy throne O God.” (Heb.1:8 ). (God, the Father, calls Jesus ‘God’).

4. “Express (exact) image of His (God’s) person” (Heb. 1:2-3).
5. “the (visible) image of the invisible God” (Col. 1:15).
6. “The Word was God” (John 1:1).”The Word was made flesh” (John 1:14).
7. “The Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one” (1 John 5:7).
8. “I and My Father are one” ... “You make yourself God” (John 10:30-33).

## **II. Jesus is the great Creator**

1. “By Whom also he made the worlds” ( Heb. 1:2).
2. “By Him were all things created” (Col. 1:16).
3. “All things were made by Him” (John 1:3).

## **III. Jesus became fully Man**

1. Born of a virgin (deity, yet human)(Isa.7:14; Lk.1:30-35)(Conceived by the Holy Spirit).
2. “God manifest in flesh” (revealed in flesh) (1 Tim. 3:16). See also: 1 John. 1:1-2. (Jesus revealed in a real body - “seen, handled,” - not a vision, nor an angel, etc.).
3. “He Himself partook of flesh and blood” (Heb. 2:14-18).
4. “God sent His Own Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh” (Rom. 8:3).
5. “Christ suffered once for sins ... being put to death in the flesh” (1 Pet. 3:18).
6. “Every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist” (1 John 4:3).

## **IV. Jesus is the Son Of God**

1. “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16).
2. “A voice came from heaven, ‘You are My Beloved Son’ (Matt. 3:17; and 17:5).
3. “He overcomes the world, who believes that Jesus is the Son of God” (1 John 5:5).

## V. Jesus is the Christ (Messiah) (the Anointed, the Sent One)

1. “Know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36).
2. “The woman said, ‘Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ)... Jesus said to her, ‘I who speak to you, am He’” (John 4: 25-26).
3. “Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God” (1 John 5:1).
4. “Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also” (1 John 2:22).

## VI. Jesus is our Saviour

1. The meaning of His name “Jesus”, is ‘Saviour’ - (Matt. 1:21; Lk. 2:11).
2. We all need a Saviour - “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:10, and 23). “The wages of sin is (eternal) death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”(Rom. 6:23).
3. His death atoned for all our sin - “God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). See also: 1 Pet. 3:18; Isa. 53:5-6; 2 Cor. 5:21.
4. He is the Universal Saviour - “He Himself is the propitiation (atonement) for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the whole world” (1 Jn. 2:2). “The Father has sent the Son as Saviour of the world” (1 John 4:14). See also: John 3:16.
5. He is the Complete Saviour - “He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him” (Heb. 7:25). See also: Rom. 5:10; Phil. 1:6; Jude 24.
6. He is the Only Saviour - “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). See also: John. 14:6; 1 Tim. 2:5.

## VII. Jesus is Lord Of All

1. Definition of ‘Lord’: having power or authority, King, Governor, Ruler, Master, Owner.
2. “God has made this Jesus ... both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36).
3. “that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living” (Rom. 14:9).

4. "Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of the Father" (Phil. 2:5-11).
5. "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" (Rev. 19:16). See also: 1 Tim. 6:15.
6. Jesus is Lord and has the perfect right to rule over us by reason of:
  - (a) His creation - "All things were created through Him and for Him" (Col. 1:16).
  - (b) His purchase - "You are not your own, you are bought at a price"(1 Cor. 6:19-20).
  - (c) His position - "God has made Him both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36).

**MEMORIZE:** John 1:14 and Rom. 5:8

**B. – WHAT JESUS HAS ALREADY DONE FOR US!**

**I. Jesus has communicated, revealed and demonstrated ‘The Father’ to us, on our level!**

1. “The ‘Word’ became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory” (John 1:14). “My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me” (John 7:16).
2. “The Son can do nothing of Himself, except what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in the same manner” (John 5:19).
3. “The Father who dwells in Me does the works” (John 14:10). “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (John 14:9).

**II. Jesus has given us His example and His teachings to follow!**

1. “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you” (John 20:21). “Christ left us an example, that you should follow His steps” (1 Peter 2:21).
2. “He who says he abides in Christ ought himself also to ‘walk’ just as He walked” (1 John 2:6).

**III. Jesus, by His death on the cross, has fully ‘paid’ for the sins of the whole human race!**

1. “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. ....and made His soul an offering for sin” (Isa. 53:5-6, and 10).
2. “God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8).
3. “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us” (Eph. 1:7-8).
4. “Christ suffered once for sins, The Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit ... through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 3:18-21).

**IV. Jesus has been raised from the dead, by God, to be a victorious living Saviour for us!**

1. “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, He was buried, and He rose again after the third day according to the Scriptures” (1 Cor. 15:3-4).

2. “Jesus was delivered up to death for our offences, and was raised up from death for our justification” (Rom. 4:25).
3. “Since, when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life” (Rom. 5:10).
4. “Our old man (self) was crucified with Christ, ...that we should no longer be slaves of sin” (Rom. 6:6).

**V. Jesus has ascended back to Heaven, and has received all power and authority!**

1. “God raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named” (Rom. 8:20-21).
2. “God has highly exalted Him and given Him The name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and those on earth, and those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:9-11).

**C. – WHAT JESUS DOES FOR US NOW !**

**I. Jesus will come into us by His Spirit, and unite with our spirit, IF we open up to Him !**

1. “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. IF anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and feast with him and he with Me” (Rev. 3:20).

**II. When we sincerely and wholeheartedly turn back to God, and by faith, give ourselves back to Him, and receive Jesus as Lord, God forgives all our sins, and gives us eternal life!**

1. “In Jesus we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” (Eph. 1:7).
2. “The wages of sin is (eternal) death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 6:23).

**III. When Jesus comes into us, we will experience a spiritual “new birth” !**

1. “Jesus said, ‘Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ... that which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit, Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again’” (John 3:3-6).

2. “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed (progressive verb tense) away; behold, all things are become (progressive verb tense) new” (2 Cor. 5:17).

#### **IV. Jesus will baptize (immerse, fill) us with the Holy Spirit and fire !**

1. “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matt. 3:11).
2. “Repent, everyone be baptized in the name of Jesus ... and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all ...” (Acts 2:38-39).

#### **V. Jesus will deliver (liberate) us from satan’s kingdom and power !**

1. “God has delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of The Son Of His Love” (Col. 1:13).
2. “God delivered us, ... and does deliver us, ... and we trust that He will still deliver us” (2 Cor. 1:9):
  - (a.) He has delivered us from the penalty of sin (past).
  - (b.) He does deliver us from the power of sin (present).
  - (c.) He will deliver us from the presence of sin (future).

#### **VI. Jesus is our Healer !**

1. “Jesus went about ... healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease” (Matt. 4:23).
2. “Those who believe, in My name, ... will lay hands on the sick and they will recover” (Luke 16:17-18).

#### **VII. Jesus is our Shepherd !**

1. Our Good Shepherd - loves us, saves us, protects us, knows us intimately, speaks to us, leads us, feeds us, and preserves us eternally. See: John 10:1-11, 14-15, 27-28, and Psa. 23: 1-6.

#### **VIII. Jesus is our great High Priest !**

1. Continually intercedes before the Father on our behalf. See: Rom. 8:31-3; Heb. 7: 24-25; Heb.9:24; 1 Tim. 2:5.

#### **IX. We are to passionately love Him in return, for His great Love, lavished on us!**

1. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,

and with all your strength” (Mark 12:29-30).

2. “We love Him because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19).

**Our relationship with Jesus is not to be just of belief, but of passionate reciprocal love !**

**In simple ‘child-like’ faith :**

**Turn your heart back (repent) to God your Heavenly Father !**

**Receive Jesus with your whole heart, for yourself, personally !**

**Receive ALL of who He is, and ALL of what He has done for you !**

**Begin to receive ALL of what He, your risen Lord, now has for you !**

“As many as receive Him, to them He gives the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name” (John 1:12).

**MEMORIZE:** Rom. 14:9 and 2 Cor. 1:9

**I. Repentance:**

Definition: to turn again, turn back; to change one's mind, reverse direction.  
Repentance is both negative and positive: “from” and “to” - 1 Thess. 1:9.

1. All the Old Testament Prophets preached repentance.
2. John the Baptist preached repentance - Mark 1:4.
3. Jesus preached repentance - Mark 1:14-15; 2:17.
4. The disciples preached repentance - Mark 6:12.
5. The apostles preached repentance - Acts 2:38; 3:19; 20:21; 26:20.
6. It is God's will - 2 Peter 3:9 (absolutely necessary!).
7. It is God's command - Acts 17:30; Lk. 24:47.
8. It delights God's heart! - Luke 15:7, 10, 32.
9. It is a gift from God - We do not produce repentance; we respond to it. God gives the motivation and the power to change. We obey by faith. Acts 11:18; Ezek. 36:25-27; Heb. 10:16 - a change of heart.
10. A change of action and behaviour must follow the change of heart and attitude-Lk. 3:8; Acts 26:20 - (“befitting” means: consistent or suitable with).
11. Christians must keep repenting whenever necessary - Rev. 3:19; 1 Jn. 1:9 – confession must be the verbal expression of repentance in the heart.

**II. Faith:**

1. Definition: Rom. 4:21: note that faith must always be based on God's promise (Word), not on our own wishes. Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:1 - It is not just a mental acceptance of some facts about God. It is completely committing one's self to God's faithfulness and care, totally relying and depending on Him alone. Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 8:37.
2. The whole of our lives must be lived by faith in God - Heb. 11:6; Rom. 1:17.
3. Real faith comes from God as a gift: Rom. 12:3; Heb. 12:2; Mk. 9:23-24; Eph. 2:8  
And it is also to grow and grow as we mature spiritually.

4. Salvation is by Faith: Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 10:9-11 (very important - "believe" in Greek means to: have faith in, cling to, trust in, rely on.) Jn. 5:24; Acts 16:31; (Rom. 5:1; Gal. 2:16; 3:2, 5-6, 11, 14, 22; Jn. 1:12) Faith and Grace are inseparable.

### **III. Grace:**

1. Definition: Free, undeserved favour, as a gift!
2. Salvation is by God's grace - Titus 3:4-7; Acts 15:11. By God's grace alone and not by our works - Rom. 4:3-5; 11:6. Grace is opposite to works (earning, deserving, striving to become worthy). It must be one or the other. It cannot be both. Grace is a free gift!
3. Grace and faith go together: Rom. 3:21-28; Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 5:1-2, 20-21.

### **IV. Both Faith & Grace produce works.** (works do not produce faith or grace).

1. Real (living) faith produces works (action): James 2:17-22; Eph. 2:8-10.
2. God's grace received produces works: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-8; 1 Cor. 15:10.
3. Only faith, which works by love, does any good (avails): Gal. 5:6, 13; 1 Jn. 4:11, 19.

### **V. Living by Faith in God's Grace**

1. Anything that is not done in faith (trust, reliance, depending upon God) is not pleasing to Him. Heb. 11:6.
2. We are saved by faith and we must go on living (doing everything) by faith in His grace (not faith in our own ability, goodness or wisdom): Gal. 2:20; 3:2-3, 11.
3. Col. 2:6 is in a context of faith: (See: verses 5 & 7.)

### **VI We Receive from God, by Faith in His Love and His Faithfulness**

1. Believe (cling to, trust in, rely on God's Word) Mk. 11:22-24.
2. "Ask in faith". Refuse doubting ("wavering") James 1:5-7.
3. "How much more shall your Heavenly Father give..." Lk. 11:9-13.

**MEMORIZE**: 2 Peter 3:9 and Eph. 2:8-9

Lesson Four:

**VII. Repentance, and faith in Jesus, leads to new birth** (beginning of new life)

1. The need for new birth (spiritual birth): John 3:3-8, 15-18, 36; John 1:12-13.

- (a) The kingdom of God is spiritual, not fleshly (natural) - Jn. 3:5-7.
- (b) We are all sinners (spiritually dead) - Eph. 2:1, 5; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Rom. 3:10-12, 19, 23; (even our righteousness is unclean): Isa. 64:6; Jer. 17:9 (we need spiritual life - a new birth, given by God's Spirit).

2. The basis for new birth: - the only basis:

- (a) Jesus, through His death, paid for all our sins, became our substitute, sacrificed Himself for us:

“made Him to be sin for us” - 2 Cor. 5:21.  
“bore our sins in His own body” - 1 Pet. 2:24.  
“suffered for sins” - 1 Pet. 3:18.  
“wounded for our transgressions” - Isa. 53:5-6.  
“the propitiation (payment) for our sins” - 1 Jn. 2:2.  
“Christ...is sacrificed for us” - 1 Cor. 5:7.  
“He died for all” - 2 Cor. 5:15.

3. The means of new birth:

- (a) The Blood of Jesus - 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Eph. 1:7.
- (b) The Word of God - James 1:18, 1 Pet. 1:23.
- (c) The Spirit of God - Jn. 3:5-8; Jn. 1:12-13.
- (d) The Resurrection power of Jesus - 1 Pet. 1:3; Eph. 1:19-22.

4. The initial results of new birth:

- (a) God forgives and cleanses us! (complete, full, free, instant and permanent!):
  - “forgiveness...according to the riches of His grace” - Eph. 1:7.
  - “justified from all things” - Acts 13:38-39.
  - “their sins...will I remember no more” - Heb. 10:16-17.
  - “blot out my transgressions” - Psa. 51:1-2, 9; Isa. 44:22.
  - “as white as snow” - Isa. 1:18.
  - “whiter than snow” - Psa. 51:7.
  - “You have cast all my sins behind your back” - Isa. 38:17.
  - “I will cast all their sins into the depth of the sea” - Micah 7:18-19.
  - “Removed as far as the east is from the west” - Psa. 103:12.

- (b) God imputes (attributes, assigns) the righteousness of Jesus to us! ‘The Great

Exchange: all our awful sin was imputed to Jesus, and all His perfect righteousness is imputed (credited) to us, when we believe!:

“Righteousness shall be imputed to us who believe in Him”-Rom. 4:22-25.

“To Him, his faith is accounted (imputed) for righteousness” - Rom. 4:5-6.

“Found in Christ, having the righteousness from God, by faith”- Phil.3:9.

(c) God begins to transform us by His Spirit and the resurrection power of Jesus!:

“If anyone be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed (present/progressive verb tense) away; behold all things are become (present/progressive) new” - 2 Cor. 5:17).

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind” - Rom. 12:2.

(d) Eternal Life (with God forever!):

“the gift of God is eternal life” - Rom. 6:23.

“shall never perish” - Jn. 10:28-29.

“has everlasting life” (present tense) - Jn. 5:24; 3:36.

“should not perish” - Jn. 3:16.

“has given to us eternal life” - 1 Jn. 5:11-12.

“know that you have eternal life” - 1 Jn. 5:13.

“eternal life” is the person of Jesus (it is one of His names) - 1 Jn. 1:2.

“I will come into him” - Rev. 3:20.

“shall never die” (spiritually) - Jn. 11:25-26.

(e) Assurance:

“know that you have eternal life” - 1 Jn. 5:11-13 - God wants us to know.

“confident...He will perform it” - Phil. 1:6.

“I know...and am persuaded that He is able to keep” - 2 Tim. 1:12.

(f) How to be sure:

(1) Be sure you have definitely received Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Open your heart and invite Him in. Rom. 10:9-13; Jn. 1:12; Rev. 3:20; 2 Cor. 13:5.

(2) Believe God's Word - His promises; Jn. 1:12; Jn. 6:37, 47; Jn. 10:28-29; Rev. 3:20; 1 Pet. 1:3-5.

(3) Believe the inner witness of the Holy Spirit: 1 Jn. 5:10; Rom. 8:15-16.

(4) Look for evidences of new life: 2 Cor. 5:17 (not perfection, but a Beginning, and a progression of change).

(a) begins to keep His commands: 1 Jn. 2:3, 5; 1 Jn. 3:23-24.

- (b) begins to love fellow believers: 1 Jn. 3:14, 18-19, 23-24.
- (c) has evidences of God's Spirit: 1 Jn. 3:24; 4:13; Gal. 5:2.2-23; 1 Cor. 12:7-11.

Any evidence, no matter how small or imperfect, of the Spirit of Jesus within you, changing you, giving new life and a new nature, is proof that you have been “born again” by His Spirit.

**IF** you have never invited Jesus into your life, sincerely and whole-heartedly, ask Him now to come in and forgive you; and give you His New Birth and His gift of Eternal Life! – Rev. 3:20.

**MEMORIZE:** 2 Cor. 5:21 and John 10:28

**I. Baptisms**

**A.** Definition: The Greek word “bapto” means to pour out on; to put into, to wash; to dip into; to overwhelm (submerge, immerse).

**B.** Notice that Heb. 6:2 says “the doctrine of baptisms” (plural).  
There are 3 main baptisms, distinct and separate, but all are closely inter-related :

- Acts 2:38: the pattern: (1) Repent (new birth) - (from the old life).  
(2) Baptism - dying to (and burying) the old sinful self.  
(3) Receive the Holy Spirit - (unto a new life, by His power).

**C.** Watch for the principle: “turning from” and “looking unto”, in each instance.

- (1) Baptism into Christ - 1 Cor. 12:13(a) (The Holy Spirit does the baptizing).  
(2) Baptism into water - Acts 8:12,38 (a fellow Christian does the baptizing).  
(3) Baptism into the Holy Spirit - Luke 3:16 (Jesus does the baptizing) Acts 2:4, 33.

(See chart below for the differences.)

<b>The Baptism</b>	<b>The person doing the baptism</b>	<b>The person being baptized</b>	<b>Into what (whom) they are baptized</b>
<b>1. New Birth</b>	The Holy Spirit	The repenting sinner	Christ, (the Body of Christ)
<b>2. Water</b>	A fellow Christian	A new convert	Water
<b>3. Holy Spirit</b>	Christ	Christian	Holy Spirit

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(1) **Baptism into Christ** (at new birth) (several times the Scriptures refer to the New Birth as a baptism).

(a) The Holy Spirit baptizes the repenting sinner into Jesus Christ and into ‘The Body of Christ’. Rom. 6:3; 1 Cor. 12:13 (From the kingdom of satan into Christ’s).

(b) Gal. 3:26-27; Eph. 4:4-6 (“one baptism” is in the context of The Body of Christ). There is only one baptism into The Body of Christ: namely, **the New Birth**.

(2) **Baptism into water** (after new birth)

(a) John's baptism - Lk. 3:3-6 - from sin; (8- 16) - unto Christ's coming.

- (b) Jesus' baptism - Matt. 3:13-17 - from (death to) His own will and His own life – unto receiving the Holy Spirit, His power and fullness. (Jesus is our example for today).
- (c) Believer's baptism - Acts 19:1-6 - from our old life, “old man” (Rom. 6:2-6); - unto receiving the Holy Spirit, His power and fullness - (Acts 1:4-5, 8; 2:38-39).

Note the pattern: Acts 8:12, 14-17; and 9:6, 17-18; and 19:1-7 (re-baptized). 10:44-48 - ( here God changed the pattern because, up until then, no Jew would have baptized a Gentile. So God baptized them with the Holy Spirit as soon as they believed, and then they were baptized in water).

- (d) Water baptism looks back to embrace what became true spiritually at new birth; and looks forward to receiving and embracing the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- (e) Spiritual significance:
  - (1) It is a public, outward testimony of a heart action - Lk. 3:7-9; Acts 8:36-37.
  - (2) It is accepting and embracing the fact that Jesus has already crucified our “old man”, conquered it, set us free from it; and we now act on that fact. Rom.6:3- 6, 11-14, 22; Gal. 2:20; 6:14. (We are not to crucify ourselves, for Jesus has already done this for us, but we are to accept that, and apply it daily).
  - (3) It is symbolic of the burial of the “old man” Rom. 6:4, 11-14; Col. 2:12..
  - (4) It is symbolic of our resurrection with Christ now - Rom. 6:4-5; Rom. 8:11-13; Gal. 2:20; Col. 2:12; 3:1-5; 1 Pet. 3:21.
- (f) The Old and New Natures - Eph. 4:21-24

- (1) Old: It has been crucified. Count it dead. Put it off like a dirty shirt. Rom. 6:6, 11; Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:9.
- (2) New: It is created by God. 2 Cor. 5:17 (remember: not perfection but progression). Eph. 4:23-24; Col. 3:10; Heb. 10:16 cf. Ezek. 36:26, 27; Jer. 31:33. Count on it being alive! Put it on like a clean coat.

(The difference between the covenants [Old and New Testaments] is this:

The OLD: God out there, writing His commandments out there and saying, “You do them - for me”.

The NEW: God coming into me, writing His commands inside me and saying, “I will do them - in you and for you - by My power, not yours”).

(3) The NEW is Christ Himself living within us - Gal. 2:20; Rev. 3:20; 1 Cor. 3:16. Col. 1:27.

(g) The Natural and the Spiritual - Gal. 5:17.

(1) “Flesh” - It is corrupt, helpless and produces death - Gal. 5:19-21, 24; Gal. 6:7-8; Rom. 7:5; 8:5-8, 13.

(2) “Spirit” - It is life and peace and righteousness, and is stronger – Gal. 5:16; 22, 23, 25; 6:8-10; Rom. 8:2, 5-6, 9-14.

### **SUMMARY:**

Water baptism is accepting and embracing the crucifixion of the “old man” (“the flesh”, “the carnal nature”), already accomplished by Jesus for us, and is a symbol of our burial and resurrection with Christ, to now “live in newness of life”, by the power and fullness of the Holy Spirit.

**MEMORIZE:** Romans 6:4 and Gal. 2:20

### Lesson Six:

(3) **Baptism into the Holy Spirit** (normally after new birth and water baptism).

- (a) Promised in the O.T. - Joel 2:28, 29 cf. Acts 2:16-18 (complete fulfilment is yet to come “in the last days”).
- (b) Prophesied by John the Baptist - Luke 3:16.
- (c) Christ is our example - Lk. 3:21- 22; 4:1, 14, 18-21 (Jesus had the Holy Spirit within Him from conception, but after his water baptism , He had the Holy Spirit come upon Him, fill Him, anoint Him, empower Him and give Him ministries).
- (d) Promised to us by Jesus - Jn. 14:16-18; 15:26; 16:13-16; Acts 1:4-5, 8.
- (e) Began at Pentecost - Acts 2:1-4, 16-18, 33. But not yet completely fulfilled.

(Note: “upon” - Acts 1:8, 2:17 is in contrast to “with” and “in” - Jn. 14:17).

The Holy Spirit is **with** the unsaved to convict them of sin, and to “draw them to Christ”. - Jn. 14:17; Jn. 16:8 .

The Holy Spirit is **in** the believer - Jn. 20:22; 1 Cor. 6:19; Rev. 3:20, giving new life.

The Holy Spirit is **upon** the Spirit-baptized believer - Acts 1:8 giving fullness and power to witness. Compare Jn. 20:22 with Acts 2:2-4. Compare Jn. 4:14 “a fountain” with Jn. 7:37-39 “rivers”).

- (f) Some other instances recorded for us - Acts 4:31; 8:14-17; 10:44-47; 19:1-6.
- (g) Main purposes of the Holy Spirit Baptism:
  - (1) To glorify Jesus - Jn. 16:14-15.
  - (2) To seal us unto Himself - Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30, 2 Cor. 1:22. (a “seal” means: ownership, authorized, approved, certified, endorsed, a safety guaranteed). (“a guarantee” means: a down-payment to bind a bargain, an assurance of much more to come).
  - (3) To give power to be a witness - Acts 1:8 (“be” means your whole life as well as your words will witness that Jesus is real and wonderful.) Lk. 24:46-49.

- (4) To release ministry through us to others - Lk. 4:18-19 (Jesus is our Example) Jn. 7:37-39 (“out of your innermost being shall flow rivers of living water”).  
He gives gifts and ministries as means of ministering to people. 1 Cor. 12:4-11, 28; Rom. 12:3-8, Eph. 4:8-12 (contexts of all these Scriptures is Love & Unity in the Body of Christ regardless of much diversity - 1 Cor. 13:1-7).
- (h) How to receive the Holy Spirit baptism:
- (1) It is commanded - Lk. 24:49; Acts 1:4-5; Eph. 5:18. Obey His command!
- (2) The promise is for all of us - Acts 2:38-39; Luke 11:9-13. Believe His promise!
- (3) By faith, (not by works or deserving but) by His grace !- Gal. 3:2, 14 .
- (4) Ask - Lk. 11:9-13. (The verb tense here is: ‘present/progressive’ meaning: ‘Ask, and keep on asking’) You may also get others to lay hands on you and pray - Acts 8:15-17; 19:6.
- (5) Receive - Lk. 11:13; Gal. 3:2 (“Please give” is the language of asking but “Thank you” is the language of receiving). Receive God’s promise by faith and begin to thank Him in advance! He will be faithful to give in His perfect time.
- (6) Expect - Lk. 24:49-53; Acts 1:8, 12-14 - the disciples could have been sad, but they must have been expecting what Jesus had promised – Acts 1:5 - Expecting in faith should produce joy and praise before the Spirit is given; Rom. 4:21.
- (i) Holy Spirit baptism is just the beginning - we must go on being filled – Jn. 7:37-39 (verb tense means - keep on drinking and drinking). Eph. 5:18-20 (verb tense means - keep on being filled and filled) - e.g. The disciples were baptized in the Spirit at Pentecost - Acts 2:4, and filled again - Acts 4:8, and again - Acts 4:31, etc., etc.

## II Laying on of Hands

1. A means of imparting blessings; expressing oneness with love or compassion for

another, or conferring or confirming authority and ministry.

2. Purposes:

(a) To impart blessing - Gen. 48:14, 20; Mk. 10:16.

(b) Expressing oneness with (identification) Lev. 1:4; 16:21; 24:14; Num. 8:10.

(c) Together with prophetic ministry - 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6.

(d) Ministering the Holy Spirit - Acts 8:17; 9:17; 19:6.

(e) Healing of the sick - Lk. 4:40; Mk. 16:18; Acts 28:8.

(f) Performing of Miracles - Acts 5:12; 14:3.

(g) Ordaining or confirming ministry and authority (representation). Num. 27:18-20; Deut. 34:9; Acts 6:6; 13:3.

**MEMORIZE:** Luke 11:13 and Acts 1:8

Lesson Seven:

**RESURRECTION**

## **I. Resurrection mentioned in the Old Testament**

1. “in my flesh I shall see God” - Job 19:25-27.
2. Christ's resurrection prophesied - Psa. 16:9-10 cf. Acts 2:30-32.
3. “swallow up death in victory” - Isa. 25:8 cf. 1 Cor. 15:54-55.
4. “them that sleep (die)...shall awake” - Dan. 12:2.

## **II. Christ's Resurrection**

1. Jesus taught resurrection - Jn. 5:28-29.
2. Jesus foretold His own resurrection - Matt. 16:21.
3. Jesus' resurrection is real, literal, and physical - Mk. 16:5-6, 9, 12, 14; Lk. 24:36-43; Acts. 1:3; 1 Cor. 15:3-8.
4. Christ's resurrection guarantees ours - 1 Cor. 15:12-23; Rev. 1:5, 18; 1 Cor. 6:14.

## **III. Believer's resurrection**

1. Its certainty - 1 Cor. 15:20-23; Jn. 6:39-40.
2. Its nature:
  - (a) Like Jesus' resurrected body - Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Jn. 3:2-3 (real, literal and physical).
  - (b) We shall recognize and be recognized - 1 Cor. 13:12.
  - (c) Heavenly - 1 Cor. 15:40, 49 (read vs. 36-58).
  - (d) Incorruptible - vs. 42, 52.
  - (e) In glory and power - vs. 43.
  - (f) A spiritual (supernatural) body - vs. 44.
  - (g) Immortal (not subject to death) - vs. 53, 54.
  - (h) Eternal - 2 Cor. 4:16 thru 5:9; Phil. 1:21-24.
3. How does it happen? 1 Cor. 15:51-52 - all changed - instantaneous. 1 Thess. 4:13-18 - “caught up together - meet the Lord - ever be with the Lord”.

4. When shall it happen? - Acts 1:6-7; Matt. 24:36-44.
5. Where shall the believer be? - Our body will be in the grave. But our soul and spirit will be with the Lord in heaven - 2 Cor. 5:6-8; Phil. 1:21-24 - totally conscious and very alive (Lk. 16:23-25) until our bodily resurrection at Christ's appearing (as in #3 above). Then we will be bodily with Him in Heaven until He comes back, with us, to reign on earth.

Rev. 19:11-16 - We will return with Him and live here on this earth in our resurrected bodies and reign with Him for 1,000 years - Rev. 20:4,6. Then, after the 1,000 years, this earth and its heavens (environs) will be destroyed, and the new heavens and new earth will be created, Then we will descend out of heaven to live on the new earth, with the Lord in our midst. Rev. 21:1-5, 9-10, 22-27; 22:1-5, 14.

6. Where shall the unbeliever be? - His body will be in the grave, but he (his total consciousness, soul) will be in Hell. (Lk. 16:19-26) until his bodily "resurrection" at the end of the 1,000 year reign of Christ - Rev. 20:5 - ("the first resurrection" is referring to vs. 4). Then he will be cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 20:11-15. (For the full sequence read: Revelations chapters 19 to 22 inclusive).

**Note:** There are two completely separate "stages" of the resurrection:  
1st for the believers, at Christ's appearing, at "the Judgement Seat of Christ", and ....  
2nd for the unbelievers, at "the great Judgement Day", after the 1,000 year reign of Christ,- Rev. 20:5, 11-13.

#### **IV. Unbeliever's "resurrection" - Matt. 25:46.**

1. Called the "resurrection of damnation" - Jn. 5:28-29.
2. Called the "second death" - Rev. 20:13-15 cf. vs. 5-6; Rev. 21:8.
3. It is real, literal and physical - Lk. 16:23-24; Mk. 9:43-48.

**MEMORIZE :** John 5:29 and 1 Thess. 4:16-17

#### Lesson Eight:

#### **ETERNAL JUDGMENT**

#### **I. God is going to judge all people:** (heart: motives, affections, words and actions).

Jer. 17:9-10; Heb. 9:27; Jude 14-15; Matt.16:27; Heb. 2:2-3; 2 Pet. 2:9 .

1. It is sure and certain, and cannot be escaped - Heb. 9:27.
2. God appointed Jesus to be the judge - Acts 10:42; 17:31; Jn. 5:22; Matt. 25:31-32.
3. God's judgment will be eternal - Heb. 6:2; Rev. 20:10; Matt. 25:46; 2 Cor. 4:17-18.
4. God's judgment is now, as well as future - 1 Tim. 5:24-25; Mk. 10:29-31.
5. God's judgment can be positive, as well as negative - 1 Jn. 2:28; 4:17; 2 Cor. 5:10.
6. God is going to be absolutely fair and just - Gen. 18:25; Job. 34:10-12; Psa. 96:13; Rom.2:2; 9:14; ("His ways are not our ways" - Isa. 55:8-9); e.g. Parable of the labourers - Matt. 20:9-12 (1-16) and the parable of the talents - Matt. 25:29 (14-30).
7. There will be degrees of judgment in Heaven, in Hell and in the Lake of Fire – Lk. 10:12-14; 12:47-48; Matt. 23:14; Rom. 2:5-11; 1 Cor. 3:14-15; 2 Cor. 5:10; James 1:12.
8. God will judge impartially - Job 34:19; Rom. 2:11; 1 Pet. 1:17; 2 Tim. 4:8.
9. All secrets will be exposed and judged - Lk. 12:2-3; Eccl. 12:14; 1 Cor. 4:5.
10. Basis of God's judging:
  - (a) According to the 'light' received - James 4:17; Lk. 12:47-48; Jn. 3:19; 1 Tim. 1:13 (he was guilty but obtained leniency because of his ignorance).
    - (1) thru nature - Rom. 1:18-21; Psa. 19:1-4.
    - (2) thru conscience - Rom. 1:19; 2:14-15; Titus 1:15; Eccl. 11:9.
    - (3) thru the Word of God (written or spoken) - Jn. 5:45-47; 12:48; Rom. 2:2; 2 Pet. 2:20-21; James 2:12 .
    - (4) thru opportunities - Lk. 10:13-14; Jn. 15:22-24; 9:41.
  - (b) According to our deeds (in relation to the amount of "light" received) and our obedience to it) Rom 2:6.
    - (1) deeds of the body (works) - 2 Cor. 5:10; Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 16:27 .
    - (2) deeds of the tongue (words) - Matt. 12:36-37; Lk. 6:45-46; Deut. 23:21.
    - (3) deeds of the heart (motive, attitudes, affections) - Lk. 6:45; Matt. 15:18-20; Jer. 17:9-10.

**Note:** God is not at all impressed with our religious professions and outward show, but He looks for authenticity: the reality and sincerity of heart and action - Rom. 2:13,

17-24; 28-29 - (for “Jew” you could put “Christian”) - (read 12-29);  
James 1:22-26; Matt. 21:28-31.

11. There will be two main judgments (or two stages of God's eternal judgment):

(a) The Judgment Seat of Christ (for believers only) - Rom. 14:10-12;  
2Cor. 5:9-10; 1 Cor. 3:11-15; Eph. 6:8; Col. 3:23-25; Gal. 6:7-9;  
1 Jn. 2:28; Rom. 2:7,10 -11; 2 Tim. 4:1. - Notice that these Scriptures are all  
about believers and that some will suffer loss; as well as some will receive  
good (rewards).

This is NOT for judging sin unto condemnation (this was done at Calvary) but  
for determining the extent of glory, honour, and reigning with Christ, etc.

(b) The Great White Throne (for unbelievers only) - Rev. 20:5(a), 10-15;  
Rev. 21:8 - Notice there is no mention of believers here. “Their names are not  
found in The Book Of Life”. 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Matt. 25:41; Rom. 2:8-9.

12. These two judgments are not to determine who is saved or lost (this is done when we  
accept, or reject, Christ - Jn. 3:18); but they are to determine the degrees of reward  
for believers and the degrees of punishment for unbelievers.

13. Repentance, receiving Jesus, following and obeying Him faithfully, NOW in this life,  
will determine the outcome of the judgements! - 2 Pet. 3:9; Ezek. 33:11;  
Jonah 3:4-10; Jonah 4:2.

**MEMORIZE:** 2 Cor. 5:10 and Jer. 17:10

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**IMPORTANT !**

Read the context of: Heb. 6:1-3, namely: Heb. 5:11 - 14.

<b><u>Spiritually “Babes”</u></b> ----- versus ----- <b><u>Spiritually “Mature”</u></b>	
dull of hearing	teachers
need <u>1st principles</u> again	need strong ‘food’
need milk	senses exercised
unskilled in the ‘Word’	discerns good and evil

**“Babes”:**

5:12 - ought to be teachers (by now).

5:12 - need to be taught again **the first principles of Scripture** - (they forgot them).

5:13 - unskilful (has no experience in the ‘Word’).

**“Mature”:**

5:14 - have taught others.

5:14 - have solid ‘food’.

5:14 - by reason of use, have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

**TEACHING OTHERS:**

A very important way of getting spiritual experience and exercise, developing skill, retaining God’s Word, maturing spiritually, and serving Jesus, is to teach others just as you were taught. We ....

5:12 - ought to be teachers.

6:1 - go on to maturity.

6:3 - this we will do.

2 Tim. 2:2 - “the things that you have heard from me ..., commit these to faithful ones who will be able to teach others also.”

**TEACH IT TO KEEP IT!**

**USE IT OR LOSE IT!**