Doctrines of the Bible
Introduction to Theology

Doctrine or Theology?

Theology is the *systematic study* of the fundamental *truths* of Scripture that will give us the *foundation* for what we believe.

- **Theology comes from two Greek words:**
  - ***Theos* – God + *logia* – study or the study of how God *relates* to *man*.**
  - **A study of Theology will give us *Biblical* answers to the questions that trouble man:**
    - ***"Where did I come from?"***
    - ***"What am I?"***
    - ***"Where am I going?"***
- **Without proper theology we will not develop to the full *potential* God has in His plan for us.**
  - **Sound Biblical Theology will give us a strong backbone with**
    - ***Clear-cut beliefs*.**
    - ***Clear Convictions*.**

In the New Testament the word Doctrine comes from two Greek words: *didache* (did-akh-ay) & *didaskalia* (did-as-kal-ee-ah), meaning: *teaching* or *instruction*.

- **Matthew 7:28**, *And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine* (Authority – *didache*)**.**
- **Ephesians 4:14**, *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive*. (The act of Teaching –*didaskalia*).
- **II Timothy 4:2&3**, *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables*.

- **Matthew 7:26**, Jesus gave the illustration of two kinds of foundations rock and sand. Jesus said that a wise man would build his house upon a rock (Working Theology) because in days of difficulty he would have a solid foundation that will not be soon washed away (Sound Doctrine).

Bible Doctrine Will:

A Supply us with Statements of Truth.
B Provide us with System of Belief for Godly Character.
C Safeguard Us from Error.
D Equip Us to Teach.

Our Studies:

A The Inspiration of Scripture.
B The Doctrine of the Trinity.
C God the Father.
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    a. His Person.
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    a. The Blessed Hope.
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    d. The Final Judgment.
    e. The New Heavens and New Earth

The Inspiration of Scripture

Matthew 24:34 & 35, *Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.* **KJV**

II Timothy 3:16, *All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.* **KJV**

II Peter 1:21, *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For 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.* **KJV**

Webster defined inspiration as: *the supernatural influence of the Spirit of God on the human mind, by which prophets and apostles and sacred writers were qualified to set forth Divine truth without any mixture of error.* **KJV**

The Scriptures Are:

A Living.

a. No matter how many times you read scripture there will always be new revelation.
   1. **Matthew 6:9-13**.
b. Every time we read the scripture we put the Holy Spirit to work.
   1. **John 14:26**.
c. When we read the scripture God speaks to us.
   1. **Hebrews chapter 2**.
d. The scripture cuts to the heart of the human situation.
   1. **Hebrews 4:12**.
      a). Throughout scripture reading the word revived men.
         1). **Acts 8:28.**
         1). **II Chronicles 34:14-28**.
            i. Charles Finney had a clear understanding of what revival was and what would bring revival.
               1. He defined revival with five "C's."
                  a. Conviction of sin.
                  b. Confession of sin to God.
                  c. Cleansing from sin by the blood of Christ.
                  d. Consecration to serve God with a whole heart and the power of the Holy Spirit.
                  e. Conversion of sinners to Jesus Christ through the efforts of a revived church.

B True

a. The Scripture is the basis for our relationship with God.
    1. **Romans 10:17**.
    2. **Galatians 3:5**.
b. God is realized in the human experience through His works and His activities.
    1. **Psalm 103:7.**
c. Without an experience of God we cannot understand truth**.**
    1. **John 18:38.**
    2. **Philippians 1:18.**
    3. **Psalm 30:9**.
d. From the scripture we see God activated in human life through.
    1. Revelation
    2. Miracles
    3. Prophecy.
        a). Prophecy comes through preaching and revelation, **Revelation 1:9 & 19:10.**

Consistency of Design:

C When the Old and New Testaments are compared there is a consistency of design that keeps both testaments in tune with each other.

a. Jesus identifies with the prophets.
    1. **Matthew 24:15**.
    2. **Luke 4:18&19**.
    3. **Luke 16:19-31**.

D The Theories of Inspiration

a. The Intuition Theory.
    1. This theory holds the inspiration is only a higher development of natural insight into truth, which all men possess.
b. The Illumination Theory.
    1. This theory holds that inspiration is an intensifying of the concepts of the Christian mind. People that hold to this theory say the Bible is not the word of God; it only contains God's words. They believe that only the writers, not the writings are inspired.
c. The Dictation Theory.
    1. This theory believes that the writers of scripture were possessed body, mind, and spirit by the Holy Spirit. This theory believes that the writers were the pens, not the penmen of God.
d. The Dynamic Theory.
    1. This theory holds to the premise that inspiration is not only natural but also supernatural. This is the true view of inspiration of scripture. This theory allows for the human element as in the four Gospels where we see divinely revealed truth shaped from the writings of four different men.

The Doctrine of the Trinity

A What does the term Trinity mean?

a. *Within the one Being that is God, there eternally exists three coequal and coeternal Persons, namely, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*.

B The term Trinity does not appear in Scripture.

1. The word trinity is used to help us express a doctrine that is Scriptural, and yet beyond the comprehension of the human mind.
2. Dr. Walter Martin said, *No man can fully explain the Trinity, though in every age scholars have propounded theories and advanced hypotheses to explore this mysterious Biblical teaching. But despite the worthy efforts of these scholars, the Trinity is still largely incomprehensible to the mind of man*.

b. The Bible has many references to the Trinity, even though the word Trinity is never used.

1. Both Old and New Testaments teach the Unity and the Trinity of the Godhead. The idea that there is only one God, who created all things, is repeatedly emphasized in Scripture.

a). Deuteronomy 6:4, *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one*.

b). Jesus repeats this verse in Mark 4:29.

- **John 14:5-26**
  - *Jesus is speaking to His disciples…*
    - *He is the Way to the Father.*
    - *The Truth of the Father.*
    - *The Life of the Father.*
    - *He Promises the Holy Spirit*.
- **Matthew 3:16 & 17**
  - *Christ is baptized in water.*
    - *The Heavens were opened.*
    - *The Spirit of God descended.*
    - *The Father spoke from heaven.*
- **Genesis 1:1-3; 1:26**
  - *In the beginning God…*page 201
    - *The Father…*
    - *The Holy Spirit brooded…*
    - *The Word created…*
      - **John 1:1-5**

The Eternal Godhead:

C In his epistle to the believers in Rome the Apostle Paul emphasized the divine nature of God through a brief study of natural things.

a. In **Romans 1:18-20**, Paul says that by looking at the created world man can clearly see the evidence of God's.
    1. *Eternal Power*.
        a). In the Universe.
        b). In the Living Universe.
            1). Creation.
            1). Restoration.
    2. *Eternal Godhead (Divine Nature).*
        a). Intelligence.
        b). Detail.
        c). *Order*.
        d). *Beauty*.
            1). It needs to be emphasized that this is a doctrine that is not explicitly stated either in the Old or New Testaments, but is implied in both.
            1). Trinity is only a term to describe One God manifested in Three persons or Godhood.
b. Each person of the Trinity has His separate personality and work.
    1. The Father is *invisible*, **John 14:8&9.**
        a). He is the background for everything.
    2. The Son is *visible*, **I John 1:1&2**.
        a). He is the revealer of the universe.
    3. The Holy Spirit is *experienced*, **John 16:13**.
        a). He reveals how both God and God's creation work. There is a working of the divine nature of God in the universe.
            i. Time (past, present & future).
            i. Water (liquid, ice & vapor or steam).
            i. Color (red, blue & yellow).
            i. Instruments (string, wind & percussion).

God the Father

Isaiah 6:1-4, *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train (or His robe) filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory." And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him who cried, and the house was filled with smoke.* **KJV**

Isaiah 40:21-23, 25, 27-28, *Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from he foundations of the earth? It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless…To whom then will you like Me, or to whom shall I be equal? Says the Holy One…Why do you say O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my claim is passed over by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, never faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.* **KJV**

Revelation 4:8, *And the four living creatures had each of them six wings about them and they were full of eyes within; and they rest not day and night, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is, and is to come."* **KJV**

God Is Holy:

A When something in scripture is important it is repeated.
- a. For instance, the gospels record 79 *"Verily"* sayings of Christ.
  - 1. Of those sayings 26 times Jesus said, *"Verily, verily."*
    - a). That means we need to sit up and take note.
  - 2. Twice in scripture we have pictures of the throne room of God, **Isaiah 6:3** & **Revelation 4:8**.
    - a). In both cases the character of God that is proclaimed is His holiness.
    - b). This means that we are to take the holiness of God very seriously.

B Holiness Defined.
- a. Holiness as defined in scripture encompasses two elements.
  - 1. To Be Set Apart or Sanctified.
    - a). As the vessels in the temple were dedicated to God and set apart for purposes of worship, so we are to be set apart and made holy. **Revelation 4:11**.
  - 2. To Be Pure or Righteous.
    - a). Righteousness doesn't mean that God does right things. Rather it means that everything God does is right.
    - b). The scripture says that my righteousness is a *"filthy rags,"* **Isaiah 64:6**.
    - c). Now we can begin to understand **Romans 5:17**, where Paul calls righteousness a *"gift*."

b. God is Sinless.

1. He makes me Justified.
   a). Sinlessness is the characteristic of God by which all other attributes are measured.
   b). Sinless is what God is.
   c). Because of His sinless nature everything He does is Holy.
      1). His love is holy.
      1). His justice is holy.
      1). His mercy is holy.
      1). His knowledge is holy.
      1). His Spirit is holy.
         i. When He touches me, I become justified *(just-as-if-I-had-never-sinned*). I accept this by faith.
            1. **Galatians 3:6-14**.
   d). God is Holy, and His call to us is to be a holy people.
      1). We cannot become holy by our own power.
      1). Holiness is a gift that is given to us as we humble ourselves before him.
      1). In a culture that tells us that the way to find meaning is to look inside yourself, to pull yourself up by your bootstraps, humility seems like a foolish, and weak character trait.
      1). But God tells us that the way up is down.
      1). When we humble ourselves we truly understand who God is.

God is Transcendent:

C By transcendent we mean that God is outside of His creation.

a. He sits above the earth.
   1. **Isaiah 40:12-26**.

b. The nations of the earth are like a "*drop of a bucket*," in comparison to the greatness of God**.**
   1. **Verse 15**.

c. When mankind is compared to God man becomes aware that he is nothing.
   1. God is incomparable.
      a). God sees all for nothing is hidden from Him.
      b). He is everlasting.
      c). He is all-powerful, never growing weary.
      d). His understanding is beyond our ability to comprehend.

D Transcendence has attributes.

a. God is independent of creation.
   1. He is free to choose anything He wants.

2. His only restriction is His perfection.
3. Therefore, He is truly free to do whatever He wants.

b. God is Eternal or Omnipresent.
1. To be eternal means that God exists outside of time.
2. All of time is equally present to God.
3. That means God, right now, is aware and living in the past just as much as He is aware of the present, and lives in our future.
4. There is nowhere we can go that God is not there.
a). **Psalm 18.**

c. God is All Knowing or Omniscient.
1. To be Omniscient means to know everything.
a). God cannot be taken by surprise.

d. God is All Powerful or Omnipotent.
1. To be Omnipotent means to be able to do anything. Gabriel asked Mary, *Is anything to hard for God*?

Our Response:

E When we consider His holiness our response will be like Isaiah's.

a. Isaiah 6:5, *Then I said, "Woe is me! For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen he King, the Lord of hosts*."
1. When John saw the holiness of God he said.
a). Revelation 1:17, *And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead*.

God the Son

The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

Genesis 1:3, 26&27, *And God said, Let there be light: and there was light…And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.* **KJV**

John 1:1-5, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.* **KJV**

Colossians 1:15-18, *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence.* **NKJV**

Colossians 2:9&10, *For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him who is the head of all principality and power.* **NKJV**

The Diety of Christ:

A What do we mean by Deity?

a. Deity means: To be given the rank or essence of God (Webster's Dictionary).
    1. There is no need to look the word up in your Bible.
    2. It's another one of those definitive terms we use to describe an idea.

b. Dake's Annotated Reference Bible states 577 times in the New Testament *Jesus* (the human name of the Son of God) is linked to *Christ* (The Anointed One sent by God).
    1. **Matthew 1:1** says, *The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham.*
        a). *Christ*, Greek *Christos* meaning: *Anointed.*
        b). Hebrew *Messiah***, Daniel 9:24-26.**
            1). **Philippians 2:5**, *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking on the form of a bond servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore, God also 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 of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

B What the Deity of Christ Means to Us

a. How we worship and whom we worship will be determined by our view Jesus Christ.

b. Many people believe there is only one God called by many names.

1. The Romans had 24 major gods broken down into two lists an A list of important gods and the B list of lesser gods.
2. The Egyptians had 14 major gods.
3. The Nordic tribes had 6 major gods.
4. The Greeks had 12 immortals that lived on Mt Olympus.
5. Alain Danielou, in his book, <u>The Myths and Gods of India</u>, explains: "*Actually there can be no limit to the number of Hindu gods*."
6. The Mormons believe we all will become gods if we just join their ranks.
7. The Muslims have their god.

c. As Christians we believe that God came down in human flesh and walked on the earth.

1. **Isaiah 7:14,** *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel*.
2. *Immanuel,* Hebrew *'el,* meaning: *One like God with us*.

a). **Luke 1:31**, *And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name* ***JESUS****."*

1). 211 times the Apostle Paul invokes the name of Jesus.

1). Of that number only 12 times does the name of Jesus stands alone.

i. 22 Lord Jesus.
i. 55 Lord Jesus Christ.
i. 6 Jesus Christ our Lord.
i. 51 Christ Jesus.
i. 63 Jesus Christ.
i. 2 Jesus our Lord.

1. I believe Paul wrote this way because of **Colossians 4:1**.

d. This is important from the standpoint that liberal theology has an agenda to change our view of Jesus Christ.

1. Burton Mack, has written a book titled, <u>A Myth of Innocence</u>, a study on the Gospel of Mark.

a). Mack claims that the author of the book of Mark invented a Jesus that did miracles, raised the dead, rose from the dead, and propagated a myth that is dangerous to our culture.

b). Robert Funk, chairman of the Jesus Seminar has said, *What we need is a new fiction…a new narrative of Jesus, a new gospel…that places Jesus differently in the grand scheme of things*.

1). The Jesus Seminar teaches that the old Jesus is unsuitable for our culture and is harmful to world peace.

i. **Isaiah 9:6,** *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder, And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father* (a reference to Christ's care for His people), *Prince of Peace*.

i. Do not confuse Everlasting Father with the first person of the Trinity.

1. **John 14:9,** …*if you have seen me you have seen the Father*.

C Jesus Christ is Co-Equal with God.

a. Jesus Christ is co-equal with God the Father and with God the Holy Spirit including all the divine attributes of the trinity:

1. Eternal Existence - **Isaiah. 9:6; Micah 5:2; John 1:1,2; 8:58**.
2. Immutability *(unchangeable)* - **Hebrews. 1:10-12, 13:8**.
3. Omnipotence - **Philippians 3:21; Revelation 1:8; I Corinthians 15:25**.
4. Omniscience - **John 2:25; 6:64; 10:15; 21:17**.
5. Omnipresence - **Ephesians 1:23; John 14:23; Matthew 18:20**.

a). He is equal with the Father - **John 5:18-23**.

1). **Vs. 18** - equal in being.

1). **Vs. 19** - equal in works (what the Father does, the Son does).

1). **Vs. 21** - equal in power (in terms of giving life).

1). **Vs. 22** - equal in authority.

1). **Vs. 23** - equal in honor

b. As the Word of God

1. He is the creator of all things - **John 1:3,10; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:10**.
2. He is the preserver of all things - **Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:17**.
3. He pardons sins - **Luke 5:24; Colossians 3:13**.
4. He raised the dead, and He will raise the dead - **II Corinthians 1:9; John 5:21, 28,29; 11:25**.
5. He rewards the saints - **II Corinthians 5:10**.
6. The judgment of the world is committed to Him - **John 5:22; Revelation 20:12**.
7. He accepts our worship – **John 5:22; Luke 24:52; I Corinthians 1:2; John 14:13,14**.

God the Holy Spirit

His Person

Mathew 28:18&19, *And Jesus came and spoke to them saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* **NKJV**

John 14:15-17, 26, *"If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be with you…But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."* **NKJV**

II Corinthians 3:16&17, *Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.* **NKJV**

II Corinthians 13:11-14, *Finally, brethern farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen* **NKJV**

Act 5:3&4, *But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."* **NKJV**

Who is the Holy Spirit?

A The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity.

a. At the baptism of Christ the Holy Spirit embodied itself like a dove descending onto Jesus the Christ as He came up out of the water, **Mathew 3:13-17**.
    1. Revealing the Godhead as three persons separated by time and space.
        a). The Father was in heaven.
        b). The Son was in the water.
        c). The Holy Spirit came down like a dove.

b. At the Last Supper the Lord promised the coming of the Holy Spirit, **John 14:16,17&26**.
    1. Revealing the Holy Spirit's personal work on earth and in the church after the ascension of Christ.
        a). His work is Comfort (Helper), **John 14:16**.
        b). His work is eternal, **John 14:16**.
        c). His work is to remind, **John 14:16**.
        d). His work is to testify, **John 15:26**.

e). His work is to convince of sins, **John 16:7&8**.
f). His work is to revealer all truth, **John 16:13**.

c. On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit became the Baptizer, **Acts 2:1-4**.
1. Filling the house and filling the people.
a). He came as a sound, **Acts 2:2**.
b). He appeared as a fire, **Acts 2:3**.
c). He gave utterance to men, **Acts 2:4**.

B The Holy Spirit In The Old Testament.

a. Holy Spirit's power was evident:
1. As He empowered people, **Judges 6:34; 1 Chronicles 12:18 & 2 Chronicles 24:20**.
2. Interpretation of dreams, **Genesis 41:38, Daniel 5:11**.
3. Special skills, **Exodus 31:1-7**.
4. Prophesy, **1 Samuel 10:6, 2 Samuel 23:23, Ezekiel 11:5&24, Joel 2:28-29**.
5. During Creation, **Genesis 1:2, Proverbs. 8:22-31, Psalms. 33:6, Isaiah 40:12&13**.
6. The Father provided, The Son created & the Holy Spirit brought order.
7. As Wisdom, **Proverbs 8, Isaiah 11:1-3**.
8. As He moved people, **Ezekiel 2:2, 3:12-15, 11:24, 37:1&14, 43:5**.
9. Brought righteousness, **Psalm 143:10; Isaiah 4:4**.
10. Gave life, **Genesis 2:7, Job 33:4**.
11. Sustained life, **Psalm 104:10-14 & 30**.
12. With power to take life, **Isaiah 40:7; Psalm 104:29; Job 34:14-15**.
13. As omnipresent, **Psalm 139:7-10**.

C The Holy Spirit In The New Testament.

a. In the New Testament the Holy Spirit:
1. Gave life to the church, **John 6:63, Romans 8:2**.
2. Gave supernatural ability, **Acts 2:43, 20:7-12**.
3. Caused the church to bear fruit, **Galatians 5:22&23.**
a). Note the word "fruit" is singular, not plural.
4. Imparted anointing (unction), **I John 2:20**.
5. Guaranteed our salvation**, II Corinthians 1:21**.
6. Gave guidance to the church, **Romans 8:14**.
7. Sealed the church, **II Corinthians 1:21&22**.
8. Set apart the people of God for the ministry of God, **Acts 13:1-3**.
9. Defined the church's mission, **I Corinthians 12**.

D The Holy Spirit Is Not An "*It.*"

a. Modern theologians are teaching today that the Holy Spirit is only a force or an influence that emanates from God.
1. This is often defined by *"good feelings."*

2. This is a carry over of the Gnostic philosophy that the Apostle Paul warned of in **Colossians 2:8**, *Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit according to the traditions of men, according to the basic principles of the world not according to Christ*.
3. The Gnostics were infiltrating the early church with their corrupt doctrines.
    a). Gnostic teaching is a philosophical system built on the Greek understanding that matter is evil and spirit is good.
    b). The Gnostics believed in a clear separation between material world and spirit world.
    c). If you take this teaching to its limit the Gnostics believe it is impossible for God to incarnate into a human body.
        1). They teach docetism (a teaching that Christ did not have a physical body – that Christ only seemed to die and suffer – it was really an illusion).
    d). This is the belief of the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses.
        1). That why I give this teaching in the present and not past tense.
    e). Without a body there could have been no sacrifice.
    f). Without a sacrifice there is no redemption.
    g). Without redemption there is no Christ raised from the dead.
    h). Without Christ being raised from the dead there is no Spirit to *quicken* our mortal bodies.
    i). Therefore, it is all just a feeling.

E The Holy Spirit is not just a force.

a. The Holy Spirit has personal attributes.
1. He has a will, **I Corinthians 12:11**.
2. He possesses wisdom, **Isaiah 11:2**.
3. He possesses power, **Micah 2:7, 3:8; Ephesians 3:16**.
4. He teaches, **John 14:26; Luke 12:12; I John 2:27**.
5. He testifies**, John 15:26; I Peter 1:11**.
6. He guides, **John 16:13, II Peter 1:21**.
    a). These are the qualities given to a personality.

F Jesus Christ referred to the Holy Spirit as He.

a. **John 16:13**, *However, when He the Spirit of truth, has come*…
1. He, Greek ekeinos, a strong masculine pronoun.
    a). Jesus Christ stressed the fact that the Holy Spirit is not an "*it*".
    b). **Romans 8:26**, *the Spirit itself*…KJV
        1). Spirit, Greek *pneuma*, gender neutral**.**

God the Holy Spirit
His Power

Acts 1:4-8, *And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "You have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea an Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* **NKJV**

Romans 8:11, 14 & 17, *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you…For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God…and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. If indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.* **NKJV**

Ephesians 4:30, *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.* **NKJV**

Luke 24:49, *"Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."* **NKJV**

Defining The Holy Spirit

- In our last session we learned that Holy Spirit is God**, Acts 5:3&4**.
    a. The Holy Spirit is not a special force or influence that emanates from God.
        1. He is the third Person of the Trinity**, John 14:17, 15:26 & 16:13.**
        2. He has feelings, **Ephesians 4:30**.
        3. He has a mind of infinite knowledge, **Romans 8:26**.
        4. He has a will, **Romans 8:27**.
        5. He speaks, **Acts 13:2.**
            a). A force or power does not have these attributes and abilities.

- Isaiah spoke of the Holy Spirit more than any Old Testament prophet.
    a. **Isaiah 11:1&2** outlines the 7 ministries of the Holy Spirit that would reside in the Christ.
        1. Spirit of the Lord (**Isaiah 42:1).**
        2. Spirit of Wisdom.
        3. Spirit of Understanding.
        4. Spirit of Counsel.
        5. Spirit of Might.
        6. Spirit of Knowledge.
        7. Spirit of Fear (Reverence) of the Lord.
- **John 16:7**, *Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.*
    a. *Expedient***,** Greek *soom-fer-o***, A word used 17 times in** Scripture.

1. 7 times translated *expedient*, **John 11:50, 16:7, 18:14 & I Corinthians 6:12.**
2. Meaning: *to bring together*.

What The Holy Spirit Brought Together:

- The Holy Spirit brings together the gifts that the church (Greek, *ekklesia:* called out ones) needs to build character, stability and power in ministry**.**
    a. Ascension Gifts, **Ephesians 4:7-16**.
        1. Apostles.
        2. Prophets.
        3. Evangelists.
        4. Pastors.
        5. Teachers.
    b. Spiritual Gifts, **I Corinthians 12:1-11**.
        1. Word of Wisdom.
        2. Word of Knowledge.
        3. Faith.
        4. Gifts of Healing.
        5. Working of Miracles.
        6. Prophecy.
        7. Discerning of spirits.
        8. Various kinds of tongues.
        9. Interpretation of tongues.
    c. Service Gifts, **Romans 12:6-8.**
        1. Prophecy.
        2. Ministry.
        3. Teaching.
        4. Exhortation.
        5. Giving.
        6. Ruler.
        7. Mercy.
    d. Character Gifts, **Galatians 5:22&23**.
        1. Love.
        2. Joy.
        3. Peace.
        4. Long-suffering.
        5. Gentleness.
        6. Goodness.
        7. Faith.
        8. Meekness.
        9. Self-Control.

All The Gifts Are Resident In The Holy Spirit:

- Each gift is accessible by any believer that is in need of a particular gift or is called by God to use that gift.
    a. Let’s use Paul as an example:

1. **Acts 9:1**, *And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord…*
    a). A picture of a man that hated the people of God and the church.
    b). But Paul had a change of heart by the power of the Holy Spirit in his life.
        1). **Romans 1:1&2; I & II Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 1:1; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:1; I Thessalonians 1:13-20; II Thessalonians 3:1-5; I Timothy 1:1; II Timothy 1:11; Titus 1:1; Philemon 1:1**.

The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-4, *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind,*

and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. **NKJV**

Revelation 22:16-17, *I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that thirsts come. . . .* **NKJV**

Romans 8:26-27, *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. 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*. **KJV**

John 14:26, *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance, all things that I said to you.*

- **NKJV**

John 16:13, *Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.* **NKJV**

Acts 13:2, *As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.* **NKJV**

What Happened On The Day of Pentecost?

A The Scripture says that on the Day of Pentecost about 120 were gathered together in a place called *the upper room*.

a. The people were in *one accord*, Greek *homothumadon*, meaning: one mind and one passion.
1. This word is used 12 times in all the scripture and 10 of those times in the Book of Acts.

B When suddenly there came a sound from heaven that sounded like a *rushing mighty wind*.

a. Not a rushing mighty wind, but like a mighty wind, **Acts 2:2**.
1. The people were sitting, Greek *kathemai*, meaning: seated, fixed or to dwell.
2. Peter had to *stand up*, **Acts 2:14**.
a). It is not necessary to be standing for the Holy Spirit to fall.
b). It is necessary to wait for the Holy Spirit to fall.

C Tongues of fire were seen coming from heaven.

a. The tongues of fire divided and one sat on each of them.
1. **Exodus 3:2**, *…the bush was not consumed*.
a). I am convinced that this was not a simple tongue of fire that sat over the heads of the 120.

b). It was fire that engulfed the 120 and did not burn them.

D The participants started to speak as the Spirit gave them utterance, **Acts 2:4**.

a. These 120 people started to speak the tongues of many of the people that were visiting Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost – Festival of Harvest.

1. The word Pentecost means 50, or 50 days (seventh week) after Passover.
2. The key word is utterance, as the Spirit *gave them* utterance.

a). The people spoke as the Holy Spirit gave them words.

What Does It Mean To Speak With Other Tongues?

A When we use the term Speaking With Other Tongues we are referring to this example.

a. People speaking the words the Holy Spirit gives them.

1. The Holy Spirit gave the words to the apostles and disciples that were gathered together.

a). By faith they spoke out the word of the Lord.

b). Our Scripture passages today are about the voice of the Holy Spirit: Speaking to us, Praying through us, Calling us & Challenging us.

B **I Corinthians chapters 12, 13 & 14** are powerful chapters on the proper use of the Gifts of the Spirit, particularly the proper use tongues.

a. The Apostle Paul tells us that when we speak with other tongues we:

1. Bring glory to Christ, **12:3**.
2. Display love, **13**.
3. Understand mysteries, **14:2**.
4. Bring Edification, Exhortation & Comfort to the Body of Christ and to the speaker, **verse 3**.
5. We become a sign to the unbeliever, **verse 22**.

C Will everyone speak with other tongues?

a. No, **I Corinthians 12:30**.

1. Could they?

a). Yes, **I Corinthians 14:5**.

a. By faith, anyone within the sound of my voice that has not spoken with tongues can.

v. **Acts 8:17**, people received by the laying on of hands.

When Will Tongues Cease?

A **I Corinthians 13:8**, there is coming a day that tongues will cease. We have a hint of that day in the robe of the High Priest.

a. **Exodus 28:34**, *A golden bell and a pomegranate…*

The Fall of Man

Romans 6:11-23, *Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are*

alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 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. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **KJV**

Romans 5:12, *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:* **KJV**

The Subject Of Sin:

A The Scripture is very clear on the subject of sin**.**

a. There are many variations and teaching on the subject of sin leading to confusion and misunderstanding.

1. We will approach this subject from this conclusion: *"All men have sinned are in need of a Saviour."*

How Did Sin Develop?

A **Romans 5:12**…*by one man sin entered into the world*…

a. In the beginning God gave the entire earth under man's dominion.

1. *Dominion*, Hebrew *raw – daw*, to dominate or tread on, **Genesis 1:26**.

b. This included any and all demonic satanic forces.

1. *Creeping*, Hebrew *raw – mas*, anything that walked on the face of the earth, **Genesis 1:26**.

B Adam gave up his dominion when he chose to follow Eve in her transgression.

a. **I Timothy 2:13 - 15**, *For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with all self-control.*

1. In this passage Paul is teaching:

a). Priority and Order.

b). Adam's Choice – Adam chose to sin.

c). Primary responsibility of woman – Preservation Order**.**

1). **This helps us better understand:**

v. **I Corinthians 15:45,** *And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*
v. **John 10:17,** *Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again*.

Two Dominate teachings on Sin and the consequence of sin:

A John Calvin, a student of St. Augustine taught:
a. Man is born in sin with a depraved nature.
b. This line of reasoning comes from the following passages:
1. **Psalm 51:5**, *Behold, I was shaped in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me*.
2. **Ephesians 2:1&2**, *And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; In which time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers for the covenants of promise having no hope and without God in the world…*
a). Calvin taught that total depravity causes mankind to be incapable on his own to give a positive response to God's offer of salvation.
b). Only certain individuals who are elected by God will receive the supernatural illumination that will lead to eternal life.
1). The term for this is predestination.
c). Calvin taught five points: TULIP
1). Total Depravity.
1). Unconditional Election.
1). Limited Atonement.
1). Irresistible Grace.
1). Perseverance of the Saints.

- Jacobus (James) Arminius was a Dutch theologian who lived from 1560-1609.
a. Arminius was a theologian of the Dutch Reformed Church.
1. He started out as a strict Calvinist.
b. Arminius wrote a document called *The Declaration Sentiments* in 1608.
1. This writing was a defense of his teachings, which claimed that the doctrine of predestination was extreme, and against the Reformation doctrine of *The Just Shall Live By Faith*.
a). Arminius also taught that man is not guilty for Adam's sin, but only when he chooses to sin voluntarily.
b). Thus Arminius placed more emphasis on the *Free Will* of man or man's choice.
c). There was a government led investigation of Arminian teachings in 1608 during which time Arminius got sick and never recovered.

c. Arminius based his line of reasoning on the following passages:
    1. **Romans 7:22**, *For I delight in the law of God according o the inward man*.
    2. **Romans 9:16,** *As it is written: Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, and whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame*.
    3. **Isaiah 45 22,** *Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.*
    4. **Isaiah 1:18,** *Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as* wool.
    5. **Isaiah 55:6&7**, *Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon*.
    6. **John 3:16,** *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life*.
    7. **Revelation 22:17,** *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely*.

What Do We Really Believe:

B The teaching of Total Depravity in Scripture.

d. Although the Bible does teach that it is possible for a person to be Totally Depraved we believe:
    1. That man is not born Totally Depraved. The Apostle Paul taught that Total Depravity is a process:
        a). **Romans 1:21-32**, *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. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly,*

and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

- The teaching of Unconditional Election.
    e. This would be equal to saying that certain people have been elected to go to hell.
        1. **II Peter 3:9**, *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

- The teaching of Limited Atonement.
    f. This doctrine would negate every scripture in which Jesus Christ invited the whosoever would believe.
        1. **John 3:15&6**, *That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life*.
        2. **John 4:14,** *But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life*.
        3. **John 11:26,** *And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

- The teaching of Irresistible Grace.
    g. This doctrine would mean that God would violate the Free Will of man draw men unto Himself regardless of their rebellion.
        1. Romans 1:24-28, *Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one*

toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

- The teachings of Perseverance of the Saints.
    h. Romans 1:28, *And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over...*
        1. *Knowledge*, Greek *ep-ig-nos-is*, to have full discernment.
        2. Notice the word *retain.*
        3. This means while having such knowledge of God they did not wish to **CONTINUE** knowing God.
            a). *And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.* **Romans 1:28-32**

The Salvation of Man

John 3:16&17, *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not*

his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Psalm 86:5&15, *For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Thou art ... a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy.*

Romans 10:8-10, *But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus Christ and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

II Peter 3:8 – 10, *But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.*

Salvation is for Man:

A In our last session we learned that by the personal decision of Adam sin came into the world.

a. **Romans 5:12**, *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all have sinned*.

B In the same manner by the personal decision of Jesus Christ redemption has come.

a. **I Corinthians 15:45**, *And so it is written, the first man Adam became a living being. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit*.
b. **John 10:15**, *As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it back.*

C The Scripture teaches that redemption is for every man and will not be withheld from any person that will call upon the name of the Lord.

a. **Psalm 116:13**, *I will take the cup of salvation, And will call upon the name of the Lord*.
b. **Romans 10:13**, *For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*
    1. The promise of the Gospel is inclusive: whosoever will may come. The Gospel is also exclusive: whoever will believe.

D Redemption is so special to mankind that God has reserved the promise for man and man alone.

a. **I Peter 1:10–12**, *Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven – things which the angels desire to look into.*

1. According to Scripture fallen angels cannot be redeemed, they are forever lost**.**

a). **Jude verse 6,** *And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day***.**

E From this great truth we know that of all that has been created mankind is special to God.

a. God has a plan for mankind that far exceeds the rest of creation.

b. 81 times in the Gospels Jesus Christ is referred to as Son of man.

1. It was His favorite title concerning Himself.

a). We forget that it is a glorified man that is seated on the right hand of the Father.

1). **I Timothy 2:5&6**, *For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time*.

b). When we get to heaven we are not going to see some spirit that looks like Jesus Christ. We will see Jesus Christ, the Lamb that was slain.

1). **Luke 24:39,** *Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself, Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence***.**

c. It is the determination of God the Father to clothe mankind in the same likeness as His Son.

1. For in doing so it will bring glory to the Father.

a). **Luke 23:47,** *So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified (Greek, doxazo) God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!"*

b). **John 12:23**, in speaking about the cross, Jesus said, *"The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified."*

c). **John 13:31**, *So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately."*

1). Glorify, Greek *doxazo*, meaning: to clothe with splendor.

d. When we get to heaven we will be clothed like Christ.

1. We will not be little gods, **Genesis 3:5**.
2. We will be like Christ and in Him we will be giving God the Father our highest praise.

a). **Hebrews 2:10-16**, *For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethern, saying: I will declare Your name to My brethern; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You. And again: I will put My trust in Him. And again: Here am I and the children whom God has given Me. Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.*

1). Illustration: Joseph and his brothers.

v. At the age of 30 Joseph was exalted as the second ruler in Egypt, **Genesis 41:46**.

1. He was given the Pharaoh's ring.

v. All Joseph's brothers needed to do was ask and all of Egypt was at their disposal**.**

1. Egypt is a picture of this world: slavery to sin, bondage to sin, excess, ungodly authority, and earthly knowledge.
2. Joseph is a picture of Christ: sold for 20 pieces of silver, mocked, betrayed, imprisoned, and brought to the door of death.

The Ordinances Of The Church

WATER BAPTISM

Matthew 3:13-17, *Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest thou to me?" And Jesus answering said unto him, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."* **KJV**

Communion

Luke 22:19&20, *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." Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you."* **NKJV**

1Corinthians 11:23 – 25, *"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: 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. 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."* **NKJV**

What is an Ordinance?

A Simply stated an ordinance is a practice or ceremony set forth to help keep a community in order.

a. The word used in Scripture for community is fellowship.

1. **Acts 2:42**, *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer*.

a). *Fellowship*, Greek *koinonia*, fellowship, meaning: association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse (intimacy). Sharing anything which one has. The right hand shake is a sign and pledge of fellowship, **Galatians 2:9, I Peter 3:22.** A gift jointly contributed, a collection, a contribution, as exhibiting an embodiment and proof of fellowship, **II Corinthians 8:4**.

b). We are a community or fellowship of believers.

b. Fellowship carries a mark.

1. **Philippians 3:10**, *That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death*.

c. What mark are we bearing when we are Baptized in Water and partake of Communion?

The Marks of Obedience & Proclamation:

A Water Baptism.

a. **Matthew 3:13-17, NKJV**.

1. **Verse 15** – Water Baptism is a step of obedience that leads to righteousness.
   a). *…Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness, then he allowed Him*.
2. **Verse 16a** – The form of Baptism.
   a). *Jesus came up immediately from the water*.
   b). *Baptize*, Greek *baptizo*, meaning: to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe, to overwhelm.
3. **Verses 16b & 17** - The outcome of Baptism.
   a). *…The heavens were opened to Him…*
   b). *…He saw the Spirit of God descending…*
   c). *…This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*.

b. Water Baptism as it relates to our salvation.

1. **Mark 16:16**, *He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.*
2. **I Peter 3:21**, *There is also an antitype which now saves us – baptism* (not removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), *through the resurrection of Jesus Christ*.

B Communion.

a. I Corinthians 11:23-34, NKJV.

1. **Verse 26** – Communion is an act of proclamation to the participant and to the world.
   a). For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.
2. **Verse 24** – Communion is a proclamation of the broken body of the Lord Jesus Christ.
   a). *Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you…*
      a. *My body*, the substitutionary work of Christ.
         v. Substitutionary or vicarious work of Christ.
      b. The substitutionary work of Christ has made a way for.
         v. My healing, **Isaiah 53:5 & I Peter 2:24**.
            1. Spiritual Healing, **Acts 4:12**.
            2. Physical healing, **Mark 3:15.**
            3. Emotional healing**, Luke 4:18**.
3. Verse 25 – Communion is a proclamation of the covenant.
   a). The New Covenant, **Hebrews 8:1-12 & 10:16-17**.
      a. **Verse 1** – Eternal.
      b. **Verse 2 –** New Tabernacle**.**
      c. **Verse 3 –** A new offering**.**
      d. **Verse 4 –** A new priesthood**.**

e. **Verse 5 –** A new pattern**.**
f. **Verse 6 –** Better promises**.**
g. **Verse 7** – Perfect.
h. **Verse 10** – Not written on stone but on the mind and heart of the believer.
i. **Verse 11** – New revelation.
j. **Verse 12 -** Characterized by Grace & Mercy.
k. 10:16-17 – New confidence.
    v. Hebrews 4:16, 10:19, 13:6

Divine Healing

Isaiah 53:1–5, *Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed*.

Matthew 8:16 & 17, *When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses*.

James 5:13 – 15, *Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him*.

Divine Healing Is Promised in the Atonement:

C **Isaiah 53:5,** *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed***.**

- a. This scripture points toward the cross. (Written about 760 B.C.)
  - 1. *The fifty-third chapter of Isaiah contains the clearest and fullest exposition of the sacrificial sufferings of Christ in the substitution for our sins to be found anywhere in the Bible***.** Dr. Henry M. Morris, The Defender's Study Bible, page 718.
    - a). Jesus referred to Isaiah's **(**Greek, *Esaias***)** prophecy in **Matthew 8:17,** *That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sickness*.

D **I Peter 2:24,** *Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed.*

- a. This scripture points back at the cross. (Written about 63 A.D.)

From these Scriptures we can clearly see that healing for the believer is part of the atonement:

E When Joseph and Mary brought the Christ child into the Temple for His dedication the prophet Simeon saw, by way of the Holy Spirit, that this infant would bring salvation.

a. **Luke 2:25-32,** *And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him…Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation…prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.*

a). The atonement was for the Gentiles and Israel.

1). Notice the alignment of nations.

v. **John 1:11**, *He came unto His own and His own received Him not.*

Healing Was A Major Characteristic of Christ's Ministry:

F Christ speaking to the disciples of John the Baptist.

a. **Matthew 11:2-6**, *Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto Him, art thou He that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said to them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed an the deaf her, he dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them…*

G Christ revealing Himself in the Temple.

a. **Luke 4:18-24**, *The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me; for the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn…*

H Christ responding to the Pharisees.

a. **Luke 13:32**, *And He said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox (Herod), Behold, I cast out devils, and do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.*

I Christ speaking about Himself.

a. **John 5:36**, *But I have greater witness than that of John, for the works which the Father hath given Me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father hath sent Me.*

b. **John 10:25**, *Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not; the works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.*

c. **John 10:37&38**, *If I do not the works of my Father, believe Me not. But if I do, though ye believe not Me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.*

J Christ speaking about the Church.

a. **John 14:12**, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father.*

The Early Church Prayed That They Might Bring Healing:

K **Acts 4:30**, *By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of Holy Child Jesus*.

Divine Healing And The Laying On Of Hands:

L Note the scriptures in which Jesus touched the one needing healing**.**

a. **Mark 1:4**1, The leper.
b. **Matthew 9:18**, The rulers daughter.
c. **Matthew 8:15**, Peter's mother-in-law.
d. **Mark 7:32&33**, The deaf.
e. **Mark 8:22-25**, The blind.
f. **Luke 13:13**, The infirm.
g. **Luke 4:40**, The multitude.
    1. Even when unbelief is present the laying of hands works, **Mark 6:5**.

- Divine Healing And Anointing With Oil.

h. Mark records that the disciples anointed the sick with oil.
    1. **Mark 6:13**, *And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that we sick, and healed them*.
i. James called for the elders of the church to anoint the sick.
    1. **James 5:13 – 15**, *Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him*.

Requirements For Divine Healing:

M Have a desire to be healed.

a. Matthew 20:30-33, Two blind men.
b. Mark 5:21-43, The woman with the issue of blood**.**
c. Mark 10:46-52, Blind Bartimaeus**.**
d. John 5:6, The man by the pool of Bethesda**.**

N Believe that Jesus will heal.

a. Matthew 8:10, The centurion**.**
b. Acts 3:16, Preaching of Peter & John**.**
c. James 5:14-16, The prayer of faith**.**

O Obey the word of the Lord.

a. Luke 17:14, Ten lepers**.**

b. **II Kings 5:10-14,** Naaman is healed**.**
c. **John 9:6&7,** The man with clay in his eyes**.**

The Doctrine Of Laying On Of Hands

Hebrews 6:1&2, *Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.* **NKJV**

Acts 13:3, *Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.* **NKJV**

Acts 6:3-6, *Wherefore, brethern, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: Whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.* **KJV**

Mark 6:5, *Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.*

What is the Laying on of Hands?

A The Doctrine of Laying on of Hands is one of the most fundamental in the Scripture.

a. **Hebrews 6:1&2**.

1. Through the laying on hands lives are changed and the destinies of men and women are set in order.

a). In the Old Testament:

1). **Genesis 48:14-19**.

v. Jacob placed his right hand on the head of Ephraim and left hand on the head of Manasseh.

2). **Numbers 27:18-23, Deuteronomy 34:9**.

v. Moses laid his hand on the head of Joshua as directed by the Lord.

3). **Leviticus 16:21**.

v. The scapegoat and the Day of Atonement.

b). In the New Testament:

1). **Mark 6:5 & Luke 4:40**.

v. Jesus in Nazareth and Capernaum.

2). **Acts 8:18**.

v. Simon the Sorcerer.

3). **Acts 6:1-6**.

v. Setting a part for service the first deacons.

Laying on of Hands and Today's Church:

A Mark clearly includes the ministry of the Laying on of Hands in the Great Commission:

a. **Mark 16:18**, …*they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover*.

1. It is a promise given to us that we should continue to operate in the Laying on of Hands.

a). John G. Lake tells the story of a blind lady (9 years) with 6 children. This lady had just learned that her husband had abandoned her. Lake calls the man *a debased human*. The woman and her children were all sitting together on the front porch when one of the children says, "*Oh, Mama! There is a man coming up the path and he looks like Jesus! And oh, Mama, there is blood on His hands and blood on his feet. Mama he is laying his hands on your eyes*." At that moment the ladies eyes were opened. Adventures in God, Harrison House, Tulsa, Oklahoma, page 34.

1). I am convinced we are going to experience these types of miracles.

B The Laying on of Hands is important to the continuing ministry of the church.

a. Through the Laying on of Hands the church:

1. Establishes people in ministry.

a). **II Timothy 1:6,** (Paul laid his hands on Timothy).

1. Imparting spiritual gifts and anointing.

b). Spiritual blessing, **Mark 10:13** (children).

b). Spiritual leadership, **I Timothy 4:14-16** (the presbytery).

c). Spiritual authority, **Luke 13:11-13** (woman with infirmity).

2. Performs miracles.

a). **Acts 5:12** (Solomon's Porch).

a). **Acts 14:3** (Paul & Barnabas).

C Understand the power of The Laying on of Hands will help us to.

a. Step out in faith to perform the works of God.

b. God will show Himself mighty in the same way He did with the early Church.

1. **Hebrews 13:8**, *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever*. **KJV**

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

c. One word of caution, **I Timothy 5:22**.

1. Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partakers of other men’s sin; keep thyself pure.

The Doctrine of Angels

Psalm 103:20, *Bless the Lord, all you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word*. **NKJV**

Psalm 104:4, *Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire*. **NKJV**

Hebrews 1:6-9, *For to which of the angels did He ever say: You are My Son, today I have begotten You? And again: I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son? But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: Let all the angels of God worship Him. And of the angels He says: Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire. But to the Son He says: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions*. **NKJV**

Hebrews 1:14, *Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation*. **NKJV**

Hebrews 2:9-10, *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings…For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham*. **NKJV**

The Doctrine of Angels

A The creation of angels.

a. Angels are created beings made by the Creator –Jesus Christ.

1. **Colossians 1:16**, *For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him*.
2. **Nehemiah 9:6**, *You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And you preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You*.
3. **Psalm 148:1-5**, *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, For He commanded and they were created*.

b. Angels were created before the world was founded.

1. **Job 38:4-7**, *Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, If you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon*

it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

1). According to these verses the angels were worshipping/spectators when the world was formed.

c. Angels number a multitude.

1. **I Kings 22:19**, *The Micaiah said, Therefore hear the word of the Lord; I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left*.
2. **Daniel 7:10**, *A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened*.
3. **Revelation 5:11**, *Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands*.

d. Angels have no material body or form (incorporeal beings).

1. **Psalm 104:4**, *Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.*
2. **Ephesians 6:12**, *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places*.

1). These verses help us understand why angels cannot be redeemed or understand redemption.

v. **I Peter 1:12**, …*to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven-things which the angels desire to look into*.

2). Since the angels are not flesh and blood or made from the earth, they cannot be redeemed.

v. To be redeemed means *to be bought back*.

1. God made man from the earth, **Genesis 2:7**.
2. Sin stole man from God, **Ephesians 2:1-6**.
3. Jesus Christ put on the flesh of mankind (from the earth), **Philippians 2:1-8**.
4. By the *precious blood* of Jesus Christ mankind was redeemed *bought back*, **I Peter 1:18**.

5. One of their kind has never loved them so much, **Hebrews 1:5-13**.

3). Angels do reveal themselves in bodily form.

v. **Genesis 18:2**, *So he lifted his eyes and looked and behold, three men were standing…*

v. **Matthew 1:20**, *But while he thought about these things, behold an angel of he Lord appeared unto him…*

v. **John 20:12**, *And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain*.

e. Angels are stronger than man.

1. **II Peter 2:11**, *Whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord*.

1). Fulfilling the word of **Hebrews 2:9,** *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with the glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone*.

B The fall of angels.

a. According to **Ezekiel 28:15** the angels were created perfect.

1. Satan's fall is described by the prophets Ezekiel & Isaiah

1). **Isaiah 14:12-14**, read.

2). **Ezekiel 28:11-19**, read.

b. When Satan fell he took one-third of the angels with him.

1. **Revelation 12:4,** *His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth*.

c. God was not the cause of the angels falling, which would make Him the author of evil in the universe.

1. James 1:13, Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted by God; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself temp anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

1). Angels do have a will to be reckoned with, **Isaiah 14:12-14**.

d. As a result of their fall.

1. Angels lost the original holiness, **Matthew 10:1**.
2. Angels were sentenced to eternal hell, **Matthew 25:41 & Revelation 12:9**.
3. Angels became an opposition to God, the people of God, and good angels, **Isaiah 14:12-14, Daniel 10:12-14, II Timothy 2:26**.

1). There are two classifications of angels:

v. The *elect* and *holy*, **I Timothy 5:21 & Mark 8:38**.

v. The *evil* and *unclean*, **Revelation 16:13 & Mark 8:38**.

1. Many Bible teachers believe that the angels kept in prison in **Jude 6** and **II Peter 2:4** are the ones that infiltrated the earth **Genesis 6** and will torment the earth in **Revelation 9:1-11**.

C The work of unclean angels.

a. To better understand the end-time work of evil or unclean angels we need to understand **II Peter 2:4 & Jude verse 6**.

1. **II Peter 2:4**, *For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment*.
2. **Jude 6**, *And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day*.

a). Hell, Greek *Tartarus (tar-tar-o-o)*, or a subterranean region of hell. To the Jews this was called Gehenna.

1). Gehenna was referred to by Jesus 11 times in the New Testament. It was the Valley of Hinnom. To Jeremiah it was the Valley of Dry Bones (Tophet – **Jeremiah 7:31&32**).

b. What did they do to receive this judgment?

1. **Genesis 6:1-4**, *And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God* (bene elohim – **Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7**) *saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God* (bene elohim) *came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown*.

a). These verses have been a dilemma to Bible teachers for years.

1). Many Bible teachers have the angels cohabiting with earthly women. Thus producing a clan of giants upon the earth.

v. There are some problems with this naturalistic interpretation:

1. All things of the earth reproduce after their kind, **Genesis 1:25 & 7:14**.

2. Jesus said that the angels do not marry, **Matthew 22:30 & Mark 12:25**.
    a. This is not to say that angels are sexless. The angels are always referred to in scripture as males or *he*, **Daniel 9:21 & Luke 1:21**.
3. The Hebrew word translated wife (*ishah*), **Genesis 3:8**, can also translated woman, **Genesis 3:12**.
4. The word took, **Genesis 6:2**, is not always related to marriage. Shechem took Dinah and lay with her, **Genesis 34:2**.

2. What did happen?
    a). The Devil and evil angels knew of the plan of God to have a *Precious Seed*, **Genesis 3:15**.
        1). These fallen angels possessed the bodies of real men and real women to create an evil generation that God's Spirit could not live with.
            v. When the bodies of the people were destroyed in the flood the evil angels or spirits were put into Tartarus and held until the end.

A The global impact of the work of evil angels in the end-times we must understand these verses.
    a. When one third of the angels fell with Lucifer, **Revelation 12:4**.
        1. An order for control of the earth was set in place, **Ephesians 3:10, Colossians 2:15 & Titus 3:1**.
            a). **Daniel 10:13,** …*the Prince of Persia*…
                1). The Devil is still trying to destroy mankind.
    b. We have one coming that is called the *son of perdition*, **II Thessalonians 2:3**, or the anti-Christ.
        1. There was one more person in scripture that was called the son of perdition, Judas Iscariot, **John 17:12**.
            a). How did Judas Iscariot become the son of perdition?
                1). **Luke 22:3**, *Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot*…
                v. Just as Satan entered into Judas to cause him to deny and betray Christ, so evil angels are doing their work today to cause mankind to deny and betray Christ.

The Blessed Hope

John 14:1-4, "*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know."* **KJV**

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

Introduction:

A One of the most controversial topics in the organized church is the question of end-time matters.

a. In theological terms this is referred to as eschatology.

1. Webster defines eschatology as: A branch of theology concerned with the final events in the history of the world or of mankind. A belief concerning death, the end of the world or the ultimate destiny of mankind specifically the various Christian doctrines concerning the Second Coming, the resurrection of the dead or the Last Judgment.
2. Eschatological discussions tend to divide groups, and invoke the deepest passions and religious fervor in people.

a). It is not our custom to withdraw from fellowship with those that disagree with us.

1). It is our desire to teach what we believe to be the truth and to trust God that He will give us the strength and faith to overcome anything that may come our way.

What Is The Blessed Hope?

A **Titus 2:13**, *"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee."*

a. We believe in the Blessed Hope.

1. We believe that Jesus Christ has prepared a place for us in His eternal heaven, **John 14:1-3**.
    a). Our final study will be of **The New Heaven and New Earth**.
2. We believe in a day when a call will come from the sky to those that believe, both dead and alive, **I Corinthians 15:52**.
    a). Not the Second Coming but the Rapture of the Church.
3. We believe that all believers that have died in Christ and are living will be caught up together with Him in the air and we will be with Him forever, **I Thessalonians 4:13-17**.
4. This *Blessed Hope* will cause us to escape the time of Great Tribulation that will be upon the earth in the final days, **Luke 21:36, I Thessalonians 1:10, Romans 5:9**.
    a). This Blessed Hope will cause us to live pure lives, **I John 3:1-3**.
    b). The Holy Spirit seals this Blessed Hope in each believer until the Day of Redemption, **Ephesians 4:30**.

Where Does The Word Rapture Come From?

A **I Thessalonians 4:17** says that the *dead in Christ* and those that are *alive* at the time of the *shout* and the *sound of the trumpet* will be *caught up.*

a. The words *caught up* are translated from the Greek *harpazo* meaning: to catch up, taken by force, snatched or plucked.
b. The word we use as rapture actually comes from the Vulgate or the Latin scriptures. The Latin word *rapiemur* means: to be carried away.
    1. *Harpazo* is the word Paul used in **II Corinthians 12:2&4**, *I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth; such an one caught up to the third heaven…How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter*.
    2. **Acts 8:39** says that Philip was caught up for his obedience, *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*.
    3. The revelatory word in **Revelation 12:5** concerning Christ says that the man-child was *caught up***.**
        a). Believers will be caught up for the sake of grace & mercy, for their obedience and to be saved out of tribulation**.**

How close are we to the Rapture of the Church?

A Let's see what the Bible says about the culture that will be on the earth in those days**.**

a. **I Thessalonians 5:1-9**, **II Peter 3:3-14, II Timothy 3:1-8**.
b. **II Timothy 4:8,** *Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at the day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.*

The Second Coming of Christ

Jude 14 & 15, *And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam prophesied of these saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.*

Genesis 49:10, *The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.*

Daniel 7:13 & 14, *I saw in night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.*

Acts 1:9 – 11, *And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.*

Revelation 19:11 – 16, *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

What is the Second Coming of Christ:

A The Second Coming of Christ is the time when Jesus Christ will physically return to planet earth.
    a. He will set His feet on the Mount of Olives, **Zechariah 14:4**.
        1. Christ will descend to the place from which He ascended, **Acts 1:11&12**.
    b. The mount shall split in two, **Zechariah 14:4**.
        1. Time of intensity – earthquake, **Zechariah 14:5 & Amos 1:1**.
    c. He shall come…and all the saints with Him, **Zechariah 14:5**.
        1. At the time of the rapture Jesus Christ will come in the clouds and not set His feet on earth – we will meet Him in the air, **I Thessalonians 4:17**.

d. There will be strange supernatural light, **Zechariah 14:6&7**.
    1. It will be a display of the personal presence of the Creator.
e. Healing waters will start to flow from Jerusalem, **Zechariah 14:8**.
    1. This prophetic word is repeated in **Ezekiel 47:1-12**.
f. This day will start the Millennial reign of Christ, **Zechariah 14:9**.
    1. No more will men worship the creation but the Creator.

Does the Bible teach the Second Coming as Fact:

A Few events in Scripture are testified of as often as the Second Coming.
a. The Old Testament Prophets.
    1. Enoch, **Jude 14 & 15**, Jacob, **Genesis 49:10**, Balaam, **Numbers 24:7, 17 – 19**, **Isaiah 59:20, 63:1-5**, **Jeremiah 23:5 & 6, 25:30 – 33**, **Ezekiel 34:23 – 29, 37:17 – 29, 43:7, Daniel 2:44 & 45, 7:13 & 14, Hosea 2:18-23, 3:4 & 5, Joel 2:28 – 3:21, Amos 5:15 – 21, Micah 1:3 & 4, 2:12 & 13, 4:1 – 5:7, Nahum 1:5 & 6**, **Habakkuk 2:13 & 14, Zephaniah 1:14 –18, 3:8 & 9, Haggai 2:6 & 7, 21 – 23 (repeated in Hebrew 12:25 – 29)**, **Zechariah 2:10 – 13, 3:8, 6:12 & 13, 8:3 – 23, 12:4 – 14, 13:1 – 9, 14:1 – 21, Malachi 3:1 – 4:6**.
b. The New Testament writers.
    1. Jesus spoke of His Second Coming, **Matthew 16:27, 24:1 – 25:46, Luke 17:22 – 37, 21:1 – 33**. Peter told of the Second Coming in **Acts 3:21, II Peter 1:16, 3:3 – 9**. Paul referred to the Second Coming in **Romans 11:26 & 27**, **II Thessalonians 1:7-10, 2:1-8, Hebrews 9:28**. The Apostle John in **Revelation 1:7, 19:11 – 21**. And **Jude** in verses **14 & 15**.

What will happen when Christ returns?

A The Scripture is very specific concerning the reason for Christ's return and the events surrounding His return.
a. Jesus Christ will return set up an eternal kingdom, **Matthew 4:8, Luke 4:5 & Revelation 11:15**.
b. Manifestations will take place in the skies, **Matthew 24:29, Luke 21:25 & 26**.
c. The Second Coming will be very visible, **Matthew 24:30, Revelation 1:7 & 19:11**.
d. The Second Coming will be physical, **Zechariah 14:4 – 8**.
    1. Jesus Christ will march, with His saints (angles & redeemed), from the Mount of Olives to Edom (Idumea), to the city of Bozrah (capital of Edom), up through the Valley of Jehoshaphat, onto the plain of Megiddo and the Valley of Jezreel, **Isaiah 34:1 – 15 & 63:1 – 6**.
e. The Second Coming is purposeful, **Obadiah 15 – 21**, **Malachi 1:1 – 5**.
    1. This is the battle of Armageddon, **Revelation 14:20, 16:16 & 19:11 – 21**.

a). The blood of men will be up to a horses bridle for 180 miles (from Bozrah to the Valley of Jehoshaphat), **Psalm 110:5 – 7, Joel 3:5 – 16**.

f. The Second Coming will end the Times of the Gentiles, **Luke 21:24 & Daniel 2:44 & Hosea 3:4 – 5**.
   1. The Times of the Gentiles started when the last king ruled from the throne in Jerusalem, **Hosea 3:4-5**, and ends with **Daniel 2:44**.

g. The Second Coming will end the Time of Jacob's Trouble, **Jeremiah 30:7**.

h. The Second Coming is the Day of the Lord, **Zephaniah 1:14 – 18**.

i. The Second Coming will usher in the Millennial Reign of Christ, **Daniel 12:11 – 13**.
   1. From the setting of the image in the temple until the Second Coming is 1260 days or 3 ½ years.
      a). Men that are on the earth and looking for Christ's return will know exactly the day.
      b). From the Day of the Lord until the Millennial kingdom is set up will be another 75 days.
      c). Daniel will stand with his lot on that day,

The Millennial Reign of Christ

Isaiah 2:2 – 5, *And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.* **KJV**

Isaiah 11:1 – 12, *And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.* **KJV**

Revelation 20:1-3, *And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season…* **KJV**

The Reign of the Lamb of God

A The Millennium.

a. From the Latin meaning one thousand years.
    1. **Revelation 20:4,** *…and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years*.
        a). In the first seven verses of Revelation 20 John refers to the one thousand year reign of Christ six times.
            1). Seven is the number of completion/six is the number of man.
b. The Millennium is the time that Jesus Christ will set up His earthly kingdom.
    1. The prophets of the Old Testament looked forward to the day of the restoration of the Davidic Kingdom and with great expectation spoke of this day often in their prophetic utterances.
        a). Psalms, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Micah & Zechariah.
    2. This is the time that the disciples spoke of when they asked Christ, *Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?*
        a). **Acts 1:6**.
    3. The Millennial Reign of Christ is for the purpose of Salvation for:
        a). The Gentile Nations: **Isaiah 2:2-4** (inscribed upon the foundation of the U.N. building), **Isaiah 11:10, 52:10, 56:6-8, 66:23.**
            1). Repeated **Revelation 21:23-27.**
        b). Israel and Jerusalem: **Isaiah 4:2-6, 11:12, 14:3, 30:19, 32:18, 44:23, 49:10-13, 51:3&11, 52:1, 6-9, 59:20&21, 60: 1-22, 62:1-4, 65:18-24, 66:10&12**.
            1). Referenced by the Apostle Paul in **Romans 11:1, 26&27**.
        c). The Afflicted: **Isaiah 29:18, 35:3-6, 42:16.**
            1). Repeated in **Revelation 22:2**.
        d). The Creation**: Isaiah 11:6-9, 14:7&8, 30:23-26, 35:1,2,7-10, 40:4&5, 65:25**.
            1). Referenced by the Apostle Paul in **Romans 8:18-25**.

Three views about the Millennium:

P Postmillennialism:

- This view believes that through the preaching of the gospel the entire world will come to the saving knowledge of Christ. This will bring about a universal society of saints. The saints will invite Christ to assume command and rein over man's peaceful plant.
- This view is false from the stand point that the Bible clearly teaches the world will become worse and worse, not better and more holy prior to the Second Coming of Christ. This view was held in high regard and taught by a man named Daniel Whitby (1638-1726). The twentieth century with its two great world wars have caused this view to be questioned by most Bible scholars.

C Amillennialism:

a. This view teaches that there will be no thousand year reign at all, and that the New Testament church inherits all the spiritual promises and prophesies of Old Testament Israel. In this view Isaiah's prophecy of the bear and the cow lying down together an the lion eating straw like the ox simply will not take place. Those that teach this line of reasoning also believe that **Ezekiel chapters 38 & 39** will not be fulfilled, therefore, **Revelation 20:1-7** will not need to be. This view was popularized in the 1980's in a view and book titled, *Kingdom Now*.
    1. This view is false from the stand point that the Bible states, *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; And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city and the things which are written in this book,* **Revelation 22:18&19**.
    2. This view also promotes Replacement Theology. This position believes that God has taken all of His promises to Israel and transferred them to the New Testament Church. This is in direct contradiction to **Romans chapter 9**.
    3. If **Isaiah chapter eleven** is not true – why should **Isaiah chapter fifty-three** be true?

D Premillennialism:

a. This view teaches that Christ will return just prior to the millennium and will personally rule during this glorious thousand-year reign. This position alone is the scriptural one, and is the oldest of the three views. From the Apostolic Period, through the Early Church Fathers, until today the believing church has held the Premillennial position.
    1. Most of the writings on the Premillennial view were authored by N.J. Darby (1800 – 1882). Darby was a Plymouth Brethern leader that articulated the understanding of the millennial reign to the evangelical church.
    2. Darby had a large number of great men of God in his camp. These men included: C.H. Mackintosh, William Kelly, F.W. Grant, W.E. Blackstone, James Hall Brooks, G. Campbell Morgan, H.A. Ironside, C.I. Scofield and D.L Moody.

During The Millennium:

A Things prophesied to happen during the Millennial Reign.

a. The Jews will return to the Promised Land, **Ezekiel 36:24-28**.
b. A Millennial Temple will be in Jerusalem, Ezekiel 40 – 48.
c. The curse will be lifted off of the creation, Romans 8:19-23 & Isaiah 35:1&2.
d. The world will enjoy 1,000 years of peace, **Micah 4 & Revelation 20:2 – 4**.

e. Life will be lengthened, **Isaiah 65:20-23**.
f. The Holy Spirit will be poured out, **Isaiah 66:8 & Zechariah 12:10**.
g. The whole earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord and He will reign as King – **Zechariah 14:9 & Isaiah 2:2.**
h. Egyptians will speak Hebrew, Assyria and Egypt will build an altar and a monument to the Lord, a highway will be built, God will answer their prayers and heal them, Egypt and Assyria will receive the blessings of the Lord, **Isaiah 19:18-25.**

The Final Judgments

Revelation Chapter 20, *Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.*

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

A In our study of the Second Coming we learned that day Jesus Christ returns to earth will truly be a …*great and terrible day…*, **Joel 2:31**.

- a. We saw in Scripture our wonderful Redeemer, the great battle and final outcome (blood flowing for 180 miles to the depth of a horse bridal).
    - 1. Satan will be thrown into the bottomless pit for 1,000 while Christ reigns on the earth.
- b. Many have asked: *Why is the Devil released following the Millennial Reign of Christ*.
    - 1. The best answer I can give you is this: *It is God's way of proving to mankind that ideal conditions do not change the condition of the human heart*.
- c. This is the sixth of the Seven Last Things of Human History.
    - 1. The Return of Christ.

2. Christ's Defeat of the Anti-Christ at Armageddon.
3. The Apprehension and Arrest of Satan.
4. The Millennium.
5. Satan's Revolt and Man's Rebellion.
6. The Great White Throne Judgment.
7. New Heaven and New Earth.

d. According to **Revelation 20:9** the mercy of God is for mankind is complete and judgment comes speedily.

1. …*and fire came down from heaven*…

a). There is a day in which God says: *Enough*.

B As we study Final Judgment we are confronted with hell.

a. There is nothing more final than hell.

1. The Bible presents hell, like heaven, as a real place.
2. Jesus said that God has prepared this terrible place to serve as the ultimate destiny of the Devil and his angels, **Matthew 25:41**.
3. We also see that hell will be the eternal destiny of all people who reject the grace and mercy that God has provided through Jesus Christ.
4. Hell is described in the Scriptures as a place of:

a). Darkness and Sadness - **Matthew 22:13**.
b). Fire - **Matthew 5:22**.
c). Torment - **Revelation 14:10**.
d). Destruction - **Matthew 7:13**.
e). Disgrace and everlasting contempt - **Daniel 12:2.**

C Hell is Distinct From Hades.

a. Hell is not hades.

1. A careful study of the Scriptures will reveal that hades in the New Testament is the same place as *sheol* in the Old Testament, **Psalms 49:15**.
2. Before Christ died on the cross, *hades* or *sheol* was the holding place for the spirits of the dead.

a). Hades held those who awaited their resurrection, judgment, and ultimate consignment to heaven or hell.
b). According to the account of the rich man and Lazarus, **Luke 16:19-31**, hades was composed of two compartments — *paradise* and *torments*.
c). At death, the spirits of the righteous (those who had put their faith in God) went to a compartment in hades called paradise. The unrighteous went to a compartment called torments. The two compartments were separated by a wide gulf that could not be crossed.

3. The Bible indicates that the nature of hades was radically changed at the time of the cross.

a). After His death on the cross, Jesus descended into hades and declared to all the spirits there His triumph over Satan

through the shedding of His blood for the sins of mankind,**1 Peter 3:18-19; 4:6.**

b). The Bible also indicates that after His resurrection, when He ascended to heaven, Jesus took paradise with Him, transferring the spirits of the righteous dead from hades into heaven, **Ephesians 4:8-9 and II Corinthians 12:1-4**.

c). The spirits of the righteous dead are thereafter pictured as being in heaven before the throne of God, **Revelation 6:9 & 7:9**.

1). Thus, since the time of the cross, the spirits of dead saints no longer go to hades. They are taken, instead, directly to heaven. The spirits of Old Testament saints could not go directly to heaven because their sins had not been forgiven. Their sins had only been covered, so to speak, by their faith. Their sins could not be forgiven until Jesus shed His blood for them on the cross.

v. There are some that believe when this change took place the prophetic word of **Isaiah 5:14** was accomplished, *Therefore Sheol hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.*

d). The Duration of Hell.

1). One often asked question is: *"How long will the unrighteous be tormented in Hell?"* The traditional view holds that Hell is a place of eternal, conscious torment. According to this view, a person who winds up in Hell is doomed to a never-ending existence of excruciating pain and suffering. Hell is a place of no escape and no hope.

2). Another point of view takes the position that immortality is conditional, depending upon one's acceptance of Christ. In other words, some believe that the Bible teaches the unrighteous will be resurrected, judged, punished in hell for a period of time proportional to their sins, and then suffer destruction (the death of body and soul).

3). We believe that hell is eternal and must be avoided at all costs. Hell is an unimaginably terrifying place.

D The Great Throne.

a. **Hebrews 9:27**, *And as it is appointed unto men once to die (physical death), but after this the judgment*.

1. This is one of many judgments discussed in Scripture.

a). Judgment of Nations, **Matthew 25:31-40**.

b). Judgment of Believers, **II Corinthians 5:10**.

b. The Throne is white displaying glory and majesty.

c. The One seated on the throne is Jesus Christ.

1. **John 5:22 & 27, Acts 10:40 & 42, II Timothy 4:1**.

d. There is a jury with five sets of books.

1. The Book of Conscience, **Romans 2:15**.
2. The Book of Words, **Matthew 12:36 & 37, Malachi 3:16**.
3. The Book of Secrets, **Ecclesiastes 12:14**.
4. The Book of Public Works, **II Corinthians 11:15 & Matthew 16:27**.
5. The Book of Life, **Exodus 32:32 & 33, Psalm 69:28, Daniel 12:1, Philippians 4:3, Revelation 3:5, 13:8, 17:8, 20:12 & 15, 21:27, 22:19**.

The New Heavens
And The New Earth

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

Isaiah 65:17 – 24, *"For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."*

World without End - Amen

A What does the Bible have to say about the end of world as we know it.

a. REM (Rock and Roll Group), *It's the end of the world as we know it and I feel fine…*

1. Is the world really coming to an end as some predict?

a). Three times in **Matthew 13:39, 40 & 49, 24:3 & 28:20** once in **Hebrews 9:26** the KJV uses the term *the end of the world*.

1). *World*, Greek *aion*, meaning a period of time or an age. Even an unbroken age.

v. **Matthew 28:20**, *…and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world (age).*

b. There are two words in the Greek that are translated new.
    1. *New*, Greek *neos*, meaning new in relation to time, **Hebrews 12:24**, the new covenant compared to the Mosaic covenant.
        a). **Colossians 3:10**, *And have put on the new man…*
    2. *New*, Greek *kainos*, meaning: To be made new or fresh as in quality rather than a new place in time. To be remodeled.
        a). Donald Barnhouse says, *"In this chapter we see the history of time is finished and the history of eternity is about to begin."*
c. There are 120 verses in Scripture that point to the fact that the world will never end.
    1. **Isaiah 45:17, Ephesians 3:21, Ecclesiastes 1:4, Psalm 37:29 & 104:5 & Matthew 5:**5.
        a). Jack Van Impe has placed the belief in the end of the world as number 10 on his list of Religious Delusions, Distortions and Deceptions.
            1). Clearly we are headed for the *end of the world as we know it*.
                v. Only it is not the world it is the age that is ending.

B Heaven and Earth will be remodeled by fire.
a. It is interesting to note that on the new earth there is nothing that divides.
    1. The Apostle notes that there is *no more sea*.
        a). In the Jewish mind the sea is a place of separation, division, evil, beasts, and death, **Revelation 13:1-10**.
            1). All of the above mentioned will be gone.
                v. One preacher put it this way: Heaven will be a place of no mores, **Revelation 21:1-4**.
                1. No more sea.
                2. No more without God.
                3. No more tears.
                4. No more death.
                5. No more sorrow.
                6. No more crying.
                7. No more pain.
                8. No more former things.
                a. Note there are eight no mores – eight is the number of new beginnings, **Revelation 20:5**.
                v. There are eight types of people that shall not enter the new heaven and earth.
                1. Cowardly.
                2. Unbelieving.
                3. Abominable.
                4. Murderers.
                5. Sexually immoral.

6. Sorcerers.
7. Idolaters.
8. All liars.

C What will eternal home be like?

a. **Revelation 21**.

1. Heaven is a place of prior preparation, verse 2.
2. Heaven is a place of the tabernacle, verse 3.
3. Heaven is a place of life, verse 6.
4. Heaven is a place of relationship, verse 7.
5. Heaven is a place of vision, verse 10.
6. Heaven is a place of the glory of God, verse 11.
7. Heaven is a place of victory, verse 12.
8. Heaven is a place of protection, verse 14.
9. Heaven is a place of equality, verse 16.
10. Heaven is a place of foundations, verse 19.
11. Heaven is a place of welcome, verse 24.
12. Heaven is a place of honor, verse 26.