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# Foundations:

## Basic Christian Teachings

### Session 6: “Christian Living, Part 1”

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#### Review from Session 5

- When will Christ return in glory?
- What does the Bible say happens to Christians when they die?
- Why are Christians not afraid of judgment day?
- What does the Bible say about the resurrection?

#### Today’s Session

This is the first of two sessions on living the Christian Life. The source of our Christian life is the Holy Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit
- The Church
- The Word of God

# God The Holy Spirit

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*



## Who is God the Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father and the Son. He is not a lesser God.

**Matthew 28:19** *“...baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”*

- The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ faith in Jesus in us.

**1 Corinthians 12:3** *“No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.”*

**Acts 16:14** *“The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.”*

- The Holy Spirit enables us to \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual things.

**1 Corinthians 2:12** *“We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.”*

- The Holy Spirit works through \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Ephesians 6:17** *“Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”*

**Hebrews 3:7** *“So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert.”*

## The Two Works of the Spirit in Us

- The Holy Spirit brings us to \_\_\_\_\_ through forgiveness and salvation. *(rebirth, born again, re-create)*

**John 3:6** *“The Spirit gives birth to the spirit.”*

This all is the work of saving us: \_\_\_\_\_.

- The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us more and more into the likeness of Jesus.

**2 Corinthians 3:18** *“And we...are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”*

This is the work of transforming us: \_\_\_\_\_.

- And so we pray: “ \_\_\_\_\_ .”

**Luke 11:13** *“...how much more will your Father in Heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”*

## The Fruit & Gifts of the Spirit

- When the Holy Spirit is in us, what comes out of us? \_\_\_\_\_

**Galatians 5:23** *“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”*

- The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to use to benefit others in Jesus' name.

**1 Corinthians 12:7,11** *“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good... All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He gives them to each one, just as He determines.”*

## Empowered for the Mission

- The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us for living God's mission

**Luke 24:46-49** *“This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”*

**Acts 1:8** *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

# The Church

## What Is The Church?

- The Church is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 1:22** *“And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.”*

**1 Corinthians 1:2** *“To the church of God in Corinth”*

## The Universal Church

- Also called \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ because we cannot see \_\_\_\_\_
- The Church is \_\_\_\_\_ because it is declared holy by God because of Jesus.

**Ephesians 5:25-27** *“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.”*

- The Church will never be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 16:18** *“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”*

## Pictures of the Universal Church

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

**1 Corinthians 12:27** *“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”*

- The Good Shepherd’s \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 10:14-15** *“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father - and I lay down my life for the sheep.”*

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

**Ephesians 5:25-27** *“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.”*

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**1 Peter 3:8** *“Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.”*

**Hebrews 2:11** *“Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers”*

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**1 Peter 2:9** *“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”*



## Why should I be part of a Christian congregation?

- Christianity is \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-13** *“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”*

- The church is Christ’s plan for the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acts 1:8** *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

- The local church is Christ’s plan for our \_\_\_\_\_.

Where we are:

- Encouraged
- Challenged and Corrected
- Taught
- Fed
- Led to serve
- Learn to forgive
- Learn to love the unlovely

- We are made part of a \_\_\_\_\_, not consumers at a \_\_\_\_\_.

# The Bible

## What Is The Bible?

- The Bible is not just a book about God. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
**John 10:27** *“My sheep listen to My voice.”*
- The Bible is God’s way of communicating \_\_\_\_\_ with us.  
**John 6:68** *“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”*
- The Bible is the vehicle of the \_\_\_\_\_. If you want to dwell with God, dwell in His Word.  
**John 6:63** *“The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.”*

## Who Wrote The Bible?

- Although the Bible is a library of 66 books written over the course of 1500+ years by more than 40 people, it has but one Author: the \_\_\_\_\_.  
**2 Peter 1:20-21** *“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”*
- God used His 40+ writers – their experiences, intelligence, memories, personalities, etc. – in such a way that what they wrote was, in its entirety, the Word of God.
- God was at work so that the final product is what God intended it to be for us.

- Therefore, the Bible is correctly called the \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Thessalonians 2:13** *“And we also thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the Word of God...”*

- Real human beings were given real words from God to write down. Just as our Lord Jesus was both true God and true man, so the Bible is truly the Word of God and also the writing of human beings. And just as Jesus took on human flesh free from sin and error, so God used human beings to provide a written revelation of Himself that is free from error.

**Galatians 1:11-12** *“I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.”*

- Another word we use for this is \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Timothy 3:16** *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”*

## What this means:

- Therefore it is \_\_\_\_\_

**John 17:17** *“Sanctify them by your Word. Your word is truth”*

- It is true \_\_\_\_\_  
Archeology is constantly verifying the Bible’s accuracy.

- Its \_\_\_\_\_ is accurate.  
There are more than 20,000 texts of the New Testament from the early centuries of the Church. It is the single best-documented text in antiquity.

- It is accurate about \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 4:12** *“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”*

- It is \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 1:16** *“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.”* (Also consider Genesis 1)

- Its purpose is to work \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Timothy 3:15** *“From infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”*

**John 20:30-31** *“Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”*

Also **John 1:1-14, 1 John 1:1-5**

## Myths about the Bible

- “It’s been translated so many times, you can’t trust it”
- “Alternate versions were suppressed by the church”
- “It was written long after the events it describes”

## What's The Best Way To Read My Bible?

It is so BIG!!!! Where do I start?

- Start with one of the Gospels.
- Be \_\_\_\_\_. By dwelling in His Word every day even for a short time, insights will come more quickly.

**John 14:26** *“But the Holy Spirit will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”*

- It's not about completing an assignment or understanding everything you read, but listening for His \_\_\_\_\_ today.

**John 10:27** *“My sheep listen to My voice...”*

## FOR FURTHER GROWING

From “Luther’s Small Catechism”

- The Holy Spirit, pp. 195 – 204
- The Church, pp. 205-208
- The Bible, pp. 46-49

## SHARPENING MY SWORD

Each week you will be given a verse of the Bible to put to memory. The Bible calls God’s Word “the sword of the Spirit” (Ephesians 6:17). We want you to have a big, sharp sword!

This week:

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