



ELIM CHURCH OF CHRIST


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Worship with us



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 Church Auditorium, after Gbessa Market behind Poultry Farm, Gbessa, Sauka, Opp. NIS Headquarters, Airport Road, Abuja



General Services


- Sunday Service
Time || 8:00am - 10:00am
- First Tuesday of the Month
Song of songs
Time || 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Monday
Morning Dew
Time || 6:00am - 6:45am
- Wednesday
Bible Study & Prayer
Time || 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- Holy Ghost Service
Last Friday of the Month
Time || 9:30am - 11:30am
- Miracle & Healing Service
Last Friday of the Month
Time || 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Special Services

- Youth Conference
14th & 15th April
Time || 9:00am Daily
- Children Convention
15th & 16th August
Time || 9:00am Daily
- Ministers Conference
18th - 19th December
- Convention
20th - 22nd December

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TOPIC: HOW CAN I LEARN ABOUT GOD?

THE BIBLE TEACHES US ABOUT GOD

1. Dependability of God and His Word (Luke 21:33)
2. Authority of God and His Word (Matthew 4:4, John 10:35)
3. Bible was inspired by the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16)
4. The Bible was written by direction of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21)

BIBLE USES HUMAN LANGUAGE AND IMAGES TO DESCRIBE GOD

1. Arm and Hand (Exodus 3:20, 6:6, Deuteronomy 4:35, 5:15)
2. Face (Genesis 4:14, 33:10, Isaiah 59:2)
3. Eyes and Ear (Isaiah 37:17, Psalms 11:4, 34:15, Proverbs 15:3, Zechariah 4:10)
4. Coming and going (Genesis 11:5, Isaiah 64:1-3, Psalms 18:9-19)
5. Voice of God heard by Adam and Moses (Genesis 3:9 -10, Deuteronomy 4:12)
6. We can hear the voice of God (Deuteronomy 5:24, Acts 22:14, Matthew 3:17, John 12:28)

TOPIC: HOW CAN I LEARN ABOUT GOD? (PART TWO)

GOD APPEARS TO PEOPLE IN HUMAN FORM

- a) In visions (Daniel 7:9, 13; Revelation 4:3, 5:7)
- b) To people directly e.g Adam (Genesis 3:8-10), Jacob (Genesis 32:24-30), Abraham (Genesis 18), Joshua (Joshua 5:13-15), Daniel (Daniel 3:25), God has the man Jesus (John 1:1-14), He who has seen Me has seen the Father (John 14:6-9, John 10:30), Son reveals God to whom he wills (Matthew 11:27, Luke 10:12)

GOD IS A SPIRIT

- a) Because God is Spirit, He must reveal Himself to us (John 4:24, 1 Samuel 3:21)
- b) Some things remain a secret (Deuteronomy 29:29)
- c) Some things He reveals to man (Amos 3:7, Ephesians 3:5)

WHY DOES GOD REVEAL HIMSELF TO PEOPLE?

- a) To save them in times of great need (2 Samuel 22:7, Psalms 18:6) e.g Noah (Genesis 6:1-9, 17), Abram – saved from heathen worship (Genesis 12:1-22,19), Moses – saved from slavery (Exodus 3:1-14)
- b) To bring salvation give (Matthew 1:21)
- c) To destroy the works of satan (1 John 3:8)
- d) To warn of future events (Amos 3:7, Revelation 1:1-22)

TOPIC: HOW DOES GOD REVEAL HIMSELF TO MAN?

1) BY MIRACLES

God's miracles glorify Him (Numbers 14:22) – this causes some to believe (John 2:33) yet some will not believe (John 12:37) e.g Burning bush (Exodus3), Red Sea (Exodus 14), Plague on Egypt (Exodus 4) Crossing Jordan River ((Joshua 3), Miracles of Jesus and Miracles of the Disciples

NOTE: Some miracles are done by satan's power (Deuteronomy 13:1-3, Exodus 7:9-12, Revelation 13:14, 16:14, 19:20)

2) BY JUGDMENTS

This will cause some not to believe (Revelation 16:10-11, Numbers 16:20, 24, 32-35, 41-50) e.g Pharaoh (Exodus 4:12), Herod (Acts 12:22-23), Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11), All workers of evil (Revelation 20:10, 14-15)

Yet some will believe Daniel 4:30-37

3) IN DREAMS AND VISIONS

Some dreams and visions brings revelation of God and His plans.

Dreams and visions need to be interpreted by God:

- a) For Joseph (Genesis 41:15-16)
- b) For Daniel (Daniel 2:27-28)
- c) John's visions (Revelation 1:20, 7:13-14)
- d) Peter's visions (Acts 10:11-15, 34-35)

TOPIC: GOD'S STANDARD FOR JUDGING DREAMS, VISIONS AND PROPHECIES

1. Test all things with the Word of God (Psalms 138:2, Proverbs 30:5-6)
2. Don't believe every spirit (1 John 4:1-3)
3. Submit all things to counsel (Proverbs 11:14, 15:22)
4. Wait for independent confirmation (Matthew 18:16, 1 Corinthians 14:29, 2 Corinthians 13:1)
5. God allows false word to test our love (Deuteronomy 13:3)
6. If a word leads you away from God, it is false (Deuteronomy 13:1-3)
7. Even a real miracles can be false (Deuteronomy 13:1-3)
8. The commandments of God are above dreams, etc. (Deuteronomy 13:4)
9. We must remove falsehood from our midst (Deuteronomy 13:5)

DREAMS AND VISIONS CAN BRINGS COMFORT

- a) To Abram (Genesis 15:1)
- b) To Paul (Acts 18:9)

DREAMS AND VISIONS CAN BRING WARNING FROM GOD

- a) Abimelech about Sara (Genesis 20:3)
- b) Laban about Jacob (Genesis 31:24)
- c) Joseph about Mary (Matthew 1:20)
- d) Joseph about Herod (Matthew 2:13)
- e) The wisemen and Herod (Matthew 2:12)
- f) Pilate's wife (Matthew 27:19)

TOPIC: DREAMS AND VISIONS

DREAMS AND VISIONS CAN BRING GUIDANCE

1. Gideon overhears a dream (Judges 7:13-15)
2. Joseph led from Egypt to Israel (Matthew 2:19)
3. Joseph led to Galilee (Matthew 2:22)
4. Ananias led to pray for Paul (Acts 9:10)
5. Paul prepared for Ananias' coming (Acts 9:12)
6. Paul led to go to Macedonia (Acts 16:9)

DREAMS AND VISIONS MAY BE FALSE

1. If one's heart desires evil (Jeremiah 14:14, 23:16)
2. Dreams can be used to excuse a falsehood (Jeremiah 23:25, 32)
3. Some dreams lead us away from God (Jeremiah 23:27)
4. We must not follow these false dreams (Jeremiah 27:9)
5. Our own dreams may be false (Jeremiah 29:8)
6. False vision can lead to false prophecy (Ezekiel 13:7)
7. False religion gives false dreams and visions (Zechariah 10:2)

SOME DREAMS AND VISIONS ARE PURE FANTASY

1. Due to hunger and thirst (Isaiah 29:8)
2. Product of an overactive mind (Ecclesiastes 5:3,7)
3. Some dreams are strictly fleshy (Jude 1:8)
4. Alcohol and drugs can cause false visions and dreams (Isaiah 28:7)

TOPIC: IN A DREAM OR VISION HE MAY SPEAK

IN DREAM

OLD TESTAMENT

Abimelech (Genesis 20:3-7)

Laban (Genesis 31:34)

Solomon (1 Kings 3:5-15)

Jacob (Genesis 28:12, 31:10)

Joseph (Genesis 37:5-9)

Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 2:1, 31, 4:5, 8)

Daniel (Daniel 7)

NEW TESTAMENT

Joseph (Matthew 1:20-21, 2:13, 19-20)

Wise men (Matthew 2:11-12)

Pilate's wife (Matthew 27:19)

IN VISION

OLD TESTAMENT

Abraham (Genesis 15:1)

Jacob (Genesis 46:2)

Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-8)

Daniel (Daniel 2:19)

Nahum (Nahum 1:1)

Amos (Amos 7:1-9, 8:1-6, 9:1)

Zechariah (Zechariah 1:8, 3:1, 4:2, 5:2, 6:1)

Ezekiel (Ezekiel 1, 8, 10)

Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 2:28)

NEW TESTAMENT

Paul (Acts 9:3, 6:12, 16:9, 18:9, 22:18, 27:23, 2 Corinthians 12:1-4)

Ananias (Acts 9:10-11)

Peter (Acts 10:9-17)

Cornelius (Acts 10:3)

John (Revelation 1:1)

TOPIC: CHARACTER OF GOD (PART ONE)

1. The goodness of God (Matthew 19:16-17)
2. The goodness and sincerity of God (Romans 11:22)
3. Holy (Revelation 4:8)
 - i. There is no one holy as the Lord (1 Samuel 2:2, Revelation 15:4)
 - ii. God is holy, perfect (Leviticus 19:2, Matthew 5:48)

We are to share in His holiness (Hebrews 12:10, 14, 1 Peter 1:16)

The Holy Spirit comes to make us holy (Romans 15:16)

Holiness is beautiful not austere (2 Chronicles 20:21, Psalms 29:2)

4. Righteous and just (Revelation 16:5, 19:2)

God hates sin (Hebrews 1:8-9)

No unrighteousness in His kingdom (1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Job 34:12, Psalms 7:9, 116:5, 119:137)

We are to share in His righteousness (1 John 3:7)

We too are to hate sin (Hebrews 12:4, 1 John 3:8-9)

5. Loving and merciful (John 3:16, Psalms 69:16, Lamentations 3:22-23)

God is love (1 John 4:8, Titus 3:4-5)

We are to share His love (Leviticus 19:18, Luke 10:27, Romans 13:9, Galatians 5:14)

God's perfect love for us costs our fear (1 John 4:18)

We approach God with confidence (Hebrews 4:16)

Nothing can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:38-39)

Teaching passage of love (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

TOPIC: CHARACTER OF GOD (PART TWO)

Faithful and True (Isaiah 25:1, Revelation 3:14, 19:11)

God is true in spite of man's deceitfulness (Romans 3:4, John 17:13)

God who promised is faithful (Hebrews 10:23, 11:11)

We trust God to preserve us (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 2 Titus 1:12)

God is faithful to make an escape from sin (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Faithful people are hard to find (Proverbs 20:6)

God seeks faithful men like Himself (Revelation 2:10, 17:14, 2 Titus 2:2)

Moses (Numbers 12:7), David (1 Samuel 22:14), Daniel (Daniel 6:4), Jesus (Revelation 19:11), Epaphras, Tychicus, Onesimus (Colossians 1:7, 4:7, 9)

God preserves the faithful (Psalms 31:23)

God watches over the faithful (Psalms 101:6)

God rewards a faithful servant (Matthew 25:21)

GIVING

God gives:

All Scriptures (2 Titus 3:16)

His only begotten Son (John 3:16, Romans 5:5)

The Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13, 1 Thessalonians 4:8, Romans 5:5)

Repentance (2 Timothy 2:25)

His gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23, 1 John 5:11)

Grace to be humble (1 Peter 5:5, James 5:6)

Rest to the weary (Matthew 11:28)

Wisdom (Daniel 2:23, James 1:5)

To us victory through Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:57)

To us the ability to minister (1 Peter 4:11, Ephesians 3:7)

Food to every creature (Psalms 136:25, Ruth 1:6)

Ability to produce wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18)

Power for earthly rulership (Daniel 2:37)

NOTE: We should share in God's character of caring (Luke 6:36)

TOPIC: THE GREATNESS OF GOD (PART ONE)

GOD IS WISE, ALL-KNOWING (OMNISCIENT) (Romans 16:27)

The Lord is a God who knows (1 Samuel 2:3)

His wisdom is profound (Job 9:4)

Beyond human understanding (Psalms 139:4-6, Romans 11:33)

Character of Godly wisdom (James 3:17)

- i.** Pure (not mixed with falsehood)
- ii.** Peaceable (does not start conflict)
- iii.** Gentle (not harsh or hard)
- iv.** Merciful (reveals God's love not law)
- v.** No favoritism (doesn't work for good of self or friend)
- vi.** No hypocrisy (means what it says)

Character of ungodly wisdom

Worldly, fleshly, devilish wisdom (James 3:14-16)

Is foolish to God (1 Corinthians 3:18-20)

Wisdom is available for believers (James 1:5-7, Colossians 1:9, Ephesians 1:17)

Christ is our wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:24, Colossians 2:2-3)

Word of Christ is our wisdom (Colossians 3:16)

Spiritual gift of the word of wisdom

TOPIC: THE GREATNESS OF GOD (PART TWO)

GOD IS EVERYWHERE (OMNIPRESENT) (Psalms 139:7-12)

Therefore, we can pray anywhere and know God hears us

Fills everything in every way (Ephesians 1:22-23)

Not far from anyone of us (Acts 17:27-28, Jeremiah 23:23)

In the grave in heaven (Psalms 139:8, Amos 9:2-3)

We cannot hide from Him (Jeremiah 23:24)

This does not mean God is in everything, God condemns people for:

Worshipping idols or devils (Isaiah 2:8-11, 20-21, Revelation 9:20)

Worshipping creation or creatures (Romans 1:25)

Worshipping angels (Colossians 2:18, Revelation 22:8-9)

Worshipping spirit of the dead (Leviticus 20:6, Deuteronomy 18:9-11)

NOTE: We pray with confidence (Jeremiah 33:3)

GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL (OMNIPOTENT)

He is the creator of heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1)

In Him all things hold together (Colossians 1:17)

His power is vast (Job 9:4)

Therefore, He is able to save and deliver (Isaiah 50:2)

All things are possible with God (Matthew 19:26, Jeremiah 32:17)

Is anything too hard for God? (Jeremiah 32:27)

Weakness of God is stronger than men (1 Corinthians 1:25)

We are to share His strength (Joel 3:10, 2 Corinthians 12:10, Hebrews 11:34)

In God's grace (2 Timothy 2:1)

In His power (Ephesians 6:10)

To defeat satan (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

In faith (Romans 4:20)

To be strong and do exploits (Daniel 11:32)

TOPIC: THE GREATNESS OF GOD (PART THREE)

GOD IS ETERNAL (1 John 5:20)

From everlasting to everlasting (Psalms 90:1-2)

The beginning and the end (Revelation 22:13)

Who is, was, is to come (Revelation 1:8)

None before, none after (Isaiah 43:10)

We can share His eternal life (John 3:15-16, Romans 6:23, 1 John 5:11-13)

He is able to keep what we commit to Him (2 Timothy 1:12)

GOD IS UNCHANGING (Malachi 3:6)

Therefore, His offer of love is completely trustworthy

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, forever (Hebrews 13:8)

Does not change like shifting shadows (James 1:17)

We shall be changed to be Him (1 John 3:12, 1 Corinthians 15:51-53)

TOPIC: WHAT DOES GOD DO? (PART ONE)

CREATION

God created the universe from nothing (Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 42:5, Amos 5:8)

God can (and will) remake everything (Isaiah 65:17, Revelation 21:1)

It was very good when God created (Genesis 1:31)

The problem of evil comes after this creation period

The problem of evil comes from man, not from God

Creation is attributed to:

- The Father (Romans 11:36)
- The Son, the Word (John 1:1-3)
- The Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:2)

God created all human life (Isaiah 42:5, Zechariah 12:1)

God created all spiritual forces and powers (Colossians 1:16-17)

God alone can destroy spirits (Matthew 10:28, Luke 12:4-5)

God created by His spoken words (Genesis 1:3, Psalm 33:6, 9, Hebrews 11:13)

According to God's will, plan and wisdom (Ephesians 1:11, Revelation 4:11)

Since God alone is the Creator of EVERYTHING, we must not worship the stars, spirits, idols, people, plants or animals (Romans 1:20-25)

TOPIC: WHAT DOES GOD DO? (PART TWO)

1. God sustains all things by His word (Hebrews 1:3)
2. He is near to all of us (Acts 17:27-28)
3. He cares especially for believers (Hebrews 13:5)
4. Like Jacob, we may be unaware of God's presence (Genesis 28:16)
5. We live because of God's continued provision of life (Psalms 36:6)
6. God provides for the needs of all (Psalms 23:1-6, 147:1-9, 1 Peter 5:6-7, Matthew 5:45, 6:25-34, Acts 14:17)
7. God protects and watches over us (Genesis 28:15, Deuteronomy 32:11, Isaiah 25:4, Matthew 23:37, John 17:11, Philippians 4:6-7, 2 Thessalonians 3:3, Jude 24-25)
8. God will sometimes overrule the natural order by the miraculous

GOD IS IN CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP TO PEOPLE AS:

1. Father to all men (Deuteronomy 32:6, Hebrews 12:9)
2. Creator (Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 42:5, Amos 5:8)
3. Husband (Jeremiah 3:20)
4. King (Numbers 16:22, 27:16, Galatians 3:28, Revelation 11:15)
5. Judge (Hebrews 6:2, 1 Corinthians 15:50-57)
6. Savior (Hebrews 9:22, Revelation 5:9, Acts 20:28)
7. Teacher (John 14:26, John 16:13, Exodus 31:2-5)
8. Bridegroom and husband (Matthew 25:1-13)

TOPIC: GOD OFFERS SALVATION TO ALL (PART ONE)

Sources of salvation

1. It's of God alone (Psalms 3:8, 37:39, Isaiah 45:21-22, Jeremiah 3:23)
2. By Jesus Christ alone (Isaiah 45:21-22, Acts 4:12)
3. Is of God's grace (Ephesians 2:5, 8, 2 Timothy 1:9, Titus 2:11)
4. It's through faith in Christ (Mark 16:16, Acts 16:3, Romans 10:9, 1 Peter 1:5)
5. It's NOT by works or sacraments (Romans 11:6, Ephesians 2:9, 2 Timothy 1:9, Titus 3:5)
6. It's NOT by the law of faith (Romans 3:21-31, Galatians 2:16)
7. Good works
8. God has prepared them for us (Ephesians 2:10)
9. After being saved by faith (Ephesians 2:8-10, 1 Thessalonians 1:3)
10. God's works demonstrates our faith (James 2:14-20, Revelation 2:13)
11. NOTE: We obey God because we love Him. Water baptism and Lord's supper are part of His desire for us but we do not get saved by them.

OUR PART IN SALVATION WITH GOD'S HELP

1. Repentance and Baptism (Acts 2:38)
2. Confession and Faith (Romans 10:9-10)
3. Acting on God's Word (James 1:21-25)
4. Endurance (Matthew 10:22)

TOPIC: GOD OFFERS SALVATION TO ALL (PART TWO)

IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S GRACE IN ALL ASPECT OF SALVATION

DEFINATION OF GRACE: Grace is the undeserved gift of God's love and favor towards people, because of the work of Jesus.

- i.** Our calling or election by grace (Romans 11:5, Galatians 1:15)
- ii.** We believe through grace (Acts 18:27)
- iii.** The Gospel is about God's grace (Acts 20:24)
- iv.** Justified by God's grace (Titus 3:7)
- v.** Eternal life through grace (Ephesians 1:7)
- vi.** Forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7)
- vii.** Comfort and hope through grace (2 Thessalonians 2:16)
- viii.** Strength in grace (2 Timothy 2:1)
- ix.** Grace to preach (Ephesians 3:8)
- x.** Grace to serve God (Hebrews 12:28)
- xi.** Growth in grace (2 Peter 3:18)
- xii.** We are what we are by grace (1 Corinthians 15:10)

THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKED SALVATION REALITY TO US/ EXPERIMENTAL IN US

- Convicts us of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:7-8)
- Must be born of the Spirit (John 3:3-6, Titus 3:5)
- Spirit then fills/induces believer (Acts 2:4, Ephesians 5:18, 1 Corinthians 6:19)
- Empowers us to live free from sin (Romans 8:2)
- Empowers us to do the ministry of God (John 14:11-17, Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 2:4)
- Guides and teaches us (John 14:26, 16:13)
- Produces fruit of the Spirit in the believer (Galatians 5:22-23)

TOPIC: GOD OFFERS SALVATION TO ALL (PART THREE)

- Produces righteousness (Romans 3:21)
- Apart from the law (Romans 3:21, 3:28)
- From God (Romans 3:21-22)
- Through faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:22, Acts 4:12)
- To all who believe (Romans 3:23, Acts 2:21)
- Needed by all (Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:8)
- Through faith in His blood (Romans 3:25-26, Hebrews 9:14, 1 John 1:7)

SALVATION DELIVERS US FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- Sin (Matthew 1:21, 1 John 3:5)
- Self (Romans 6)
- Law (Romans 6:14)
- Uncleanness (Ezekiel 36:29)
- God's wrath (Romans 5:9, 1 Thessalonians 1:10)
- Eternal death (John 3:16-17)
- This present evil world (Galatians 1:4)
- The power of the devil (Colossians 1:13, 2:15, Hebrews 2:14-15)

SALVATION AFFECTS ALL ASPECTS OF THE BELIVER'S:

- Body – healing by His stripes (1 Peter 2:24) > future glorified body (1 Corinthians 15:44, Philippians 3:21, Romans 8:23)
- Soul – Salvation of the soul (1 Peter 1:9) > hope and cleansing (Hebrews 6:18,19, James 1:21)
- Spirit – made perfect (Hebrews 12:23) > communication with God's spirit (Romans 8:16)

TOPIC: REPENTANCE (PART ONE)

REPENTANCE INVOLVES:

1. Knowing that we are sinners in the sight of God (Psalms 51:3-4)
2. A deep feeling of remorse for our sins (2 Corinthians 7:10-11, Luke 18:13, Psalms 38:18)
3. An active turning away from sin to God (1 Thessalonians 1:9, Acts 26:18)
4. God responds by giving our sins (Acts 2:38, 5:31, 8:22, 1 John 1:9)
5. We continue by setting our hearts and mind to follow God, which becomes SAVING FAITH
6. Great rejoicing in heaven (Luke 15:7, 10)

REPENTANCE IS COMMANDED BY GOD TO ALL (Ezekiel 18:30-32, Acts 17:30)

Jesus came to call sinners to repentance (Matthew 9:13, Mark 2:17, Luke 5:32)

REPENTANCE PREACHED BY:

1. Old Testaments prophets (Joel 2:12, Hosea 14:2, Daniel 4:27, Isaiah 58)
2. John the Baptist (Matthew 3:2)
3. Jesus (Matthew 4:17, Luke 13:3)
4. Jesus' followers (Luke 24:46-47)
5. Peter (Acts 2:38, 3:19)
6. Paul (Acts 17:30-31)

TOPIC: REPENTANCE (PART TWO)

REPENTANCE INVOLVES THE CHANGE OF:

1. Our mind (Matthew 21:28-29)
2. Our hearts (2 Corinthians 7:9-10, Isaiah 57:15)
3. Our will (Luke 15:18-20)

REPENTANCE IS ASSOCIATED WITH:

- Conviction of sin (Acts 2:37-38, 19:16-19)
- Water Baptism (Acts 2:38)
- Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)
- Turning to God (Acts 2:38, 3:19)
- Confession of sin (Proverbs 28:13, 1 John 1:9, Matthew 3:6, Psalms 38:18, Daniel 9:20)
- Forgiveness of sin (Luke 24:46-47, Acts 2:38)
- Faith (believing) (Matthew 21:32, Mark 1:15, Acts 20:21)
- Prayer (1 Kings 8:33, Acts 8:22)
- Turning from sin (2 Chronicles 6:26)
- Turning from idolatry (Ezekiel 14:6, 1 Thessalonians 1:9)
- Changed lifestyle (Matthew 3:2-8)
- Fear of judgment (Luke 23:40, Matthew 3:7)

TOPIC: REPENTANCE (PART THREE)

EXAMPLES OF TRUE REPENTANCE

1. King David (Bethsheba) (2 Samuel 12:13, Psalms 51)
2. King David (Census) (2 Samuel 24:10-14)

NOTE: There were natural consequences despite God's forgiveness especially for his children

3. Prodigal son (Luke 15:18-21)
4. Tax Collector (Luke 18:13)
5. Zacchaeus (Luke 19:2-10)
6. Thief on the cross (Luke 23:39-43)

EVIDENCE OF TRUE REPENTANCE

- Good works follow true repentance (Matthew 3:8, 5:16, Acts 26:20, Ephesians 2:10, 1 Timothy 2:10, 6:18)
- We forgive our enemies (Matthew 6:12-15, 18:21-25, Mark 11:25-26, Luke 8:37, 11:4, 17:3, 4:23-24, Acts 7:60, Ephesians 4:32)
- We do not go or look back (Luke 9:62)
- Restitution (Luke 19:2-10)

EXAMPLES OF FALSE OR INEFFECTIVE REPENTANCE

- Pharaoh in Egypt – immediate fear only (Exodus 9:27, 35, 10:16, 20)
- King Saul - desired honor of people (1 Samuel 15:24-32)
- Judas Iscariot – regret is not enough (Matthew 27:3-5)
- Simon the Sorcerer – fear only (Acts 8:18-24)
- Esau – unable to change his mind (Hebrews 12:17)

TOPIC: SAVING FAITH (PART ONE)

DEFINATION: We believe that there is only one God and that He is as He reveals Himself in the Scriptures, the Bible. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly God and truly man and that He died for our sins and was raised for our justification. We demonstrate our faith to God by remaining faithful and obedient (by His help through the Holy Spirit) even if circumstances are difficult.

SAVING FAITH INVOLVES:

- Our mind: knowledge of the truth of Christ Jesus (Psalms 9:10, Romans 10:17)
- Our hearts: agreeing that these things are true (Mark 12:32, John 1:12)
- Our will: acting upon the truth (1 John 2:3-6)

FROM WHERE DOES SAVING GRACE COME:

1. Saving faith is a gift from God (Ephesians 2:8)
2. Our initial believing is from God (Philippians 1:29)
3. Jesus is the author and the finisher (Hebrews 12:2)
4. Disciples ask Jesus for more faith (Luke 17:5)

HOW DOES SAVING FAITH COMES TO US?

- Hearing (Romans 10:14-17, Ephesians 1:13)
- The Word of God (Gospel) (Romans 10:14-17, Joshua 20:31, 2 Timothy 3:15)
- By preaching (Romans 10:14-17, John 17:20, Acts 8:12)

TOPIC: SAVING FAITH (PART TWO)

WHAT IS THE OBJECT OF OUR FAITH?

- The Truth of the Scripture (John 5:46, Acts 24:14, 26:27)
- Romans 4:18-25 includes:
 - Sure promises of God (Hebrews 11:13, Romans 4:20-21)
 - Faith in God's power (1 Corinthians 2:4-5, Romans 4:21)
 - Faith in God Himself (John 14:1, 2 Chronicles 20:20, Romans 4:24)
 - Faith in Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 4:24, John 14:1, 6:29, Acts 20:21)
- The Gospel of Jesus (Romans 4:25)

WHAT DOES SAVING FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST ACCOMPLISH FOR US?

- We are saved (Mark 16:16, John 3:16, 3:36, Acts 16:31, 1 Peter 1:8)
- We are declared righteous (Romans 3:21-31, 5:1, Galatians 2:16, 3:6)
- We will not face God's wrath (John 3:36, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)
- Our sins are forgiven (Acts 10:43, 13:39, 26:17-18, Romans 3:25)
- We are adopted into God's family (John 1:12, Galatians 3:26)
- We receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 11:15-17, Galatians 3:14, Ephesians 1:13)
- We are preserved until Jesus' return (1 Peter 1:5)
- We are cleansed (sanctified) (Acts 26:17-18)
- We have access to God (Romans 5:2, Ephesians 3:12)
- We inherit God's promises (Galatians 3:22, Hebrews 6:12)
- We receive spiritual light (John 12:36, 46, Hebrews 6:4, 10:32)
- We receive eternal life (John 3:15-16, 6:40-47, 20:31, Galatians 2:20)

TOPIC: SAVING FAITH (PART THREE)

WHAT DOES FAITH PRODUCE FOR US?

- Peace with God (Romans 5:1, Isaiah 26:3)
- Hope (of God's glory) (Romans 5:2)
- Joy (Acts 16:34, 1 Peter 1:8)
- Boldness in preaching (2 Corinthians 4:13)

WHAT IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN FAITH AND GOOD WORKS?

1. James 2:14-26

- Impossible that faith will not produce good deeds (James 2:14)
 - Words without action do not help (James 2:15-16)
 - Faith without action also is useless (James 2: 17-20)
 - Abraham's faith led to obedient actions (James 2:11-24)
 - Rahab acted on her faith that God is with Israel (James 2:25)
 - It is still faith that justifies (Romans 4:1-3) but not with mere words but actions that shows we truly believe (James 2:26)
We cannot be saved by doing good works
 - Ministry in Jesus' name is insufficient (Matthew 7:22-23)
 - Observing the laws does not save (Romans 3:20, 9:30-32)
 - No self-effort leads to faith or salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 Timothy 3:5)
2. Doing good deeds is commanded by God > but not as a means of salvation (Psalms 34:14, 37:3, Luke 6:35, Hebrews 13:16)
 3. We are created in Christ to do good works (Ephesians 2:10)
 4. There are rewards for good works (Matthew 25:34-36, 26:6-13, 1 Peter 2:12, Hebrews 13:16, Revelation 2:2, 22:12)

TOPIC: GOD AS “FATHER” OF ALL MEN

- 1.** Your Father, Your Creator (Deuteronomy 32:6, Malachi 2:10, John 1:8)
- 2.** Father of our Spirits (Hebrews 12:9)
- 3.** Father to the fatherless (Psalms 68:5)
- 4.** God thought we would call Him “Father” (Jeremiah 3:19)

GOD AS A LOVING FATHER OF ALL BELIEVERS

- 1.** That we would share in the nature of His holiness (Leviticus 20:8, 1 Peter 1:2)
- 2.** Father of all that believe (Romans 4:11)
- 3.** Jesus calls God “Our Father” e.g:
 - I am returning to My Father and Your Father (John 20:17)
 - Your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16, 45)
 - Your Father in heaven will give good gift (Matthew 7:8)
 - An impartial Father (1 Peter 1:17)
 - Our Father in heaven (Matthew 6:9, Luke 11:2)
- 4.** Apostles call Him our Father
 - Spirit of adoption where we can call Him “Abba Father” (Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6)
 - Great love of the Father, we children of God (1 John 3:1)
 - Our fellowship is with the Father (1 John 1:3)

TOPIC: GOD AS FATHER OF JESUS HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON

1. Jesus represents the heavenly Father exactly (Philippians 2:5-6, Hebrews 1:3)
2. Messiah (Jesus Christ) is called “Everlasting Father” (Isaiah 9:6)
3. Father God speaks of Jesus: today I have become your Father (Psalms 2:7, Hebrews 1:5)
4. Father sent His Son to be the savior of the world (1 John 4:14)
5. Jesus speaks of God and to God as His Father
 - i. Abba Father (Mark 14:36)
 - ii. Father if Thou art willing (Luke 22:42)
 - iii. Father forgive them (Luke 23:34)
 - iv. Ye blessed of My Father (Matthew 25:34)
 - v. No one knows the Father except the Son (Matthew 11:27)
 - vi. I and the Father are one (John 10:30)
 - vii. The Father loves the Son (John 3:35)

AS OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, GOD RELATES TO US IN MANY WAYS

- He loves us (2 Thessalonians 2:16, John 16:27)
- He sent Jesus to die in our place (forgiveness) (Galatians 1:4)
- He raised Jesus from the dead (He brings us to life) (Galatians 1:1)
- He corrects and punishes us (Hebrews 12:5-7, Revelation 3:19)
- He blesses us with spiritual blessings > the gift of the Holy Spirit comes from Him (Acts 2:33)
- He is above all, through all and in us all (Ephesians 4:6)
- He is deserving of all our glory (Philippians 4:20, Revelation 7:12)

TOPIC: DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST (PART ONE)

WHAT DOES JESUS SAY ABOUT HIMSELF?

- He came from Heaven and is in Heaven (John 3:13)
- He claims to be present everywhere (Matthew 18:20)
- He said He is LORD even of the Sabbath of God (Mark 2:27-28)
- He calls God His Father (John 5:17-18) – meaning is that, He is equal with God
- He is one with the Father: therefore, He is God (John 10:30-33)
- Jesus said He came in His Father's name (John 5:43)
- To see and know Him is to see and know the Father (John 14:7-11)
- He speaks with the same authority as Scriptures (Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28)
- He uses the title – I AM (John 18:5-8) > “I AM” is God's title (Exodus 3:14)
- He talks of His existence before Abraham (John 8:58)
- He claims to be King and final Judge (Matthew 25:31-46) > Old Testament has the Lord, Jehovah as Judge (Genesis 18:25, Joel 3:12)
- He claims “ALL POWER IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH” (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Son of man – His angels – His kingdom (Mark 13:26-27, Matthew 13:41) > Angels are called the Angels of God (Luke 12:8-9, 15:10) > the Kingdom is called the Kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33, Mark 1:14)

TOPIC: DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST (PART TWO)

WHAT DO OTHERS SAY ABOUT JESUS?

- Paul writes, “Jesus Who is God overall” (Romans 9:5)
- Jews said He claimed to be the Son of God (John 19:7)
- Apostle John said He MADE HIMSELF EQUAL WITH GOD (John 5:18)
- Teachers said He claimed to DO WHAT ONLY GOD DOES (Mark 2:5-7)
- Described as ETERNAL, the CREATOR, HE WAS GOD (John 1:1-5)
- Thomas calls Him “My LORD and my God” (John 20:28)
- The universe was MADE through Jesus (Hebrews 1:2, John 1:3, Colossians 1:16)
- Jesus is the exact representation of God (Hebrews 1:3)
- Jesus sustains all of creation (Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:17)
- Jesus is worshipped by angels (Hebrews 1:6)
- The Son is called God (Hebrews 1:8)
- He is forever (Hebrews 1:12)
- He is superior to angels, he is not an angel (Hebrews 1:4, 1 Peter 3:22)
- He is superior to Moses (Hebrews 3:1-6)
- He is superior to the high priests (of Old Testament) (Hebrews 4:14, 5:10)
- He is in very nature God (Philippians 2:6-11)
- He is the image of the Invisible God (Colossians 1:15-20)
- In Christ, the fullness of deity lives in bodily form (Colossians 2:9)
- The term “LORD” is used both of the Father and the Son

The Father (Matthew 1:20, 9:38, 11:25, Acts 17:24, Revelation 4:11)

The Son (Luke 2:11, John 20:28, Acts 10:36, 1 Corinthians 2:8, Revelation 19:16)

TOPIC: DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST (PART THREE)

HE IS THE OBJECT OF DIVINE WORSHIP AND ACCEPT IT

- MAGI worship Him (Matthew 2:11)
- Disciples worship Him (Matthew 14:33)
- Canaanite woman worships Him (Matthew 15:25)
- The healed man worships Him (John 9:38)
- Two Mary's worship Him (Matthew 28:9)
- Disciples worshipped Him after the ascension (Luke 24:52)
- The Angels of God worship Him (Hebrews 1:6)
- The Four Living Creatures and the 24 Elders worship Him (Revelation 5:8)

WHAT DOES GOD THE FATHER SAY ABOUT HIM?

- Father-Son relationship (Matthew 3:17, 17:5, John 8:16-19, 1John 5:9) > This relationship implies equality with God (John 5:17-18)
- Jesus does the work that only God can do (Matthew 9:2-7, Mark 2:5-12, Luke 5:20-26)
- Miracles of Jesus
- Authority over nature e.g walked on water (Mark 6:47-51), multiplied food (Matthew 15:32-38)
- Authority over satan and demons e.g Demoniac in synagoue (Luke 4:32-36), Demoniac (mute) (Matthew 9:32-33)
- Authority over sickness and physical infirmities - Peter's mother in-law (Matthew 8:14-15), Malchus' ear (Luke 22:50-51)
- Authority over death e.g widow's son (Luke 7:11-17), Lazarus (11:1-45)

TOPIC: JESUS IS ALL THAT GOD IS

GOD THE CREATOR

Genesis 1:1, Job 33:4, Isaiah 44:24

Psalms 33:6

JESUS THE CREATOR

John 1:3, 10, Revelation 10:6

1 Corinthians 8:6, Ephesians
3:9

GOD IS THE REDEEMER

AND SAVIOR

Psalms 78:34-35, Isaiah 45:21

47:4, 1 Timothy 1:1

JESUS IS THE REDEEMER

AND SAVIOR

1 John 4:14, 1 Peter 2:21-24

Acts 20:28, Luke 2:10-11

GOD IS COMING

Zechariah 14:3-5, 1 Thessalonians

Psalms 50:1-6

JESUS IS COMING

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13,
Matthew

Titus 2:11-13, Revelation
19:11, 16

GOD IS ROCK

Deuteronomy 32:3-4, 1 Samuel 2:2

JESUS IS THE ROCK

Matthew 16:17-19, Acts 4:11 12

Isaiah 17:10, Psalms 78:35

Ephesians 2:20-22, 1
Corinthians 10:4

GOD IS FIRST AND LAST

JESUS IS FIRST AND LAST

Isaiah 4:4, Isaiah 43:10-11,
44:6-8, Revelation 1:8

Revelation 1:17, 22:13

GOD: I AM AND I AM HE

JESUS: I AM AND I AM HE

Exodus 3:12-14, Isaiah 43:10
Isaiah 43:25

John 18:5-6, Revelation 1:17-18
John 8:24-28

GOD THE KING

JESUS THE KING

Psalms 47:2, 6, Zechariah 14:9
Jeremiah 10:10, Isaiah 44:6

Matthew 2:1-6, 23:3
Revelation 15:1-4, 1 Timothy
6:13-16

GOD IS THE SHEPHERD

JESUS IS THE SHEPHERD

Psalms 23:1, Isaiah 40:10-11
Psalms 100:3

John 10:8-12, 1 Peter 5:4
Hebrews 13:20, 1 Peter 2:21-
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TOPIC: JESUS – FULLY HUMAN AND FULLY DIVINE HIS BIRTH

- Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1)
- Born of a woman (Galatians 4:4, Luke 1:29-33)
- Born in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1)
- The man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:15)
- He's called the Son of man (Matthew 12:8, 16:13, 25:31, John 3:14, 8:28, 13:31)
- Shared flesh and blood, our humanity (Hebrews 2:14, John 1:14)
- Spirit testifies Jesus is come in the flesh (1 John 4:2-3)

Physically Limited:

- Was tired (John 4:6-8)
- Slept when tired (Mark 4:38)
- Natural growth in wisdom and stature (Luke 2:52)
- Blood and water came out of His pierced side (John 19:32-34)
- Was hungry (Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 11:12)
- Felt sorrow (Matthew 26:38, John 11:35)
- Was angry (Mark 10:14)

UNITY OF DIVINE AND HUMAN NATURE

- Fullness of the Godhead bodily dwelleth in Jesus (Colossians 2:9)
- Both natures are referred to in the same passage e.g word became flesh – from the Father (John 1:14)
 - i. Human nature – Son of God (Romans 1:3-4)
 - ii. God's Son in likeness of sinful man (Romans 8:3)
 - iii. Human ancestry of Christ who is God over all (Romans 9:5)
 - iv. God's Son born of a woman Galatians 4:4
 - v. Human likeness, Jesus Christ is Lord (Phillipians 2:7,11)
- Human attributes with divine title > virgin will birth a son.... Called "God with us" (Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 7:14),
- Blood of Jesus called "God's own blood" (Acts 20:28)
- God as a Spirit does not have "blood" – here the "blood" of Jesus and His divinity is so close that we see we have "God's own blood"
- Crucified.... the Lord of glory (1 Corinthians 2:8)
- **Divine attributes with human title**
 - i. He came from Heaven.....the son of man (John 3:13)
 - ii. Son of man to ascend into Heaven (John 6:62)
 - iii. Human ancestry.....God overall (Romans 9:5)

TOPIC: JESUS DOES THE WORK THAT ONLY GOD CAN DO

He forgives sins, which only God can do (Matthew 9:2-7, Mark 2:5-12, Luke 5:20-26)

Miracles of Jesus:

- Authority over nature e.g water to wine (John 2:7-11), money from fish (Matthew 17:24-27), 2nd catch of fish (John 21:4-7)
- Authority over satan and demons e.g Demoniac (mute) (Matthew 9:32-33), Afflicted child (Luke 9:37-43), spirit of infirmity (Luke 13:10-17)
- Authority over sickness and physical infirmities e.g Centurion's servant (Matthew 8:5-13), Shriveled hand (Luke 6:6-11), Malchus' ear (Luke 22:50-51)
- Authority over death e.g widow's son (Luke 7:11-17), Resurrection of Jesus (Mark 16:1-14), Lazarus (John 11:1-45)

TOPIC: HOLY SPIRIT AS GOD (PART ONE)

Names the Bible uses for the Holy Spirit

- Spirit (Mark 1:10, Galatians 5:5, Revelation 22:17)
- Holy Spirit (Isaiah 63:10-11, Luke 11:13, 1 Thessalonians 1:8)
- Spirit of God (Genesis 1:2, Joel 2:28, Romans 8:14)
- Spirit of the Father (Matthew 10:20)
- Spirit of the Son (Galatians 4:6)
- Spirit of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:19)
- Spirit of Christ (1 Peter 1:11)
- Spirit of the Lord (2 Corinthians 3:17, Isaiah 63:14)
- Spirit of Grace (Hebrews 10:29)
- Spirit of Truth (John 14:17, 15:26, 1 John 5:6)
- Spirit of Life (Romans 8:2)
- Spirit of Glory (1 Peter 4:14)
- Spirit of Adoption (Romans 8:15)
- Comforter (John 14:16, 16:7)
- Spirit of Wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge and the fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2)

TOPIC: HOLY SPIRIT AS GOD (PART TWO)

His name is used the same as God

- Lie to Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3)
- Lie to God (Acts 5:4)
- Temple of Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- Temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16, 17)
- Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 8:11)
- God raised Jesus from the dead (Acts 2:24, 32)
- Preaching with the Spirit's power (1 Corinthians 2:4)
- Preaching with the God's power (1 Corinthians 2:5)

Holy Spirit has the characteristics of God:

- Holy Spirit as Creator (Genesis 1:2)
- Holy Spirit knows all things (1 Corinthians 2:10-11, John 16:13)
- Holy Spirit is all powerful (Luke 1:35, Romans 15:19)
- Holy Spirit is eternal (Hebrews 9:14)

Holy Spirit is a “person” and not some “force” or “influence” from God

- Bible uses “He” not “It” (John 16:13-14)
- Uses “Who” not “What” (Ephesians 1:13-14)
- Jesus said “another Comforter” like Himself (John 14:16)
- Spirit teaches (John 14:26)
- Spirit decides to whom He gives gifts (1 Corinthians 12:11)
- Spirit intercedes for us with groanings (Romans 8:26)
- It is wrong to grieve (resist) the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30, Acts 7:51)
- It is wrong to blaspheme against the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:31, Mark 3:29)

TOPIC: WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (PART ONE)

During the Old Testament times, the Father was the most prominent

During His time on the earth, Jesus, the Son was most prominent

Now during the Church age, the Holy Spirit is most prominent

Old Testament ministry of the Holy Spirit;

- Involved in Creation (Genesis 1:2)
- Giving of prophecy (Ezekiel 2:2, 8:3, 11:1-5) e.g Balaam (Numbers 24-2-9), Saul (1 Samuel 10:6,10), David (Acts 1:16)
- Giving of skills

Building skills to Bazaleel (Exodus 31:2-5)

For administration in government e.g Joseph (Genesis 41:38-44), Moses and the 70 elders (Numbers 11:14-17, 25-29), Othhniel (Judges 3:9-10), Gideon (Judges 6:34), Samson (Judges 14:19, 15:14), Saul (1 Samuel 10:10), David (1 Samuel 16:13)

Changing lives producing:

- i. Justice, righteousness and peace (Isaiah 32:15-20)
- ii. Devotion to the Lord (Isaiah 44:3-5)
- iii. New heart (Ezekiel 36:26-28)

HOLY SPIRIT RELATIONSHIP TO SCRIPTURES

- i. Author of the Scriptures
 - Holy Spirit led men to speak for God (2 Peter 1:20-21)
 - All Scripture is “God-breathed” (Spirit) (2 Timothy 3:16)
 - Spirit speaks through the Scriptures (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29)
- ii. Interpreter of God’s wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:9-14, Ephesians 1:17, John 15:26, 16:15)

TOPIC: WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (PART TWO)

Ministry of the Holy Spirit during Jesus' time on the earth

- Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35, Matthew 1:8)
- Jesus received the Holy Spirit at His baptism (Luke 3:21-22)
- Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit to battle satan (Mark 1:12, Matthew 4:1)
- Jesus walked in power by the Spirit (Luke 4:14)
- Jesus preached with the Spirit's anointing (Luke 4:18)
- Jesus cast out demons by the Spirit (Matthew 12:28)
- Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit (Luke 10:21)
- Jesus was raised from the dead by the Spirit (Romans 8:11)

John the Baptist

- Was filled with the Spirit before birth (Luke 1:15)
- Saw the Holy Spirit remain on Jesus (Matthew 3:16, John 1:32)
- Said Jesus would be baptized in the Spirit (Mark 1:7-8)

TOPIC: WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (PART THREE)

Church age ministry of the Holy Spirit

Spirit reveals that more than Israel is included in God's kingdom

- Mystery that Gentiles are included (Ephesians 3:5-8)
- Outpouring of the Spirit on all nations (Joel 2:28, Acts 2:16-18)

Teaching passage about the Holy Spirit (John 14:16 - 16:15)

- Sent by the Father in Jesus' name (John 14:26)
- Sent by Jesus from the Father (John 15:26)
- Testifies about Jesus (John 15:26-27)
- He makes sinners feel guilty for sin (John 16:7-8)
- He guides us in truth (John 16:13)
- He declares the Son and the Father (John 16:14-15)

Teaching passage about the work of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:1-39)

- Freed from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2)
- We fulfill the law by walking in the Spirit (Romans 8:4)
- Gives strength to our physical body (Romans 8:11)
- We have peace and life by the Spirit (Romans 8:5-6)
- Our evil deeds destroyed by the Spirit (Romans 8:13)
- Helps us to pray in our weakness (Romans 8:26)
- Sons not slaves of God by the Spirit (Romans 8:15-17)

TOPIC: HOLY SPIRIT IN EPHESIANS

- **How do I know I belong to God?**

We are marked in Christ by the seal of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14)

- **How does the Spirit help us?**

Helps us know God by giving us wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17)

- **How can I gain access to God the Father in Heaven?**

Answer: We have access to the Father by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:18)

- **How can God live amongst us, His church and temple?**

Answer: God live in our midst by His Spirit (Ephesians 2:22)

- **How did God reveal that the Gentiles are forgiven in Jesus?**

Answer: God's Spirit revealed it to the apostles and prophets (Ephesians 3:4-6)

- **How can we be strengthened so that Christ can dwell in our hearts?**

Answer: God's Spirit in our inner being strengthens us (Ephesians 3:16-17)

- **How can we live at peace with God's Spirit in us?**

Answer: By getting rid of such things as bitterness and malice (Ephesians 4:30-32)

- **What is God's will for my life?**

Answer: Be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:17-18)

- **What part of the armour of God is more than defense?**

Answer: The sword of the Spirit (the Word of God) (Ephesians 6:17)

Praying in the Spirit (Ephesians 6:18)

TOPIC: ANGELS – MESSENGERS TO GOD (PART ONE)

Angel means “messenger” in both the Hebrew and Greek

- 1.** Not to be worshipped (Judges 13:16-18, Colossians 2:8, Revelation 19:10)
- 2.** They’re created by God the Father and Son (Nehemiah 9:6 Colossians 1:16) before creation of man (Job 38:1-7)
- 3.** Spiritual beings (not flesh and blood) (Ephesians 6:12, Hebrews 1:14, Psalms 104:4)
 - i.** But often appear in visible, human form (Genesis 18:2-23, 19:1-22, Judges 6:11-22, John 20:12)
 - ii.** We may entertain angels without knowing it (Hebrews 13:2)
- 4.** Christ Jesus is far superior to angels (Hebrews 1:4, 2:15)
 - i.** Very many (Deuteronomy 33:2, Matthew 26:53)
 - ii.** Mighty in power (2 Kings 19:35, Isaiah 37:36, Psalms 103:20)
 - iii.** Wise, but not all-knowing (2 Samuel 14:20, Matthew 24:36, 1 Peter 1:12)
- 5.** Three angelic beings are named in the Bible
 - i.** Gabriel (Daniel 8:16, 9:21, Luke 1:11-20, 26-38)
 - ii.** Michael (Daniel 10:13, 21, 12:1, Jude 9, Revelation 12:7)
 - iii.** Satan (with many other names)
- 6.** Spiritual beings are of different ranks and orders
 - i.** Celestial dignities (2 Peter 2:10-11)
 - ii.** Seraphs (Isaiah 6:2, 6)
 - iii.** Cherubims (Genesis 3:24, Exodus 25:18, Isaiah 18:10, Ezekiel 10:2-7) – Satan was a Cherub (Ezekiel 28:14-16)
 - iv.** Archangel (1 Thessalonians 4:16, Jude 9)

TOPIC: ANGELS – MESSENGERS TO GOD (PART TWO)

WHAT DO GOOD ANGELS DO?

1. Worship and praise God (Hebrews 1:6, Revelation 5:11-12)
2. Law of Moses given via angels (Psalms 68:17, Galatians 3:19, Acts 7:53)
3. Are subject to Jesus (Ephesians 1:20-22, Colossians 2:10, 1 Peter 3:22)
4. They minister to the heir of salvation (Hebrews 1:7, 14) – their help is obtained by prayer to God (Matthew 26:53, Acts 12:5-7)
5. They execute God's judgment (2 Samuel 24:16, 2 Kings 19:35, Psalms 35:5-6, Acts 12:23, Revelation 16:1)
6. They are end time harvesters (Matthew 13:39-41, 49-50, 24:31)
7. Watch over children (Matthew 18:10)
8. Protect the people of God (Daniel 6:22, Psalms 34:7, 91:11)
9. Will appear with Jesus at His second coming (Matthew 16:27, 25:31, Mark 8:38, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 2 Thessalonians 1:7)
- 10. Announced great events in Jesus' life:**
 - i. Conception (Luke 1:31)
 - ii. Birth (Luke 2:10-12)
 - iii. Resurrection (Luke 24:23)
 - iv. Ascension (Acts 1:10, 11)
 - v. Second coming (Acts 1:11)

TOPIC: ANGELS – MESSENGERS TO GOD (PART THREE)

Angels ministered to many people

- 1. Hagar and Ishmael (Genesis 16:7-13, 21:17-19)**
- 2. Lot before Sodom was destroyed (Genesis 19:1-22)**
- 3. Abraham at the mountain with Isaac (Genesis 22:11-18)**
- 4. Jacob (Genesis 28:12)**
- 5. Moses (Exodus 3:2)**
- 6. Israel (Exodus 14:19-20)**
- 7. Gideon (Judges 6:11-22)**
- 8. David (2 Samuel 24:15-17, 1 Chronicle 21:16-30)**
- 9. Elijah (1 Kings 19:5-8)**
- 10. Assyrians, to kill them (2 Kings 19:35, 2 Chronicles 32:21, Isaiah 37:36)**
- 11. Jesus - angels minister to Him (Matthew 4:11, Mark 1:13, Luke 22:4)**
- 12. Sick - to stir the water of healing (John 5:4)**
- 13. Apostles- to release them from prison (Acts 5:19-20)**
- 14. Cornelius – to call for Peter (Acts 10:3-8)**
- 15. Herod – to strike him and kill him (Acts 12:21-23)**
- 16. Peter – to escape Herod’s prison (Acts 12:6-11)**
- 17. Paul – before the shipwreck (Acts 27:23-24)**
- 18. John – many places in the book of Revelation**
- 19. Zechariah is shown much of angels (Zechariah 1:9, 4:1-6)**
- 20. Zechariah sees Gabriel in the temple (Luke 1:11-19)**

TOPIC: DEMONS – SATAN’S ANGELS

1. Evil angels have been rejected by God (2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6)
2. Evil spirits may dwell in people (Matthew 12:43-45, Mark 1:26, 5:9, 7:24-30, 9:14-27, 16:9)
3. Danger for unbelievers to deal with spirits (Acts 19:12-16)
4. Demons called deceiving spirits (1 Timothy 4:1) –
5. Never believe what demons says, they lie (John 8:44)
6. Don’t talk to demons, cast them out (Mark 16:15-18)
7. Demons believe there is God (James 2:19)
8. Can perform miraculous signs (Revelation 16:14, 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12, Matthew 24:24, Exodus 7:11, 22)

BELIVER’S HAVE POWER/AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS

- Greater is Jesus in us then satan in the world (1 John 4:4)
- Demons could not enter pigs without permission (Matthew 8:30-32)
- Apostles given power over demons (Luke 9:1)
- Seventy others appointed to cast out demons (Luke 10:1, 17)
- All disciples empowered to cast out demons (Matthew 10:1, Mark 16:17)
- Promised power to command evil spirits (Luke 10:18-20)
- Paul cast out a spirit of divination (Acts 16:16)
- Demons cast out by word of faith and power (Luke 4:32-36)

TOPIC: SATAN – NAME AND HISTORY

Names used to describe satan reveals his character

- Lucifer (angel of light) – his name while he was in heaven (Isaiah 14:12)
- Satan (opponent) (Matthew 4:10, 1 Chronicles 21:1, Job 1:6, Zechariah 3:1)
- Serpent or old serpent (Genesis 3:1, 4, Revelation 12:9)
- Dragon, serpent, devil, satan (Revelation 12:9, 20:2)
- Devil (false accuser) (Matthew 4:1, 5, 8, Ephesians 6:11-12, Revelation 12:9)
- Tempter (Matthew 4:3, 1 Thessalonians 3:5)
- Beelzebub (dung-god) (Matthew 12:24, Mark 3:22)
- Prince of devils or demons (Matthew 12:24 Mark 3:22)
- Evil one (Matthew 13:19)
- Prince of this world (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11)
- Murderer, liar (John 8:44)
- God of this world's system or age (2 Corinthians 4:4, John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11)
- Belial (worthlessness) (2 Corinthians 6:15)
- Prince of the power of air (Ephesians 2:2)
- Adversary, the devil (enemy) (1 Peter 5:8)
- Deceiver (Revelation 12:9)
- Accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10)

SATAN IS COMPARED TO:

- A serpent (Genesis 3:1, Revelation 12:9, 20:2)
- A hunter of bird (fowler) (Psalms 91:3)
- A planter of weeds (Matthew 13:25)
- A wolf (John 10:12)
- A roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8)

TOPIC: SATAN – POWER AND WORK (PART ONE)

HE'S APERSONALITY, NOT SOME FORCE OR INFLUENCE

- Interacts with Jesus in the temptation (he can speak) (Matthew 4:1-11, Genesis 3:1)
- Jesus calls him a murderer, liar (John 8:44)
- He is cunning, disguise himself (2 Corinthians 11:3, 14)
- Interacts with God (Job 1:6-12, 2:1-6)
- He walks, roars (1 Peter 5:8)
- He can be chained (Revelation 20:1-3)

POWER AND WORK OF SATAN AND HIS FALLEN ANGELS

- Opposes and afflicts the righteous (Job 1:12-19, 2:5-7, Zechariah 3:1)
 - i. With disease (Luke 13:16, Matthew 17:15-18)
 - ii. With demons (Mark 5:15, 6:13, 16:9)
 - Attempts to destroy men
 - i. With temptations (1 Chronicles 21:1, 1 Thessalonians 3:5), Eve (Genesis 3:1-7), David (1 Chronicles 21:1), Judas (Luke 22:1-6), Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)
 - ii. With lies (John 8:44)
 - iii. Had power of bodily death (Hebrews 2:14-15)
 - Attempts to destroy the Gospel (Matthew 13:19, 2 Corinthians 4:4)
 - Opposes God's work and workers (Zechariah 3:1, 1 Thessalonians 2:18, Ezekiel 10:10-14)
 - Perverts the Scriptures (Matthew 4:6, Psalms 91:4-12)
 - Able to do signs and wonders (2 Thessalonians 2:8-9, Revelation 13:11-15)

TOPIC: SATAN – POWER AND WORK (PART ONE)

LIMITATIONS OF SATAN’S POWER AND AUTHORITY

- Jesus came to destroy satan’s work (Hebrews 2:14, 1 John 3:8)
- His temptations of Jesus were ineffective (Luke 4:13)
- Satan has no power over Jesus (John 14:20)
- Jesus casts out evil spirits (Luke 11:20, 13:32)
- Disciples empowered to cast out demons (Matthew 10:1, Mark 16:17)
- Greater is Jesus name in us than satan in the world (1 John 4:4)
- He needs God's permission to try Job (Job 1:9-12)
- His demons needed permission to enter the pigs (Matthew 8:30-32)
- Stripped of power through the cross (Colossians 2:15)

ROLE OF SAINTS IN REGARD TO SATAN

- Must not worship angels (Judges 13:16-18, Colossians 2:18, Revelation 19:10, 22:8-9) – satan and his angels desires worship (Matthew 4:8-10)
- Resist the devil and he will flee (James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:9)
- Be fully armoured to resist the devil (Ephesians 6:11-12)
- Are afflicted by satan only as God permits (Job 1:12, 2:4-7, 2 Corinthians 12:7-9)
- Should overcome satan (1 John 2:13, Revelation 12:10-11)
 - i. By the blood of Jesus
 - ii. By the Word of God
 - iii. By not loving our lives unto death
 - We are promised victory over satan (Romans 16:20)
 - Have power to command evil spirits (Luke 10:18-20)
 - Primary weapon to defeat him: The Word (Luke 4:8, 10, 12)

TOPIC: CREATION OF MAN (PART ONE)

1. By God the Father (Genesis 1:27, Isaiah 45:11-12)
2. By Jesus Christ (John 1:1-5, Colossians 1:13-16)
3. By Holy Spirit (Job 33:4)
4. On the sixth day of creation (Genesis 1:26-27)
5. On the earth, not elsewhere (Deuteronomy 4:32, Psalms 104:30, Isaiah 45:12)
6. Body from the dust (Genesis 2:7, Job 33:6)
7. Man's spirit by God's breath (Genesis 2:17, Ecclesiastes 12:7)
8. Male and female created He them (Genesis 1:27, 5:1-2) – woman is in no way inferior to man, the term “helper” used in Genesis 2:20 is the term used of God in Psalms 33:20.
9. It was very good (Genesis 1:31, Psalms 139:14)
10. Created with free will (Genesis 2:16, 17, Joshua 24:15)

MAN IS A COMPOUND BEING – SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL

- Man has an earth-like body (Genesis 2:7, Ecclesiastes 12:7)
- Man has a spiritual part - God's breath of life (Genesis 2:7), soul (Matthew 10:28), spirit (Acts 7:57), body (1 Thessalonians 5:23)
- The immortal (spiritual) part lives in the body (2 Corinthians 5:6, 8)
- Death of the body happens when the spirit departs (James 2:26)
 - i. When the spirit returned the body became alive (Luke 8:55)
 - ii. After physical death, the spirit remains alive (Matthew 22:32)
 - Soul and spirit are hard to separate
 - i. Used as if almost the same (1 Samuel 1:15, Job 7:11, Isaiah 26:9)
 - ii. Word of God is able to separate between them (Hebrews 4:12)
 - Salvation is the saving of our soul (1 Peter 1:8-9, James 1:21, Hebrews 10:39)
 - i. Otherwise our soul is destroyed (Matthew 10:28, Acts 2:22-23)
 - ii. Our spirit goes back to God Who made them (Ecclesiastes 12:7)
 - We can see our body. Our soul and spirit are not visible. Our spirit is the life from God. Our soul is our personality and character – who we are and who we are becoming.

TOPIC: CREATION OF MAN (PART TWO)

MAN WAS CREATED IN THE LIKENESS OF GOD

1. Man was made in the image (likeness) of God (Genesis 1:26-27, 5:1-2) – so murder and harsh speaking are not allowed (Genesis 9:6, James 3:9-10)
2. Male and female are made in the image (likeness) of God (Genesis 1:27)
3. Likeness is not physical – God is a spirit (John 4:24)
4. Likeness is righteousness, holiness and truth (Ephesians 4:21-24)
5. Likeness is in ethical knowledge (Colossians 3:10)
6. Likeness is in authority to rule (on earth) (Genesis 1:26)

MAN'S LOST AND RENEWED LIKENESS OF GOD

- After the fall (rebellion) of man, children are born in the image of their sinful parents (Genesis 5:3)
- Jesus first coming was:
 - i. In the likeness of man (Romans 8:3, Philippians 2:7-8)
 - ii. In perfect likeness of God (2 Corinthians 4:4, Colossians 1:15, Hebrews 1:3-4)
- People after been redeemed by Jesus
 - i. We are being renewed into the image of God (Colossians 3:10)
 - ii. We are predestined to be in the image of Jesus (Romans 8:9)
- At the resurrection:
 - i. Believers will have His likeness (Psalms 17:15, 1 Corinthians 15:49)
 - ii. The wicked will have a despised likeness (Psalms 73:20)

ALL RACES OF MAN HAVE THE SAME ORIGIN

- From one man (blood), he made all man (Acts 17:26-29)
- One woman is the original mother of us all (Genesis 3:20)
- After the flood, all people came through Noah (Genesis 9:18-19)

AUTHORITY ON THE EARTH

- Superior to all earthly creation (Matthew 6:26, 12:12)
 - i. Rule all creatures and creation (Genesis 1:28, Psalms 8:1-9)
 - ii. Plants as food (Genesis 1:9)
 - iii. Animals as food (Genesis 9:1-3)
- Redeemed man will judge the world and angels (1 Corinthians 6:2-3)

TOPIC: THE BLOOD OF JESUS (SUFFICIENT FOR TOTAL REDEMPTION)

THE BLOOD OF JESUS IS DESCRIBED AS:

- Blood of Jesus (1 John 1:7)
- Innocent (Matthew 27:4)
- Blood of His cross (Colossians 1:20)
- Precious (1 Peter 1:19)
- Blood of the Lord (1 Corinthians 11:27)
- Blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:14, 12:11)

Without the shedding of the blood there would be no forgiveness (Hebrews 9:22)

The blood makes atonement (friendship with God) (Leviticus 17:11)

What the blood of Jesus has accomplished:

- i.** The church was bought by His blood (Acts 20:28) > we have been purchased for God (Revelations 5:9)
- ii.** New covenant in His blood (Matthew 26:28, Mark 14:24, Luke 22:20, 1 Corinthians 11:25)> eternal covenant (Hebrews 13:20)
- iii.** Redemption through the blood (Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:14) > redeemed from our former way of life (1 Peter 1:18-19)
- iv.** Justified (reconciled) by His blood (Romans 5:9)
- v.** Cleansing of our conscience (Hebrews 9:14)
- vi.** We are brought close to God (Ephesians 2:13) > peace with God through His blood (Colossians 1:20)
- vii.** Forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:28) > purifies us from sins (1 John 1:7)
- viii.** We are holy through His blood (Hebrews 13:12)
- ix.** Overcame satan's by the Lamb's blood (Revelation 12:11)

Old Testaments types of the Blood of Jesus

Passover Lamb (Exodus 12:3-20, 1 Corinthians 5:7)

TOPIC: REGENERATION (BORN OF GOD) (PART ONE)

Definition: Regeneration means that a person receives a new, holy nature from God. We need this new nature to be part of God's Holy kingdom.

REFERRED TO AS:

Born of God

- As opposed to earthly, human birth (John 1:12, 13)
 - Those born of God do not continue in sin (1 John 3:9-10)
 - Those born of God are characterized by love (1 John 4:7)
 - Those born of God believes Jesus is the Christ (1 John 5:1)
1. Born again (in order to see the Kingdom of God) (John 3:3, 7)
 2. Born of the water and Spirit (enter God's Kingdom) (John 3:5)
 3. Born of the Spirit (as opposed to the flesh) (John 3:6, 8)
 4. New creation (likened to being in Christ) (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - Created new to be like God (Ephesians 4:24)
 - New thinking producing righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:22-24)
 5. Birth through the Word of Truth (James 1:8) – is a gift from our heavenly Father (James 1:17)
 6. Washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit
 - Before we were disobedient and wicked in many ways (Titus 3:3)
 - Our salvation comes from God's mercy, for our works (Titus 3:4-5)
 7. Birth through the living and enduring Word of God (1 Peter 1:23)

TOPIC: REGENERATION (BORN OF GOD) (PART ONE)

HOW CAN A PERSON BE “BORN AGAIN”? (JOHN 3:4)

- It is not a fleshy act but the work of the Spirit (John 3:5-6)
- Believe in Jesus Christ and you will have eternal life (John 3:14-16)
- We were dead in sin, now alive in Christ (Ephesians 2:1-7, Romans 6:11) > not by works, so none can boast, but by God’s grace (Ephesians 2:8, 9)

MAN’S PART IN BEING BORN AGAIN

1. We must believe the Gospel, the Good news of Jesus (John 3:14-16)
2. We must separate ourselves from sinning (1 John 3:9, Romans 6:12, 13)
3. We must allow our mind and thinking to be transformed (Romans 12:2) –
 - Don’t let the world shape you and your actions
 - We must know and obey God’s will for us
4. We must put off the old, corrupted nature (Ephesians 4:22) -
 - We must put on the new nature (made like Gods’) (Ephesians 4:24)
 - We must be made new in our way of thinking (Ephesians 4:23)
 - We should purify ourselves by obeying the truth (1 Peter 1:22-23)
 - We should love one another fervently (1 Peter 1:22)

EVIDENCE OF BEING BORN AGAIN:

1. No longer bound in sin, not continuing in sin (1 John 3:9, Romans 6:1-3)
2. We now do good works (Ephesians 2:10)
3. The growth of the fruit of the Spirit is evident (Galatians 5:22-25)

TOPIC: JUSTIFICATION

Introduction: Because we are in Christ Jesus, we are moved out of the place of guilt and God's wrath and into a place of innocence before God and into a loving relationship with Him. God is the Judge and He declares us "not guilty" because Jesus has done all that is necessary.

GOD ALONE IS THE JUDGE AND LAWGIVER

1. God as Judge of all (Psalms 50:6, 75:7, Acts 7:7, 10:42, Hebrews 12:23, 2 Timothy 4:1)
2. God is able to save, able to destroy (James 4:12)
3. God judges through Jesus according to the Gospel (Romans 2:16, Psalms 7:11, 9:8, 94:2, Isaiah 33:22)

BEFORE BEING BORN AGAIN WE WERE ALL GUILTY BEFORE GOD

Guilt is not particularly a feeling we have, but rather our standing before God the Judge as worthy of the punishment of death.

1. The wage of sin is death (Romans 6:23)
2. All the unredeemed are guilty (Romans 3:19, 20, Galatians 3:22, 1 John 1:8)
3. Trespassing God's commandments means guilt (Leviticus 6:4, James 2:10-13, Exodus 20:7, Deuteronomy 5:11, 1 Samuel 26:9) – fighting against God's people brings guilt.
4. In the old testament, confession and a trespass offering could clear guilt (Leviticus 5:4-6) > restoration might be necessary (Leviticus 6:5-7, Numbers 5:6-8)
5. In the New Testament with Jesus having paid the full price. Repentance by the blood of Jesus, faith in Jesus.
6. Guilt may be incurred in our ignorance (Leviticus 4:13, 22, 27)
7. Forgiveness by priestly intercession (Numbers 14:18-20, Hebrews 7:25-27)
8. Guilt is inherited (Exodus 34:7, Numbers 14:18) > unless one is born again (Colossians 2:13-14)

TOPIC: BAPTISM IN HOLY SPIRIT (PART ONE)

PROMISED OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. As an end time outpouring of God's Spirit (Ezekiel 36:26-27) - Cleansing > new heart > new Spirit > God's Spirit in you > in order to keep God's decrees > followed by a coming together of the people of God (Ezekiel 37)
2. As an end time outpouring of God's Spirit (Joel 2:28-32) – all people > young and old > men and women > prophecy > dreams > visions > signs in heaven.
3. By John the Baptist
Jesus will baptize in the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11, Luke 3:16, Mark 1:8, John 1:33)
4. Jesus promises His disciples (Acts 1:5, 11:16) –
 - Wait for the promise, clothed with power (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8)
 - Characterized by an overflowing lifestyle (John 7:37, 38)
 - To be given AFTER Jesus was glorified (John 7:39)
 - Spirit of truth is with you and will be in you (John 14:16-17)
 - Jesus must leave to send the Comforter (Job 16:4)

HOW TO BE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Ask the Father in Heaven (Luke 11:13)
2. It is for everyone (not a special few) (Acts 2:38, 39)
3. He will not give you a false thing (Luke 11:11-13)
4. Conditioned upon willingness to repent (Acts 2:38, 39)
5. Given to those who obey God (Acts 5:32)

Imparted through:

1. Laying on of Apostle's hand (Acts 8:14-17, 19:6)
2. Laying on of other saint's hand (Acts 9:17)
3. Anointed preaching (Acts 10:44)
4. Times of waiting on God (Acts 2:4)
5. Times of intense prayer (Acts 4:24-31)

Holy Spirit is not necessarily received simply:

- When one believes and is saved (Acts 8:14-17, 19:2)
- When one has been water-baptized (Acts 8:16)

TOPIC: BAPTISM IN HOLY SPIRIT (PART TWO)

RESULTS OF RECEIVING THE SPIRIT

1. Tongues (Acts 2:1-4, 16-21, 10:44-48, 19:1-7)
2. Prophecy (Joel 2:28-32)
3. Power (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8)
4. Praising God (Acts 10:44-48)
5. Boldness to preach (Acts 2:1-4, 16-21)
6. Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-25)
7. Willingness to die for Jesus (martyr) (Acts 1:8)
8. Ability to minister in the supernatural (Isaiah 61:1, 1 Corinthians 12)

NOTE: The baptism in the Holy Spirit is not the climax of the Christian life. We should never think that because we have received the Holy Spirit we are better than others or that we are more spiritual. The Corinthian church had clearly received the Holy Spirit and yet was still very carnal (1 Corinthians 1:7, 3:3). Rather, we should think of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as an initial filling of the Holy Spirit of which there will be many subsequent fillings (Ephesians 5:18, “Be continuously being filled with the Spirit”)

- The 120 experienced a second filling after Pentecost (Acts 4:31)
- We are commanded to be continually filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) –
- The Greek meaning here is continual filling (Ephesians 5:18)
- Filling is related to not walking after the flesh (Ephesians 5:15-18)
- We are often filled in times of worship and thanksgiving (Ephesians 5:19-20)
- God fills those who are properly submitted to each other (Ephesians 5:21)

Paul told Timothy to stir up the gift of the Spirit (2 Timothy 1:6)

The Ephesians church was in danger of losing the Spirit (Revelation 2:5)