

# Doctrine

## Lesson Three Student - Salvation & Eternity

### IV. Salvation

#### A. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

- Man has a natural desire to \_\_\_\_\_ and to ignore God's principles for living.
  - *"All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, and each of us has turned to his own way."* **Isaiah 53:6**
  - *"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."* **I John 1:8**
- Sin breaks our close relationship with God. It causes us to fear God (as in anxiety & alarm) and try to live our lives outside of His will.
  - *"But your iniquities have separated you from your God."* **Isaiah 59:2**
  - *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* **Romans 3:23**
- When our relationship to God is not right, it causes PROBLEMS in every area of our lives – marriage, career, relationships, finances, etc.

#### B. WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

- Jesus Christ said, *"I AM THE WAY, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except THROUGH ME!"* **John 14:6 (NKJV)**
- God Himself came to earth as a human being to bring us back to Himself. If any other way would have worked, Jesus Christ would not have had to come. The Way is a Person!



## JESUS HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF THE SIN PROBLEM!

*"The wages of sin is death, BUT the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

**Romans 6:23**

- God did this for us because He loves us and wants us to know Him

*"But God demonstrates His love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

**Romans 5:8**

*"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus."*

**I Timothy 2:5**

### C. WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ that God has not been first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.

*"If we **confess** our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

**I John 1:9**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that he rose again and is alive today.

*"If you confess that Jesus is your Lord, and you **believe in your heart** that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*

**Romans 10:9**

*"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name (Jesus) under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

**Acts 4:12**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel.

- What is the Gospel? The word itself means \_\_\_\_\_
- The Good News is that Christ died for us; we are freed from the bondage of sin and death through His atoning sacrifice.
- Paul defined the Gospel in I Corinthians 15:1-4



## D. FAITH

- Faith is a prerequisite in coming to God  
*"For without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."* **Hebrews 11:6**
- Having faith to believe His word, the Bible, is indeed necessary. However, real faith will also result in \_\_\_\_\_ as one shows a willingness and readiness to obey what the Word of God says.
- Believing the things described in the Scripture and then following through with obedience is the only means of being saved. Following God's plan of salvation outlined in the Scripture is imperative.
- **Faith produces in us the desire and determination to go on to the following:**

## E. REPENTANCE

- Repentance is an act, following faith, which causes us to seek God's forgiveness for our past and present sins.
- In the journey from sin to salvation, repentance is the first step involving action.
- Faith and belief are inward works that precede repentance. Repentance is an action filled step with positive, obvious results in our lives.
- Repentance involves four important elements:
  1. Recognition of sin
  2. Contrition of sin
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ of sin (Proverbs 28:13)
  4. The decision to \_\_\_\_\_ sin (Proverbs 28:13)
- Repentance is a COMMAND to \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 17:30)
- God's Word is very clear on the results of repentance. It is completely effective. I John 1:7-9 If *we* \_\_\_\_\_, *He will* \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ *us*.



## F. WATER BAPTISM

- Christian water baptism is a ceremony in which one who has repented of his/her sins is immersed in water in the name of Jesus for the remission of those sins. It is an action that shows your faith in Jesus Christ and identifies you with His burial.

### I. WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

#### 1. TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE SET BY \_\_\_\_\_

*"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river."*

**Mark 1:9**

#### 2. BECAUSE CHRIST \_\_\_\_\_ IT

*"Jesus said, 'Go then, to all people everywhere and **make them my disciples**, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and **then teach them** to obey everything I have commanded you.'"*

**Matt. 28:19-20**

- Jesus said in Mark 16:15-16 "Believeth and is \_\_\_\_\_..."
- The apostles' 1<sup>st</sup> message contained a command to be baptized. (Acts 2:38)

#### 3. IT DEMONSTRATES THAT I REALLY AM A \_\_\_\_\_

*"...many of the Corinthians, hearing, **believed** and were **baptized**."*

**Acts 18:8**

*"Now by this we know that we know him, if we keep His commandments."*

**I John 2:3**

### II. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

#### 1. IT ILLUSTRATES CHRIST'S \_\_\_\_\_ AND RESURRECTION

*"Christ died for our sins...He was **buried**...and He rose again the third day."*

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4**



*“For when you are **baptized**, you were **buried** with Christ, and in baptism you were also **raised** with Christ. **Colossians 2:12***

**2. IT ILLUSTRATES MY \_\_\_\_\_ AS A CHRISTIAN**

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become **new!**”*

**II Corinthians 5:17**

*“**By our baptism then**, we were **buried** with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was **raised** from the dead...so also **we may live a new life!**”*

**Romans 6:4**

**III. WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?**

**1. BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_ WAS BAPTIZED THAT WAY**

*“As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water.”*

**Matthew 3:16**

**2. EVERY BAPTISM IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ WAS BY IMMERSION**

(Example) *“...then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water...”*

**Acts 8:38-39**

**(See also Mark 1:49; John 3:23; Matthew 3:16)**

**3. THE WORD “BAPTIZE” MEANS TO \_\_\_\_\_ WATER”**

The Greek word *baptizo* means “to immerse or dip under water”.

**4. IT BEST SYMBOLIZES A BURIAL AND RESURRECTION!**

Representative of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 6:4,5

- At repentance, our old man dies.
- At baptism, our old man is buried.

**5. BAPTISM BY IMMERSION IS TO BE IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF JESUS CHRIST!**

All biblical accounts show baptism in the name of \_\_\_\_\_.

**(Acts 2:38-41; Acts 8:12, 16; Acts 10:48; Acts 19:5; Acts 22:16)**

What about Matthew 28:19?



- Peter followed the command by baptizing in the NAME of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
- The "name" is \_\_\_\_\_!
  1. Name of the Father. John 5:43
  2. Name of the Son. Matthew 1:21
  3. Name of the Holy Ghost. John 14:26

**Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ name of God. Acts 4:12**

Some churches practice a "*baptism of confirmation*" for children. This ceremony is intended to be a covenant between the parents and God on the behalf of the child. The parents promise to raise their child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his own personal confession of Christ. This custom began about 300 years after the Bible was completed. **This is different from the baptism talked about in the Bible** which was only for those old enough to believe.

## G. THE HOLY GHOST

The titles "Holy Ghost" and "Holy Spirit" are interchangeable. These are titles the Bible uses to refer to the way God manifests Himself in and among us. He is a Holy Spirit! The New Testament associates the Holy Spirit with God's work of regeneration and His indwelling in man. The baptism of the Spirit is a vital New Testament experience with God.

"Ghost" is simply the Old English equivalent of the modern word "spirit".

I Peter 1:16 tells us that God is \_\_\_\_\_.

John 4:24 states that God is a \_\_\_\_\_.

### 1. PROPHECY CONCERNING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Old Testament: Joel 2:28; Isaiah 28:11-12

New Testament: John the Baptist - Matthew 3:11  
 Jesus - John 14:17; Acts 1:4,5

### 2. HOLY GHOST OUTPOURED ON THE 1ST CHURCH!



*“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.”*

**Acts 2:1-4**

Jews from many nations were in Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of Pentecost. When the 120 received the Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, many of these visitors began to gather. These foreign Jews began to hear the various languages of their native countries and marveled that uneducated Galileans could speak in all these foreign tongues. There were at least fourteen foreign lands represented. **Acts 2:5-11**

### **3. WHEN I RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT, WILL I SPEAK WITH TONGUES?**

The New Testament contains four passages that indisputably describe people receiving the Holy Spirit and each time it is accompanied by speaking in tongues: Acts 2, Acts 10:44-47, Acts 19:6, and 1 Corinthians 12-14. In each case, those who spoke in tongues did so by the power of God’s Spirit, *“...as the Spirit gave them utterance”*. **Acts 2:4**

The Book of Acts indicates that when you receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, you will speak with tongues. It describes tongues as the initial sign associated with the individual filling. A Spirit Baptism without tongues is a non-Biblical concept.

Biblical Accounts:

- Apostles and Mary the mother of Jesus. Acts 2:4
- Gentiles. Acts 10:44-47
- Disciples of John. Acts 19:1-6.
- Paul. 1 Corinthians 14:18

### **4. WHO CAN RECEIVE THIS GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a gift God has for all \_\_\_\_\_.

*"And these signs shall follow **them that believe**...they shall speak with new tongues."*

**Mark 16:17**



*"He who **believes** in me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water...(But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom **those believing in Him would receive...**"*

**John 7:38-39**

*"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and **ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**"*

**Acts 2:38**

## **5. WHY DID GOD CHOOSE TONGUES AS THE SIGN OF SPIRIT BAPTISM?**

- ◆ God is sovereign; He can establish a plan without explaining His reasons to us. We must accept speaking in tongues because God chose this sign. God has historically used outward, physical signs to accompany His covenants with man and the promised blessings under those covenants. Examples are the rainbow to Noah and circumcision to Abraham.
- ◆ The tongue seems to be the most difficult member of the body to control. (James 1:26; 3:2-6, 8) Before someone receives the Holy Spirit he must surrender his whole being to God, and the last member he surrenders is the tongue.
- ◆ Speaking in tongues symbolizes the unity of the church. After the flood, God gave them many languages to stop their evil schemes and scatter them (Genesis 11:1-9). At Pentecost, God reversed the process, taking people from many nations and uniting them into one spiritual family by the sign of tongues.

## **H. Holy Living**

Once we are saved, the Bible commands us to follow after holiness and righteousness. To be holy according to Webster's dictionary is "set apart to the service of God, sacred, characterized by perfection and transcendence, commanding absolute adoration and reverence, spiritually pure." Holiness is having these qualities and this state of being. Holy living affects all areas of our life.

*"Let us go unto perfection"*

**Hebrews 6:1**

*"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord"*

**Hebrews 12:14**



As a new creature in Christ we put away the old man.

*"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" II Corinthians 5:17*

## II. Eternity

*"Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."*  
**John 3:15**

God longs to have a personal relationship with you. When sin broke that relationship between God and humanity, He had a plan to reestablish that relationship. When Jesus died on the cross He made a new covenant with man and made a way for us to know him through salvation. This is not the end of God's plan. One day we will live with Him forever, for eternity.

After Jesus rose from the dead he promised that he would return. There will be a second coming of Christ.

*"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"*  
**Acts 1:11**

*"Looking for the blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ."*  
**Titus 2:13**

*"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."*  
**I Corinthians 15:51-53**

When Christ returns there will be a judgment. We will answer for how we lived our lives.

*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men."* -  
**II Corinthians 5:10-11**

**Hebrews 9:27, Revelation 20: 11-15, Matthew 25:31-34, 31**



**Heaven is a wonderful place where we will live for eternity with Jesus!**

*“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”*

**John 14:2-3**

