FIRST PRINCIPLES

AND

OTHER BIBLE BASICS

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PREFACE

The following lessons cover the first principles of the oracles of God (see Hebrews 5:12; 6:1-2) and other Bible basics. They were developed from 2010 to 2015 and presented as standalone lessons to an adult Bible class at the Chesapeake church of Christ in Chesapeake, Virginia. I had been serving the Lord as an elder at this congregation since 2009, but stepped down for health reason in 2016.

The lessons are relatively short, since each lesson was designed to fit on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper, yet contain several Scriptures. They are primarily intended as study material for new Christians, such as in a New Converts class or independent study, though a more seasoned Christian may find them useful as a reminder of the present truth he or she knows and is established in. There is also merit in using these lessons as an evangelistic tool to reach the lost.

The lessons are written in a question and answer format. Most of the questions are followed by one or more Bible references in round brackets. The answers are typically taken straight from the New King James Version (NKJV) Bible. Readers are strongly encouraged to verify the answers using the given references. Other translations mentioned in these lessons are the King James Version (KJV), American Standard Version (ASV) of 1901, New American Standard Bible (NAS) of 1995, and English Standard Version (ESV) of 2007.

The main goal of these lessons is to lay a firm foundation on which new Christians can build and go on to maturity (perfection). Babes in Christ need the pure milk of the word to grow. Such growth is necessary before moving on to solid food since strong meat is for those who are of full age. My prayer is that all who use these lessons will become grounded and steadfast in the faith (see Colossians 1:23) and will have their senses exercised (trained) to discern both good and evil (see Hebrews 5:14) as they go on to perfection in Christ.

To God be the glory!

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LESSON 1: THE WORD

- 1. How were the heavens made? (Psalm 33:6)...by the word of the Lord.
- 2. How were the worlds framed (prepared)? (Hebrews 11:3)...by the word of God.
- 3. What is the relationship between the word of God (Acts 13:5) and:
 - a. The faith? (Acts 13:5-8)...they are equivalent.
 - b. The straight (right) ways of the Lord? (Acts 13:7-10)...they are equivalent.
 - c. The teaching (doctrine) of the Lord? (Acts 13:7, 12)...they are equivalent.
 - d. The word of the Lord? (Acts 13:46-48)...they are equivalent.
- 4. What are some attributes of the word of God (Scriptures)?
 - a. Mark 14:48-49...it must be fulfilled.
 - b. John 10:35...it cannot be broken.
 - c. John 17:17...it is truth.
 - d. 1 Peter 1:25...it endures forever.
 - e. Hebrews 4:12...it is living and powerful, sharp and piercing.
 - f. Hebrews 4:12...it discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart.
 - g. Luke 8:11...it is the seed.
 - h. Ephesians 6:17...it is the sword of the Spirit.
 - i. 2 Corinthians 5:19...it is reconciliation for the world.
 - j. Psalm 119:105...it is a lamp and light.
 - k. Jeremiah 23:29...it is like a fire and hammer.
 - 1. 2 Timothy 3:16...it is inspired of God (God-breathed) and profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.
- 5. What can the word of God do for us?
 - a. John 8:31-32...make us free, if we abide (continue) in it.
 - b. John 17:17...sanctify us.
 - c. Romans 15:4...give us patience, comfort, and hope.
 - d. 1 Thessalonians 2:13...effectively work in us (who believe).
 - e. 2 Timothy 3:14-15...make us wise for salvation.
 - f. James 1:18, 21...bring us forth and save us.
 - g. Psalm 119:28 (cp. Acts 15:32)...strengthen (exhort and confirm) us.
 - h. Psalm 119:50...give us life.
 - i. Psalm 119:130...give us light and understanding.
 - j. 2 Timothy 3:16-17...make us complete (perfect), thoroughly equipped for every good work (and therefore, nothing else is needed).
- 6. How do we purify our souls? (1 Peter 1:22)...in (by) obeying the truth (God's word).
- 7. What should all hearers of the word be? (James 1:22)...doers of the word.
- 8. How will we be judged? (John 12:48)...by the word.
- 9. What is every preacher charged to do? (2 Timothy 4:2)...preach the word!
- 10. What is the power of God unto salvation? (Romans 1:16)...the gospel of Christ.
- 11. What general principle is taught about God's word in the beginning, middle, and end of the Bible? (Deut. 4:2; Proverbs 30:6; Rev. 22:18-19)...**Don't add to or take away from it.**
- 12. What will happen to those who add to the words that are written? (Revelation 22:18)...God will add to them the plaques written in the book.
- 13. What will happen to those who take away from the words that are written? (Revelation 22:19)...God will take away their part from the book of life.
- 14. How can we avoid divisions among us and be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment? (1 Cor. 1:10)...we must "all speak the same thing".
- 15. How can we "all speak the same thing"? (1 Peter 4:11)...by speaking only the oracles (utterances) of God (i.e., God's word; cp. 2 Sam. 16:23 in NKJV/KJV with ESV/NAS).
- 16. Do we know anything about heaven, hell, the church, or salvation without the Bible?...No.

LESSON 2: HEARING

- 1. What is commanded of those who have "ears to hear"? (Mark 4:23)..." **It him hear**.
- 2. What are we to take heed of? (Mark 4:24)..."what" we hear (listen to).
- 3. "What" should we hear (Rom. 10:17) and why?...the word of God, because it is how we: a. Romans 10:17...come by (develop or grow) faith.
 - b. Lk 16:27-31...are persuaded of unseen things (e.g., Hadean "place of torment").
- 4. Why should we take heed to "how" we hear? (Luke 8:18)
 - a. It is commanded.
 - b. So more of what we have (knowledge/faith) will be given to us & nothing taken.
- 5. "How" should we hear? (Nehemiah 8:3; Luke 19:47-48; James 1:19)...with attentive ears that are swift (quick) to hear.
- 6. What must we strive to do when we hear or read the word? (Matthew 13:19; Acts 8:30; Ephesians 3:3-4)...**understand it.**
- 7. Why is it important to understand the word we hear? (Mt. 13:19; Luke 8:12)...to keep the wicked one (devil) from snatching it from our heart; so we can believe and be saved.
- 8. How does anyone become a believer? (Acts 4:4; 18:8)...by hearing the word.
- 9. What attitude should we have concerning speaking and hearing?
 - a. James 1:19...we should be swift to hear and slow to speak.
 - b. 1 Samuel 3:9...our mindset should be "Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears."
- 10. What are some different types of hearers?
 - a. 2 Timothy 4:3...those having itching ears.
 - b. 2 Timothy 4:4...those who turn their ears away from the truth.
 - c. Hebrews 5:11...those who have become dull of hearing.
 - d. Matthew 18:17...those who refuse (neglect) to hear.
 - e. Luke 8:15...those with a noble (honest) and good heart.
 - f. Luke 19:48...those who are very attentive to hear (hanging on to every word).
- 11. What are some good reasons for hearing?
 - a. Matthew 13:16-17...to be blessed (happy).
 - b. Romans 10:16-17...to come by (develop) a faith that obeys the gospel.
 - c. Luke 8:15...to keep (hold fast) the word and bear fruit with patience.
 - d. Hebrews 2:1...to keep us from drifting away (slipping) from the word.
 - e. Mt. 10:14-15...to avoid being shaken off (rejected) like the dust from one's feet.
 - f. Matthew 12:41-42...to avoid being condemned.
- 12. What is expected of those who hear? (Jeremiah 22:21; Deut. 30:11-14)...that they obey.
- 13. What are we doing to ourselves if we are hearers of the word but not doers of it? (James 1:22)...deceiving ourselves.
- 14. How do we keep ourselves from becoming forgetful hearers of the word? (James 1:23-25; Deuteronomy 17:18-19)...by looking into it continually (daily) and doing what it says.
- 15. What kind of hearers or readers of the word will be blessed (happy)? (James 1:25; Revelation 1:3)...**those who are doers/keepers of it.**
- 16. What will happen if we are not hearing the word/gospel mixed with (united by) faith? (Hebrews 4:1-2)...we will come short of entering God's rest (i.e., the heavenly rest).
- 17. What does "hearing without faith" mean? (He. 4:1-2, 6)...disobedience (unbelief).
 - a. Translated from Gk word "apeitheia" (= obstinate opposition to the divine will).
 - b. "Apeitheia" is translated "disobedience" (due to context) in Ep. 2:2, 5:6, & Col. 3:6 and is derived from "apeithes", which is always translated "disobedient".
- 18. Who is like a wise man that built his house on the rock? (Matthew 7:24)...whoever hears Jesus' sayings (words), and does them.
- 19. Who is like a foolish man that built his house on the sand? (Matthew 7:26)...everyone who hears Jesus' sayings (words), and does not do them.

LESSON 3: FAITH

- 1. What is faith (noun, G4102, "pistis")? (see use of pistis in a-c below)...active belief (trust).
 - a. 2 Th. 2:13 (Jn. 17:17)...it is "belief" (in something, such as the truth, God's word).
 - b. Ga. 5:22; Tit. 2:10...it includes the idea of "faithfulness" or "fidelity" (i.e., our actions or behavior).
 - c. Hebrews 11:1...it is the substance (assurance) of things hoped for, the evidence (conviction) of things not seen.
- 2. What is our faith in? (1 Pet. 1:21 (Ep. 1:15); 1 Cor. 2:5)...God (Jesus) & His power/word.
- 3. Where does our faith (belief) come from? (Romans 10:17)...from hearing God's word.
- 4. What must we do to increase our faith as we hear God's word? (Nehemiah 8:3, 8; Matthew 13:19 and Luke 8:12)...understand what we hear.
- 5. Does it take work to believe? Explain. (John 6:28-29)...yes. It takes work to:
 - a. Acts 17:11-12...search the Scriptures daily to find out whether a teaching is so.
 - b. Luke 19:47-48...remain very attentive to what is heard.
 - c. 2 Timothy 2:15...Be diligent (Study) and rightly divide the word of truth.
- 6. How important or valuable is our faith?
 - a. Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:16...we cannot please God or be saved without it.
 - b. 1 Peter 1:7...it is much more precious than gold.
- 7. "For by grace you have been saved through" what? (Ep. 2:8)...through (obedient) faith.
- 8. What is faith without works (of obedience)? (James 2:17, 20-22, 26; Ge. 22:15-18)...dead.
- 9. Can a "dead faith" (= faith by itself or alone) save anyone? (James 2:14, 17, 24)...no.
- 10. How is a man...a) justified? b) not justified? (James 2:24)...a) by works; b) by faith only.
- 11. Name some individuals who believed but were not saved (i.e., they had a "dead faith").
 - a. James 2:19...the demons (devils).
 - b. John 12:42-43 (cp. Romans 10:9-10)...the rulers.
- 12. How do we show our faith? (James 2:18, 21)...by our works (of obedience).
- 13. Give some examples of people who showed their faith by their works (look for the verbs).
 - a. Mark 2:3-5...four men carried a paralytic, uncovered a roof, and let down a bed.
 - b. Luke 8:43-48...woman with bleeding <u>came</u> and <u>touched</u> Jesus' garment.
 - c. Luke 18:35-43...blind man cried out to Jesus and would not be quiet.
- 14. What kind of faith avails anything in Christ? (Gal. 5:6)...faith that works through love.
- 15. What do Christians stand and walk by? (Romans 11:20; 2 Corinthians 5:7)...faith.
- 16. How are the just (or righteous) to live? (Hebrews 10:38)...by faith.
- 17. Name some heroes of faith and indicate how they <u>lived</u> by faith (look for the <u>verbs</u>).
 - a. Heb. 11:4...by faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.
 - b. Hebrews 11:7...by faith Noah prepared an ark for the saving of his house.
 - c. Hebrews 11:8...by faith Abraham obeyed. And went out, not knowing where.
 - d. Hebrews 11:21...by faith Jacob blessed the sons of Joseph, and worshiped.
- 18. Name some different degrees of faith.
 - a. Matthew 15:28 (and its extreme, Acts 6:5)...great faith (full of faith).
 - b. Luke 12:28 (and its extreme, Mark 4:40)...little faith (no faith).
 - c. Romans 4:19...weak in faith.
 - d. Romans 4:20...strong (strengthened = "grew strong") in faith.
- 19. What can cause us to waiver (stagger) at the promises of God? (Romans 4:20)...unbelief.
- 20. What can cause us to stop believing in times of temptation? (Luke 8:13)...having no root.
- 21. What should we ask of the Lord when we find His will difficult to do? (Luke 17:3-5)... "Increase our faith."
- 22. What is the victory that overcomes the world? (1 John 5:4)...our faith.
- 23. What is the shield of every Christian for quenching fiery darts? (Ephesians 6:16)...faith.
- 24. How are we kept (guarded) by the power of God for salvation? (1 Pet 1:5)...through faith.
- 25. What should we strive to obtain, just like the apostles? (2 Pet 1:1)...a like precious faith.
- 26. How many faiths does the NT recognize? (Ephesians 4:5)...one (i.e., "the faith").

LESSON 4: REPENTANCE

- 1. What did John preach? (Matt. 3:1-2)...Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!
- 2. What did Jesus preach after John was put in prison? (Matthew 4:12, 17)...Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- 3. What did the 12 apostles (cp. vs. 30) preach when sent out by Jesus? (Mark 6:7, 12)...that people (men) should repent.
- 4. What did Peter tell the house of Israel to do for the remission (forgiveness) of sins on the day of Pentecost? (Acts 2:38)...repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.
- 5. What are all men everywhere now commanded to do? (Acts 17:30)...repent.
- 6. What will happen to those who do not repent? (Luke 13:3)...they will perish.
- 7. What happens in the presence of the angels when one repents? (Lk. 15:10)...there is joy.
- 8. What do those in the Hadean "place of torment" (Vs. 28) want their living relatives to do? (Luke 16:27-30)...**repent.**
- 9. What does godly sorrow produce (work)? (2 Corinthians 7:10)...repentance.
- 10. What is repentance (produced by godly sorrow (regret))? (Matthew 21:28-29; cp. vs. 29 in KJV, NKJV, and ESV)...a change of mind that leads to a change of behavior.
- 11. What did the men of Nineveh do at the preaching of Jonah? (Mt. 12:41)...they repented.
- 12. What did the men of Nineveh do when they repented? (Jonah 3:10)...they turned from their evil (wicked) way.
- 13. What did the prodigal son do when he repented? (Luke 15:17-21)...after coming to himself (his senses), he returned to his father and said "I have sinned..."
- 14. What did Paul tell us to do in regard to repentance? (Ac 26:20)...works befitting (suitable or meet for) repentance (i.e., "works of obedience", not "works of the Law").
- 15. What did Jesus tell us to do if we leave our "first love"? (Revelation 2:4-5)...**repent and do the** "first works" (i.e., "works of obedience" that are "working thru love"; cp. Gal. 5:6).
- 16. What is expected of all who repent? (Luke 3:8-9)...they are to bear (bring forth):
 - a. Vs. 8...fruits worthy of (in keeping with) repentance.
 - b. Vs. 9...good fruit.
- 17. What are some examples of bearing fruits worthy of repentance (good fruit) (Luke 3:8-ff)?
 - a. Luke 3:10-11...those with two coats or food giving to him who has none.
 - b. Luke 3:12-13...tax collectors not collecting more than was appointed.
 - c. Luke 3:14...soldiers not intimidating (doing violence to) others or accusing falsely, and being content with their wages.

... a change of behavior.

- d. Acts 16:33...the jailer washing Paul's and Silas' stripes (at midnight; cp. vs. 25).
- 18. What pattern of behavior is seen above in questions 9 17 regarding repentance?...Godly sorrow (regret) produces a change of mind that leads to:
 - a. Turning from our evil (wicked) way.
 - b. Confessing our sin.
 - c. Bearing fruits worthy of repentance (good fruit).
- 19. What did David confess when he repented of his sin related to Bathsheba? (2 Sa. 12:13)... "I have sinned against the Lord" (note that he didn't specify each sin).
- 20. What leads men to repent?
 - a. Luke 3:7-8...the wrath to come.
 - b. Romans 2:4...the goodness of God.
 - c. 2 Cor. 5:9-10...the judgment (each will receive according to what he has done).
 - d. 2 Cor. 7:9-10...godly sorrow (made sorry in a godly (vice worldly) manner).
- 21. What must Christians do when they sin? (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:7-9)
 - a. Acts 8:22a...repent of their wickedness.
 - b. Acts 8:22b...pray God if perhaps the thought of their heart may be forgiven them.
 - c. 1 John 1:7...continue to walk in the light as Jesus is in the light.

LESSON 5: CONFESSION

- 1. What did Timothy confess (profess)? (1 Timothy 6:12)...the good confession.
- 2. What is the good confession? (Mt. 16:16)...Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
- 3. What did Jesus promise to build on Peter's bedrock confession? (Mt. 16:18)...His church.
- 4. Must one confess the Lord Jesus to be saved? (Romans 10:9-10)...yes.
- 5. How is the confession made? (Romans 10:10)...with the mouth.
- 6. Is it necessary to make the confession publicly? (Matthew 10:32)...yes.
- 7. Who did Timothy make the good confession (profession) in the presence of (before)? (1 Timothy 6:12)...many witnesses.
- 8. Did Jesus publicly confess that He was the Christ, the Son of God? (Mt. 26:63-64)...yes.
- 9. When did God confess or declare that Jesus was His Son?
 - a. Matt. 3:16-17...when He was baptized (at the beginning of His public ministry).
 - b. Matthew 17:1-2, 5...when He was transfigured (during His public ministry).
 - c. Romans 1:3-4...when He was resurrected (following His public ministry).
- 10. What confession did the Ethiopian make before he was baptized? (Acts 8:37*)..."I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."
- 11. What comes first, confession or belief? (Acts 8:36-37)...belief (the confession is a profession of one's faith in the Lord Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God).
- 12. What comes first, confession or baptism? (Acts 8:37-38)...confession.
- 13. What if our lives are not in keeping with our confession? (Matthew 7:21)...we will not enter the kingdom of heaven.
- 14. What did it cost Jesus to confess that He was the Christ? (Mark 14:61-64)...His life.
- 15. What did it cost Stephen when he confessed Jesus? (Acts 7:55-60)...his life.
- 16. What did Jesus promise to those who confess Him before men? (Matthew 10:32)...**that He** would also confess them before His Father who is in heaven.
- 17. What did Jesus say of those who deny Him before men? (Matthew 10:33)...that He would also deny them before His Father who is in heaven.
- 18. What did John confess when asked "Who are you"? (Jn. 1:19-20)..."I am not the Christ."
- 19. Concerning the many rulers who believed in Jesus (John 12:42-43):
 - a. What were they not willing to confess? (Vs. 42)...their belief in Him.
 - b. Why wouldn't they confess Him? (Vs. 42-43)...they didn't want to be put out of the synagogue because they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.
- 20. Why was John's Gospel written? (John 20:30-31)...that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (i.e., that we might believe the good confession).
- 21. What is promised to those who confess that Jesus is the son of God? (1 John 4:15)...God will abide (dwell) in him and he in God.
- 22. Who is the Apostle & High Priest of our confession (profession)? (Heb. 3:1)...Christ Jesus.
- 23. Why do we hold fast our confession (profession)? (Hebrews 4:14)...because we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God.
- 24. Why else do we hold fast the confession (profession) of our hope (faith) without wavering? (Hebrews 10:23; Titus 1:2)...because He who promised is faithful and He has promised us eternal life before time (the world) began.

*Some say that Acts 8:37 should not be in the text of the New Testament (NT) (see the ASV and many other modern translations). It is true that this passage is not found in five of the six oldest codex (book form) manuscripts of the NT which contain Acts 8 and date from 325 to 550 AD. However, men such as Irenaeus, who lived from 130 to 202 AD and had been a pupil of Polycarp (69 to 155 AD), who had been a disciple of the apostle John, quoted verse 37 as Scripture in his writing, *Against Heresies*, Book III, Chapter 12, Paragraph 8 in 180 AD. And Cyprian, who died in 258 AD, also quoted it. That verse was in the NT they used, which was at least 145 years older than the oldest codex manuscript now in existence.

LESSON 6: BAPTISM

- 1. Define "baptism" (noun, G908, "baptisma"): (American English Dict.)...being baptized.
- 2. Define "baptize" (verb, G907, "baptizo"): (Thayer's Dict.)...to dip, immerse, or submerge.
- 3. What are five baptisms mentioned in the New Testament?
 - a. Matthew 3:11...baptized with the Holy Spirit (a promise; cp. Acts 1:4-5).
 - b. Matthew 3:11...baptized with fire (= suffering (of hell); cp. Matt. 3:10, 12).
 - c. Luke 7:29...baptized with the baptism of John (with (in) water; cp. Acts 1:5).
 - d. 1 Corinthians 10:1-2...baptized into (to) Moses (in the cloud and in the sea).
 - e. Galatians 3:27...baptized into Christ (in water; cp. Acts 8:36-38).
- 4. Which of these five baptisms was commanded of "all" the nations? (Matthew 28:18-19)...the last one baptized into Christ (= baptized in the name of the Father and...).
- 5. Who are we baptized in name of (= by the authority of)? (Matthew 28:19)...the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 6. How many baptisms are there today? (Eph. 4:5)...one (i.e., the one commanded of "all").
- 7. What is the purpose of baptism?
 - a. Mark 16:16...salvation (note that baptism only saves those who "believe").
 - b. 1Pe 3:21...the answer of (appeal for, ESV/NAS) a good conscience toward God.
 - c. Acts 10:48 (Matthew 28:19)...to fulfill a command.
 - d. Acts 22:16...to wash away our sins (by contacting Christ's blood in the water).
 - e. Acts 2:38...the remission of sins (cp. Matthew 26:28 where the same Greek words are also translated "for...sins") and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
 - f. Ephesians 5:25-26...to sanctify (= set apart to God) and cleanse us.
 - g. Colossians 2:12...to be buried with Christ and raised with Him through (the) faith in the working (operation) of God.
 - h. Rom. 6:4-6...to crucify our old man by being united (planted) in the likeness of Christ's death and raised to walk in newness of life no longer slaves of sin.
 - i. John 3:3-5...to be born again (spiritually; cp. Titus 3:5 where regeneration = spiritual rebirth) and enter the kingdom of God (= the church; cp. Mt. 16:18-19).
 - j. Gal. 3:26-27...to put on Christ & make us sons of God through (obedient) faith.
- 8. What three central facts of the gospel (cp. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4) are reenacted in baptism? (Romans 6:3-4)...**Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.**
- 9. Which of the three modes of baptism, sprinkling (G4472, rhantizo), pouring (G2022, cheo), or immersing (G907, baptizo), being taught by some religious groups today, is biblical and shows baptism to be a burial? (see a c below and #2 above)...**immersing only.**
 - a. Where did John the Baptizer baptize? (Mark 1:4-5)..."in" the Jordan River.
 - b. Why did John also baptize in Aenon (pronounced "ahee-nohn", which means "springs")? (John 3:23)...because there was "much water" there.
 - c. What did the Ethiopian go down "into" and come up "out of" when he was baptized? (Acts 8:38-39)...water.
- 10. How do we get "into Christ"? (Galatians 3:27)...we are baptized into Him.
- 11. How do we get into the "one body" (which is the church; cp. Col. 1:18, 24)? (1 Cor. 12:13)...we are baptized into it (by one Spirit; cp. #7i above).
- 12. What is Christ the Savior of? (Ephesians 5:23)...the body (= the church).
- 13. How were souls saved through water in Noah's days? (1 Pet. 3:20)...by being in the ark.
- 14. What saves us "now"? (1 Peter 3:21)...baptism (which is how we get *into*, or enter, the church that Christ saves).
- 15. What four things come before baptism? (Acts 18:8, 2:38, 8:36-38)...hearing, believing, repenting, and confessing.
- 16. Can a soul be saved "now" without being baptized? (Mt. 7:21-23 and #14 above)...no.
- 17. Can a soul be saved "now" by being baptized only? (Mt. 7:21-23 and #15 above)...no.

LESSON 7: FAITHFUL(NESS)

- 1. What are some synonyms for "faithful" (adjective, G4103, "pistos")? (1 Timothy 3:1; see also Strong's and NAS Dictionaries)...**sure, reliable, trustworthy, true.**
- 2. What are some characteristics of those who are "faithful"?
 - a. 1 Samuel 2:35...they do according to what is in the Lord's heart and mind (as revealed in the Scriptures; cp. Deuteronomy 29:29) (*i.e., they are sure to obey*).
 - b. Pro. 11:13...they do not reveal secrets but conceal a matter (i.e., they are reliable).
 - c. Proverbs 14:5...they do not lie (i.e., they are trustworthy).
 - d. Daniel 6:4...they have no charge (error) or fault against them (i.e., they are true).
- 3. What do the faithful observe (keep or do)? (Mt. 28:20)..."all" things that Jesus commanded.
- 4. What do the faithful "continue steadfastly" in? (Acts 2:42)...the apostles' doctrine (i.e., the New Testament) and fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayers.
- 5. What is true if we are faithful in what is "least"? (Luke 16:10)...we are also faithful in "much".
- 6. What is required of us when we speak the word of the Lord?
 - a. Numbers 24:12-13...what the Lord says, that we must speak.b. Jeremiah 23:28...let us speak His word faithfully.
- 7. What character trait is required of teachers? (2 Timothy 2:2)...they are to be faithful.
- 8. What is required of evangelists (2Ti. 4:2-5) as teachers? (2Ti. 2:2)...they are to be faithful.
- 9. What is required of stewards? (1 Corinthians 4:2)...they are to be found faithful.
- 10. What is required of a bishop (Titus 1:7) as a steward? (1 Cor. 4:2)...he is to be faithful.
- 11. What is required of an elder's children? (Titus 1:5-6)...they are to be faithful (believers).
- 12. What is required of an elder's or deacon's wife? (1 Timothy 3:11)...she is to be faithful.
- 13. Why did Nehemiah appoint men such as Shelemiah and Zadok as treasurers over the storehouse (treasuries) of God? (Nehemiah 13:13)...**they were faithful (reliable).**
- 14. Give some additional examples of persons who were considered faithful:
 - a. Nehemiah 9:7-8... Abraham.
- c. 1 Corinthians 4:17...Timothy.d. Col. 1:2...the brethren at Colossae.
- b. Acts 16:14-15...Lydia. d. Col. 1:2...the brethren a
- 15. Give some examples of persons who demonstrated they were unfaithful:
 - a. Acts 8:18-23...Simon the sorcerer.
 - b. 1 Timothy 1:19-20...**Hymenaeus and** d Alexander. e
- c. 3 John 1:9-10...Diotrephes.
 - d. Jude 1:11...Cain, Balaam, & Korah (Core).
 - e. Rev. 2:18, 20... Jezebel of Thyatira.
- 16. Why was the "one talent" man called wicked and lazy (slothful)? (Matt. 25:14-15, 24-30)... because despite his ability, he chose to hide his talent, make excuses, and be unprofitable.
- 17. What is confidence in an "unfaithful" man in time of trouble like? (Proverbs 25:19)...a bad (broken) tooth and a foot out of joint.
- 18. Who will abound with blessings? (Proverbs 28:20)...a faithful man.
- 19. Who does the Lord preserve? (Psalm 31:23)...the faithful.
- 20. What is the seventh "fruit of the Spirit"? (Galatians 5:22)...faithfulness (faith).
- 21. How do we bear more faithfulness? (Luke 17:3-6)...we need to "Increase our faith", which is both a prayer request and a work (see Romans 10:16-17).
- 22. Who is Jesus the author of eternal salvation to? (Hebrews 5:8-9)...all who obey Him.
- 23. How do we "work out our own salvation"? (Philippians 2:12)...by "always" obeying.
- 24. What are we to "always" abound in? (1Co.15:58)...the work of the Lord.
- 25. What must we do to be presented holy, and blameless (unblameable), and above reproach (unreproveable) in the Lord's sight? (Colossians 1:21-23)...we must continue in the faith.
- 26. What must we do to obtain the "crown of life"? (Revelation 2:10)...be faithful until death.
- 27. What words do we want to hear from the Lord when He comes again? (Matthew 25:23)..."Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord."

LESSON 8: CONVERSION EXAMPLES

ACTION	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
	Hear	Believe	Repent	Confess	Be Baptized	Be Faithful
	Luke 8:12	Luke 8:12	2 Co. 7:10	Ro. 10:10	Mark 16:16	Rev. 2:10
1. Acts 2:22-23, 32-33,	х	х	х	Х*	х	х
36-47 Pentecost	(22, 37)	(37*, 44)	(38)	(33,36,37)	(38, 41)	(42)
2. Acts 8:4-13	Х	х			х	Х*
Samaria	(6)	(12, 13)			(12, 13)	(13)
3. Acts 8:26-39**	х	х		х	х	X*
Ethiopian	(35)	(37)		(37)	(36, 38)	(39)
4. Acts 9:1-20;	x	х*	Х*	х	х	x*
22:6-16	(22:9-16)	(22:6-11)	(9:1-2,13-	(9:5-6,17,	(9:18;	(9:20)
Paul	(22.0 10)	(22.0 11)	14,18-20)	20; 22:8-10)	22:16)	(0.20)
5. Acts 10:1-48; 11:1-18	Х	х	х		х	
Cornelius	(10:22,33,44)	(10:43)	(11:18)		(10:47, 48)	
6. Acts 16:13-15	Х	Х*			х	х
Lydia	(14)	(14)			(15)	(15)
7. Acts 16:23-34	х	х	X*		х	
Philippian Jailer	(31, 32)	(31, 34)	(33)		(33)	
8. Acts 18:8	х	х			х	
Corinthians	(8)	(8)			(8)	
ACTION SUMMARY	х	х	Х	х	х	х

* Implied by context.

** Vs. 37 may be a footnote in your Bible.

- 1. Which of the first five actions on the above chart (i.e., hear, believe, repent, confess, and be baptized) do many religious groups argue is unnecessary for salvation?...being baptized.
- 2. Which of the conversion examples specify being baptized?...all of them.
- 3. What is the "sinner's prayer", as taught by many religious groups today?...it is a prayer of repentance that a non-Christian makes to be saved and generally involves the sinner asking God to forgive him or her of their sins and make them one of His children.
- 4. Which of the conversion examples specify/imply saying a "sinner's prayer"?...none of them.
- 5. Is there a biblical example of one saying a "sinner's prayer" to become a Christian?...no.
- 6. Which apostle wrote the scriptural references associated with the third and fourth actions of the conversion chart? (2 Corinthians 7:10 and Romans 10:10)...Paul.
- 7. What did Paul say about the things which he wrote? (1 Corinthians 14:37)...that they were the commandments of the Lord. Consider:
 - a. What did the Lord command to keep a sinner from perishing? (Luke 13:1-5)...repent.
 - b. What did the Lord indicate one must do before men? (Matthew10:31)...confess Him.
- 8. Who then, ultimately, commanded the first five actions of the conversion chart?...the Lord.
- 9. Who did the Lord give these five commands to?...the apostles.
- 10. What did the Lord command us (His disciples) to observe (= do)? (Matthew 28:20)...all things that He had commanded the apostles.
- 11. Since the first five actions of the conversion chart were commands given to the apostles, which of them can an unsaved disciple ignore and be saved? (Mt. 7:21)...**none of them.**
- 12. When Jesus commanded (via Apostle John) "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life", was He speaking to Christians or non-Christians? (Rev. 2:10b)...Christians.
- 13. Since the first five actions of the conversion chart are what a non-Christian must do to be saved, what is the purpose of the sixth action?...it is what a Christian must do to remain saved and receive the crown of life.
- 14. What then must we "do" (see Acts 16:30) to be saved? ("Action Summary")...all six actions.

LESSON 9: SCRIPTURAL SILENCE – PERMISSIVE OR PROHIBITIVE?

- 1. How are the Lord's thoughts and ways different than ours? (Isaiah 55:9)...**His thoughts and ways are higher than ours.**
- 2. What is "not in man who walks"? (Jer. 10:23)...the ability "to direct his own steps."
- 3. What did Micaiah the prophet say when asked to speak words like the other prophets? (1 Kings 22:13-14)...whatever the Lord says to me, that I will speak.
- 4. What was Balaam the prophet commanded to speak when he went to king Balak? (Numbers 22:35)...**only the word that the Lord spoke to him.**
- 5. What did Balaam indicate he "must (shall)" speak? (Numbers 22:38)...**the word that God puts** in his mouth.
- 6. What did Balaam indicate he "must" do? (Numbers 23:26)..."All" that the Lord speaks.
- 7. What were God's people expected to hear (do)? (Dt 18:19)...words spoken in His name.
- 8. What does speaking "in the name of the Lord" mean? (Deut. 18:20-22)...**speaking what the Lord has commanded (= authorized) or spoken (i.e., speaking God's word only).**
- 9. What does "do all in the name of the Lord" mean? (Col. 3:17)...do what's in the NT only.
- 10. What did Balaam indicate he could not go beyond, to do less or more (Numbers 22:18)... the word (commandment) of the Lord.
- 11. What are we not to think (go) beyond (above)? (1 Corinthians 4:6)...what is written.
- 12. What are we to abide in and not transgress (go beyond)? (2 Jn. 1:9)...Christ's doctrine.
- 13. What did Jesus command His apostle's to teach baptized believers/disciples? (Matt. 28:18-20)...to observe (obey) "all things" that He had commanded the apostles.
- 14. What must we do with the apostles' doctrine? (Acts 2:42)...continue steadfastly in it.
- 15. What are we commanded to speak? (1 Pe. 4:11)...the oracles of God (i.e., God's word).
- 16. Who do the secret things belong to? (Deuteronomy 29:29)...the Lord our God.
- 17. Who do the revealed (i.e., written) things belong to? (Deut. 29:29)...us (God's people).
- 18. What penalty did the Law of Moses specify for worshiping in a way "not commanded"? (Deuteronomy 17:2-3, 5)...death.
- 19. What made Nadab and Abihu's fire profane (strange or "unauthorized" (ESV))? (Leviticus 10:1)...it had not been commanded (= authorized) by the Lord.
- 20. What fire had been commanded (= authorized) by the Lord? (Leviticus 16:12-13; 2 Chronicles 1:6)...**fire from the (bronze or brazen) altar before the Lord.**
- 21. What price did Nadab and Abihu pay for worshiping in a way "not commanded" (= not authorized) by the Lord? (Lev. 10:1-2)...they died (when fire went out from the Lord).
- 22. Concerning the writer's claim in the book of Hebrews that Jesus was "better than the angels" (1:4, 5-13):
 - a. What does he use to defend his claim? (1:5-13)...seven Old Testament Scriptures.
 - b. How do the first and last Scriptures he uses defend his claim? (1:5, 13)...they highlight what the Scriptures are silent about (i.e., what God has not said).
 - c. What does this tell us about scriptural silence? ...that it is authoritative.
- 23. Concerning the authority of silence, consider the following fast-food order, "I want a burger with lettuce, tomatoes, ketchup, and mustard."
 - a. Would it be okay for the cook to add peppers and/or sauerkraut to your order? ... no.
 - b. Why not (you didn't say not to)? ...because your order specified the toppings that were authorized, making all other (unspoken) toppings unauthorized.
- 24. Concerning Jesus not being made a priest under the Law of Moses (Hebrews 7:11-14):
 - a. Why was this not allowed? (Vs. 14)...the Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing (i.e., scriptural silence) concerning priesthood.
 - b. Does this indicate scriptural silence is permissive or prohibitive? ... prohibitive.

"We speak where the Bible speaks and are silent where the Bible is silent."

LESSON 10: THE PATTERN

- 1. What was Timothy commanded to "hold fast"? (2 Timothy 1:13)...the pattern (form) of sound words.
- 2. How was the pattern committed to Timothy? (2 Tim. 1:13-14)...he heard it from Paul.
- 3. What was Timothy commanded to do with the pattern, besides hold it fast? (2 Timothy 2:2)...commit it to faithful men.
- 4. What were the faithful men to do with the pattern committed to them? (2 Timothy 2:2)...**teach it to others also.**
- 5. What do we know about Paul's ways in Christ? (1 Corinthians 4:17)...he taught them everywhere in every church.
- 6. What were the New Testament (NT) prophets and spiritual men to acknowledge about Paul's writings? (1 Cor. 14:37)...that they were the commandments of the Lord.
- 7. What did Jesus command His apostles to teach every baptized believer/disciple? (Mt. 28:19-20)...to observe (keep) all things that Jesus had commanded the apostles.
- 8. Based on the above information, what should all Christians hold fast and teach to other Christians?...the pattern of sound words found in the NT.
- 9. What is another way of saying "hold fast" the pattern (form) of sound words that you heard from me (2 Timothy 1:13)? (Romans 6:17)..."obey from the heart" that form (pattern) of doctrine to which you were delivered.
- 10. What is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe (and therefore obey; see Romans 10:16)? (Romans 1:16)...**the gospel.**
- 11. What pattern (form) of doctrine is found in the gospel that we must obey to be saved? (Romans 10:17; 10:9-10; 2:3-4; 6:3-4; 2:5-8):
 - a. Hearing.
 - b. Believing.
 - c. Confessing.
 - d. Repenting.
 - e. Being baptized.
 - f. Doing good or well doing (obeying the truth) continually.
- 12. What did the apostle John command every Christian to do? (1 John 2:6)...to walk just as Jesus walked.
- 13. What did the apostle Peter say about this command? (1 Peter 2:21)...**that Christ suffered for** us, leaving us an example, that you (we) should follow His steps.
- 14. What did the apostle Paul say about this command? (1 Corinthians 11:1)...that we should imitate (follow) Paul, just as he imitates (follows) Christ.
- 15. Who did Paul say we are to note (mark)? (Philippians 3:17-19)...those who so walk as we have Paul (and Timothy) as a pattern (example).
- 16. Give some examples of Christians who did not walk according to (hold fast) the pattern of sound words found in the NT. (Acts 5:1-11, 8:9-23; Gal. 2:11-14)... Ananias and Sapphira, Simon the sorcerer, and, for a brief moment in Antioch, Peter.
- 17. How did Paul become a pattern (example) to follow? (1 Cor. 11:1)...he imitated Christ.
- 18. Concerning Paul's first letter to Timothy:
 - a. What was Paul committing to Timothy (us) in his letter? (1:18a)...a charge.
 - b. Was this "charge" a single command or several? (1:18b, "that by them" and 1 Kings 2:3)...several commands.
 - c. Why were these commands given? (1:18b)...that we may wage the good warfare.
 - d. What was the first command given? (2:1-2)...to pray for all (for those in authority).
 - e. What other reason was given for writing these commands? (3:14-15)...that we would know how to conduct ourselves in the church.
 - f. How long was this commandment (charge) to be kept? (6:13-14)...**until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing.**

LESSON 11: THE NAME

- 1. A name is important to God since He changed:
 - a. Abram's name to? (Genesis 17:5)...Abraham.
 - b. Sarai's name to? (Genesis 17:15)...**Sarah.**
 - c. Jacob's name to? (Genesis 35:10)...Israel.
- 2. A name should be important to us since:
 - a. Revelation 3:5 (20:15)...we don't want our name blotted out of the Book of Life.
 - b. Revelation 3:5...we want our name confessed before God and His angels.
- 3. What did Moses indicate the Lord's holy people would be "called by" (if they obeyed the Lord)? (Deuteronomy 28:9-10)...**the name of the LORD.**
- 4. What did Isaiah indicate the Lord would do for His people? (Isaiah 62:2)...call them by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord would name.
- 5. How long would this divinely given name last? (Isaiah 56:5)...it would be everlasting.
- 6. Where was this name to be given? (Isaiah 56:5)...in God's house.
- 7. What is the house of God? (1 Timothy 3:15)...the church.
- 8. What were the Gentiles to see go forth from Jerusalem before this new name was given? (Isaiah 62:1-2)...righteousness (which is linked to salvation going forth in verse 1).
- 9. When did the Gentiles see righteousness go forth from Jerusalem? (Acts 11:1-4, 12, 15, 18)when God sent Peter to Cornelius and "granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."
- 10. Who were the first ones to be called Christians? (Acts 11:26)...the disciples in Antioch.
- How do we know the disciples in the church at Antioch were called Christians first by the Lord and not mockingly by the people? Besides the fulfilled prophecies above, consider:
 - a. The word "called" in Acts 11:26 is translated from the Greek word "chrematizo" which means to speak as an oracle, to be divinely warned or instructed, to be called or named. This indicates that the new name, Christian, was given from above and not mockingly by the people of Antioch.
 - b. The only "new" name for the Lord's people found in the Bible is Christian.
 - c. Acts 26:28...Paul tried to persuade King Agrippa to become a Christian.
 - d. 1 Peter 4:16...when we suffer as a Christian we glorify God in this matter (name).
 - e. James 2:7...that "noble name" by which we are called is Christ or Christian.
- 12. From whom is the whole family in heaven and earth named? (Eph. 3:14-15)...Christ (God).
- 13. Who is every Christian married (joined) to? (Romans 7:4)...Christ (through the body).
- 14. Why is it wrong to wear the name of men in religion? (1 Corinthians 1:10-13)...it is divisive and contentious (and we are the bride of Christ, Revelation 21:9, not of men).
- 15. Whose name was Saul (Paul) chosen to bear? (Acts 9:15)...the Lord's name.
- 16. Whose name should we hold fast and not deny? (Rev. 1:1, 2:13, 3:8)...Jesus Christ.
- 17. What is the only name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved? (Acts 4:10, 12)...Jesus (Christ of Nazareth).
- 18. How are the words "power" & "name" related in the context of Acts 4:7?...they're synonyms (note, "name" is from "onoma" (G3686) and onoma means name, authority, cause).
- 19. Whose name (= authority) are we to do all things in? (Colossians 3:17)...the Lord Jesus.
- 20. Who are we baptized in the name of (= by the authority of)? (Acts 2:38)...Jesus Christ.
- 21. What name (= authority) is above every name (= authority)? (Philippians 2:9-10)...Jesus.
- 22. Who is Jesus "called" in the book of the genealogy? (Matthew 1:1, 16)...Christ.
- 23. What other names does Jesus have (look after the phrase "the name of" in the vss. below)?
 - a. Matthew 28:19...the Son.
 - b. Acts 2:38...Jesus Christ.
 - c. Acts 10:48...**the Lord.**
 - d. Acts 19:5...**the Lord Jesus.**
 - e. Acts 26:9...Jesus of Nazareth.
- f. 1 Cor. 1:2...Jesus Christ our Lord.
 g. 1 Cor. 1:10...our Lord Jesus Christ.
- h. Philippians 2:10...**Jesus**
- i. 1 Peter 4:14...**Christ.**
- 1. 1 Peter 4:14...**Christ.**
- j. 1 John 5:13...**the Son of God**

LESSON 12: THE CHURCH

- 1. What is the eternal purpose of the church? (Ephesians 3:10-11)...to make known the manifold wisdom of God.
- 2. Concerning "the church" and "the kingdom":
 - a. Who do they belong to? (Matthew 16:18; Colossians 1:13)...Christ.
 - b. How are they related? (Matt. 16:18-19)...they are equivalent (interchangeable).
- 3. What did Jesus promise to build His church on? (Matthew 16:15-18)...the bedrock confession of Peter, namely, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
- 4. How do we know that the church (kingdom) was built after Jesus died?
 - a. Matthew 16:18...Jesus said I "will" build My church.
 - b. Matthew 4:17...Jesus preached that the kingdom of heaven was "at hand."
 - c. Luke 23:50-52...Joseph was "waiting for the kingdom" after Jesus' death.
 - d. Hebrews 9:16-17...the (new) testament of Jesus Christ, upon which the church was built, could not be in force until after Jesus' death.
 - e. Acts 20:28...the church was purchased with the blood of Christ.
- 5. What is "the house of God" equivalent to? (1 Timothy 3:15)...**the church.**
- 6. According to the prophets Isaiah and Micah (Isaiah 2:2-3; Micah 4:1-2):
 - a. In what city would the house of God (the church) be established?...Jerusalem.b. When would the church be established?...in the last (latter) days.
- 7. What time period was present when Jesus spoke/lived? (Heb. 1:1-2)...the "last days".
- 8. What did Jesus say the kingdom would come (be present) with? (Mark 9:1)...power.
- 9. According to Jesus, when and in what city would the apostles receive power? (Acts 1:8; Luke 24:49)...when the Holy Spirit came upon them, in the city of Jerusalem.
- 10. On what day did the Holy Spirit come with power in Jerusalem and the church begin? (Acts 2:1-5, 14-17, 41, 47; 11:15)...**the Day of Pentecost (33 AD).**
- 11. Who does the Lord add to the (universal) church? (Acts 2:47)...those being saved.
- 12. What is "the church" equivalent to? (Ephesians 1:22-23a)...Christ's body.
- 13. How many bodies (churches) are there? (Ephesians 4:4)...**one.**
- 14. What are both Jews and Gentiles (=all men) reconciled to God in? (Ep. 2:16)...one body.
- 15. What is Christ the Savior of? (Ephesians 5:23)...the body (i.e., the church).
- 16. How were souls saved through water in Noah's days? (1 Pet. 3:20)...by being in the ark.
- 17. Since the church (body) is what the saved are added to and reconciled to God in, and what Christ is the Savior of, can one be saved outside the church (explain your answer)?...no. Just like one had to be *in* Noah's ark to be saved now one must be *in* Christ's church to be saved.
- 18. Since the saved are added to the church and not "voted in", how does a Christian become a recognized member of a church in a new place? (Acts 9:26-28)...like Paul, one should associate with, or join oneself to, that church (i.e., place membership).
- 19. What is Christ the head of? (Ephesians 5:23)...the church.
- 20. When did Christ become head of the church? (Ephesians 1:20-22)...after He was raised from the dead and seated at the right hand of God.
- 21. Who is the church subject to? (Ephesians 5:24)... Christ.
- 22. What are some New Testament designations for the church?
 - a. Matthew 16:18...My (Christ's) church.
 - b. Matthew 18:17; Acts 8:3; etc...the church.
 - c. Acts 20:28...the church of God.
 - d. Romans 16:16...the church(es) of Christ.
 - e. Colossians 1:18...the body.
- 23. What are some New Testament designations for members of the church?
 - a. Acts 11:26...1) disciples and 2) Christians.
 - b. Colossians 1:2...3) saints and 4) faithful brethren.

LESSON 13: WORSHIP

1. What is worship?

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- a. Thayer's Dict....kneeling to show respect or make supplication.
- b. Vine's Dict....an act of reverence (to God, Christ, man, demons, idols, etc.).
- 2. Who are we to worship?
 - a. Revelation 22:8-9...God, and not the angels.
 - b. Matthew 28:9, 16-17; Hebrews 1:5-6...Jesus (the Son of God).
 - c. Matt. 4:8-10...the Lord our God, & Him only we shall serve (contrast Rom. 1:25).
 - Is everything we do worship (an act of reverence)? (Gen. 22:5; 2Sa. 12:20; Ac. 8:27)...no.
- 4. What are some examples of worship in the Old Testament?
 - a. Genesis 24:48...bowing the head and blessing the Lord (praying).
 - b. 1 Chronicles 16:29...bringing an offering to the Lord.
 - c. Psalms 66:4...singing (praises) to God, to His name.
 - d. Jeremiah 26:2...speaking God's word.
 - e. Ezek. 46:9...coming before the Lord on the appointed feasts (cp. Ex. 23:14-17).
- 5. What kinds of worship are found in the New Testament (NT)?
 - a. Matthew 15:9...""vain" worship.
 - b. Colossians 2:20-23 (KJV)..."will" (self-imposed) worship.
 - c. Acts 17:22-23 (KJV)..."ignorant" (without knowledge) worship.
 - d. John 4:23-24..."true" worship.
- 6. What would make worship "vain"? (Matthew 15:7-9)...teaching as doctrines the commandments of men (this is not honoring God but man).
- 7. What is an example of "will" (self-imposed) worship? (Lev. 10:1-2)...Nadab and Abihu offering "unauthorized" (ESV) (i.e., not commanded) fire before the Lord. They offered fire of their choosing vice "fire from the altar" (cp. 16:12) as commanded.
- 8. What is an example of "ignorant" (without knowledge) worship? (John 4:20-22) ... Samaritans worshipping on a mountain of Samaria vice in Jerusalem.
- 9. What was God's position on "ignorant" worship in time past and now? (Acts 17:29-30)...**He** overlooked it then, but now commands all men everywhere to repent.
- 10. How must "true" worshipers worship the Father now? (John 4:23-24)...in spirit and truth.
- 11. What does it mean to worship "in spirit"? (Psalm 51:17, KJV)...from the heart (sincerely).
- 12. What does it mean to worship "in truth"? (John 17:17)...according to God's word.
- 13. What did the 1st Century Christians continue steadfastly in? (Acts 2:42)...
 - a. the apostles' doctrine (teaching, which includes preaching) and
 - b. the (ESV) fellowship (which includes contribution; cp. Ro.15:26-same Gk. wd.),
 - c. the breaking of bread (the Lord's Supper), and
 - d. the (ESV) prayers.
- 14. What five acts of worship does the church observe when it "comes together" on the first day of the week (i.e., every Sunday)?
 - a. Acts 20:7 (cp. 1 Corinthians 11:17-20)...breaking bread (the Lord's Supper).
 - b. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2...the collection for the saints (giving).
 - c. 1 Corinthians 14:13-17, 23, 26...praying (that is understood and edifies), singing (a psalm), and teaching (doctrine) (note that the miraculous gifts, such as speaking in tongues and revelations, which were sometimes used in church worship during the 1st Century, have passed away; see "Laying on of Hands").
- 15. How are "all things" to be done when the church comes together for worship?
 - a. 1 Corinthians 14:26...for edification (to build up; not to entertain).
 - b. 1 Corinthians 14:40...decently and in order.
- 16. What should be done if you can no longer worship God in spirit and in truth at the congregation where you attend? (John 4:23-24)...**find a congregation where you can.**

LESSON 14: THE LORD'S SUPPER

- 1. Who instituted the Lord's Supper? (1 Corinthians 11:20-25)...**the Lord Jesus.**
- 2. When was the Lord's Supper instituted? (Mark 14:12-16)...during the Passover.
- 3. Give some names of this memorial feast.
 - a. 1 Corinthians 11:20...the Lord's Supper.
 - b. Acts 2:42...the breaking of bread.
 - c. 1 Corinthians 10:16...the communion.
 - d. 1 Corinthians 10:21; Luke 22:30...the Lord's Table.
- 4. What two elements are in the Lord's Supper?
 - a. Matthew 26:26 (Matt. 26:17)...bread (unleavened).
 - b. Matthew 26:27-29...fruit of the vine (represented by the cup).
- 5. Give some examples where a verb such as "is" means "represents".
 - a. Luke 8:11...the seed is (represents) the word.
 - b. Genesis 41:26-30...the seven cows are (represent) seven years.
 - c. 1 Corinthians 10:4...that Rock was (represented) Christ.
 - d. John 10:7...I am (represent) the door of the sheep.
- 6. Which element represents the Lord's body? (Mark 14:22)...the bread.
- 7. Which element represents the Lord's blood? (Mark 14:23-25)...the fruit of the vine.
- 8. What is the New Testament (NT) pattern/example regarding prayer for the two elements?
 - a. Matthew 26:26...the bread is blessed before giving it to others.
 - b. Mt. 26:27-29...thanks is given for the fruit of the vine before giving it to others.
- 9. Would it be okay to say one prayer for both the bread and fruit of the vine to save time? Explain. (2 Tim. 1:13; Rom. 6:17)...**No, because that is not according to the NT pattern.**
- 10. Did NT folks commune before or after they became Christians? (Acts 2:41-42)...after.
- 11. Who is a Christian to examine while communing? (1 Cor. 11:28)...himself / herself only.
- 12. What do we "proclaim" ("show") as we commune? (1 Cor. 11:26)...the Lord's death.
- 13. Was Christ's body broken? Explain. (1 Corinthians 11:24; John 19:34-37)...**Yes. His body was** broken when it was pierced by a spear, but His bones were not broken.
- 14. What are we to keep in remembrance while communing? (Luke 22:19; 1 Corinthians 11:25)...**the body and blood of the Lord.**
- 15. What is recorded about the Lord's body and blood that is important to us as we commune?
 - a. 1 Corinthians 11:24...Christ's body was broken for us.
- b. Matthew 26:27-28...Christ's blood was shed for many for the remission of sins.
- 16. Why should we observe the Lord's Supper?
 - a. Romans 6:17; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25...because we are commanded to.
 - b. 1 Corinthians 11:24-25...to remember the body and blood of the Lord.
 - c. 1 Corinthians 11:26...to proclaim (show) the Lord's death till He comes.
- 17. When did the NT Christians commune? (Acts 20:7)...the first day of the week (Sunday).
- 18. How often should we commune? Explain. (1 Cor. 11:26; Acts 20:7)...every Sunday only, because that is the first day of every week and according to the NT pattern.
- 19. How long are we to continue observing the communion? (1 Cor. 11:26)...till He comes.
- 20. What will (may) happen if we commune in an unworthy manner?
 - a. 1 Corinthians 11:27...we will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.
 - b. 1 Corinthians 11:29...we eat and drink judgment (damnation) to our self.
 - c. 1 Corinthians 11:30...we may become weak and sick, and even sleep.
 - d. 1 Cor. 11:32...we are chastened by the Lord that we may not be condemned.
- 21. What is a worthy (appropriate) manner of communing?...while partaking, we are to:
 - a. 1 Cor. 11:27, 29...discern the Lord's body (that it was sacrificed for our sins).
 - b. 1 Corinthians 11:28, 31...examine and judge our self (realizing it is hypocrisy to partake if we have sin in our life that we have not repented of).

LESSON 15: GIVING

- 1. What did the Mosaic Law of tithing apply to? (Lev. 27:30-32)...lands, herds, and flocks.
- 2. What is a <u>tithe</u>, defined in terms of a percentage? (Leviticus 27:32)...**10%.**
- 3. What criterion was used by Moses when taking from the children of Israel an <u>offering</u> to the Lord for the tabernacle? (Exodus 35:4-5, 21)...**a willing heart.**
- 4. Does Jesus notice how much people give, even small amounts? (Mark 12:41-42)...yes.
- 5. How did the poor widow's two mites (valued at less than a penny) amount to "more than all" the money given by the many rich folks? (Mark 12:41-44)...because in proportion to her livelihood she gave more than all of them.
- 6. Does God measure the worth of a gift by its dollar value or by how much the giver has sacrificed? (Mark 12:43-44)...**by how much the giver has sacrificed.**
- 7. What criterion was used by the New Testament church when distributing funds to believers? (Acts 4:34-37)...**need.**
- 8. What was wrong with Ananias and Sapphira's giving? (Acts 5:1-10)...they lied about it.
- 9. Who is to be glorified by our good works? (Matthew 5:16)...God.
- 10. What heavenly reward is granted to those who are showy in giving? (Mt. 6:1-4)...none.
- 11. What motivated God to give His only begotten Son? (John 3:16)...His love for mankind.
- 12. What should motivate us to give? (1 John 3:16-18)...the love of God.
- 13. What does it profit us if our giving is not with love (charity)? (1 Cor. 13:3)...nothing.
- 14. How should we give? (2 Corinthians 9:7)
 - a. As we purpose in our heart (a planned amount, such as 10% of one's income).
 - b. Not grudgingly or of necessity (each person decides how much they will give).
- 15. What kind of giver does God love? (2 Corinthians 9:7)...a cheerful giver.
- 16. What is promised if we sow little (or much)? (2 Cor. 9:6)...we will reap little (or much).
- 17. What will we receive now and in the age to come if we leave all for Jesus' sake and the gospels? (Mark 10:28-30)...a hundredfold now and eternal life in the age to come.
- 18. Based on the teaching of 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 and the example of Acts 11:29:
 - a. Why should there be a collection (financial giving) for the saints?...**because it is commanded, and so that there be no collections when the funds are needed.**
 - b. When should we give?...the first day of the week (every Sunday).
 - c. Who should give?...each of the saints according to his ability.
 - d. What should our giving be based on?...as we may prosper.
- 19. What does it mean to give "as we may prosper"? (1 Cor. 16:2)...it means the more we receive, the more we should give (so, a percentage of one's income is sensible).
- 20. What must there be in our giving, besides a willing heart? (2 Corinthians 8:12-15)...equality (vice burdening some and easing others).
- 21. How are we expected to handle money (mammon)? (Luke 16:10-13)...faithfully.
- 22. How can we rob God? (Mal. 3:8-10; 1 Cor. 16:2)...by not giving as we have prospered.
- 23. What does God call a person who lays up treasure for himself, but is not rich toward God? (Luke 12:13-21)...a fool.
- 24. How is giving linked to spirituality? (Mt. 6:19-21)...giving shows where one's heart is.
- 25. What did Jesus say His Father's house (church; cp. 1 Tim. 3:15) was not to be made? (Jn. 2:13-16)...a house of merchandise (i.e., no bake sales, yard sales, car washes, etc.).
- 26. What are some things that the church's funds may be used for?
 - a. Acts 2:44-45...the needs of the saints.
 - b. 1 Corinthians 9:14...**preaching of the gospel.**
 - c. 2 Corinthians 9:8...every good work of the local congregation.
 - d. 1 Timothy 5:3-5, 16...widows who are desolate (left alone).
 - e. Galatians 6:10... "as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who are of the household of faith."

LESSON 16: PRAYING

- 1. What is prayer? (Luke 11:2; John 11:41-42)...talking with God.
- 2. What prayer avails much? (Jm. 5:16)...the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man.
- 3. What makes a prayer "effective"?
 - a. 1 John 3:22... keeping God's commandments and doing what pleases Him.
 - b. John 15:7...abiding in Jesus and His word abiding in us.
 - c. 1 John 5:14-15; Luke 22:42...praying according to God's will (our attitude in every prayer should be "not my will, but Yours, be done").
 - d. James 1:5-7...asking in faith, with no doubting (wavering).
 - e. Luke 18:13-14; Gen. 24:26-27, 48...praying with humility (e.g., bowing the head).
 - f. Hebrews 5:7...offering our prayer in godly fear (reverence).
 - g. John 14:13; Ephesians 5:20 (Matthew 28:18; Acts 4:7-10)...praying in the name of (= by the power or authority of) our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4. Who will God not hear to answer their prayer?
 - a. Isaiah 59:1-3...those given to sin.
 - b. Ps. 66:18...those who regard iniquity in their heart (i.e., sinful thoughts).
 - c. Proverbs 28:9...those who turn away their ear from hearing the law.
 - d. Proverbs 15:29...the wicked.
 - e. James 4:3...those who ask amiss (with wrong motives).
 - f. 1 Peter 3:12...those who do evil.
- 5. What must we do when praying to have our sins forgiven? (Mk 11:25-26)...forgive anyone we have anything against (have an attitude of forgiveness).
- 6. Who do we offer our prayers to? (Ephesians 3:14, 21; Colossians 1:12)...the Father.
- 7. Who do we pray through? (John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5; Romans 1:8)...Jesus Christ.
- 8. Who should we pray for? (1 Tim. 2:1-2)...all men, for kings and all who are in authority.
- 9. Why do we pray for the things we have need of since God already knows our needs? (Exodus

22:22-24; Mt. 6:8-13)...it is what the Lord expects and what He taught us to do.

- 10. In the model prayer of Matthew 6:9-13:
 - a. How is God addressed? (Vs. 9)...as "Our Father."
 - b. Who is praised or honored as holy? (Vs. 9)...God ("Hallowed be Your name.").
 - c. How often should we pray for physical needs? (Vs. 11)...daily.
 - d. Who does the kingdom and the power & the glory belong to forever? (Vs. 13)...God.
- 11. What things are asked for in the model prayer of Luke 11:1-4?
 - a. Verse 2...God's purposes.
 - b. Verse 3...our physical needs.
 - c. Verse 4...our spiritual needs, and the spiritual needs of others.
- 12. What answers are given to our prayers?
 - a. Acts 10:30-32...**yes.**
 - b. James 4:1-3...**no.**
 - c. Daniel 10:12-14; Luke 18:7...wait.
 - d. 2 Corinthians 12:7-9...different.
- 13. What are some examples of prayers that (providentially) altered life's circumstances?
 - a. Isaiah 38:1-5...Hezekiah's prayer for his life (he was given 15 more years).
 - b. Luke 1:5-7, 13...Zacharias' prayer for his barren wife (she bore a son).
 - c. Acts 12:5-12...church's prayer for Peter while in prison (angel released him).
- 14. When should we pray? (Psalm 55:17; Luke 18:1)...morning, noon, and night (always).
- 15. What should we do when suffering (afflicted)? (James 5:13)...pray.
- 16. Why should we pray in times of trial? (Luke 22:40-46)...that we may not enter temptation.
- 17. Why should we pray in times of need? (Heb. 4:16)...to obtain mercy & find grace to help.
- 18. What does persistence in prayer demonstrate? (Luke 18:1-8; Mt. 15:21-28)...our faith.

LESSON 17: SINGING

- 1. Who do we sing praise to? (Hebrews 2:12, 13:15)...**God.**
- 2. Who else do we sing to? (Ephesians 5:19)...**the Lord.**
- 3. Whose name do we sing to? (Romans 15:9)...**God's.**
- 4. Who is commanded to sing in the church? (Ephesians 5:19)..."all" members (since the command is "speaking to one another in...songs").
- 5. What kinds of songs are we to sing when speaking to "one another" in...songs? (Eph. 5:19)...**psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.**
- 6. What are we doing when "speaking to one another in...songs"? (cp. Colossians 3:16 with Ephesians 5:19)...**teaching and admonishing one another.**
- 7. Must we speak loud enough to be heard while singing? Explain. (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16)...yes. "Speaking" is how we teach and admonish one another while singing.
- 8. What did Jesus and His disciples do after He instituted the Lord's Supper? (Mt. 26:30; Mk. 14:26)...**they sung a hymn.**
- 9. What should we do when we are cheerful (merry)? (James 5:13)...sing psalms (praise).
- 10. What should we be making in our hearts to the Lord while singing? (Eph. 5:19)...melody.
- 11. Concerning Paul and Silas singing hymns (praises) in Philippi (Acts 16:24-25):
 - a. What time of the day did they sing? (Acts 16:25a)...at midnight.
 - b. Where in Philippi did they sing? (Acts 16:24-25)...in prison.
 - c. Who did they sing hymns (praises) to? (Acts 16:25)...God.
- 12. What kinds of songs did the New Testament church sing? (He. 2:12; Acts 16:24-25; Ep. 5:19)...praises, psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (not country, rock, rap, etc.).
- 13. What should dwell in us richly? (Colossians 3:16)...**the word of Christ.**
- What should use in it is ficility? (Colossian's 5.10)...the word of christ.
 What should we be singing with? (1 Corinthians 14:15)...the spirit and understanding.
- 15. What should we do, whether in word or deed, in the name of the Lord? (Colossians 3:17)...all that we do should be in the name (by the authority) of the Lord.
- 16. *Did the Old Testament (OT) command (= authorize) the Israelites to sing? (2 Chronicles 35:15)...**yes. (*See "Scriptural Silence lesson.)**
- 17. *Does the New Testament (NT) command Christians to sing? (Colossians 3:16)...yes.
- 18. *Did the OT command (= authorize) the Israelites to play mechanical instruments (MIs) during worship? (2 Chronicles 29:25-28)...**yes.**
- 19. *Does the NT command (= authorize) Christians to play MIs during worship?...no.
- 20. *What is the only instrument we are commanded (= authorized) to make melody with? (Ephesians 5:19)...**our hearts.**
- 21. *Why is it wrong to use MIs in NT worship? (2 Jn. 1:9)...**they are not commanded, so use of them is not abiding in the doctrine of Christ but transgressing (going beyond) it.**
- 22. What happens when we don't abide in Christ's doctrine? (2 Jn. 1:9)...we don't have God.
- 23. What is taught in the beginning, middle, and end of the Bible about adding to and taking away from God's word? (Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6; Rev. 22:18-19)...**don't do it.**
- 24. Is the church bound by the apostles' doctrine, man's opinion, or both? (Matthew 16:19; Acts 2:42)...**the apostles' doctrine.**
- 25. What does God consider vain worship? (Matthew 15:9)...teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.
- 26. Name some things that fall in the realm of expediency when worshiping God in song.
 - a. Singing while sitting or standing.
 - b. Using a pitch pipe or song books.
 - c. Singing with tenor, bass, alto, and/or soprano (various-part harmony).
- 27. Much church trouble and division has come about because men have sought to bind their opinions on others in the realm of expediency. Do we seek to bind on others our opinions or only what God's word commands (= authorizes)?

LESSON 18: PREACHING AND TEACHING

- 1. What was Jesus doing when he went all about Galilee? (Mt. 4:23a)...teaching/preaching.
- 2. How are sinners drawn to Christ? (John 6:44-45)
 - a. They must be taught by (of) God.
 - b. Therefore, they must have heard and learned from the Father (i.e., the Bible).
- 3. Who did Jesus command His 12 apostles (see Matthew 10:2) to go and preach to during the "limited commission"? (Matthew 10:5-7)...**the house of Israel.**
- 4. Who did Jesus command His apostles to preach the gospel to during the "Great Commission"? (Mark 16:15)...every creature (all creation).
- 5. Why is the gospel to be preached?
 - a. Rom. 1:15-16...it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes.
 - b. James 1:21...because the implanted (engrafted) word can save souls.
 - c. 1 Corinthians 15:1-2...to save those who hold it fast (keep it in memory).
- 6. What did Jesus command His disciples to do for the "Great Commission", besides preach? (Mt 28:19)...to go and make disciples of (teach) all nations, baptizing them.
- 7. What must all the nations be taught after they are baptized? (Matthew 28:20)...to observe (= keep or do*) all things that Jesus commanded (*cp. Matthew 19:16-17).
- 8. Who did Philip preach to the Ethiopian? (Acts 8:35)...**Jesus.**
- 9. What was Timothy told to preach? (2 Timothy 4:2)...the word.
- 10. What did Paul do on the first day of the week? (Acts 20:7)...preached (spoke a message).
- 11. Why are God's people destroyed? (Hosea 4:6)...for lack of knowledge.
- 12. What was Ezra and the Levites doing when they read distinctly from the book, gave the sense, and helped the Israelites to understand it? (Neh. 8:1-3, 8-9)...**they were teaching.**
- 13. What must we do when teaching? (1 Cor. 14:9, 19)...speak understandable words.
- 14. What must preachers/teachers do so they won't be ashamed? (2 Tim. 2:15)...be diligent (study) to show themselves approved to God, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- 15. Define "diligent": (Merriam-Webster 11th Coll.)...steady, earnest, and energetic effort.
- 16. How do we teach (preach to) others?
 - a. Acts 8:35; Ephesians 6:19...by mouth.
 - b. 1 Peter 2:11-12, 3:1-2...by honorable (honest) and chaste (pure) conduct.
- 17. What character trait is expected of teachers? (2 Timothy 2:2)...they are to be faithful.
- 18. What did Barnabas and Saul (Paul) do when they assembled with the church that was at Antioch for a whole year? (Acts 11:25-26)...**taught a great many (much) people.**
- 19. What did Paul do so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord? (Acts 19:9-10)...he reasoned (disputed) daily for two years in the school of Tyrannus.
- 20. How else did Paul teach while in Asia? (Acts 20:18-20)...publicly and house to house.
- 21. Where did Paul teach his ways in Christ? (1 Cor. 4:17)...everywhere in every church.
- 22. Who are the older women commanded to teach? (Titus 2:3-4)...the young women.
- 23. Who are mothers expected to teach? (Proverbs 31:1)...their sons (and daughters).
- 24. Who is responsible for bringing up children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? (Ephesians 6:4)...**fathers.**
- 25. What did Aquila and Priscilla do with Apollos who knew only John's baptism? (Acts 18:24-26)..."they" took him aside (in private) & explained the way of God more accurately.
- 26. Who is commanded to speak to one another with songs? (Eph. 5:19)...all the saints.
- 27. What are we doing when we sing to one another? (Col. 3:16)...teaching & admonishing.
- 28. What will happen to those who preach another (a different) or perverted gospel of Christ? (Galatians 1:6-9)...**they will be accursed (anathema).**
- 29. What attitude can correct those who oppose? (2 Timothy 2:25)...humility (meekness).
- 30. What can false teachers do to the faith of some? (2 Timothy 2:16-18)...overthrow it.
- 31. What must be done with false teachers? (Tit. 1:10-11)...their mouths must be stopped.

LESSON 19: RIGHTEOUSNESS

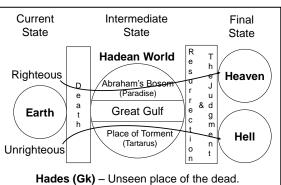
- 1. What does a righteous person practice (do continuously)? (1 John 3:7)...righteousness.
- 2. How does the Bible define "righteousness" (noun)?
 - a. What did Moses say would be righteousness for the Israelites? (Deuteronomy 6:25)...to observe (obey, keep, do) all the Lord's commandments (commands).
 - b. What did Moses equate "observe (obey, keep, do) all His commandments" to? (Dt. 12:28; 13:18)...to do what is (good and) right in the eyes (or sight) of the Lord.
 - c. What then is a Bible definition of righteousness? (Deuteronomy 6:25; 12:28; 13:18)...(to do) that which is right in the eyes of the Lord.
- 3. What are the Lord's commandments? (Psalm 119:172)...righteousness.
- 4. What made Zacharias and Elizabeth righteous before God? (Luke 1:5-6)...they walked in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly.
- 5. Concerning Cain and Abel (see Genesis 4:1-8 for background information):
 - a. What did Cain and Abel each offer to God? (Hebrews 11:4a)...a sacrifice.
 - b. How were Cain's sacrificial works described? (1 John 3:12)...as evil.
 - c. How were Abel's sacrificial works described? (1 John 3:12)...as righteous.
 - d. Why was Abel's sacrifice more excellent? (Hebrews 11:4a)...he offered it by faith.
 - e. Where does faith come from? (Romans 10:17)...from hearing God's word.
 - f. What witness did Abel obtain from God when he offered his sacrifice by faith? (Heb. 11:4; 10:38)...**that he was righteous (just; both verses use same Gk. word).**
 - g. What then was Abel doing when he offered his sacrifice by faith? (Heb. 11:4; Rom. 10:17)...what was right in the eyes of the Lord (living by God's word).
 - h. How does dead Abel still speak? (Hebrews 11:4c)...by faith (God's word).
 - i. What can we say about "Cain" and "living by faith" since his works were evil? (Heb. 10:38; Romans 10:17; 1 John 3:12)...Cain was not living by faith (God's word).
 - j. What does Cain's example teach us about worshiping God in a way not commanded by His word? (Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 3:12)...**it is an evil work and not living by faith.**
- 6. What does the righteous Lord love? (Psalm 11:7)...righteousness.
- 7. What does the Lord speak (declare)? (Is. 45:19)...righteousness (things that are right).
- 8. What should His people be working & speaking? (Ps 15:1-2, 52:3)...**righteousness/truth.**
- 9. What should the thoughts of the righteous be? (Proverbs 12:5)...right (just).
- 10. What should we do when our heart is not right in the sight of God? (Acts 8:21-22)...repent of our wickedness and pray (ask) God to forgive the thought of our heart.
- 11. What blessing is promised to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness? (Mt. 5:6)...**they** shall be filled.
- 12. What are we to seek first, besides God's kingdom? (Matt. 6:33)... His righteousness.
- 13. What is the righteousness of God revealed in? (Romans 1:16-17)...the gospel.
- 14. How does the grace of God teach us to live in this present world, besides soberly and godly? (Titus 2:11-12)...**righteously.**
- 15. What is "unrighteousness (= (to do) that which is not right in His eyes)"?
 - a. 1 John 5:17...**sin.**
 - b. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11...wrongdoing.
- 16. What would we be better off not having known if we turn from the holy commandment delivered to us? (2 Peter 2:21)...**the way of righteousness.**
- 17. Concerning slaves (servants) of sin and of obedience (Romans 6:16):
 - a. What does being a slave (servant) of sin lead to? ... death.
 - b. What does being a slave (servant) of obedience lead to? ...righteousness.
- 18. What did Paul reason with Felix the Governor about, besides self-control and the judgment to come? (Acts 24:25)...righteousness.
- 19. Who will go away into eternal life in "the judgment to come"? (Mt. 25:46)...the righteous.

LESSON 20: SELF-CONTROL

- 1. What is the 9th "fruit of the Spirit" in Galatians 5? (Vs. 22-23)...**self-control (temperance).**
- 2. Define "self-control": (Thayer's)...one who masters (restrains) his desires and passions.
- 3. What did God tell Cain to do with sin that was lying at the door and desired him? (Genesis 4:7)...to rule over it.
- 4. What are we supposed to do, as pilgrims and sojourners, with the fleshly lusts which war against the soul? (1 Peter 2:11)...**abstain from them.**
- 5. What must a man do to keep from becoming like a city broken down without walls? (Proverbs 25:28)...**rule over his spirit.**
- 6. What does everyone who competes for the prize of a crown demonstrate in all things? (1 Corinthians 9:25)...temperance.
- 7. What must a bishop be, besides hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, and holy? (Titus 1:8)...self-controlled (temperate).
- 8. What must older men be, besides sober, reverent, sound in faith, in love, and in patience? (Titus 2:2)...temperate.
- 9. What are young women to be, besides chaste, homemakers, good, & obedient to their husbands? (Tit. 2:5)...discreet (= judicious in conduct; same Gk. word is used in 2:2).
- 10. Who is supposed to teach the young women to be discreet? (Titus 2:3)...older women.
- 11. What are young men exhorted to be? (Titus 2:6)...sober-minded (self-controlled).
- 12. Why are husbands and wives not to deprive one another except by consent for a time? (1 Cor. 7:5)...so that Satan does not tempt them because of their lack of self-control.
- 13. What can cause us to burn *with passion*? (1 Cor. 7:9)...**not exercising self-control.**
- 14. In view of God's curse of Eve, women will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with what? (1 Tim. 2:15)...self-control (sobriety or moderation, vs. 9).
- 15. What did Paul reason with Felix the Governor about, besides righteousness and the judgment to come? (Acts 24:25)...**self-control (temperance).**
- 16. What does the grace of God teach us? (Titus 2:11-12)...that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.
- 17. What did Paul do to his body so that he would not become disqualified after preaching to others? (1 Cor. 9:27)...he disciplined it and brought it into subjection (obedience).
- 18. What are some ways we can discipline (keep under control) our bodies so as not to become disqualified (a castaway)?
 - a. Matthew 26:41...watching and praying.
 - b. Ps. 119:36-37...with God's help, inclining our hearts (thoughts) to His word vice covetousness and turning our eyes from looking at worthless (vain) things.
 - c. John 8:31-32...abiding in His word...and the truth shall make us free (from sin).
- 19. What is to be added to our knowledge so that we will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ? (2 Peter 1:5-8)...**self-control (temperance).**
- 20. What can overtake us and is common to man? (1 Corinthians 10:13a)...temptation.
- 21. What will our faithful God do for us when we are tempted? (1 Corinthians 10:13b)...make the way of escape, that we may be able to bear it.
- 22. When can a lawful thing, such as eating foods, become sinful? (1 Corinthians 6:12-13)...when it brings us under its power (control) (i.e., becomes an addiction).
- 23. Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? (Proverbs 23:29-30)...**those who linger long at the wine, who go in search of mixed wine.**
- 24. What will a God-fearing person escape (come forth of)? (Eccl. 7:15-18)...all extremes.
- 25. Concerning those who have a form of godliness but deny its power (2 Timothy 3:1-5):
 - a. What is their fourth trait found in verse 3?...without self-control (incontinent).
 - b. What are we to do with those who will not repent? (Vs. 5)...turn away from them.

LESSON 21: THE JUDGMENT

- 1. What are the heavens and earth reserved for? (2 Peter 3:7)...fire.
- 2. When will this fire take place? (2 Peter 3:7, 10)...the day of judgment, which is also called, the day of the Lord.
- 3. What has been appointed for men? (Hebrews 9:27)...to die once, but after this the judgment.
- 4. Where are the dead between death and the judgment (briefly describe it)? (Luke 16:19-31)
 - a. Verse 23...in Hades (i.e., unseen place of the dead).
 - b. Verses 22, 25...the righteous are in Abraham's bosom, comforted.
 - c. Verses 23-25...the unrighteous are in torments (or place of torment, vs. 28), tormented (in a flame).
 - d. Verse 26...between the two there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from one side to the other cannot.
- 5. Who will be judged?
 - a. 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6...angels.
 - b. Romans 14:10...Christians.
 - c. Romans 2:5-10...every soul/everyone.
 - d. 2 Timothy 4:1...the living and the dead.
- 6. What will be judged?
 - a. Acts 8:20-22; 1 Cor. 4:5...our thoughts.
 - b. Matthew 12:36-37...our words.
 - c. Romans 2:5-6...our deeds.
 - d. Romans 2:16...our secrets.
- 7. Who will judge us? (2 Cor. 5:10)...Christ.
- 8. What will Jesus use to judge us? (John 12:48)...the word He has spoken.
- 9. When will Jesus' word be used to judge us? (John 12:48)...the last day.
- 10. Who will be gathered before Jesus on the day of judgment? (Matthew 25:31-32)...**all the nations.**
- 11. Who is included in the expression "all the nations"? (cp. Matthew 28:19 where the same Greek words are used to translate "all the nations")...every soul/everyone.
- 12. Where will the righteous go? (Matthew 25:46b)...into eternal life.
- 13. Where will the cursed go? (Matthew 25:41-46a)...into everlasting (eternal) punishment.
- 14. What does this place of "everlasting punishment" involve?
 - a. Matthew 25:41...everlasting fire.
 - b. Mark 9:47-48...undying worms and unquenchable fire.
 - c. Matthew 25:30a...outer darkness.
 - d. Matthew 25:30b...weeping and gnashing of teeth.
 - e. 2 Thessalonians 1:9...everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord.
 - f. Revelation 14:11a...never ending torment.
 - g. Revelation 14:11b...**no rest day or night.**
 - h. Revelation 21:8...the lake which burns with fire and brimstone.
- 15. Who will have a part in the lake which burns with fire? (Rev. 21:8)...**the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, fornicators, sorcerers, idolaters, and liars.**
- 16. Who will the Lord take vengeance on with flaming fire? (2 Th. 1:7-8)...**those who do not:** a. **Know God.**
 - b. Obey the gospel.
- 17. What do we know about the times and seasons of the Lord's second coming? (1 Thessalonians 5:1-2)...**that the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night.**
- 18. What should we do since the day and hour of the Lord's coming is unknown? (Matthew 25:10-13)...watch, and be ready.



LESSON 22: THE RESURRECTION

1. Who will be at the resurrection of the dead?

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- a. Acts 24:15...both the just and unjust.
- b. John 5:28-29...all who are in the graves.
- What will "all who are in the graves" come forth to? (John 5:29):
 - a. Those who have "done good"...the resurrection of life.
 - b. Those who have "done evil"...the resurrection of condemnation (damnation).
- 3. When did Jesus say the resurrection would take place? (John 6:40)...the last day (note that He did not say "the last days").
- 4. What did Peter and John (see Acts 3:1) preach? (Acts 4:2)...the resurrection from the dead.
- 5. What did Paul indicate was the reason for him being judged (called in question) by the council? (Acts 23:6)...**the hope and resurrection of the dead.**
- 6. What do we know about "the body" at the "resurrection of the dead"?
 - a. First Corinthians 15:42...it is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.
 - b. First Corinthians 15:43...it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory.
 - c. First Corinthians 15:43...it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.
 - d. First Corinthians 15:44...it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.
- 7. What will happen before the dead in Christ rise? (1 Thess. 4:16)...the Lord will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, & with the trump(et) of God.
- 8. What will the trumpet do before the dead are raised? (1 Corinthians 15:52b)...it will sound.
- 9. What will happen to us who are alive and remain at the last trump(et)? (1 Cor. 15:50-53)...we shall be changed when the trumpet sounds, putting on incorruption & immortality.
- 10. What saying is brought to pass when we put on incorruption and immortality? (1 Corinthians 15:54)..."Death is swallowed up in victory."
- 11. What will happen to the faithful before and after "we meet the Lord in the air" at His second coming? (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17):
 - a. Before we meet Him? (1 Th. 4:16b-17)...the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds.
 b. After we meet Him? (1Th. 4:17)...we shall always (ever) be with the Lord.
- 12. What can we do with these words about the Lord's second coming when a loved one dies in Jesus (i.e., was faithful till death)? (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18)...comfort one another.
- 13. What did the Sadducees say about the resurrection? (Mark 12:18a)...**that there isn't one.**
- What two reasons did Jesus give for the Sadducees mistake (err) about the resurrection? (Mark 12:24)...because they did not know the Scriptures nor the power of God.
- 15. How are those who rise from the dead like the angels in heaven? (Mark 12:25)...they neither marry nor are given in marriage.
- 16. What did Jesus conclude about the Sadducees' denial of the resurrection? (Mark 12:26-27)...that they were greatly mistaken (did greatly err).
- 17. What did some falsely say about the resurrection? (2Ti. 2:17-18)...that it was already past.
- 18. What can false teaching do to the faith of some? (2 Timothy 2:18)...overthrow it.
- 19. How did the Athenians respond, just like some people do today, when they heard of the resurrection of the dead? (Acts 17:22, 32)...some mocked, while others wanted to hear again on this matter.
- 20. How was Jesus declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness? (Romans 1:4)...by the resurrection from the dead.
- 21. What raised up the Lord and will also raise us up? (1 Corinthians 6:14)...God's power.
- 22. Where was Christ seated after being raised from the dead? (Ep. 1:20)...at God's right hand.
- 23. When will we be repaid (recompensed) for doing good to those who cannot repay us? (Luke 14:12-14)...at the resurrection of the just.

LESSON 23: CHRISTIAN LIVING

- 1. How are we to present our bodies to God? (Ro.12:1)...a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable.
- 2. What kind of service is this sacrifice to God? (Ro. 12:1)...reasonable (rational, spiritual).
- 3. What are we not to do with this "world"? (Romans 12:2)...be conformed to it.
- 4. What does "world" mean in 1Jn? (1Jn2:16)...the lust of the flesh/eyes, & the pride of life.
- 5. What are we to do instead of conforming to this "world"? (Romans 12:2)...be transformed.
- 6. How are we transformed (changed)?
 - a. Romans 12:2 (Colossians 3:10)...by the renewing of our mind (in knowledge).
 - b. 2 Corinthians 3:18...by beholding "as in a mirror (glass)" the Lord's glory/image.
- 7. How can we behold the Lord as in a mirror (glass) and renew our mind? (1 Cor. 13:8-12; Jms.1:22-25)...by continuing to look into the "perfect law of liberty" (= NT) & doing it.
- 8. What are we to set our minds on (give examples)? (Romans 8:5)...the things of the Spirit.
 - a. Acts 17:11...by searching the Scriptures daily to verify the things we are taught.
 - b. He.10:25 (13:17)...by not "forsaking" our assembling together (attend schd. srvcs.).
 - c. Luke 18:1 (Matthew 6:11)...by always praying (a "daily" activity).
- 9. What is the end result of being spiritually minded? (Romans 8:6)...life and peace.
- 10. What must we put to death (mortify) by the Spirit? (Romans 8:13)...the deeds of the body.
- 11. What does coming after Jesus involve? (Luke 9:23)...denying self, taking up our cross daily, and following Him.
- 12. What law do we find when we will to do good? (Rom. 7:21)...that evil is present with us.
- 13. What should we do when tempted? (1Co.10:13; Mt.26:41)...find the way of "escape"; pray.
- 14. What should we do when we sin? (Acts 8:22)...repent and pray (ask) God to forgive us.
- 15. What should we do after repenting of sin and asking God to forgive us? (Philippians 3:12-13; 1 John 1:7-9)...forget those things which are behind and reach forward to those things which are ahead, and continue to walk in the light as Jesus is in the light.
- 16. What must we do, just as Christ did? (Ph. 2:5, 8)...humble ourselves & become obedient.
- 17. How do we "work out our own salvation"? (Philippians 2:12)...by "always" obeying.
- 18. How are we to do all things? (1 Corinthians 16:14)...with love (charity).
- 19. How does God see us if we have no love? (1 Co. 13:1-3)...as noise, nothing, & profitless.
- 20. Who are we to love? (Mt. 22:37-40)...the Lord our God and our neighbor as ourselves.
- 21. What is love without obedience? (1 John 5:2-3)...fake charity (it's not "the love of God").
- 22. How do we keep ourselves in "the love of God"? (Jude 1:20-21)...by building ourselves up on our most holy faith (see Ro. 10:17) & praying in the Holy Spirit (see Ro. 8:3-9, 12-13).
- 23. What are we to receive that we might be saved? (2 Thess. 2:10b)...the love of the truth.
- 24. What will God send us if we do not receive the love of the truth, and why? (2Th. 2:11-12)...a strong delusion, that we should believe a lie (vice the truth) & be condemned (damned).
- 25. What are we to speak that we may grow up in all things? (Eph. 4:15)...the truth in love.
- 26. What is growth (increase) of the body for the edifying of itself in love according to? (Eph.
- 4:16)...the effective working of every part (each member must do his or her share).
- 27. What does the Lord give to all? (Acts 17:25)...life, and breath, and all things.
- 28. Who and what are we to be strong in? (Eph. 6:10)...the Lord and the power of His might.
- 29. Who are we to rejoice in always? (Philippians 4:4)...the Lord.
- 30. Who are we to cast all our care upon, and why? (1 Peter 5:7)...God, for He cares for us.
- 31. What should we do when we are suffering or afflicted? (James 5:13)...pray.
- 32. What should we do when we are cheerful or merry? (James 5:13)...sing psalms (praises).
- 33. What should men see as we let our light shine before them? (Mt. 5:16)...our good works.
- 34. Who should men glorify when they see our good works? (Mt. 5:16)...our Father in heaven.
- 35. What is our responsibility toward the Government? (Ro. 13:1)...be subject (obedient) to it.
- 36. Who ought we to obey when a command of God and of men conflict? (Acts 5:27-29)...God.
- 37. What is our Great Commission? (Mt. 28:19)...to go & make disciples of (teach) all nations.

LESSON 24: MODEST APPAREL

- 1. Can a person be clothed yet naked?...yes, as shown in the following Scriptures:
 - a. Job 22:6...Job was accused of stripping the naked of their clothing (note that it does not say he stripped them naked).
 - b. Exodus 28:40-43...the last priestly garment mentioned was the linen trousers that reached from the waist to the <u>thighs</u> to cover their nakedness.
 - c. Genesis 3:7-10...Adam and Eve were clothed but still naked.
 - d. Genesis 3:11...God also indicated that Adam was naked.
- 2. What did God do about the nakedness of Adam and Eve? (Genesis 3:21)...**God made tunics** (coats) of skin, and clothed them (the fig-leave covering was inadequate).
- 3. What was the tunic (coat) that God made? (Genesis 3:21)...according to the Hebrew word it is translated from, "kethoneth," it was a long, shirt-like garment that covered from the shoulders to the knees (Wilson's Old Testament Word Studies).
- 4. Since Adam and Eve were "not ashamed" of their nakedness when they were first created, what did the forbidden fruit do to make them ashamed? (Genesis 2:16-17, 25; 3:6-7)...it opened their eyes to the fact that they were naked, and this mental shift moved them from a state of innocence to a state of accountability.
- 5. Why would God now cover the first man and woman from shoulder to knee when earlier it was okay for them to be uncovered? (Genesis 2:25; 3:21; Deuteronomy 1:39)...because God's standard of modest dress is different for those who are innocent and those who are accountable (i.e., knowledgeable of good and evil).
- 6. What kind of apparel is commanded in 1 Timothy 2:9-10?
 - a. Vs. 9...modest (= "orderly, well-arranged, decent" Vines) apparel, with:
 - i. Vs. 9...propriety (= "a shrinking from all that is improper" PNT) and
 - ii. Vs. 9...moderation (= "constant rein on all passions and desires" Vines),
 - b. Vs. 9-10...not with braided hair, gold, pearls, or costly clothing but good works.
- 7. Why kind of adornment is directed in 1 Peter? (1 Peter 3:3-4)...the hidden person (man) of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle (meek) and quiet spirit.

Based on the information above, here is some sound guidance for modest apparel at church worship/Bible study that was developed by the Chesapeake church of Christ elders in 2012:

- "1. General Principles and Thoughts
 - a. God deserves no less in our appearance than what is considered appropriate in a professional work environment, such as a Court of Law.
 - b. Dress respectfully, first for God, and then for your brother or sister in Christ.
 - c. If you have doubts about your clothing, ask first (such as a parent) or don't wear it.
 - d. Conform to God's standard of dress and not the world's.
 - e. Fashion trends are not of God, but of men.
- 2. Don't Wear the Following:
 - a. Shorts* (except for children 12 and under if their thighs are covered).
 - b. Apparel that:
 - i. Exposes the thigh or back.
 - ii. Has a low-cut neckline or spaghetti straps.
 - c. Sleeveless T-shirts, cut-offs, or muscle shirts.
 - d. Clothes that display questionable words, political statements, or satire.
 - e. Tight-fitting clothes that draw attention to the body's anatomy.

*During events such as Vacation Bible School (VBS), church cook-outs, workdays, etc. it is okay for teens and adults to wear tactful shorts that cover their thighs."

LESSON 25: LAYING ON OF HANDS

- 1. Laying on of hands in the Old Testament:
 - a. Why was an Israelite to lay (put) his hand on the head of his burnt offering? (Leviticus 1:4) ...so it would be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.
 - b. Who was to lay hands on the head of him who was to be stoned for cursing? (Leviticus 24:14)...**all who heard him.**
 - c. What did it mean to lay hands on an adversary? (Est. 3:6)...to destroy or harm him.
 - d. Why did Israel (Jacob) place his hands on the heads of Ephraim and Manasseh? (Genesis 48:14-16)...**to bless them.**
 - e. What did the Israelites and Aaron do so that the Levites may perform the work of the Lord and be separate from the Israelites? (Numbers 8:10-11, 14)...**the Israelites laid hands on them and Aaron offered them like a wave offering (an offering).**
 - f. How was Joshua set (appointed) over the congregation of the Lord? (Nu. 27:15-17, 22-23)**Moses laid his hands on him and gave him a charge (inaugurated him).**
 - g. What was Joshua the son of Nun full of because Moses had laid his hands on him? (Deuteronomy 34:9)...the spirit of wisdom.
- 2. Laying on of hands in the New Testament (NT):
 - a. What did it mean to lay hands on an adversary? (Lk. 20:19-20)...to destroy or harm him.
 - b. Why did Jesus lay His hands on little children and pray? (Matthew 19:13; Mark 10:13, 16)...to bless them.
 - c. What did the church do to separate Barnabas and Saul for the work to which the Lord had called them? (Acts 13:1-3)...**they fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them.**
 - d. How were the seven men appointed over the business of serving tables? (Acts 6:1-6)... when the apostles had prayed, they laid hands on them.
 - e. How were miraculous (spiritual) gifts imparted to others? (Acts 8:17-18; 19:6)...through the laying on of the apostles' hands.
 - f. Who did Jesus miraculously heal through the laying on of hands?
 - i. Mark 6:5...a few sick people (in Nazareth).
 - ii. Luke 4:40...everyone who was sick and brought to Him (in Capernaum).
 - iii. Luke 13:12-13...a woman with an infirmity.
 - g. Concerning the miraculous (spiritual) gifts, such as casting out demons and laying on of hands to heal the sick as found in Mark 16:17-18:
 - i. What did Jesus call these miraculous gifts? (Mark 16:17)...signs.
 - ii. Who were these signs to follow? (Mark 16:17)...those who (them that) believe.
 - iii. Did "all" believers possess these miraculous gifts/signs? (1 Cor. 12:29-31)...no.
 - iv. What was the purpose of these signs? (Mark 16:20)...to confirm the word.
 - v. Give an example where signs confirmed the word that was preached? (Acts 8:5-7)... Philip performing miracles in Samaria that were seen and heard.
 - vi. How did Philip receive these miraculous gifts? (Acts 6:5-6)...**the apostles laid hands** on him (and six others).
 - vii. What did Paul indicate would happen to the miraculous gifts? (1 Cor. 13:8-10)...they would be done away (fail, cease, vanish, or pass away).
 - viii. When were the miraculous gifts to be done away? (1 Corinthians 13:10)...when "that which is perfect" (complete) has come.
 - ix. What is meant by "that which is perfect"? (James 1:25)..."the perfect law of liberty", which is the NT ("perfect" in both verses is translated from the same Greek word and means complete, brought to its end, mature, of full age, or adult).
 - x. What do we know about the NT, the perfect law of liberty? (Jude 1:3; Acts 13:6-8)... that it was once for all delivered to the saints.
 - xi. What can we say about the miraculous gifts now?...they were done away when the apostles and those on whom the apostles had laid hands passed away.

LESSON 26: PERFECTION (MATURITY)

- 1. What kind of food belongs to those who are "of full age"? (He. 5:14)...**solid food (strong meat).**
- 2. What is meant by the expression "of full age" in Hebrews 5:14?
 - a. It is contrasted with the word "babe" found in Hebrews 5:13.
 - b. It is translated from the Greek word "teleios", which means perfect, complete, brought to its end, mature, of full age, or adult (it does not mean flawless).
 c. Teleios is often translated "perfect."
- 3. What should we strive to do after becoming Christians? (Heb, 6:1)...leave the discussion (doctrine) of the elementary principles of Christ and go on to perfection (maturity).
- 4. What was Paul doing to present every man "perfect in Christ"? (Colossians 1:28)
 - a. Preaching Christ.
 - b. Warning every man.
 - c. Teaching every man in all wisdom.
- 5. How was the captain of our salvation, Jesus, made perfect? (He. 2:10)...through suffering.
- 6. What is our goal as Christians? (1 John 2:6)...to walk just as Jesus walked.
- 7. What are some behaviors of those who are perfect ("teleios"; see Matthew 5:43-48)?
 - a. Matthew 5:44...they love their enemies.
 - b. Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:28...they bless those who curse them.
 - c. Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:27...they do good to those who hate them.
 - d. Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:28...they pray for those who spitefully use them and persecute them.
 - e. Matthew 19:16-21a...they keep the commandments of God.
 - f. Matthew 19:21b-26...they give up whatever is keeping them from Jesus (with God's help), and follow Him.
- 8. What did Paul say about his pursuit of perfection? (Philippians 3:12)...that he was not already perfect(ed), but that he pressed on (followed after).
- 9. What should be our mindset (see Phil. 3:15) when we fall short of apprehending perfection?
 - a. Phil. 3:13a...forgetting those things which are behind.
 - b. Phil. 3:13b...reaching forward to those things which are ahead (before).
 - c. Phil. 3:14...we press toward the goal (mark) for the prize.
 - d. Phil. 3:16...to the degree we have already attained, let us walk (by the same rule).
- 10. What should be done when we sin? (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:7)...we should repent of our wickedness, pray God to forgive the thought of our heart, and continue to walk in the light as Jesus is in the light.
- 11. Name eleven Christian graces we are to have and abound in (add to).
 - a. 2 Corinthians 8:1-6...giving.
 - b. 2 Corinthians 8:7...faith.
 - c. 2 Corinthians 8:7...**speech (utterance).**
 - d. 2 Corinthians 8:7...knowledge.
 - e. 2 Corinthians 8:7...all diligence.
 - f. 2 Corinthians 8:7...love (charity).
 - g. 2 Peter 1:5...virtue.
 - h. 2 Peter 1:6...self-control (temperance).
 - i. 2 Peter 1:6...perseverance (patience).
 - j. 2 Peter 1:6...godliness.
 - k. 2 Peter 1:7...brotherly kindness.
- 12. What is promised if we abound in these graces? (2 Peter 1:8-11)...we will never stumble (fall); an entrance will be supplied to us abundantly into the everlasting kingdom.
- 13. What do mature (perfect) Christians do with solid food (strong meat)? (Heb. 5:14)...by reason of (habitual) use they have their senses exercised (trained) to discern both good & evil.