

Foundations of Faith

Bible Study

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<http://www.biblegateway.com/versions/New-King-James-Version-NKJV-Bible/>

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/nkjv/>

<http://www.sermoncentral.com/bible/browse-by-passage/New-King-James-Version-NKJV-bible.asp>

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A Lack of a Firm Foundation

Many of us remember when tragedy hit Haiti in 2010. A devastating 7.0 earthquake hit and left unbelievable destruction. Estimates from 220,000-316,000 people were wiped out in a matter of days. Another 300,000 were injured. 1.5 million people were displaced, with almost 65,000 still displaced as of 2015. (From CNN Fast Facts on Haiti)

With over \$13.34 billion pledged and other resources poured into that country, far too many lives were lost, many of them needlessly. Reports of shoddy construction and lax building requirements were widespread. Schools, put on notice as recently as 2008, crumbled, killing many instantly. The beautiful white pristine castles in Port O Prince fell down in shambles in an instant, trapping innocent, precious lives.

The reason? No firm foundations laid. Devastation was rampant. Death, overwhelming. The effects rocked the world.

A few months later, Los Angeles, California, was struck with a 7.2 earthquake, with minimal damage. Reports of fatalities? ~26. Not thousands, nor hundreds. Just 26. While any life lost is tragic, this is such a far cry from the 316,000 lost in Haiti. In fact, some of the rides in Disneyland were only “temporarily” closed for inspection. Residents’ gas and power supplies were stopped briefly and were back up in operation soon after - that day.

We must ask why there was such a difference in disaster?

The people in Los Angeles have been through many other earthquakes and have learned the essential needs for safety, and have prepared well. I’m sure that prior tragedies have instilled a healthy respect for the rigors of earthquakes that are so prevalent in the area. This has served them well.

And so it is with many Christians of today. We have some who’ve had beautiful facades, amazing giftings, talents, and charisma - even anointing. But when difficulty or tragedy presents itself, their whole world comes crashing down, bringing destruction to their lives, their families, possibly those to whom they minister, if they are in the ministry. Like the hundreds of thousands of Haitians, trapped underneath the rubble and dust of the beautiful white marble castles, there are many who are disillusioned, gasping for breath, wondering where God is in all of this? “How could someone who looked so close to God now be so far?”

There are those whose very world has been shaken, rocked, and even crushed before their eyes, but because they have built their lives on the solid rock of the Word of God, their lives are not destroyed, nor their families, nor the lives of those around them. There may be some rubble, some dust kicked in their faces, but they stand, knowing that God is still on the throne. He is lifted up, and He is an ever present help in time of need. Their families stay intact. They choose to give God glory. Others are changed and saved even through their steadfastness.

We can learn much from the children’s song:

The wise man built his house upon the rock
And the rains came a tumblin' down
And the house on the rock stood strong!

The foolish man built his house upon the sand
And the rains came a tumblin' down
And the house on the sand went "SPLAT!"

So build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ
So when the rains come a tumblin' down
So your house can stand strong!

Take 15 - 30 minutes a day to go through these Bible Studies. (If you miss a day, don't worry - pick up the next day.) Go over the answers and ask questions with a mentor or friend. See what the Bible says about who the God of this Universe is. The Bible is the inerrant Word of God. He made no mistakes in it.

Pray and ask Jesus to reveal His word and truth to you. He indeed is a very real and Person. He is God!

If you don't know Him, yet, and would like to, you can pray this simple prayer:

Dear Jesus,

I thank You that You love me.

I'm sorry that I have sinned, and that sin has separated me from You.

I know that there is nothing that I can do to pay for sin and its penalty, except when Jesus died on the Cross.

That He paid for all of my sins, past, present, and future.

I ask that You'd forgive me, wash my sin away, and bring me into Your Kingdom.

Cleanse my conscience with the blood that You shed on the cross.

Make me new.

Seal me with Your Holy Spirit.

Thank You for Your salvation!

I am Yours, Jesus, from now and forever more.

In Jesus' Name!

If you said this prayer, let someone know. "For with the heart, one believes, unto righteousness, but with the mouth, one speaks, resulting in salvation." Romans 10:10. This is the most basic part of becoming a Christian. In fact, trying to be a Christian without this part is impossible. It is a supernatural event.

Just as it is required, when someone says their wedding vows aloud, in front of witnesses, for one to be officially married, so to, it is part of becoming a Christian. Welcome to your new life as a Believer in Jesus.

1. Foundations of Faith

The Bible has a great deal to say about the foundations of the Christian life. Here, we are going to study the basic doctrines of the Christian faith. Doctrines are a collection of teachings on a particular subject. The basic doctrines of the Christian faith are detailed in **Hebrews 6:1-3**. Read that scripture now and list the six foundations for faith.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

The New American Standard version of the Bible says “instruction about washings”, but the word “washings” is the Greek word “baptismos”, which is better translated “baptisms”.

The writer of Hebrews was critical of his audience in **Hebrews 5:12**. What were his two criticisms?

7. _____

8. _____

In **Hebrews 5:13**, it says that “everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled” in what?

9. _____

Such a person is called what in **Hebrews 5:13**?

10. _____

According to **Hebrews 5:14**, solid food belongs to what kind of person?

11. _____

There are two objectives set forth in **Hebrews 6:1-3**. They are 1) build your spiritual life on the right foundation (the Doctrines of Jesus), and 2) go on to perfection (spiritual

maturity).

In the last part of **1 Corinthians 3:9**, what did Paul call the church at Corinth?

12. _____

In **1 Corinthians 3:10**, Paul, the “wise master builder”, did what for the Corinthian Church?

13. _____

According to **1 Corinthians 3:11**, what is the foundation of the Church?

14. _____

Can anyone lay any other foundation than Jesus Christ in the christian lives of believers, according to **1 Corinthians 3:11**?

15. _____

According to **Ephesians 2:22**, what are we “being built together” for?

11. _____

Whenever men erect a building, they must first lay a proper foundation. God is here using this natural principle that all men understand to teach us about how our lives in Christ should be built. A believer must have a proper foundation in order to be built as part of a spiritual house for God. That foundation must be laid according to the Builder's plan, which is found in the Bible.

According to **1 Corinthians 3:16**, what are we and who dwells in us?

17. _____

18. _____

How does **2 Timothy 2:19** describe this foundation?

19. _____

According to **2 Timothy 2:19**, what are the two phrases that make up the “seal” of this foundation.

20. _____

21. _____

So, Jesus builds His Church with redeemed men and women (*The Lord knows those who are His*) living redeemed lives (*Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity*).

According to **Isaiah 28:16**, what does God lay in Zion for a foundation?

22. _____

What three things does **Isaiah 28:16** say about this stone? It is...

23. _____

24. _____

25. _____

According to **Matthew 21:42** and **1 Peter 2:4-8**, who is this foundation stone?

26. _____

Psalms 11:3 contains a rhetorical question. According to that scripture, if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

27. _____

Read **Luke 6:46-49**.

According to **Luke 6:47-48**, what three things should the man do who is likened to the one who laid a foundation on the rock?

28. _____

29. _____

30. _____

It is *not* enough to come to Jesus. It is *not* enough to hear his words. You have to come to Him, hear his words, and do them (obey). It is the man who did all three of these that Jesus called wise. The fool is the person who came to Jesus, heard His words and did nothing; in this instance, two out of three *is* bad. Notice the wise man dug deep, removing everything that was between he and the Rock (Jesus). As a Christian, *it is your responsibility* to remove everything in your life that hinders your relationship with Jesus. Jesus made it clear that the storms would come, and only those who had a firm foundation would weather them. See **John 16:33** and **Hebrews 12:26-27**.

What five things does **2 Timothy 3:16** say about all Scripture?

31. _____

32. _____

33. _____

34. _____

35. _____

According to **2 Timothy 3:17**, the man (or woman) of God who gives him (or her) self to study the Scriptures can expect what two results?

36. _____

37. _____

Answers

1. repentance from dead works
2. faith toward God
3. the doctrine of baptisms
4. laying on of hands
5. resurrection of the dead
6. eternal judgment
7. you ought to be teachers by now, but you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles
8. you have come to need milk and not solid food
9. the word of righteousness
10. a babe
11. those who are of full age, who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil
12. God's building
13. laid the foundation
14. Jesus Christ
15. no
16. a dwelling place of God in the Spirit
17. the temple of God
18. the Spirit of God
19. the solid foundation of God stands
20. The Lord knows those who are His
21. Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity
22. a stone
23. a tried stone
24. a precious cornerstone
25. a sure foundation
26. Jesus
27. nothing
28. come to Jesus
29. hear His sayings
30. do His sayings
31. given by inspiration of God
32. profitable for doctrine
33. profitable for reproof (conviction)
34. profitable for correction (lit. straighten up again)
35. profitable for instruction in righteousness
36. be complete
37. be thoroughly equipped for every good work

2. Repentance

The basic meaning of the word “repentance”¹ is a change in mind which results in a change in outward behavior. Repentance is not shedding tears and feeling sorry for wrong actions and attitudes. Repentance is not an emotion; it is a decision. Emotions often follow true repentance, but it is possible to feel bad about sin and never repent. Repentance is also not meeting specific religious requirements. It is possible to meet many specific religious requirements (like saying the Hail Mary 50 times) and never truly repent.

According to **Matthew 27:3-4**, when Judas saw that Jesus was condemned, how did he feel?

1. _____

Notice that this is not the same as repentance. According to the last part of **Matthew 27:5**, what did Judas do when the Chief Priests and Elders wouldn't listen to him?

2. _____

Judas did not make a decision that resulted in changing his life towards God. Instead, he terminated his life. Esau was another person that the Bible refers to who was remorseful instead of repentant. He sinned by selling his God-given birthright for a bowl of soup. The Bible says in **Hebrews 12:17** that he was rejected. Why?

3. _____

What does **Hebrews 6:1** say we need to repent from?

4. _____

The term “dead work” is a Scriptural term that refers generally to man-made attempts to make himself righteous. Dead works are literally efforts by the person to make himself or herself good, but that result in no life. At the core, these are simply works of selfishness. What two things does the first part of **Isaiah 53:6** say about all people?

5. _____

6. _____

What two things does **Romans 3:23** say about all people?

7. _____

8. _____

Who are all men to live for according to **2 Corinthians 5:15**?

¹Greek metanoia (met-an'-oy-ah) which means lit. reversal of decision.

9. _____

According to **Romans 5:12**, how did sin enter the world?

10. _____

Because of the fall of the first man and woman, sin passed on to all mankind. That means that everyone born inherits the basic nature of sin. Just as physical traits are inherited, the spiritual trait of the basic sin nature is inherited. Each person has sinned and faces the penalties of physical and spiritual death.

It is thought that evil existed before man was created². Sin was originated by Lucifer, also known as Satan. The Bible records that Lucifer was a special angel who was originally created perfect by God. Lucifer sinned when he tried to stage a rebellion against God. Because of this sin, Lucifer (also known as Satan) was cast out of Heaven to earth. Read **Isaiah 14:12-14** and **Ezekiel 28:14-16**.

On earth, Lucifer continued his rebellion against God. When God created the first man and woman, Satan led them to sin against God. This rebellion is sometimes called "the fall of man", meaning that man fell from righteousness into sin. You can read about this in **Genesis 2-3**. God warned Adam and Eve that the penalties of sin would include physical and spiritual death. Spiritual death was a loss of their relationship with God. Physical death was death of their actual physical body. Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, death came on all men.

Read **James 1:14-15**. By what is a man (or woman) drawn away and enticed?

11. _____

Notice the process described in **James 1:15**. Desire conceives, gives birth to sin, which brings forth death. It is a vicious cycle that people, in their own strength, cannot get away from. It is an unfortunate fact of human nature that humans desire to do wrong. The Bible has several names for this wrong that people desire to do.

According to **Matthew 1:21**, what did Jesus save His people from?

12. _____

According to **Mark 7:21**, what kinds of thoughts proceed from within, out of the hearts of men?

13. _____

According to **Matthew 13:49**, what kinds of people will angels separate from among the just at the end of the age?

14. _____

² Not everyone agrees. Some think that Lucifer was created at the same time that man was created.

According to **Galatians 3:19**, the law was added because of what?

15. _____

According to **1 John 5:17**, all what is sin?

16. _____

According to **Romans 1:18**, the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all what?

17. _____

According to **Matthew 7:23**, those who practice what will have to depart from Jesus?

18. _____

According to **Romans 5:19**, by one man's what were many made sinners?

19. _____

According to **Ephesians 2:1**, what were we dead in when Jesus made us alive?

20. _____

In **Luke 5:32**, who did Jesus come to call to repentance?

21. _____

So, repentance is a change of mind in which the person is moving in a direction, changes as an act of his or her will, and starts moving in another direction. The original direction is a life of selfishness, sin, evil thoughts, transgression, wickedness, and rebellion; essentially, a life of dead works. We make a decision to turn from that old life toward a new life.

According to **Acts 20:21**, what do we repent toward?

22. _____

According to **Luke 6:46**, if we call Jesus "Lord", what should we do?

23. _____

Repentance is a personal decision to forsake sin and enter into fellowship with God. Consider this statement by a Christian: "Jesus is Lord of my life, and I will obey Him. I will follow Him with all of my heart. I would rather die with Jesus than live without Him. I will do the work of Jesus in the earth, serving others like He did, loving others like He did, praying for others like He did, healing others like He did, and yes, when necessary, I will stand up against evil like He did, regardless of the cost. I will follow the Lamb wherever He goes." If you read that statement and in your heart there is a resounding, "Yes, Amen!", you have truly repented. Turning from evil, selfishness, and sin is the

negative side of repentance. Turning toward God and following Him with all your heart is the positive side of repentance. You repent from dead works; you repent toward God.

It is the power of God which actually brings the change in the heart, mind, and life of the person who repents.

Read **Acts 11:18** and **Acts 5:31**. Who grants us or gives us repentance?

24. _____

In **Acts 17:30**, what does God command all men everywhere to do?

25. _____

According to **Luke 13:3**, if we do not obey God and repent, what will happen?

26. _____

According to **2 Peter 3:9**, God doesn't want any to perish. What does God want?

27. _____

The Bible teaches that Christians, after they have repented initially, are called to go on to perfection (or maturity). Occasionally, Christians will fall back into their old pattern of sinful behavior. When you find yourself doing dead works again, as a Christian, you need to repent. Repentance is not a one-time thing for the Christian. Though there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ (**Romans 8:1**), there is a need for the Christian to walk in a lifestyle of repentance until we are completely sanctified.

In **2 Corinthians 7:9**, what did the sorrow of the Corinthians lead to?

28. _____

In **2 Corinthians 12:20-21**, what did Paul say would cause him to mourn?

29. _____

In **Revelations 2:5**, Jesus told the believers at Ephesus to remember from where they had fallen. Then what did He tell them to do?

30. _____

What did Jesus tell the Christians in Pergamos to do in **Revelations 2:16**?

31. _____

If we say we have no sin, what does the Bible say about it in **1 John 1:8**?

32. _____

According to **1 John 1:9**, what do we need to do before God will forgive us our sins and

cleanse us from all unrighteousness?

33. _____

Read the following Scriptures: **Mark 1:14-15; 6:12; Acts 2:38; Luke 24:47**. You can see from these that repentance was an important part of the message that believers had for unbelievers in the first century.

According to **Romans 2:4**, what leads us to repentance?

34. _____

Why did the men of Nineveh repent according to **Matthew 12:41**?

35. _____

According to **2 Corinthians 7:10**, what produces repentance leading to salvation?

36. _____

According to **Mark 1:15** and **Acts 20:21**, you are to repent and do what?

37. _____

According to **Acts 2:38**, you should repent and do what?

38. _____

Read **Acts 26:20** and **Matthew 3:8**. What kind of works should you do after you repent?

39. _____

Acts 3:19 says repent and be what? What two things will happen as a result?

40. _____

41. _____

42. _____

In the following table, describe in the right-hand cell what conversion is described as in the left-hand cell. Hint: You are turning from something to something.

Acts 26:18	43. _____
Acts 26:18	44. _____
Acts 14:15	45. _____
1 Thess 1:9	46. _____

According to **Matthew 18:3**, if you are not converted and become like little children, what will be the result?

47. _____

Read **Luke 15:11-24**. Notice the pattern of the young Prodigal's life change.

Luke 15:17-19 – the young man realized the error of his ways and repented.

Luke 15:20 – the young man arose, left the old life and went to his father to start a new life.

This is typical of repentance.

Read **Matthew 5:21-22**. Think about what Jesus is saying here; if you are angry with your brother, you are guilty. So, is Jesus saying that if you are mad at someone, you should be executed as a murderer? No, and that is not what the Bible teaches. Jesus is using what is called hyperbole, which is a figure of speech in which what is intended is exaggerated to get the point across. That is not to say that Jesus didn't have a clear point to make.

Read **Genesis 4:1-7**. In v. 7, what did God say was lying at the door of Cain's life?

48. _____

Again in v. 7, what was the desire of sin?

49. _____

What did God command Cain to do with sin in v.7?

50. _____

So, we see that Cain's anger made him vulnerable to sin. Because he was angry with his brother unjustifiably, he had started down the path of murder.

In **Genesis 4:8**, what did Cain do to Able?

51. _____

Tragically, Cain did not deal with his heart issue, and it resulted in his murdering Able. Sin is like this; you don't just wake up one day and find that you have murdered someone. It comes up in your heart as anger and hatred, and then grows into murder. However, if you are angry without a cause, you have taken the first step towards murder.

Read **Matthew 5:27-28**. In v.28, what is the first step toward committing adultery?

52. _____

God wants you to deal with your issues at the point where they come up in your heart

(when you are looking at another person with anger or lust, for example), rather than deal with them after they have produced sin in your life. Imagine that you are going down a trail that leads to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. It is a 300 foot fall to the canyon floor. Is it wise to walk right on the edge of the trail? No. If you are at the edge and you stumble, you are likely to fall to your death. The wise thing to do is walk closer to the wall, so that if you happen to stumble, you are not likely to fall off the edge. This is true for our spiritual lives as well, and this is what Jesus is saying. As a Christian, you should not live right up to the edge of sin, flirting with it, looking at things you shouldn't look at and thinking things you shouldn't think, but you should be walking in a way where you deal with the heart issues before they manifest themselves as real sin. This is what the Bible means when it says that you must rule over sin.

There are two other terms in the Bible that are related to repentance. They are "justification" and "salvation".

According to **Romans 3:24**, what did we receive by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus?

53. _____

Justification is a legal term. If you are accused and guilty, you stand in danger of being condemned. However, if someone with great authority steps in and declares you not guilty, you have been justified by that person. Because of what Jesus did on the cross, God the Father justified us.

According to **2 Corinthians 5:21**, what did God make Jesus (Him who knew no sin) for us? And as a result, what have we become?

54. _____

55. _____

In the following table, the Scripture on the left from the book of Romans shows that we were justified by something. Write what that something is in the cell on the right. Hint: look for the phrase "justified by".

Rom 3:24	56.
Rom 5:9	57.
Rom 5:1	58.

According to **John 5:24**, if we hear the word of Jesus and believe in Him who sent Jesus, three things will happen. What are they?

59. _____

60. _____

61. _____

This is what it means to be saved. We have received salvation from God through Jesus. It is God's desire that all men obtain salvation rather than experience the wrath of God. Read **1 Thessalonians 5:9-10; John 3:16-17**.

Origin of Sin: Lucifer (Satan)
Rebelled Against God
He led man into sin

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The Fall of Man (Adam and Eve)

||

All men inherited the basic sin nature and committed
individual acts of sin due to this nature

||

Sin produces
Spiritual Death and
Physical Death

||

On the cross, Jesus paid these penalties which resulted in justification of sinful man:

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Repentance From Dead Works (An Inward Decision)

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Conversion
(An Outward Change)

||

Justification Of Sinful Man Before A Righteous God
and
Salvation From A Life Of Sin And The Penalties Of Sin

Answers

1. he was remorseful
2. he went and hanged himself
3. he found no place for repentance
4. dead works
5. we all have gone astray
6. we all have turned to his own way
7. all have sinned
8. all fall short of the glory of God
9. Him who died for them and rose again
10. through one man
11. his (or her) desires
12. their sins
13. evil thoughts
14. wicked people
15. transgression
16. unrighteousness
17. ungodliness
18. lawlessness
19. disobedience
20. trespasses and sins
21. sinners
22. God
23. we should do what He says
24. God
25. repent
26. we will all perish
27. that all should come to repentance
28. repentance
29. many who have sinned before and have not repented
30. repent and do the first works
31. repent
32. we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us
33. confess our sins
34. the goodness of God
35. the preaching of Jonah
36. godly sorrow
37. believe the gospel (good news) and have faith towards Jesus
38. be baptized
39. works befitting and worthy of repentance
40. converted
41. that your sins may be blotted out
42. that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord
43. from darkness to light
44. from the power of Satan to God
45. turn from these useless things (idols) to the living God
46. to God from idols
47. you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven
48. sin

49. Cain (sin wanted his life)
50. rule over it
51. he rose up against him and killed him
52. look at a woman and lust for her
53. we were justified
54. God made Jesus sin
55. righteousness of God in Him (Christ)
56. by His grace
57. by His blood
58. by faith
59. we will have everlasting life
60. we will not come into judgment
61. we will pass from death into life

3. Faith Toward God

According to **Hebrews 11:6**, it is impossible to please God without what?

1. _____

Again, according to **Hebrews 11:6**, what two things must you believe as someone who comes to God?

2. _____

3. _____

Read **Hebrews 11:1**. This Scripture indicates that faith is two things. What are they?

4. _____

5. _____

With what part of a man does one believe unto righteousness, according to **Romans 10:10**?

6. _____

Read **1 Thessalonians 5:8**. List below what attributes cover the heart and what attribute covers the head (the mind).

7. _____

8. _____

What did Paul live his life in the flesh by according to **Galatians 2:20**?

9. _____

What weapon is faith likened to in **Ephesians 6:16**?

10. _____

According to **Ephesians 6:16**, what are you able to do with this weapon?

11. _____

The enemies of God, the world system and the demonic powers, will try to attack your faith by sending darts (literally, arrows) of unbelief in your mind. Having faith towards God will defend you from these.

According to **Romans 5:1**, what are you justified by?

12. _____

According to **Ephesians 2:8**, where does the faith that saves you originate from?

13. _____

According to **Psalms 146:3**, why shouldn't we put our trust in great men (princes) or any other man?

14. _____

In **Proverbs 28:26**, what does the Bible call a person who trusts in his own heart?

15. _____

According to **Isaiah 42:17**, what two things will happen to those who trust idols?

16. _____

17. _____

In number 16, "turn back" means literally, "to flinch, to retreat, to backslide, to turn away". It carries the idea that any person who trusts in idols will waver and be fearful. This is true of any person. So, while you may not trust in a golden idol, if you trust in man or institutions or property more than you trust in God, you will waver and be fearful.

Jeremiah 7:4 says not to trust in something. What is that?

18. _____

According to **Jeremiah 7:8**, why shouldn't we trust in them?

19. _____

According to **Psalms 20:7**, we are not to trust in horses and chariots (physical manifestations of military might). What are we to remember (stay mindful of)?

20. _____

So, we can see from the last seven answers that your faith should be directed faith and should be placed in only God.

According to **Mark 16:16**, what will happen to him who believes and acts on that faith? What will happen to him that doesn't believe?

21. _____

22. _____

According to **Luke 8:12**, the devil comes and takes away the word out of the hearts of some who hear? Why does he do that?

23. _____

In the last part of **Romans 12:3**, what term is used to describe the amount of faith given to individuals by God?

24. _____

According to **Romans 10:17**, how does faith come?

25. _____

According to **Matthew 17:20**, if you have just a little faith (like a grain of mustard seed), what will be impossible for you?

26. _____

Read **Ephesians 2:8-9**. Are we saved by works? Why not? What are we saved by?

27. _____

28. _____

29. _____

What does the Bible say in **James 2:17** about faith that does not have works?

30. _____

According to **Galatians 3:11**, how do the just live?

31. _____

In **Romans 4:11**, Abraham is called the father of who?

32. _____

In **Romans 4:12**, we are called to walk in what steps?

33. _____

In **Genesis 15:6**, the Bible says that Abraham believed the Lord, and God did something. What did God do?

34. _____

Read **Romans 4:13-25**.

In **Romans 4:24**, what will be imputed “to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead”?

35. _____

To impute in this portion of Scripture means to lay on, to number, to reckon. It is from a term that means lit. “to take an inventory”. You could just as well say that Abraham's righteousness account was debited. God made a heavenly deposit into Abraham's account. According to this portion of Scripture, was that heavenly deposit of righteousness for Abraham only?

36. _____

Consider the example of Abraham and his faith in **Romans** and **1 Peter**.

Rom 4:13,21	He heard God's word (the promise)
Rom 4:18; 1 Pet 1:8-9	He believed God's word (the promise)
Rom 4:18-19	He turned from hopelessness and refused to doubt and be hopeless anymore
Rom 4:20	He accepted the promise of God as fact

In the mind of Abraham, the promise of God to make him the father of nations was impossible. In **Romans 4:20**, Abraham did three things in response to that promise. What were they?

37. _____

38. _____

39. _____

Answers

1. faith
2. that He is
3. that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him
4. the substance of things hoped for
5. the evidence of things not seen
6. the heart
7. faith and love
8. the hope of salvation
9. by faith in the Son of God
10. shield
11. to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one
12. faith
13. not of you; it is the gift of God
14. because there is no help in them
15. a fool
16. they shall be turned back
17. they shall be greatly ashamed
18. lying words
19. they cannot profit
20. the name of the LORD our God
21. he will be saved
22. he will be condemned
23. lest they should believe and be saved
24. a measure of faith
25. by hearing, and hearing by the word of God
26. nothing
27. no
28. so no man can boast
29. by grace through faith
30. it is dead
31. by faith
32. all those who believe
33. walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had
34. He accounted it to him for righteousness
35. righteousness
36. no, it was for us also who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead
37. he did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief
38. he was strengthened in faith
39. he gave glory to God

4. Doctrine of Baptisms

In **Matthew 3:11**, what did John the Baptist baptize with? Unto what did he baptize people? What two things did he say that Jesus would baptize people with?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

The New Testament mentions four different baptisms. They are

1. Christ's baptism of suffering
2. The baptism of John (the baptism of repentance)
3. Christian baptism
4. Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The word baptize in **Matthew 3:11** comes from the Greek word “baptizo”, which means “to immerse, to submerge, to make whelmed or fully wet”. Sprinkling with water is not Biblical baptism. We will not discuss here Christ's baptism of suffering or the Baptism of John.

In **Matthew 28:19**, Jesus commanded the apostles to do two things. What were they?

5. _____
6. _____
- _____

In **Matthew 28:20**, what did Jesus tell the apostles to do for those who had just been baptized?

7. _____
- _____

So, there was a teaching and training component that was to occur *before* people were baptized in water, and there was a teaching component that was to occur *after* the people were baptized in water.

In **Acts 2:41**, who were baptized?

8. _____

In **Acts 2:37**, what happened to those who heard the words of Peter?

9. _____

In **Acts 2:38**, what did Peter tell them to do before they were baptized in water?

10. _____

In **Mk 16:16**, Jesus said that those who did two things would be saved. What were the two things?

11. _____

12. _____

In **Acts 8:37**, the Ethiopian Eunuch had asked Phillip what kept him from being baptized right then. What did Phillip say was required before the man could be baptized?

13. _____

There are two things Peter says parenthetically about baptism in **1 Peter 3:21**. He says that baptism...

14. *It is not...* _____

15. *but it is...* _____

When you are baptized into Christ Jesus, what are you baptized into? (**Romans 6:3**)

16. _____

According to **Romans 6:4**, two things happen to us when we receive Christian baptism. What are they?

17. _____

According to **Romans 6:6**, what happened to our old man when we were baptized? Why? And what is the final result?

19. _____

20. _____

21. _____

Therefore, according to **Romans 6:11**, how should we reckon ourselves?

22. _____

That concludes our study of Christian baptism. Now, we will look at the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

In **Acts 1:8**, what two things did Jesus say would happen to the apostles?

23. _____

24. _____

In **Luke 24:49**, what did Jesus call the Baptism in the Holy Spirit? What did He tell His disciples to do?

25. _____

26. _____

In **John 14:16-18**, Jesus uses two different names for the Holy Spirit. What are they?

27. _____

28. _____

In the following table, look at the scripture in the cell on the left and describe in the cell on the right what the Holy Spirit does in the life of the believer.

Acts 2:4	29.
1 Cor 6:19	30.
Rom 8:26	31.
Jn 16:13	32.
Rom 5:5	33.
2 Cor 3:18	34.
1 Cor 2:10	35.
Jn 14:26	36.
Jn 4:24	37.
Eph 3:16	38.
Rom 8:11	39.

2 Th 2:13-14	40.
Tit 3:5	41.
Jn 16:8-11	42.
Rom 8:16	43.
Rom 8:2	44.
Mk 13:11	45.
1 Cor 2:4	46.
Acts 1:8	47.
Jn 4:24	48.

In **Acts 1:5**, what did Jesus say would happen to the apostles?

49. _____

What did Peter say had happened to Cornelius and his family? (**Acts 11:16**)

50. _____

According to **1 Corinthians 12:13**, who baptizes us into the body of Christ?

51. _____

According to **Mark 1:8**, who baptizes us in the Holy Spirit?

52. _____

What happened to the apostles in **Acts 2:4** when the Holy Spirit came on them?

53. _____

How did Peter and those with him know that the Holy Spirit had fallen on Cornelius and his family? (**Acts 10:44-46**)

54. _____

What happened in **Acts 19:6** when the Holy Spirit came on some people in Ephesus?

55. _____

The one consistent outward sign of the Holy Spirit falling on people was that the people spoke in tongues afterward. In the following table, look up the scriptures on the left cell and indicate what the Scriptures say about the purpose for tongues on the right cell.

1 Cor 14:2	56.
1 Cor 14:4	57.
1 Cor 14:12	58.
1 Cor 14:14; Rom 8:26-27	69.
1 Cor 14:22	60.
1 Cor 14:21; Isa 28:11-12	61.
1 Cor 14:15,17	62.

Read **Ephesians 4:11-15**. Why were gifts given?

- 63. _____
- 64. _____
- 65. _____
- 66. _____
- 67. _____
- 68. _____
- 69. _____
- 70. _____
- 71. _____

According to **Acts 2:38**, what needs to happen before you receive the Holy Spirit?

- 72. _____

According to **Acts 2:39**, who is this promise for?

73. _____

74. _____

75. _____

Read **John 7:37-39**. Who gets to come to Jesus and drink of the Holy Spirit?

76. _____

Read **Luke 11:9-13**. What does Jesus encourage us to ask, seek and knock for?

77. _____

There is one more aspect about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit that we should discuss. Read **Matthew 3:5-12** and **Luke 3:15-17**. These are the only two sets of verses where the Bible talks about the Baptism in fire. There are varying interpretations on what this can mean. I am going to interpret this according to the context and based on my experience as a Christian. In **Luke 3:17**, what three things does the Bible say about He who baptizes in the Holy Spirit and fire?

78. _____

79. _____

80. _____

How do the three things above compare with **Matthew 3:12**?

81. _____

One of the issues in interpreting this is the fact that before and after **Matthew 3:12** and **Luke 3:17**, John seems to be talking about judgment and fire. Many, therefore, have come to interpret this as meaning that the baptism of fire is a baptism of judgment against those who do not repent. However, I do not believe that to be the case. In my experience, I believe that the baptism of fire is a work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer who has been baptized in the Holy Spirit. In this work, the Holy Spirit continually works in the life of a believer to pull chaff out of his or her life, burning it up and bringing permanent deliverance and freedom from areas of uncleanness.

According to **2 Corinthians 3:17**, who is the Lord? What is available to believers where the Spirit of the Lord is (or where the Spirit is Lord)?

82. _____

83. _____

The following are two other pictures of this work of the Holy Spirit in our lives to clean us up and purify us. According to **2 Corinthians 3:18**, what is happening to us when we behold as in a mirror the glory of the Lord?

84. _____

According to **John 15:2**, what does the Father do to every branch (every Christian who is in Christ) that bears fruit? Why?

85. _____

86. _____

Answers

1. water
2. unto repentance
3. the Holy Spirit
4. fire
5. make disciples of all the nations
6. baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
7. teach them to observe all things that He commanded the apostles
8. those who gladly received his (Peter's) word
9. they were cut to the heart
10. repent
11. believe
12. be baptized
13. believe with all your heart
14. the removal of the filth of the flesh
15. the answer of a good conscience toward God
16. His death
17. we are buried with Him through baptism into death
18. just as Christ was raised from the dead, even so we walk in newness of life
19. it was crucified with Him
20. that the body of sin might be done away with
21. that we should no longer be slaves of sin
22. dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord
23. you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you
24. you shall be witnesses to Me
25. the Promise of My Father
26. tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high
27. Helper
28. Spirit of truth
29. fill him and give him utterance for other tongues
30. dwell in him
31. pray for him
32. guide him
33. show the love of Christ to him and through him
34. conform him to the image of Christ
35. reveal Biblical truth to him
36. teach him
37. inspire him to true worship
38. strengthen him
39. quicken him
40. sanctify him
41. change him
42. convict him when he does wrong
43. give assurance of salvation
44. give him liberty
45. speak through him
46. demonstrate God's power
47. give him power to witness

48. inspire him to worship
49. you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit
50. he was baptized in the Holy Spirit
51. the Holy Spirit
52. Jesus
53. they began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance
54. they heard them speak with tongues
55. they spoke with tongues and prophesied
56. prayer to God
57. self edification (build yourself up to promote spiritual growth)
58. when interpreted they edify the Church
59. intercession
60. sign to unbelievers
61. fulfillment of prophecy
62. praise
63. the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry
64. the edifying of the body of Christ
65. so we could come to the unity of the faith
66. so we could come to the knowledge of the Son of God
67. so we could come to a perfect (mature) man
68. so we could come to the measure of the fullness of Christ
69. that we should no longer be children
70. that you may no longer be tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine
71. that speaking the truth in love, you may grow up in all things into Him who is the head
72. repent and be baptized
73. to you
74. to your children
75. to all who are afar off, to as many as the Lord our God will call
76. anyone who thirsts
77. the Holy Spirit
78. His winnowing fan is in His hand
79. He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor
80. He will gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire
81. The two verses are the same
82. the Lord is the Spirit
83. liberty
84. we are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory
85. He prunes it
86. that it may bear more fruit

5. Laying on of Hands

At Iconium, Paul and Barnabas were ministering to people and the Lord bore witness to the ministry of His grace through them. In **Acts 14:3**, how were signs and wonders being done?

1. _____

In **Genesis 48:14**, how did Jacob impart his blessing to Joseph's sons?

2. _____

In **Numbers 27:18**, how was Moses to prepare Joshua to lead the Israelites?

3. _____

In **Deuteronomy 34:9**, what was the result in Joshua's life of Moses laying hands on him?

4. _____

In **Luke 4:40**, what did Jesus do to heal people?

5. _____

In **Luke 13:13**, how did Jesus heal the woman who was bent over?

6. _____

In **Mark 16:17-18**, Jesus talks about the signs that would follow those who believe. What would happen to sick people when believers laid their hands on them?

7. _____

In **Acts 5:12**, through what were many signs and wonders done?

8. _____

In **Acts 8:18**, through what was the Holy Spirit given?

9. _____

In **Acts 9:17**, what did Ananias do to see Paul receive his sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit?

10. _____

In **1 Timothy 4:14**, how was the gift imparted to Timothy?

11. _____

In **2 Timothy 1:6**, how was the gift imparted to Timothy?

12. _____

In **Acts 13:3**, what three things did the prophetic presbytery do to Paul and Barnabas before they sent them on their way?

13. _____

14. _____

15. _____

When the apostles commissioned the first deacons in **Acts 6:6**, what two things did they do?

16. _____

17. _____

In **Mark 10:16**, what did Jesus do for little children?

18. _____

19. _____

20. _____

So, laying on of hands, often in conjunction with praying and fasting, was used for the following:

- Healing
- Blessing
- Baptising in the Spirit
- Imparting of Spiritual gifts
- Commissioning to an office, ministry, or mission

Answers

1. by their hands
2. laid his hands on them
3. lay his hand on him
4. he was full of the spirit of wisdom
5. He laid His hands on every one of them
6. He laid hands on her
7. they would recover
8. the hands of the apostles
9. the laying on of the apostles' hands
10. laid his hands on him
11. by prophecy with the laying on of hands of the elders
12. through the laying on of Paul's hands
13. they fasted
14. they prayed
15. they laid hands on them
16. prayed
17. laid their hands on them
18. took them in His arms
19. laid His hands on them
20. blessed them

6. Resurrection of the Dead

According to **John 11:25**, who is the resurrection and the life? If someone believes in Him, though they die, what will happen?

1. _____
2. _____

According to **John 11:26**, what will *never* happen to those who believe in Jesus?

3. _____

According to **2 Timothy 1:10**, what did Jesus abolish? What two things did he bring to light through the gospel?

4. _____
5. _____

According to **1 Corinthians 15:20** and **Matthew 28:6**, who has risen from the dead already?

6. _____

According to **Romans 10:9**, what must you believe in your heart to be saved?

7. _____

According to **Romans 1:4**, by what was Jesus declared to be the Son of God?

8. _____

According to **Romans 4:25**, Jesus was delivered up because of (for) what? He was raised because of (for) what?

9. _____
10. _____

According to **Hebrews 2:14**, what did Jesus destroy through His death?

11. _____

What does **1 Corinthians 15:52** say about the dead in Christ at the last trumpet sound? What about those who are not dead when the last trumpet sounds?

12. _____

13. _____

According to **Ephesians 2:5**, what did the Father do for us when we were dead in trespasses?

14. _____

According to **Romans 6:4-5**, what is the outward sign of this spiritual resurrection of believers?

15. _____

According to **Colossians 3:1-2**, since we were raised with Christ, what should we put our minds on?

16. _____

According to **John 5:28-29**, what will happen to those who are in the graves some day?

17. _____

In **John 5:29**, what will those who have done good come forth to? Those who have done evil?

18. _____

19. _____

Read **Luke 6:22-26**. What happened to Lazarus after he died? What happened to the rich man?

20. _____

21. _____

According to **Genesis 3:19**, what happened to both of their bodies?

22. _____

Notice that even though the rich man and Lazarus were both dead, they recognized each other. Even though their bodies were dead, their spirits were alive, one in heaven and the other in hades (hell). Notice also that there was a gulf that could not be crossed between them.

In **Ephesians 4:9**, what did Jesus do before He ascended?

23. _____

What did Jesus promise one of the thieves that was crucified with him in **Luke 23:43**?

24. _____

According to **2 Corinthians 5:8**, being absent from the body means what?

25. _____

Read **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**. Who will go into the presence of the Lord first when He returns, those who are dead in Christ or those who are still alive in Christ?

26. _____

So, those who are alive in Christ when Jesus returns will be changed in a flash and caught up with Him after those who are dead in Christ rise from the dead. We will all be with Jesus forever after that.

Knowing that death is temporary and we will all be with Jesus, what does **1 Thessalonians 4:18** encourage us to do?

27. _____

Read **1 Corinthians 15:40-44**. Here, Paul compares and contrasts the natural body (the old physical body) and the new body that we will have after we are resurrected. In the following table, read the verses and specify what applies to the old natural body and the new spiritual body.

Verse	The old body is...	The new body is...
v.42	28.	29.
v.43a	30.	31.
v.43b	32.	33.
v.44a	34.	35.

According to **Philippians 3:21**, He will transform our lowly body for what purpose?

36. _____

Answers

1. Jesus
2. he shall live
3. he shall never die
4. death
5. life and immortality
6. Jesus
7. that God raised Jesus from the dead
8. by the resurrection from the dead
9. our offenses
10. our justification
11. him who had the power of death
12. they will be raised incorruptible
13. they will be changed
14. made us alive together with Christ
15. baptism
16. things above and not things of the earth
17. they will hear his voice and come forth
18. the resurrection of life
19. the resurrection of condemnation
20. he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom
21. he went to hell
22. they turned into dust
23. he descended into the lower parts of the earth
24. "today you will be with Me in Paradise"
25. to be present with the Lord
26. those who are asleep (are dead)
27. comfort one another
28. sown in corruption
29. raised in incorruption
30. sown in dishonor
31. raised in glory
32. sown in weakness
33. raised in power
34. sown in a natural body
35. raised in a spiritual body
36. that it may be conformed to His glorious body

7. Eternal Judgment

According to **Acts 17:30-31**, why does God command all men everywhere to repent?

1. _____

The Father did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world, according to **John 3:17**. Why did He send Him?

2. _____

According to **2 Peter 3:9**, what does God not want to happen (He is not willing that it happen)?

3. _____

According to **John 5:22**, who has the Father committed all judgment to?

4. _____

Read **John 12:47-48**. What did Jesus say He would use to judge those who hear His word and do not believe?

5. _____

According to **John 3:18**, what can cause a person to be condemned?

6. _____

According to **John 3:19**, why do men love darkness rather than light?

7. _____

According to **Matthew 12:41**, why would the men of Nineveh condemn the generation that was alive when Jesus walked the earth?

8. _____

According to **2 Corinthians 5:10**, who is going to appear before the judgment seat of Christ?

9. _____

According to **Revelation 20:12**, what will the dead be judged according to?

10. _____

As you can see in this portion of Scripture, God keeps meticulous records of the deeds of all people.

Read **1 Peter 1:17**. How will the Father judge according to each one's work? How should we therefore conduct ourselves throughout the time of our stay here?

11. _____

12. _____

Read **1 Samuel 16:7**. What does man look at to judge a person? What does the Lord look at?

13. _____

14. _____

What adjective does Paul use to describe the judgment of God in **Romans 2:5**?

15. _____

What is God the Father going to judge by Jesus Christ according to Paul's gospel (**Romans 2:16**)?

16. _____

According to **1 Corinthians 4:5**, what two things will Jesus do when He comes?

17. _____

18. _____

Read **Luke 12:1-2**. Why should we avoid hypocrisy?

19. _____

Read **Luke 12:4-5**. Who should we not fear? Who should we fear?

20. _____

21. _____

There is now no condemnation for who, according to **Romans 8:1**? How do the people who are under no condemnation live (walk) according to **Romans 8:5**?

22. _____

23. _____

Those who are in Christ are those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. According to **Revelation 20:15**, what will happen to those whose names are not written in the Book of Life?

24. _____

Read **2 Peter 3:10-13**. This describes the judgment of the earth and the heavens. Since the earth will be so judged, how should we live, according to **2 Peter 3:14**?

25. _____

According to **Colossians 3:23**, how should we do the things we do?

26. _____

What will you receive from the Lord as a servant of Christ, according to **Colossians 3:24**?

27. _____

According to **Colossians 3:25**, what will happen to him who does wrong? Is there partiality with God?

28. _____

29. _____

According to **1 Corinthians 9:25**, what kind of wreath (crown) will those receive who exercise self-control in all things?

30. _____

According to **Daniel 12:2**, what will judgment be like?

31. _____

How does **Matthew 3:12** describe the fire which will burn the chaff?

32. _____

In **Hebrews 6:2**, what kind of judgment does the Bible refer to?

33. _____

In **Revelation 20:10**, how frequently and how long will the devil, the beast and the false prophet tormented?

34. _____

In **Revelation 20:12-15**, what happens to those whose names are not written in the Book of Life?

35. _____

Answers

1. He will judge the world
2. that the world through Him might be saved
3. that any should perish
4. the Son
5. the word that He has spoken will judge him
6. not believing in Jesus
7. because their deeds are evil
8. because they repented at the preaching of Jonah
9. all of us
10. their works
11. without partiality
12. in fear
13. outward appearance
14. the heart
15. righteous
16. the secrets of men
17. bring to light the hidden things of darkness
18. reveal the counsels of the hearts
19. there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known
20. those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do
21. Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell
22. those who are in Christ Jesus
23. they do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit
24. they will be cast into the lake of fire
25. be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless
26. heartily, as to the Lord and not to men
27. the reward of the inheritance
28. he will be repaid for what he has done
29. no
30. an imperishable one
31. eternal contempt
32. unquenchable fire
33. eternal
34. day and night forever and ever
35. cast into the lake of fire

8. Go on to Maturity

Read **Hebrews 6:1**. What should we as believers do after we have left the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ?

1. _____

The word used in Hebrews 6:1 for perfection is teleiōtēs. It means, literally, completeness, or maturity. There are two dangers associated with going on to perfection. The first is to lay a good foundation and then fail to go on to spiritual maturity. The second is to try to build your spiritual life on a faulty foundation. A good spiritual foundation is not the final destination of the believer in his or her walk, but building a spiritual life that is pleasing to God is the goal. Building a good spiritual foundation is an important first step towards this goal.

Read **Hebrews 5:12-14**. What does the Scripture call the person who only partakes of milk?

2. _____

It is perfectly acceptable to need milk when you are a baby, but an adult nursing at the breasts of his or her mother is unnatural and unhealthy.

Read **Isaiah 28:9**. There are two things that God wants to do in our lives that He can't do if we remain babies. What are they?

3. _____

4. _____

What did Jesus command His disciples in **Matthew 5:48**?

5. _____

How are we made perfect in one, according to **John 17:23**?

6. _____

God does not want us to be children in understanding. According to **1 Corinthians 14:20**, what does He want us to be?

7. _____

According to **1 Corinthians 1:10**, what is an important part of this maturity that God wants for us?

8. _____

According to **Hebrews 2:10**, how was Jesus made perfect?

9. _____

What does Peter tell us we should do with the example that Jesus left us in this area? (**1 Peter 2:21**)

10. _____

According to **Hebrews 7:19**, what did the law make perfect?

11. _____

Read **Hebrews 10:1, 14**. Can the law ever make anyone who follows it perfect (v.1)? How did Jesus perfect forever those who are being sanctified(v.14)?

12. _____

13. _____

Who is justified in God's sight by the deeds of the law according to **Romans 3:20**?

14. _____

According to **Galatians 3:22-24**, what was the purpose of the law?

15. _____

According to **Romans 6:6**, what happened to our "old man" (the sin loving nature bent on doing wrong) and why?

16. _____

17. _____

What happens to someone who is in Christ according to **2 Corinthians 5:17**?

18. _____

In **Galatians 2:20**, Paul talked about the life he lived in the flesh. How did he live that life?

19. _____

Read **Philippians 3:12**. Was Paul already perfected? What did Paul do to lay hold of that for which Christ had laid hold of him?

20. _____

21. _____

According to **Romans 8:13**, what do we have to do to the deeds of the body to live?

22. _____

Read **Romans 8:10-11** carefully. What needs to be the reality in your life for you to put to death the deeds of the flesh?

23. _____

What do we have to do if our flesh drags us into sin? (**1 John 1:9**)

24. _____

According to **1 John 4:4**, why do we overcome those things in the world?

25. _____

According to **2 Timothy 3:16**, for what four things is Scripture profitable?

26. _____

27. _____

28. _____

29. _____

According to **James 1:22**, you can't just be a hearer of the word. What do you have to do?

30. _____

Why did Epaphras labor fervently for the Colossians in prayer? (**Colossians 4:12**)

31. _____

Read **Romans 12:1-2**. According to v. 1, what are you supposed to do with your body? According to v. 2, you are to not do what? Instead, you are to do what? If you do this, what will be the result?

32. _____

33. _____

34. _____

35. _____

Read **Ephesians 4:11-13**. There are four results of gift ministries being active in the Church. They are detailed in v. 13. What are they?

36. _____

37. _____

38. _____

39. _____

According to **Colossians 1:28**, why did Paul preach, warning and teaching people in all wisdom?

40. _____

Why should you let patience have its perfect work? (**James 1:4**)

41. _____

If you can control your tongue, what does **James 3:2** say about you?

42. _____

So, we as His people are called to build our lives on the Rock, who is Jesus. We need to remove everything that keeps us from being close to Him. This takes discipline, effort, and patience. If we press on toward maturity in Him, He will build us together with others and make us a spotless bride for Jesus.

Answers

1. go on to perfection
2. someone unskilled in the word of righteousness, a babe
3. teach knowledge
4. make to understand the message
5. be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect
6. Jesus in us (His people), and the Father in Jesus
7. mature
8. that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment
9. through suffering
10. we should follow His steps
11. nothing
12. no
13. by one offering
14. no one
15. to confine us all under sin, to keep us under guard kept for faith, to be our tutor to bring us to Christ
16. our old man was crucified with Him
17. that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin
18. he is a new creation, old things have passed away, all things have become new
19. by faith in the Son of God
20. no
21. he pressed on
22. put them to death by the Spirit
23. Christ needs to be in you and the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus needs to dwell in you
24. confess our sin
25. He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world
26. doctrine
27. reproof
28. correction
29. instruction in righteousness
30. be a doer of the word
31. so that they could stand perfect and complete in all the will of God
32. present your body a living sacrifice
33. do not be conformed to this world
34. be transformed by the renewing of your mind
35. that you may prove what is the will of God
36. we all come to the unity of the faith
37. we all come to the knowledge of the Son of God
38. we all come to a perfect (mature) man

39. we all come to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ
40. that he might present every man perfect in Christ Jesus
41. that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing
42. you are a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body

Overcoming Sin

We are going to talk about overcoming sin. There is a misconception about sin in the life of modern believers. Most believers think that it is not possible to overcome sin. There are various reasons for this, none of them Biblically justifiable.

1. Read **Jdg 6:1-16**. In v.1, why had the Lord delivered Israel into the hands of Midian?

This is a good Biblical picture of sin and how it ravages your life. Left unchecked, sin swoops into your life and devours everything good, leaving you nothing but emptiness.

2. **Jdg 6:4** What did the Midianites and their allies do to Israel?

3. In **Jdg 6:12**, what did the angel of the Lord promise Gideon? What did he call Gideon?

- a. _____

- b. _____

4. What was Gideon doing at the time? (**Jdg 6:11**)

5. Do you think Gideon felt like a mighty man of valor?

6. In **Jdg 6:14**, how was Gideon to go? What did God promise him he would do?

a. _____

b. _____

7. In **Jdg 6:15**, how did Gideon see his clan and himself?

a. _____

b. _____

Gideon didn't believe he had the goods to overcome this enemy. *But God knew different.*

8. Read **John 8:32**. What sets you free?

9. According to **John 8:36**, what will you be if the Son makes you free?

10. According to **John 8:34**, what kind of freedom was Jesus talking about?

11. In **John 8:11**, Jesus told the woman who had been caught in adultery two things. What were they?

a. _____

b. _____

Jesus made it clear He wanted the woman to sin no more. *He wants you and I to sin no more, as well.*

12. According to **Rom 8:1**, how much condemnation is there for those who are in Christ Jesus?

13. According to **1 Cor 6:12**, what did Paul say he would be brought under the power of?

14. Read **Rom 5:17**. What will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness do in Christ Jesus?

We received the abundance of grace and we received the gift of righteousness. *God's expectation is we will reign in life.*

15. According to **Titus 2:14**, Jesus gave Himself for us for two reasons. What are they?

a. _____

b. _____

16. What are we as Christians not supposed to do, according to **Rom 6:12**?

17. According to **Rom 6:14**, what will happen if you are not under law but under grace?

18. In **Gen 4:6-7**, the Lord told Cain that sin "lies at the door" (like a carnivorous predator) and "its desire is for you" (to consume him). What did God want Cain to do with this sin?

19. We know that Cain went on to murder his brother Abel (**Gen 4:8**). Did he rule over sin or let sin consume him?

These are the two options in life as a Christian. You will rule over sin, or it will consume you.

20. According to **Rom 4:5**, to whom is faith accounted for righteousness?

According to **2 Cor 5:21**, God made Jesus, who knew no sin, to be sin for us. Why?

How righteous is God the Father? Pretty righteous? Very righteous? God the Father is totally righteous. In Jesus, you are the righteousness of God the Father.

22. According to **1 Cor 15:34**, we should awake to righteousness and do what? Some do not have what?

a. _____

b. _____

We sin because we are not “awake to righteousness” and we do “not have the knowledge of God”. The gift of righteousness was given to you when you repented and submitted your life to the lordship of Jesus. You should awake to righteousness. This means, you should believe you are righteous because the Lord made you so. **The first key to living free from sin is to believe you are righteous because God says you are righteous.** This is your identity in Him.

23. According to **Gen 1:26-27**, in whose image were we created?

24. According to **Tit 2:11-12**, The grace of God teaches us what?

a. _____

b. _____

The second key to living free of sin is to live by grace. Grace is unmerited favor. You can't earn it. It is given as a gift. As a Christian, you must rely on His grace. As you do, the Holy Spirit will teach you to live righteously.

25. In **Gal 5:1**, what does Paul tell us to do in the liberty by which Christ has made us free?

a. _____

What should we not do?

b. _____

26. Read **2 Tim 1:7**. What kind of spirit has God NOT given us?

a. _____

What kind of Spirit has God given us?

b. _____

27. **Gal 3:13** says that Jesus became a curse for us. Why did He do that?

28. In **1 Pet 1:18-19**, what were we redeemed with?

To be redeemed is to be purchased, to be bought, to be ransomed. The value of something is determined by the price someone is willing to pay for it. Jesus paid with His blood to redeem us.

29. According to **Rom 6:11**, how are we to reckon ourselves in Christ Jesus our Lord?

30. Read **Eph 2:5-6**. When we were dead in trespasses, what did God do for us with Christ?

a. _____

Where are we now sitting with Christ Jesus?

b. _____

31. In **Prov 25:28**, what is a person like who has no rule over his own spirit?

Read **Mt 11:28-30**.

32. In **Mt 11:28**, Jesus calls what kind of people to come to Him?

What does He promise them?

33. In **Mt 11:29**, what does Jesus tell us to do?

Jesus says we will find rest for our souls. Why is that?

When Jesus is inviting you to take His yoke upon you, He is inviting you to be knit with Him in the labor. Though the oxen did the work, the person driving the oxen was right there, guiding and directing, encouraging and correcting. If we knit ourselves with Him, we will find rest. **Being knit with Jesus and remaining in Him is the third key to living free from sin.**

34. Read **1 Jn 3:1**. What title is given to us as Christians that shows the love the Father has bestowed on us?

35. Read **2 Cor 5:17**. What has happened to anyone who is in Christ?

What happened to the old things?

What things have become new?

36. In **2 Pet 1:4**, the Bible says we were given “exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers” of what?

As a result, what have we escaped?

37. In **Eph 4:24**, how was the new man created?

We are God’s children. Old things have passed away, all has become new. We are partakers of the divine nature. We are the righteousness of God in Christ. If as a Christian you sin, it is not because you are a sinner, but because you have an identity problem. You haven’t realized who you really are. **This is a fourth key to overcoming sin.** You must realize that you have partaken of His nature. You were transformed. The old nature sinned because it was sinful, but you have been changed supernaturally and the lifestyle of sin is not your normal lifestyle anymore.

38. According to **2 Cor 7:1**, what are we to cleanse ourselves from?

What are we to perfect in the fear of God?

39. Jesus is the propitiation for whose sin according to **1 John 2:2**?

40. According to **Eph 2:8**, how are you saved?

We have to accept the finished work of Jesus on the cross through faith. It is a gift. There is nothing we can do to earn it. Nothing.

41. What did Ananias call the Christians in Jerusalem in **Acts 9:13**?

42. What did Paul say the Christians in Rome were called to be in **Rom 1:7**?

43. In **Eph 1:1**, what did Paul call the Christians at Ephesus?

44. In **Eph 2:19**, Paul says we are not strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with whom?

God decided to forgive every sin ever committed, past, present and future, through the atoning work of Jesus on the cross. You are no longer a sinner, but God recognizes you as a saint. His expectation is that you will now live as a saint.

45. In **Rev 19:8**, the church (the wife of Jesus), is arrayed in fine linen. What was the fine linen?

Our acts clothe us. Evil acts produce filthy rags, righteous acts produce fine linen, fit for a marriage celebration with Jesus. When the Bible speaks of putting on the new man, it means to put on the righteous acts of the man created with a new nature at rebirth. When the Bible says to put off the old man, it is speaking of putting away the old sinful acts.

46. According to **Heb 10:10**, how many times were we sanctified (made holy) through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ?

Being made holy in Jesus is a finished work in your life. It is done. You need to accept that by faith, put on the new man (the practices of righteousness rooted in our new nature), put off the old man (the sin practices rooted in our old nature). You need to literally live like a saint. There is no condemnation for you in Christ. God doesn't decide now to forgive you. He decided before the foundations of the world were laid to forgive you in Jesus (**Rev 13:8**). When you repent, you reach out and grab the forgiveness that God has made available to you forever. When you come to Him, you come to receive what He has already done. It is finished. Don't wallow in past sins anymore. Don't let the devil deceive you anymore in this.

47. According to **Rom 2:4**, what leads you to repentance?

Some versions translate this as "the kindness of God".

Read **John 4:7-26**.

48. According to **John 4:9**, why was the woman surprised that Jesus talked to her?

In verse 20, the woman posed a question of sorts to Jesus. Think about what she said.

It really shows how hungry she was. Implicit in what she asked was, “How do I worship God? The Jews say to worship one way, and our fathers worshipped another. How?” She wanted to worship God. Seeing Jesus as a prophet, she asked him. Because of the kindness of Jesus, she didn’t recoil when he exposed her lifestyle which was contrary to the Law. Instead, she asked him how to worship God. In verse 29, the woman invited the people in her city to come see Jesus. The entire city believed because of her testimony. The kindness of God leads people to repentance.

49. According to **1 Pet 3:18** and **Heb 7:27**, how many times did Jesus suffer for sins?

God doesn’t want you to remember your sins so you can make sure you don’t commit them again. God wants you to put them off as the filthy garments they are and put on the righteous acts He has predestined you to do.

50. What does the blood of Christ cleanse from dead works according to **Heb 9:14**?

51. According to **1 Tim 1:5**, where does love come from in a believer’s life?

52. According to **Heb 5:14**, solid food belongs to those who by reason of use have their senses what?

A good conscience can discern good and evil.

53. According to **Heb 10:22**, how is our heart cleansed from an evil conscience?

It is critical to have a clean conscience so you can love people as God wants you to. If your conscience has been violated, you don’t deal with that by repentance alone. You have to ask Jesus to sprinkle your conscience with His blood for cleansing.

54. Peter had shame and regret after he denied Jesus three times. He had a defiled conscience. We see Jesus dealing with his shame in **John 21**. In v. **15, 16,** and **17,** Jesus asked Peter a question. What was it?

Before Jesus died on the cross, Peter boasted that he would never deny Him. However, as Jesus predicted, he denied Him three times. Now, Jesus gave Peter three opportunities to speak out of simple faith his love for the Lord. Here is what Jesus did for Peter.

- He gave him the opportunity to speak in faith what was in his heart.
Do you love me?
- He restored him to the calling he had before he fell.
Feed my sheep, tend my lambs.
- He set his focus back on the direction he was called to, the direction he desperately needed to pursue.
Follow me (Jn 21:19)

Jesus pulled no punches with Peter. He even told Peter he would suffer the death he denied Jesus to avoid.

55. Read **Rev 3:14-22**. Here, Jesus is dealing with the lukewarm church, an example in Scripture of what many Churches today have become. What three things did Jesus counsel the Church to do in v. **18**?

- a. _____

- b. _____

- c. _____

Pure gold in Scripture represents faith. Jesus had Peter speak in faith what was in his heart.

White garments are acts or works that are rooted in righteousness that we as God's

saints do. Note that Jesus pointed Peter back to his calling, restoring him to the work He had assigned to him.

And finally, the eyes are the center of your focus. What you look toward is where you go. Jesus told Peter to stop wavering and follow Him, regardless of the cost.

So, biblically, here is how you deal with regret and shame.

- Take that sin that you are ashamed of, and speak in faith the truth that the sin is not you. For example, if it is sexual sin, forgive the other for their part, forgive yourself, and proclaim in faith that who you are in God is not that action. You are the righteousness of God in Christ. There is no condemnation for you because you are in Jesus.
- Make a decision that you are not going to live in that sin anymore, but you are going to embrace your calling in Jesus, and you are going to be who you are in Jesus. You are going to take on the garments of righteousness and you are going to serve others, you are going to do the good things that Jesus determined you should do, and you are not going to let regret and shame hold you back. It is critical to your spiritual health that you replace bad behavior (filthy rags) with tasks of love and service (white garments).
- Turn your eyes toward Jesus, to follow Him with all your heart, regardless of the cost to you. Give Him full reign over this thing in your life, and allow him to restore you into His fold as one of His followers, as part of His bride. Believe that Jesus will restore you. The Bible says He will.

56. In Rev 3:20, what does Jesus promise if you hear His voice and open the door to Him.

Jesus promises to restore you if you will open the door to Him.

57. Read **Isa 54:4**. When God restores you, what does He say about the shame of your youth?

It takes a great deal of faith and courage to overcome shame and regret. But as one of His, you can be free. Shame, regret and guilt are powerful tools used by the enemy to keep God's people in bondage to addiction. The addicted person is ashamed of his behavior, and the enemy of his soul uses it as a bludgeon to convince him that he can

never be free, that he might as well give in. The addict, full of shame, takes solace in his addiction. And the vicious cycle of guilt, regret and shame continues. Jesus loves you. He doesn't want this for you. Accept what Jesus did for Peter. Face your issue, deal with it as God proscribes, and with faith face Jesus to accept restoration.

It is possible that you have memories that cause you shame, and you are having difficulty getting out from underneath them. These memories may be things done by you, seen by you or used to victimize you in the past, and they haunt you and make you ashamed. Here is an exercise that may help you deal with the memory and render its power ineffective in your life.

Write down each of those memories that causes you shame. For each memory, do the following:

- Forgive the offender in detail for what caused the shame or pain.

Forgiveness is the basis for all real healing according to the Scripture. Unforgiveness is the cause of torment and pain for the Christian. You have to determine that the person who did something to you no longer owes you anything, and you are releasing them completely from any debt.

- Repent for allowing shame, bitterness, and resentment to take root in your heart.

You made decisions about what happened, and those decisions allowed the shame, bitterness and resentment to take hold in your heart. You need to repent for your part in owning the evil that transpired.

- Command the lies of the past and the demonic to be silent.

The devil is the accuser of the brethren. He and his cohorts will use the shame to keep you from being everything God wants you to be. It is one of his greatest weapons against Christians. Use the authority granted you in the name of Jesus to silence his lies over your life.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to speak His truth into your heart regarding the memory.

Ask and then sit quietly and listen. He may give you a word, a thought, an idea, a Scripture. Write it down and meditate on it. The Holy Spirit does not want you to continually walk in shame. You are not what you did or what was done to you. You are a new creation, and the Holy Spirit wants you to walk in that.

The following are steps you can take if you are struggling with habitual or repeated sin:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to convict you of sin (see **John 16:8-9**).
- Repent and ask the Spirit to apply the blood of Jesus to your defiled conscience (see **Heb. 10:22**).
- Ask the Spirit to remind you of your tremendous righteousness in Christ (see **Rom. 5:17**).
- Determine in your heart that you will turn from the sin and turn back to God (**Acts 3:19**).

If you have sinned, repent (turn from your sin and turn to Jesus), and Jesus will forgive you and give you times of refreshing. If you have defiled your conscience, ask Jesus to sprinkle His blood on you to heal your wounded conscience. If you have regret and shame, deal with it as Jesus commands in **Rev 3:18**, and make a determination of faith that you are going to walk out of it and allow God to help you forget the shame of your youth. You *can* be free.

58. Read **Lk 6:41-42**. What can cause us to not see clearly to help others?

This is important, because a life of hypocrisy and self-righteousness is the unhealthy response of someone who has shame and regret. If you are religious, and you are trying to obey a religious code, and you are failing consistently, you have shame and regret, whether you are conscious of it or not. In that context, people tend to hide their sin, while continuing to hold up the standard of righteousness. If you do this, eventually your heart becomes hardened, you become deceived, and you become self-righteous. This is not what God wants for you.

59. According to **Rom 8:29**, what image does God want us conformed to?

It is not enough that we stop sinning. God wants us to be like Jesus.

60. Read **1 John 2:6**. If you abide in Him, How does the Father expect you to walk?

61. According to **1 Tim 5:1-2**, how are we (men) to treat younger women?

62. According to **1 Cor 13:8**, what never fails?

Jesus loved people. He loved a sinful woman so much she washed his feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. See **Lk 7:36-50**. The religious people despised her, but she was a treasure to Jesus, and she knew it. Learning to love others as Jesus did is critical to overcoming sin.

63. What new commandment did Jesus give his disciples in **Jn 13:34**?

How are we supposed to love one another?

64. According to **John 13:35**, what will everyone know if we have love for one another?

Read **1 Cor 13:4-7**. The following is some truths about love that are gleaned from carefully studying the Greek meanings of the various words and phrases in **1 Cor 13:4-7**.

If I love someone with the selfless, God-like love described in **1 Cor 13**, I will...

- persevere patiently and bravely in enduring misfortunes and troubles from them, and be slow to avenge those misfortunes and troubles;
- show myself mild toward them and be kind to them;
- not be heated or boil with envy, hatred, or anger toward them;
- not display myself and not employ rhetorical embellishments in extolling myself excessively toward them;
- not be puffed up, not bear myself loftily, not be proud toward them;

- not act unbecomingly toward them;
- not crave, not demand something from them, not seek my own from them;
- not be irritated, provoked, or aroused to anger because of them;
- not think, feel, or act evil toward them;
- not rejoice in injustice or unrighteousness toward them;
- rejoice in personal excellence and truth toward them;
- protect or keep by covering them, cover over with silence their flaws;
- be persuaded towards them and place confidence in them;
- hopefully trust in them with joyful confidence;
- bear bravely and calmly ill treatments from them.

This is the love that will never fail. If you love someone else like this, you will not lust after them or pursue them to fulfill your selfish desires at their expense, you will not think evilly of them, you will not be abusive to them. If you act this way towards others, brothers and sisters in Christ as well as unbelievers, you will fulfill the moral requirements of the Old Testament toward them.

But more than that, if you love others like this, you will change. You will grow, your heart will be healed by the love of the Father, and you will have joy and satisfaction in life. To love others like this seems impossible. But your born-again spirit, recreated in the nature of God, wants to live this way. Jesus commands it, the Father expects it, and we can do it by following and yielding to the Holy Spirit.

65. Read **Lk 6:28**. Who are we to pray for?

This is another key to overcoming sin. If you are looking at people of the opposite sex lustfully; whether nude, in bikini swimwear, or fully dressed; whether people you know, porn stars or celebrities; this Scripture and **1 Cor 13** hold the key to freedom. Let God's love for them change your heart, and pray for them. After all, someone trying to allure you into sexual sin is using you for their own gain. Pray for them. It is difficult to lust after someone you are praying for.

If you respond in love to those who spitefully use you, you will not sin.

In **John 8:11**, Jesus told a woman caught in adultery, "Go your way. From now on, sin no more." He is saying the same to you. Go, therefore, and sin no more.

Answers

1. The children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord.
2. Camp against them and leave no sustenance for them.
3. Two answers
 - a. The Lord is with you.
 - b. Mighty man of valor.
4. Threshing wheat in the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.
5. No.
6. Two answers
 - a. In this might of his.
 - b. Save Israel from the hand of the Midianites.
7. Two answers
 - a. Weakest clan in Israel.
 - b. Gideon was least in his father's house.
8. The truth.
9. Free indeed.
10. Freedom from sin.
11. Two answers
 - a. Neither do I condemn you.
 - b. Go and sin no more.
12. None.
13. Nothing.
14. Reign in life.
15. Two answers
 - a. That he might redeem us from every lawless deed.
 - b. That He might purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.
16. Do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey its lusts.
17. Sin shall not have dominion over you.
18. Rule over it.
19. He let sin consume him.
20. Him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly.
21. That we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
22. Two answers
 - a. Not sin.
 - b. The knowledge of God.
23. God's.
24. Two answers
 - a. We should deny ungodliness and worldly lusts.
 - b. We should live soberly, righteously and godly in the present age.
25. Two answers
 - a. Be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.
 - b. Stand fast.
26. Two answers

- a. Spirit of fear.
 - b. Spirit of power, spirit of love and spirit of a sound mind.
27. To redeem us from the curse of the law.
28. The precious blood of Jesus.
29. Dead indeed to sin, but alive to God.
30. Two answers
- a. Made us alive together with Him.
 - b. Together with Him in heavenly places.
31. Like a city without walls.
32. Two answers
- a. All who labor and are heavy laden.
 - b. He will give them rest.
33. Two answers
- a. Take His yoke upon us and learn from Him.
 - b. He is gentle and lowly in heart.
34. Children of God.
35. Three answers
- a. He is a new creation.
 - b. They have passed away.
 - c. All things.
36. Two answers
- a. The divine nature.
 - b. The corruption in the world through lust.
37. According to God, in true righteousness and holiness.
38. Two answers
- a. All filthiness of the flesh and spirit.
 - b. Holiness.
39. Ours and the whole world.
40. By grace through faith, the gift of God.
41. Saints.
42. Saints.
43. Saints.
44. Saints.
45. The righteous acts of the saints.
46. Once for all.
47. The goodness of God.
48. Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.
49. Once.
50. Your conscience.
51. From a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith.
52. Exercised to discern both good and evil.
53. Having our heart sprinkled.
54. Do you love me?
55. Three answers
- a. Buy from Him gold refined in the fire.
 - b. Buy from him white garments so you can be clothed, and the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed.
 - c. Anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

56. He will come in and dine with you, and you with Him.
57. You will forget it.
58. A plank (board) in our eye (hypocrisy).
59. The image of His Son.
60. Just as Jesus walked.
61. As sisters, with absolute purity.
62. Love.
63. Two answers
 - a. Love one another.
 - b. As Jesus loved us, so we should love one another.
64. That we are His disciples.
65. Those who spitefully use us.