

A List of Basic Scriptures

NOTE: The following scriptures have been used and emphasized in the topics recently discussed. You will be expected to identify these scriptures in a test.

- Revelation 12:9 "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whold world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."
- II Corinthians 4:4 "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."
- / John 4:24 "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."
- Acts 2:16-18 "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:"
- / Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- / II Peter 3:18 "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen"
- Romans 5:5 "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us."

I John 5:3 "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous."

Acts 5:32 "And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey Him."

Romans 8:9 "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."

Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

II Timothy 1:6-7 "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

II Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

Matthew 5:17 "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

Matthew 19:17 "And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments."

Mark 2:27-28 "And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath."

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

Malachi 3:6 "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."

Romans 2:28-29 "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward

in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God."

- I Peter 2:21-22 "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth:"
- I John 3:4 "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."
- I John 2:6 "He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself so to walk, even as He walked."
- I Corinthians 11:1 "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."
- * Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith (of) the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."
(not in)
- Ephesians 2:2 "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"
- Romans 2:13 "(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified."

In 1:14

1 Cor. 10:4

Eph. 3:9

Col. 1:16

Fall Session - 1984

SYLLABUS

TOPICS OF STUDY:

1. Proofs of the Bible
 - a. Internal
 - b. External
2. Mankind
 - a. His Incredible Potential
 - b. The True Gospel Amplified.
 - c. What is a True Christian.
3. Christian Living Tools
 - a. Bible study
 - b. Prayer
 - c. Meditation
 - d. Fasting
 - e. Using the Holy Spirit
4. The Law of God
 - a. Ten Commandments
 - b. Sabbath
 - c. Holy Days
 - d. Tithing
 - e. Law vs. Grace
5. The Church of God
 - a. Identifying Signs
 - b. Brief History
 - c. Uniqueness

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Read "Incredible Human Potential."
2. Read assigned booklets and reprints with each topic.
3. Read G.N.
4. Read newspaper and watch prophecy.
5. Write a short term paper on:
Interesting Historical Facts Related to History and
Proofs of God's True Church - Due Nov. 14 (3-5 pages)

DOCTRINES STUDY GUIDE--For Test #2

Bible Study

Two things to do in study:

1. Know the content (know what is in God's Word)
2. Remember where it is, who said it, what book, etc. it came from...Memorization is important.

Ways to Study

1. Read straight through
2. Study one particular book
3. One particular section (ie. The Law)
4. One subject
5. Just read for inspiration, correction, etc. (This is what Mr. McNair calls "Smorgasbord")

Keys to Understanding

1. Obey God and keep the commandments
2. Read the Bible in the context
3. Study all text on a topic
4. Let the Bible interpret itself
5. Seek God's inspiration
6. Use various Bible helps
7. Nothing replaces reading and studying the Bible
8. HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF HISTORY (NBS)

Study by:

1. Topic (Mark specific Scriptures by topic)
2. Book (Read through each book and mark story flow)

✓ Three dangerous areas to watch out for when consulting Bible helps:

1. The law of God
2. Prophecy
3. Human nature and the destiny of man (Incredible Human Potential)

Keys to understanding the Bible

1. Scripture cannot be broken!!! The Bible does not contradict itself--always remember this
2. Interpret unclear passages with clear ones
3. Read verses in their own context
4. Employing the great help of the right kind of "Bull Sessions"--stimulate each other to learn; discuss the Bible
5. Learn the importance of using info from discussions and study to help and teach others--What we learn, spread to others

FASTING

Fasting is the tool we use for getting closer to God when all else fails

Our attitude should be:

1. Humble ourselves
2. Seek God's Will, not our own

Four Physical Keys for Fasting

1. Prepare your body for the fast (taper off food intake)
2. An enema helps to rid the body of poisons
3. Fast regularly enough for the body to adjust (maybe once a month of once every six weeks)
4. After the fast, eat moderately, slowly and not a lot. Also eat the right things

Four Spiritual Keys

1. Do not fast just to "get", but humble yourself and grasp God's perspective
2. Spend time during a fast like Mr. Armstrong did (a. Study b. Meditation c. Prayer--Autobiography Pg. 339-340)
3. Do use fasting to serve others (the poor, the Work of God, etc.)
4. Use fasting often as a tool to spiritual power

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian meditation is private devotion to deep, continuous, and purposeful reflection of the mind on a single theme.

When should you meditate?

1. While studying the Bible
2. In prayer
3. Set aside a time and just think
4. Out Walking
5. In the night watches (if you find some night you can't sleep, don't toss and turn; get up and meditate)
6. At different times during the day

How to Meditate

1. Think through all applications of God's law to today's society
2. When things go wrong, think on which laws you or others broke
3. As we read lessons in the Bible, how do they apply to you
4. Plan what would we do in these circumstances (as in #3)
5. Plan steps to improve our performance in life as a Christian
4. IN BIG DECISIONS, OR LONG TERM PLANNING, GET COUNSEL OF SEVERAL & MEDITATE ON IT. (NSB)

PRAYER

Ten Keys to Successful Prayer

1. Realize how weak we are and how much we need God (don't go out and start your day spiritually "naked." Always say some kind of prayer before you leave for the day.
2. Concentrate on God as you pray (don't let your mind wander)
3. Ask for God's kingdom to come (in depth and in detail--not just "thy kingdom come")
4. We should strive to pray three times a day but also walk with God all day long in a spirit of prayer "BUILD THE HABIT OF PRAYER" (NSB)
5. Ask for the general needs of ourselves and others (ask for His will to be done in our life, not our own will; ask God to help us learn every need lesson throughout the day; Ask God to help us see the big picture as He sees it)
6. Ask God's help to forgive others
7. Realize deeply that you need it, and then ask God for personal forgiveness
8. Ask for deliverance from sin and Satan
9. Worship and exalt God throughout the prayer but most importantly at the close of your prayer
10. Put our whole being into our prayers (our hearts should be in our prayer)

WATCH (and pray always)

Watch for what?

1. Watch Jerusalem and the Middle East (the king of the south, etc.)
2. Watch for decline of morals in Modern Israel
3. Watch for famine, drought, forest fires, natural disasters
4. Watch for a militaristic dictator of a united states of Europe
5. Watch for a very strong Catholic Church with a great spiritual leader working great miracles
6. Watch for the effectiveness and power of this Work in giving the witness and warning message to Modern Israel
7. Watch for the cleansing and preparing of the Bride

Sources to Watch

1. Newspapers (LA Times; Pasadena Star News)
2. Mr. Hogberg's Articles (and news summaries)
3. Wall Street Journal (especially for world and national economic news)
4. U.S. News and World Report, Time and Newsweek (and other news magazines)
5. TV News (mostly very liberal, but it's effective to "see" the news happening)
6. Radio News (KNX--cbs, KFVB--all news station)