

August 30, 1988
Lecture I

- Course Title The Doctrines of the Worldwide Church of God
Doctrines = Teachings
- Greek "DIDACHE" -- The Body of Teachings
 "DIDASKALIA" -- Function of Teaching
 "DIDASKO" -- Learning to Teach
- * Why do you believe the doctrines of the Worldwide
Church of God? Because they conform to are in
agreement with what is in the Bible.
- Titus 2:10 Doctrine is referred to as "The Doctrine of" God
Who and what is the source of all doctrine? God.
- I Timothy 6:1 "The Doctrine of God"
- Hebrews 6:1 "The Doctrine of Christ"
- I Timothy 6:3 "The Doctrine which is according to Godliness"
- Acts 2:42 "The Doctrine of the Apostles" (Apostle's Doctrine)
- Did God, Christ and the Apostles each have a
separate doctrine? What or who is the source of
doctrine? These are not separate doctrines.
- John 7:16* Jesus said "My doctrine is not mine but His that
sent me."
- :17 The doctrine of the bible is God's doctrine.
- Revelation 1:1 The chain of revelation of doctrine:
- God
Christ
Angel or Messenger (Aggelos) -- Human or Spirit
Man
- How did we come to the doctrine that we have today?
- God
Christ
Apostles
Disciples
More Disciples

Two ingredients that must be present in order for God's doctrine to be transmitted:

1. Holy Spirit (Enabler)
2. Word of God (Food or Substance)

Matt. 28:19-20 Christ sent His Apostles out to make disciples of the nations -- "teaching them. . ."

II Tim. 2:1 "The things which you have heard of me, the same teach to others. . ."

There is one TRUE doctrine and it stems from God!

Luke 10:22 "The Son (Christ) will reveal Him (God)."
"All things have been delivered unto me by my Father."

Assignment:

1. What is our duty in doctrine?
2. What is our responsibility to those who teach false doctrine?
3. Who shall He (God) teach doctrine?

The first major topic will be the Godhead!

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Lecture 2

- 2 Tim. 3:13-16 "All scripture is profitable for doctrine..."
- Heb. 1:1,2 God speaks to us today by His son, the Logos of the Old Testament, which means "the Word".
- 2 Pet. 1:19-21 We have a more sure word of prophecy -- the Word of God. The doctrine is transmitted through a servant of God (a minister).
- I Jn. 4:1-6 Try the spirits. "Many false prophecies or prophets
Isa. 8:20 have gone out into the world" so, try the doctrines or teachings. We must be tuned into the spirit of truth.
- Jn. 6:44 God
Heb. 1:1-2 Christ
2 Pet. 1:19-21 Apostles
1 Tim. 3:15 Church
- Rom. 10:14 "How shall they hear without a preacher?" God speaks to us through men! (In conjunction with the spirit and Word of God).
- Eph. 4:10-12 Various offices of the Church.

What is our duty in doctrine?

- 1 Tim. 4:16 Continue in the teachings.
2 Tim. 3:14 "
- Titus 2:1 Speak the things that we know to be sound doctrine.
Titus 2:7 Show a pattern of good works in doctrine.
1 Tim. 4:6 Nourished in good doctrine.
2 John 9 Walk in the truth (doctrine).
Rom. 16:17 Mark those who walk contrary and avoid them.
2 Tim 4:2 Preach the word...exhort with all doctrine.

Whom shall He teach doctrine?

- Isa. 28:9,11 Those who are weaned from the milk and drawn from the breast.
vs. 11 If you don't seek God and listen to Him, another nation will take you captive and speak to you in a foreign tongue.
- Heb. 5:10,14 Those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil...not hung up on do's and don't's and elementary things.
Ps. 25:9 The "meek" will He teach His way.

Js. 1:21 Those who lay apart all filthiness and have a perfectly teachable spirit. (No doubtful disputations).

Topic: The Godhead

Who and what composes the Godhead?
Can the Godhead be expanded?

Catholic and Protestant world limit the Godhead to 3 persons (making the Holy Spirit a personage).

Acts 17 Athens = Western Civilization derived from.
Paul was amongst the philosophers of the day on Mars Hill.

vs. 29 The Godhead is not a graven image!
Godhead - "Theios" (Strong's 2304) That which is divine; talking about beings that transcend human beings.

Rom. 1:20 Godhead - "Theiotes" (Strong's 2305) Eternal power and Divineness.

Col. 2:9 Godhead - "Theiotes" (Strong's 2320) Divinity: All the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Christ was God in the flesh and man.

Many accuse us of believing that Jesus was not both God and man. This is a lie. We do! We do however believe that Christ BECAME the Son of God once born of woman and resurrected as the first BORN of many brethren.

2 Pet. 1:4 "That we might be partakers of the divine (God) nature"! Divinity is simply another word for God. The divinity was in the body of Christ fully. Christ said, "He who has seen me has seen the Father" (directly contrary to gnostic belief).

Topics at hand -- next lecture -- God, Christ and Holy Spirit.

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Lecture 3

Jn. 4:24 Composition of the "Godhead" consists of spirit.

Three levels of spirit:

1. God level of spirit-- Inherent life is in the members of the Godhead.
2. Angelic level of spirit -- Angels are not in the Godhead.
3. Spirit in man level of spirit -- This comes from God through Christ (begotten sons and daughters).

Heb. 11:3 Things which are seen are made of things which do not appear. Both man and angels are created beings. Only man, however has the potential of becoming part of the Godhead. Having self-inherent life dwelling within us.

Physical Creation

Animal
Vegetable
Mineral

Jn. 5:19-24 The Father has life within Himself...
I Jn. 5:10 He that has the Son has life, he that not the Son, has not life.

God and Logos existed eternally without beginning of days nor end of days.

As a result of the Logos emptying Himself of His divinity and paying the penalty of our sins, we can be reconciled to God and receive eternal life.

As long as Christ was in the flesh, He had the potential of losing His self-inherent life.

Heb. 9:26,27 Dr. Ward does not believe that all of us someday will be saviors for other worlds in the future. Christ was once offered to bare the sins of many. (For all men for all ages).

I Jn. 3:10 Once you are born of God, you "cannot" sin. We will be born of God. Our potential to lose it then is impossible.

Speculation Also, based on the fact that angels are "created" beings (God brought them to being out of nothing) some have speculated that because angels are spirit they will live forever. Dr. Ward does not believe that the angels can not be rendered of non-effect.

The spirit essence of angels is not the self-inherent spirit life of the two present members of the Godhead (God and Christ).

I Tim. 6:15 "Whom only hath immortality" (referring to God and Christ)
Phil. 2:6 Christ (as the Logos) was in the form of God-- equal to God.
Rom. 8:9-11 The spirit is life because of righteousness.
"...raise you up by His spirit that is in us."
Even though Christ was without consciousness in the grave 3 days and 3 nights, He still had spirit life.

(Lengthy discussion ensued regarding angels and immortality)

II Thess. 2:8 Christ will destroy with the brightness of His coming.
Rev. 20:10 Devil shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. It appears from this that satan is not destroyed or vaporized into nothingness -- but is tormented forever!!

Those good angels will live forever. Their character is set. How or when it was set, we don't know.

Those fallen angels will be judged. Judgement has two phases:

1. a period of testing
2. sentencing

James 4:12 The law is given to sustain life. Life, however does not come from the law. Life comes from God. All are subject to God's law.

God = Law = Love = Light = Life

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Lecture 4

Review: God and Logos
Angelic Realm Eph 6:12; Fallen Angels: Heb 1:13-14
Mankind

Ex. 7:8 Rod became serpent (Demons are able to perform such miracles as well).

The Godhead -- Composition

Jn. 4:24 Spirit
Col. 1:15 Invisible
Science denies God because He cannot be discerned through the five senses.

Gen. 1:26 Form and Shape
Image - Tselem - phantom or figure
Likeness - Dermuwth - model or shape

Gen. 2:7 Man's substance is the dust of the ground -- purely physical.

Rev. 1:17-20 Description of Christ as a spirit being. (Shape and form of man).

New Age Movement God is just an ever pervasive force--not a separate individual entity with characteristics of His own. An extension of Pantheism ("God in All").

Rev. 4:2-6 God has individuality. He operated from a distinct throne.

Persons in the Godhead

Jn. 1:1 God the Father and Logos
Jn. 1:14 Word became Christ the Son

Rom. 1:3 Begettal
Resurrection
(The same process that we will go through to obtain the Godhead).

Rom. 8:11 The spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead shall also resurrect us!

I Cor 15:44-52 How many persons are in the Godhead! Two at the present time. Order of Resurrection to Godhead begins in verse 20. "Every man in his own order."

I Jn. 5:7 Most commonly used scripture to show that there are 3 personages in the Godhead. (Maturia - Record).

Three signs that men were given that Jesus was the Christ:

1. Baptism (by water)
2. Dove
3. Blood

From "in heaven - in earth" conclusive should be labelled as spurious and eliminated.

The maturaia of God is verses 10-12.

Paul's salutations never include the Holy Spirit as a separate distinct entity.

Rom. 1:7 "Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ"
I Cor. 1:3 " " " same " " " "
I Pet. 1:2=3 Peter also addresses only the Father and Christ.

God Family to be Increased:

A. God is a Family
Gen. 1:1 "Elohim" - The strong Faithful God.
Jn. 1:1 Two beings involved in the creative process.
I Cor. 8:6 "...All things by Him...Christ"
Eph. 3:15 The whole family is named...
Gal. 4:26 Jerusalem above (the Church) mother of us all.
2 Cor. 4:2 Husband equals Christ.
Eph. 5:23-24 Christ, a husband, is head of the Church.
2 Cor. 6:18 Begotten sons and daughters.
Heb. 2:6 Purpose of man is to become God (Ps 8:4)
:10 Bringing many sons to glory...children which God
hath given me.
Jn. 1:10 "Power to become the sons of God!"

How?

1. God draws -- Jn. 6:44
2. Christ reveals -- Lk. 10:21-22
-Through the spirit Jn. 16:18 and the Word of God. Which is preached by whatever means -- Jn. 16:13.
Rom. 10:12-17
3. Conviction -- Heb. 6:1-2 (1st 4 doctrines of Heb. 6 (Acts 2:38)).

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Lecture 5

- Jn. 1:18 One purpose that Christ came for was to reveal the Father.
- Jn 5:36 & Is 44:6 There is no other God family.
- Is. 43:10 Has to do with idolatry (men forming God?), which they no longer will do.
- vs. 1-10 God is the Creator and nothing shall come after Him. (Emphasis on vs. 7).
- Proof: Jn. 1:1; Gen. 1:1; Ps. 110:1; and Paul's writings.
- Jesus Christ:
- Jn. 1:1-3 Proof from the beginning (vs 14) that there was a being with God the Father, always.
- Logos is Greek for "Word"
- Gen. 1:1 God = Elohim
Created = bara (Hebrew)
- Heb. 11:3 The earth and heavens were created.
- Gen. 1:26-27 "us" and "our" = more than one
- Gen. 14: 18-20 Christ manifested Himself as Melchizedek.
- Heb. 7:1-3 Identified as one who has ever lived and is continually a priest.
- 5:5-10 Compare vs. 7 with Jn. 1:14. With these scriptures we can show Christ existed before He was made flesh.
- Elohim God reveals Himself through His name.
- Ex. 6:3 Moses uses God's name to fit the situation...ie: God Almighty = El Shaddai; YHVH = Jehovah. In the Pentateuch, the names fit the situation.
- Ps. 110:1
Rev. 4 & 5
Rom. 8 Christ sits at the right hand of the Father.
- LORD Father
Lord Christ
 ie: Paul makes a distinction between the Father and Christ.

Spiritual Family

God the Father (Masculine)
Church - Mother (Fem) Gal. 4:26
Church - Bride or Wife Eph 5
Christ - Husband (Masculine)
II Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:22-25
Christ, sons, daughters (neuter)

Physical Family

Father (masculine)
Mother (feminine)
Husband (masculine)
Children (sons & daughters)

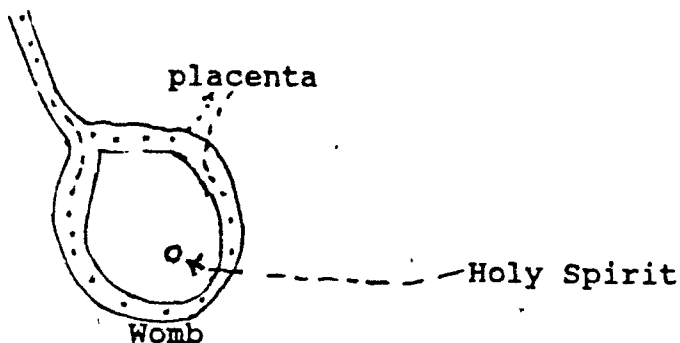
Here is the sperm (masculine) which impregnates the ovum

The feminine stage, the ovum

Members of the God Family

Eph. 4:25 Joined together by the spirit.
Rom. 12:5 Members one of another" is speaking spiritually.
I Cor 12:12-13 Holy Spirit (Placenta) is the lifeline.

Must be fed by physical blood, oxygen. We also need spiritual nourishment.



Disfellowshipping

When one member of the body becomes unruly and is placed outside the body

You can be reconnected depending on your attitude and repentance and can be let back in.

I Tim. 2:4-5

Christ has always been the go-between man and God. Christ's death made it possible for us to go/pray directly to the Father.

Heb. 7:25

At times Christ is the mediator and intercedes on our behalf.

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lecture 6

Why Christ came to the earth (continued)

Rom 1:4 To be resurrected and be firstborn from the dead.
Rom 5:7-10 To become the son of God
Rom 5:10 His death reconciles us to God
His life saves us

Lk 23:44-45 His Sacrifice allows direct access to God's throne
(also: Heb 10:20 and Matt 12:40)

Mt 12:40 To fulfill prophecy
I Pet 1:3 To give hope of the resurrection
Jh 14:1-3 To return a second time
(He came first time as a savior, second time as King)

Mystery of the Ages

- 5 reasons why Christ came:
1. To qualify where the first Adam failed
 2. To Announce the Kingdom of God
 3. To take on the role of savior
 4. To be resurrected from the dead
 5. To establish God's Church

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 2:38 How do you receive it?
Summary of Hebrews 6:1-2.

True repentance that leads to surrender of whole being to God requires the Holy Spirit. A human repentance, like in Nineveh, can take place w/o the Holy Spirit.

Godly repentance is an entire change of heart and mind.

Different Levels of Repentance:

First level Motivation to change
Second level Recognizing it is a sin
Third level Seeing Sin is against God--It is easy to develop first two levels out of fear of "death" or fear of things to come.
Fourth level Realizing God had every right to destroy you long ago but didn't out of mercy (Romans 2:4).

14 Works of the Holy Spirit

- I Jn 5:11 Imparts Eternal Life (also: II Cor. 13:5).
The amount of submission and closeness to God determines how much of His Holy Spirit you will have working in you. Realize that everything you have to do is secondary to your relationship with God. Consistency is something you must become when you commit your life to God. (I Jn 4:12-13; Eph 3:14-20; Ps 37:4; Rm 8:9)
- Ps 104:30 The Physical and Spiritual Creation.
(also: Rm 5:3-5; Rm 4:22-23; Ps 51:10)
- Jn 16:7-8 Convicts of sin--Elencho means convict. Convicting also means to lay on your mind what you should do.
- Jn 16:8,10 Makes it possible to keep the commandments
(Rm 13:10; Ps 119:172)
- Jn 16:8,11 Gives you discernment and sound judgement
Three steps of developing judgment
1. Conviction
2. Period of time
3. Discernment
(Judgement must grow and develop)
- Jn 16:13 Guides you into the truth
(Isa 8:20; Jn 17:17)
- II Pet 1:19 Shows things to come (also: Jn 16:13)
- Jn 14:26 Teaches all things--requires action on your part.
" Brings things to Rememberance--you must study and work at it yourself, then claim the promise.
- I Cor 2:10-11 Allows understanding of Spiritual things (Eph 3:17-18)
- Jn 6:44 Draws you to God
- I Cor 12:12-14 Baptizes you into the body of Christ
- I Cor 12:6-11 Imparts you the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Phil 2:5 Imparts the character of God/mind of Christ
(Rm 5:5; II Cor 5:17)

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- (1) Acts 13:39--Why can't we be justified by the Law of Moses?
The wages of sin is death--Romans 6:23. Therefore, the death of a human being is required. The blood of bulls and goats cannot pay for sin. A savior must pay the price.
- (2) Why does man need to be justified?
Because man cannot have eternal life without justification. He will die an eternal death.
- (3) What is justification?
The paying of the debt incurred by your sins.
- (4) How are we justified?
By repenting and having faith in the Sacrifice of Christ--Romans 3:25. Repentance includes submission to God and a willingness to obey.
- (5) What is Redemption?
Redemption is the power to buy back.
- (6) What is reconcilliation with God?
The process of being restored to divine favor of which justification is a step. Making peace with God so he no longer cosiders you an enemy.

Heb 10:19 Ancient Israel could only approach God in the Holy of Holies through the High Priest once a year. We, now, are able to approach God's throne any time through the process of reconcilliation & Justification by the blood of Christ.

Heb 4:15 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace.

Rom 3:26 The context--Paul is talking about Justification! NOT whether or not the law is done away. Justification is through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ whether Jew or Gentile.

If the law is done away, why did Christ have to die? Romans 3:23--all have sinned!
Romans 6:23--death penalty incurred!
Romans 7:7---Apart from the law, there is no sin.

Rom 2:13 Doers of the law shall be justified.

Your faith will not be honored without obedience.

Jms 2:23-24 By works a man is justified, not by faith only.

If you want to continue in a justified position, you must obey--be a doer of the law. Not just "once saved, always saved" as the protestants preach!

Before the knowledge
God and Repentance

After the knowledge
of God and Repentance

Keep the law Perfectly

Sinner--Romans 6:23

Repentance and Faith in the
Sacrifice of Christ

1. Surrender
2. Submit
3. Crucify the old man
4. Walk in new mind
5. Live the resurrected life
with Christ.

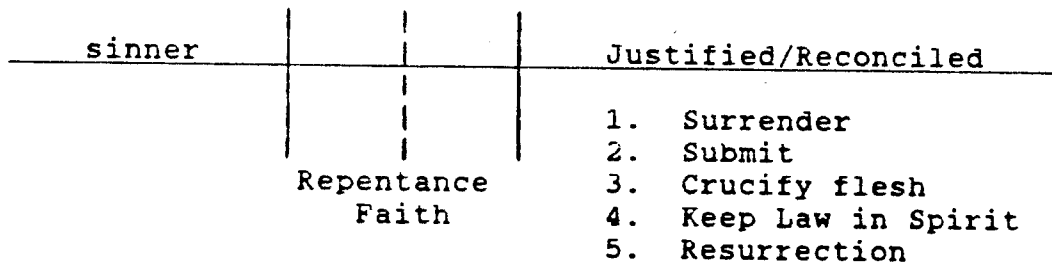
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Lecture 8

I. Apparent Contradiction Between James and Paul:

Jas 2:24 By works a man is justified -- not by faith only.
Jas 2:18 Show faith by your works

Rom 3:28 Justified by faith without the deeds of the law -- see (Rom 2:13).
The doers of the law shall be justified.

Paul is addressing the initial justification process.



Jas 2:18 Faith is inextricably linked to obedience. You must believe and obey.

Jas 2:19 Belief in God (step 1) is no farther than the devil is.
Jas 2:20 Faith without works is dead.

Jas 2:21-23 Abraham's Example:

1. God spoke
2. Abraham believed
3. Abraham obeyed

By obedience, faith was made perfect.

II. Proving the Pre-existence of Christ:

Jn 1:1-2; Col 1:16; Ps 148:5; Ps 33:9; Jn 1:14; I Pet 1:20; Jn 1:29;
Gen 14:14-18; Ps 110:1-6; Heb 7:1-3

Subpoints: Name of God -- Ex 3:14 Correlate with New Testament "I Am".
I Cor 10:4 Rock of Old Testament
Eph 3:14-15 Family of God! There is one God Family.
Isa 46:9 Word for God is Elohim.
Gen 1:26-27 Let us make man after our likeness.

Jn 1:18 The only begotten son (Christ) has declared Him. Ps 110: Christ came to reveal the Father --- NO MONOTHEISM.

Ps 110 "The Lord (YHWH - God the Father) said unto my Lord (Adonai-Jesus Christ) sit here at my right hand. . ."

Rev 1:4-5 Who is this "Him" which is, which was, which is to come? God the Father.

III. Jesus Christ as Mediator and Intercessor

Intercessor - "HUPERENTUGECHANO" means to meet with on behalf of one.

2 Tim 2:5 Mediator - "MESITES" means middle-man (Heb 9:15; 8:6; 12:24)
Advocate - "PARACLETOS" means advocate

**Other words for "Intercessor":
ENTUGECHANO -- to meet with or come between
ENTEUXIS -- a meeting between

Old Covenant

God - Logos - Angels - Moses (earthly mediator) through Levitical Priesthood.

Animal Sacrifices People gave them and the priest offered them.
Ex 3:1-2;

Acts 7:37 An angel, not God, spoke to Moses. See Jn 5:37; Heb 2:1-3

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Lecture 9

Parakletos--Advocate, comforter

John 14:17 The holy spirit is the comforter - parakletos
(also: John 14:26, I John 2:1)

I John 2:1 Advocate = comforter, Jesus Christ can be referred
to as a comforter.

Romans 8:26-27 Jesus Christ is that spirit that makes
intercession. Christ is the acting agent who
speaks. He uses his holy power.

Heb 7:25 Parakletos can refer to Jesus Christ when He is in
the active role.

I John 5:10 The holy spirit doesn't pray for us -- The holy
spirit is the agent through which Jesus Christ works
with us.

Titus 3:5-6 The holy spirit comes to us individually:
God the Father
Jesus Christ
(enabler-holy spirit-Parakletos)
Individual

The individual must have active participation (prayer). The
word of God speaks to us: Jh 6:63; Matt 4:4; Jn 14:13; Acts 5:32.

I Cor 2:11 The spirit of God is the Enabler--it has to be
coupled with the heart and mind of God which is
the Word of God so we can understand spiritual
things.
The holy spirit enables us to understand the Word
of God.
God's ministry plays an vital role in our
understanding -- Roman 10:14.

Zech. 1:9 We have the words of God, but the holy spirit is
needed to understand it.

Jesus Christ--Author
Aitios--Author-causitive agent

Hos 5:9,12 Author - causitive agent of eternal salvation
Archegos - captain, premier, beginner
Teleiotes - finisher

If we use the gift of the holy spirit that is in us, the work
that he has started in us can be completed.

Phil 1:6 Requires active participation.

Rom 10:16-17 We must obey and participate.

Holy Spirit: Old Testament--Ruach. Pwach--means wind, breath, air.
New Testament--Pneuma--means mind, spirit.
can refer to: Holy--OT (Qodesh) which means sacred, dedicated, hallowed--spirit of God.
Holy--NT (Hagios) which means holy.

Difference between holy & sacred:

1. Holy--denotes God's active presence. God in it. God is in His word--John 6:63.
2. Sacred--Points to a higher reality. Hymns for example.

The spirit of God is HOLY

Purpose: Needed for eternal life.

Man is dust (Gen 2:7)--man is temporal, needs the holy spirit to bridge the gap between life and death. God is spirit (Jh 4:24).

Gen. 3:22 The Tree of Life symbolized God's holy spirit. To eat you can live forever--to eat, you must qualify.

Power of God--holy spirit. Gen 1:2; Ps 104:30.

Acts 2:1 -a special miracle given to people who had not been converted yet. They hadn't repented or been baptized.

God's spirit can be upon you and yet not be in you in the sense of a begettal. (John 14:17)

God's spirit convicts you (John 16:8)

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Lecture 10

Characteristics of the Holy Spirit

- Acts 2:12 "Others" inquired (3,000 people were added to the Church that day - vs 41 - received Holy Spirit prior to baptism)
- Acts 1:4,8 Holy spirit was promised
- Acts 20:22 Should read "receive ye the holy spirit?"
- Acts 21:3 "I go a fishing" -- they still didn't get it!
- Acts 2:38 The holy spirit is a gift of God. Eternal life is a gift -- Jas 1:17-18.
- Luke 11:13 The heavenly Father gives His holy spirit to those who ask.
- Gal 5:22 The holy spirit allows us to produce fruits and through our producing God is glorified. (I Pet 1:23 -- being begotten of incorruptible seed) If God's seed of the holy spirit is nourished by the Word of God it will produce the fruits of the spirit. Gal 5:22 -- love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, faith, temperance, goodness.
- Jn 15:7 "Herein is my Father glorified, that you bare much fruit." to walk in the spirit means to walk according to the word of God.

How do you get the Holy Spirit and how do you keep it?

Two Spiritual Fathers:

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| (1) God the Father (Eph 3:14,15) | (2) satan the devil (Jn 8:44) |
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| Spirit | spirit |
| | |
| eternal life | death |

- Eph 2:3 We ourselves were by nature the children of wrath -- children (spiritually) of satan the devil.

Rom 8:14 We have received the spirit of sonship from the Father.
Jas 1:18 Of "His" own will begot He us with His holy spirit.

How? Do the first 2 doctrines of Hebrews 6:1 in order to then be baptized and then received the holy spirit from God through the laying on of hands.

Chain of events leading to receiving the holy spirit:

The Father draws (Jn 6:44)
Christ reveals (Lk 10:21-22; Jn 16:8)
Word and Ministry (Rom 10:14-17)
Repentance and Baptism (Acts 2:38)
Spirit -- into one body (the Church) (I Cor 12:13)

Is the Holy Spirit "one" spirit?
Is there a spirit of God and a spirit of Christ?

I Cor 12:4 Different gifts but the same spirit.
I Cor 12:11 self-same spirit
I Cor 13:13 For by one spirit
Jn 4:24 God is spirit!
Eph 3:14,15 God is a family!

(God and Christ are of the same spirit!

Jn 15:26 Spirit of truth proceeds from the Father.

Jn 17:21 How could the Father and Christ be one when Christ was in the flesh? Through the holy Spirit!!

Rom 8:9 You are in the spirit -- if the spirit of God be in you (spirit of Christ). Christ would not have spirit life if it weren't for the Father (vs 11). It is the same spirit!!

Eph 4:3,4 "one spirit"
I Cor 12:13 There is one baptism (into the body of Christ). Baptisms of water, spirit and fire.

How do you maintain and increase the holy spirit?

1. Eat and drink of the Word of God -- Jn 6:63.

Matt 4:4 Man shall live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God! David hid God's

word in his heart (Ps 119:11).

2. Asking, prayer and obedience -- Lk 11:13; Acts 5:32
3. Maintaining fellowship -- Heb 10:25.

Rom 12:5 "members one of another"

4. Fasting Helps you stay in an attitude of depending on the word of God. Humility and obedience to God.

The Church is the body of Christ -- and the body of Christ is not divided. How will Christ marry His own body? (Question of dissenters). We are all of the same spirit. Just as in the same way as husband and wife become one flesh. Notice Eph 5:28: He that loves his wife loves himself. We are members of His (Christ's) body. The principle emphasis is on the Church here -- not husband and wife.

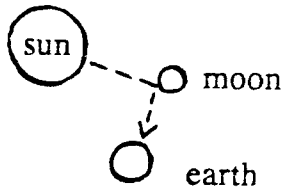
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Lecture 11

- Review of Test Take home test distributed (turn in Tuesday)
- Holy Spirit Not a person
- Eph 1:22 The Church is Christ's body. "Head over all things to the Church."
(About 88,000 baptized members at the present time).

Scriptures used to indicate the Holy Spirit is a person.
- Jn 14:26 Parakletos (masculine in the Greek).
It demands a masculine pronoun to refer to it. We call ship "she",
for example. But that does not mean that it (the ship) is a person.
- Jn 14:17 TALPNEUMA -- Should be "it"
- I Jn 2:1 Jesus Christ can be a Paraklete for us now. He was a Paraklete
when He was here on earth. When He left (ascended), He sent
another comforter -- another.
- I Jn 5:7 Erasmus made a translation of the Hebrew text into Greek in the
1500's. Critics persuaded him to include the spurious portion. Form
"in heaven" through "on earth" (inclusive) should be omitted.
- Matt 1:18 Did the spirit itself impregnate Mary's ovum? NO! Jesus Christ is
called the first begotten of the Father -- not the Holy Spirit
(through the Holy Spirit). Also see Eph. 3:14-15: "I bow my knees
before God 'the Father' and our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Eph 3:14-15
- Notice now Paul's salutations: (Also the Apostle Peter)
- Rom 1:7 "From God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ"
- I Cor 1:1 "Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and our Lord
Jesus Christ."
- I Pet 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Why isn't the Holy Spirit addressed?
- Rom 8:14 We are begotten and led of God's spirit. But notice in verse 15,
"we cry Abba 'Father'!" Not "Holy Spirit".
- Jn 7:37 The HOly Spirit is likened unto water, which flows out like a flow
of electricity.
- Jn 15:26 Proceeds from the Father. Like living waters -- a personage does
not flow out as water.
- II Cor 3:17 The Lord is that spirit. V. 18 "even as by the spirit of the Lord."

We can use the sun/moon analogy:



We are the light of the world and we are to reflect God's spirit in us to the world -- God's glory.

Matt 5:14 We are the light of the world.

Matt 5:16 People confuse character and personality. Our example should enable others to glorify God the Father!!

We should all strive to grow in personality and to serve other people. But if it is for personal gain, that is another story.

How does one Quench the Holy Spirit?

I Thess 5:19 We are commanded to quench not the Holy Spirit.

Vitamin C Analogy:

Vitamin C is not stored in the body. It must be replenished each day. Vitamin C is essential for the development and retention of other essential vitamins without vitamin C, one becomes very susceptible to illness and or injury.

II Cor 4:16 The inward man must be renewed day by day.

1. Eat and Drink the Word of God
2. Pray
3. Obey
4. Fellowship
5. Fasting

The way that the conscience is seared with a hot iron is by failing to do what you ought to do. By not obeying God. By putting something (or someone) before God.

Lk 4:26 Will we be willing to give up all? Some are tested one way, some another. What is your god? Fornication, drunkenness, drugs, music. God asks us to rend our garments AND our hearts!! Christ is asking us to give our lives! The social, mental emotional, psychological, ego -- ALL!! Count the costs!!!

Rom 8:36 As it is written, we are killed all the day long. We are counted as sheep for the slaughter!! Does any human being have this attitude by nature? According to the word of God . . . NO! You've got to do these things (tools of spiritual growth) in order to be in the right frame of mind when the occasion to sin arises. We deserve nothing past death.

READ

When you continue to habitually do what you know you should not do, eventually your conscience will be seared. It won't matter

anymore. God's spirit will leave you.

60's

Music called "psychedelic rock". Psych = mind; delic = bending. Mind-bending or mind-twisting music. Strobe-lights, etc., etc.

I Tim 4:3

Forbidding to marry; commanding to abstain from meats.

II Tim 1:7

God's mind is a "sound mind". Not a mind caught up with trivial pursuits. For example, \$600,000 is being spent on the massive effort to save three whales. What a joke! What about relieving the suffering of humanity?! Even the "Russians" sent an ice-cutting ship. . . whatever.

Rock Music

God's music and rock music have nothing in common. KBAC will be campus-wide. Set the Example!! Let's grow past rock music. God wants perfection.

Many times students react with "who made you a ruler over the people" (pathetic).

Rom 2:21

God's name is blasphemed by us disobeying God's law. We say and teach one thing and do another.

Jn 6:63

The word of God and the spirit of God are equated! When you disobey God and His word, you blaspheme the Holy Spirit!!

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DOCTRINES (11/3/88)

Mr. Thompson

SATAN' METHODOLOGY (CONT)

PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR:

Satan is the prince of the power of the air.

Eph 2:1--as Prince of the power of the air, Satan is able to inject his mind into others. At what age is this allowed, can it happen? This is not known. but Mr. Armstrong SPECULATED that it began at approximately six months of age.

Satan BROADCASTS in moods and attitudes and injects his nature and mind into man. He changes moods to cause (1) irritability, (2) melancholy, self-pity and (3) violence. Satan adds fuel to the fire and where there is no fire, he builds one.

He can do this to me if I'm not careful. SELF-CHECK: In the past I have been corrected--did I resent it? do I still? If so, Satan adds to it.

Rom 8:7, Jer 17:9--these are characteristic of the nature injected in to us by Satan.

We automatically tune into Satan's wavelength by virtue of our human nature. If I choose not to tune into Satan, then I must make a concerted effort to tune into God's.

Do I ever get in the frame of mind "I'm going to stay in this frame of mind and I don't care--I'm not going to change"? If so, I am setting myself up for Satan to come in.

Matt 5--the progressive nature of sin

There may be an initial breaking of a law. If I ask for forgiveness and repent, it breaks the chain of sin. If not, the following steps will follow:

1--become angry--If I allow this to remain, Satan will inject resentment into my mind. (:21-22)

2--raca--that person is not worth anything

3--fool "moros"condemnation--"I resent you and wish that you would die in the lake of fire."

If I get ticked off, I should analyze whether Satan just kicked the door down. He knows us like a computer, which buttons to push, when to push them, and how hard to push.

Root of bitterness--this can range from angry upset to total resentment--I will be thinking the laws of Satan. Satan will not leave us alone.

SATAN WORKS THROUGH HUMAN REACTION:

Eph 2:3--vanity, jealousy, lust, greed, self-centeredness--these are certain human reactions that all of us have.

Vanity, Pride--this attitude can develop attitude toward someone that I choose not to change. BE CAREFUL! This is conducting myself in the lust of the flesh. Example of meal preparation (spent all day working on it and then the company makes a very harsh comment)--don't be resentful.

METHODS OF SATAN (CONT): CONCENTRATED THOUGHT ON SENSITIVITY OF HUMAN SPIRIT

The higher the office that I may have, the more I am subject to correction. Also I am more subject to vanity, jealousy, lust, greed, etc... Positions mean nothing unless I stay converted in it. We are made by God to be subject to vanity. Satan knows and uses this.

Jealousy--Gen 3:1--The seed that made Cain jealous.

(4:5)What caused God not to accept Cain?

(4:7)SIN--Cain was breaking God's laws before he brought the wrong type of offering (I Jn 3:12.

If I see jealousy in myself, I must ask myself "What law am I breaking?"

Eph 4:26--vanity, jealousy, lust, greed, self-centeredness

If I see a strong reaction of jealousy, ask what law...?

Self-centeredness--any person who deliberately practices breaking God's laws are practicing self-centeredness.

I must train my mind to have an outward concern towards others. Extent of the problem is great--most children get uptight, fight, fume, live as they wish and get mad if they don't get their own way.

SATAN IS THE GOD OF THIS WORLD:

II Cor 4:4--the god of this world identified

How is Satan the god of this world?

Matt 12:22-30--Satan has a kingdom, with power(s) at his disposal. The blind and dumb--this doesn't mean that blind and dumb are possessed by demons, but it does give the idea that demons can cause blindness or dumbness.

Demons have a kingdom. Even Satan cannot control his own kingdom. He has taught rebellion, and the rebellious spirit rebels against Satan.

DON'T PLAY WITH POWER! This means demonic or God-given power

II Cor 11:11-3--you do not have to be spirit to be used by Satan. This is about Paul confronting false prophets. Most ministers of this world represent the kingdom of Satan.

The kingdom of evil can recognize the kingdom of righteousness.

IF I DON'T USE GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT THEN ANOTHER SPIRIT WILL INFLUENCE ME.

I DO NOT HAVE TO FEAR EVIL SPIRITS. With God's spirit or by being in the church, I have power over them.

A demon will recognize one with an office. They will not look you in the eye. Don't fear demons--but don't delve.

SATAN CAN INFLUENCE THROUGH THE WEAKNESSES OF THE HUMAN FLESH:

example: whenever a particular man got drunk, he had demon problems.

Drug use can cause demon influence or possession, i.e., woman who lost sleep for three days.

IT IS THE MINISTER'S JOB TO BE WARY OF THE FLOCK! If he sees someone that looks tired, worn down, exhausted he should ask them how everything is going, and possibly intervene before a situation becomes out of control.

II Co 2:6-7--state of rejection/depression, subject of demons instead of God's spirit.

There is a point where a human must say I have sorrowed enough and put a lid on it. People in the church can help this process by comforting one another.

II Co 2:10--I must learn to forgive when asked for forgiveness--don't give a cold shoulder to anyone. In the case of someone returning to Church, reaccept a person back into the body of Christ. If the person is not accepted but given instead a cold shoulder, Satan may be able to get through to that person--and to me if I don't accept him back into the flock.

Satan uses this as a ploy--when someone is corrected by government, ousted then readmitted into the body of Christ, they may have the attitude "you don't like me." THIS IS IRRELEVANT! Forgiveness is not complete until you accept them back. Make them feel welcome.

Example--woman studied for seven days then cut off her hand after reading "if your hand offend you..." Later, the demon identified himself in another man who said "I am the demon who caused the woman to cut off her hand."

SOME DEMONS OBVIOUSLY LIKE TO GATHER THEMSELVES TOGETHER TO MAKE THEIR POWER FELT:

Mk 5:1-13--legion--we are many

Lk 11:24-6--

If there is anything that a demon wants to do, it is to humiliate one of those created in God's image.

If a person is possessed, a minister must give fair warning that more can enter and that the end is worse than the beginning.

THE DECEPTION OF DEMONS IS THAT THEY MIX TRUTH WITH LIES.

APPEALING TO HUMAN VANITY, AS THROUGH INTELLECTUAL VANITY OR A NEW PHILOSOPHY:

The New Age Movement--a slick pantheistic philosophy.

Karma--fate or destiny

This particular movement believes there is no such thing as murder. Either (1) the deceased wanted to die, or (2) it was a case of bad karma being worked out. They also believe that God is a neutral force which can be manipulated for good or bad, that there is no transcendent all-powerful God to whom we are accountable.

Channeling--a person who acts as a channel for a demon to work through.

Harmonic convergence--everyone's spirit comes into harmony with everyone else.

DOCTRINES (11/8/88)

Dr. Ward

SATAN'S METHODOLOGY (CONT)

TEMPTATION:

Satan is the prince of the power of the air.

Jas 1:13--every man tempted when he is drawn away of his own lusts.

3 principal tempters:

Satan
Society
Self

3 areas of human nature that Satan appeals to:

I Jn 2:15-7--lust of the flesh, eyes, and the pride of life.
SELF is susceptible to these areas.

Sin is not as mystical and magical as it appears.

DID THE DEVIL MAKE ME DO IT?

The law of vanity is ever operant apart from God.

Conscious (5 senses) level--makes decisions--if decisions are not made
above this line, then man is just a robot.

Subconscious (storehouse of memories)

conscious stream of awareness

some believe that ideas can come into the mind
subliminally (below level of consciousness)

Tempters:

Satan
Society
advertising
self-help, new age tapes (circumvent character building)

Placebo effect: if you think it will work, it will work--@ 70% rate
of effectiveness.

Prov 23:7--as a man thinketh...

Jas 1:14--drawn away of his own lust and enticed.

Did the devil make me do it? (cont)

If a person had no protection from subliminal messages, all he would be is a robot. I could not be held accountable for something that I have no control over.

Jas 1:15--conceived--I can rationalize--I must make the decision at the CONSCIOUS LEVEL.

II Co 10:5--

If something is in the subconscious level, in order for it to be used, it must be raised into the conscious level for us to make a decision.

Prov 4:23

Is 66:2

___:___--To this man will I look--he who fears God and trembles at my word.

THE DEVIL DID NOT MAKE ME DO IT! I DID IT!

Phil 4:8--guard your mind and make it as clean as I can.

Ps 119:9-11--

Cleanse my way by:

1--remove stimulus

2--change environment

KEY 3--store thee word of God in heart

Heb 10:22--done with blood of Christ when God purges sin

Eph 5:26--how Christ cleanses Church. If you want to get cleaned up, use the word of God.

Ps 119:11--word of God becomes vital to the storehouse of knowledge

Dreams--

Heb 1:1--there was a time when God worked through supernaturally inspired dreams.

Dreams are stored in the storehouse of memories. When the memories that have been stored come back to the conscious level, they become entangled--that is why dreams are often so strange.

GIVE NO CREDENCE TO DREAMS! It is one way to open yourself up to Satan's influence.

Heb 1:2--the living written word

I CAN LEAD MYSELF INTO THE STATE OF REJECTION AND DEMONIC INFLUENCE!

Is 8:20--

II Co 10:5--

OVERCOMING SATAN

Eph 6:11--the whole armor of God

OVERCOMING SATAN (CONT)

I can lose control to make sound decisions through controlled substances, vain imaginations, delving into the supernatural, physical disease...

It is not a sin to have a dream in which I am sinning. It did not come in at the conscious level.

Eph 2:2-3--spirit of wickedness--this does not mean possession, it means walking according to Satan's attitudes. The natural course of man is to go the way of Satan.

DOCTRINES
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OVERCOMING SATAN

Satan is to be respected in that he has much power. It is made amply clear that we can overcome him. He should be rendered of none effect in our lives now. That's how we live in atonement all the days of our lives.

Eph 6:12--wicked spirits in heavenly places.

Satan has a structured government. Sometimes there are rebellions within that government. Also, God intervenes to stay the hand of Satan.

Daniel 10:1-2, 10--One of Satan's princes. Satan has princes over Gentile nations. (:20) Persian the Greco-Macedonian.

Michael--one who delivers God's people, fights for the good of God's people (Dan 12:1).

Gabriel--God's personal messenger. (Dan 9:21; Lk 1:19).

Jude 9--Michael is the principal figure. Rev 12:7.

Eph 6:13--all to stand, STAND!

(1)--protection, find him and cast him out (Jn 17:17).

(2)--obey God's commandments (I Jn 5:3; Ps 119:172)

(3)--good news--be ready, willing and committed to taking the Gospel to this world

(4)--shield of faith--able to quench all fiery darts. If I know and I know that I know, Satan will not be able to gain a stronghold. When Satan shoots his fiery darts they will be cast out.

PIVOTAL POINT--Satan is trying to implant seeds of DESTRUCTION

Four enemies of faith	(1) anxious care	(Matt 6)
	(2) fear	(Matt 8)
	(3) doubt	(Matt 14)
	(4) human reasoning	(Matt 16)

Satan also shoots his fiery darts in the form of the **LUST OF THE FLESH, LUST OF THE EYES AND THE PRIDE OF LIFE**, (I Jn 2:15-7).

II Co 10:5--strongholds; James 1:15; Lust-Sin-Death Connection

(5)--Eph 5:17, I Th 5:8--HOPE is applied in practical terms by keeping the BIG PICTURE in my mind, looking to the resurrection and focused on my purpose on earth.

This is one of the main keys to spiritual survival.

Rom 8:14-17, 18, 19-22, 24--Dr. Ward would like to be delivered from the flesh. He realizes at this point in our lives, we are not looking forward to this as he is. I must keep my mind focused on the KINGDOM OF GOD and don't let other things crowd this focus out of my mind.

(6)--Heb 4:12--word of God will reveal what I am deeply inside

(7)--Put on the whole armor of God, and I will be able to stand.

NOONE SHOULD LEAVE AMBASSADOR COLLEGE WITHOUT KNOWING THAT THEY CAN OVERCOME SATAN.

I Jn 4:4--God and Christ are greater than Satan.
Christ in me is greater than Satan.

I Jn 5:4--Faith overcomes the world. When the Holy Spirit convicts us and I move toward God, I can overcome Satan.

I Jn 5:8-12--witnesses of the Messiahship

Jn 16:33--We too can have that same power. **I CAN OVERCOME SATAN!**

CHRIST'S CONFRONTATIONS WITH SATAN

Mk 9:17--possession--demons can strike with blindness, deafness, retardation
:29--putting on the whole armor

Fasting adds a new dimension to resisting Satan.

Matt 12:43--demons in a state of torment and desire to manifest themselves. This is why ministers just don't go exorcising.

Jas 4:7--In order to resist Satan, I must put on the whole armor of God.

II Co 10:4-5; Lk 11:14; Mk 9:17

Only I can put on the whole armor of God for myself.

Luke 11:21-2--Showing that God has the strength and power to overcome all obstacles. Even if we are doing good works, if we are not with God we are against Him.

Jews were trying to scatter and would not attribute anything that Christ did to God's power.

Mark 9:38

Heb 2:14--I Jn 3:8, Jn 8:44--Satan is the author of death because he is the author of sin.

Mark 9:44--work from the aspect of getting people to put on the armor of God so the "spiritual house" is not swept and garnished.

It is not automatic to be able to cast out demons. Perhaps ministers of this world can cast out demons for DECEPTION.

Doctrines
November 10 1988
Lecture 15

- Eph 6:10 Armor of God
- Satan is not to be feared. Yet he is to be "respected" in the sense that he can have influence over you if you do not have (put) on the whole armor of God!
- Jude 9 Michael dared not bring a railing accusation against the devil. We wrestle not against flesh and blood.
- Dan 10:1 Daniel was mourning and fasting.
- vs. 20 The prince of the kingdom withstood Gabriel for 21 days.
- Dan 12:1 Michael -- is one who delivers God's people (Rev 12:7).
9:21 Gabriel -- is God's principle message bearer.
- Lk 1:19 I am Gabriel...brought message to Zachariah and Elizabeth about John the Baptist.
- Eph 6:13 7 Elements of the Armor of God
- punctuation: Stand! Stand.
1. Jn 17:17 Truth
 2. Ps 119:172 Righteousness (I Jn 5:3)
 3. Matt 24:4 Feet shod with taking the Gospel to the world.
 4. Heb 11:1 Shield of Faith
 5. I Thess 5:8 Helmet of salvation -- Hope
 6. Heb 4:12 Sword of the spirit -- the Word of God!!
 7. I Jn 4:4 Prayer and supplication -- fasting Mk 9:29
- 4 Enemies of Faith
1. Anxious Care
 2. Fear
 3. Doubt
 4. Human Reason
- II Cor 10:5 Satan's fiery darts are called strongholds. If you know that God is the deliverer, you will believe God and not satan.
- Rom 8:14-24 We are saved by hope. Our hope is in the resurrection.
- I Jn 4:4 Creator is He who is in you rather than he who is in the world. If you have God in you, you have more power than satan.
- I Jn 16:33 "I have overcome the world." In the world, you will have tribulation.

- Mk 9:17 Demon spirits can strike people with daftness or mental difficulties.
- Matt 12:43 Demons continually look for ways to manifest themselves through humans.
45 If the house is empty, swept, and garnished -- no Holy Spirit -- no Word of God -- no defense, the demon spirit will come back with help!!
- Lk 11:14 Luke's account. The ministry cannot put on the armor for you. your husband or wife cannot put on the armor for you.
- I Jn 3:8 Satan is the author of sin. He has the power of sin. Because, mankind, when it goes satan's way, is destroyed.
- Heb 2:14-15 Christ made it possible to counterwork this power of death!!

Doctrines
November 15, 1988
Lecture 16

Lecture	Covenant
Definition	Hebrew <i>Berith</i> "An agreement between two people to do or not to do some act." Greek <i>Diathike</i> "Means 'covenant' (<u>NOT</u> 'testament')" Latin <i>Testamentum</i> "One bequeaths to another certain things unconditionally"
<u>Berith</u>	Translated "confederacy, league, arrangement". Its root meaning is "to cut." Appears 279 times in the bible -- 80 of which are in the Pentateuch.
Gen. 15:9	Cutting the animal sacrifices in half. (Abraham or Abram).
Gen. 15:17-18	"Pasted between those pieces" -- of the sacrifice. Then God entered into what has been called the "Palestinian Covenant" -- the promise of the land to the seed of Abraham. This has never completely been fulfilled in the flesh.
Jer 34:18	"when they cut the calf in twain..."
<u>Diathike</u>	Rendered as "covenant, will or testament." Septuagint -- Greek translation of Hebrew text. The translators used <i>diathike</i> instead of <i>berith</i> . However, <i>diathike</i> NEVER means "will" or "testament." It <u>does</u> mean "covenant" however!
II Cor 3:14	"...the Old Covenant which veil is done away in Christ." (<i>Diathike</i>)
Heb 8:9	"make a new covenant" (<i>Diathike</i>)
Rev 11:19	"...the ark of His covenant" (<i>Diathike</i>) Should always be translated covenant instead of testament.
<u>Testamentum</u>	Church fathers translated the Septuagint into Latin and rendered <i>berith</i> as <i>testamentum</i> . There was no word for covenant in the Latin that had the same meaning. The Old and New Testaments should be referred to as the Old and New Covenants.
Heb 7:22	Should read, "A better 'covenant'" -- agreement between two. <u>Not</u> an unconditional gift (testament).
Heb 9:16	"Mediator of the New Covenant..." Notice: "for where a covenant is..." <u>Not</u> "testament"! They switch gears.

Ex 24:4-6 Animals were killed. Half of the blood in basins and half sprinkled on the alter. The blood from the basins was sprinkled on the people. "Behold the blood of the covenant" -- Quoted in Hebrews 9:20.

Old Covenant

New Covenant

Dedicated with blood of bulls and goats	Dedicated through blood of Christ
Pattern of the heavenly (ceremonially clean)	Purge our consciences
In an earthly tabernacle	Holiest of all -- accepted in heaven

Defined Unilateral covenant: One party agrees to carry out terms.
Bilateral covenant: both parties agree to carry out terms.

Unilateral Covenant Abraham's Palestinian Covenant. God performed it. (Gen 22).

Bilateral Covenant Marriage Covenant (Notice: Mal 2:14 -- the wife of your *berith*-
- covenant).

Heb 6:10-13 The surety of covenants!! God's covenants are always carried out!!
God swore to Himself and made an oath to Abraham. God's promises are sure and immutable because He cannot lie!!

Heb 6:16 God is often invoked as a "witness"

Gen 31:50 Covenant was made and God was a witness

Gen 31:53 Sometimes an oath was sworn!

Gen 21:30 A gift was used to indicate that someone had entered into an agreement.

Gen 31:43-45 Also signs or memorials were used. "This heap is a witness..."

Heb 9 This is not talking about ending the Old Covenant!

Context It is talking about entering into the terms of the new!! People use this chapter to say that Christ's death released us from the bonds of the Old Testament or Covenant. The context is a comparison and contrast between how one entered into the Old Covenant and how one now enters into the terms of the new. Usually the emphasis is put on the fact that Christ had to die in order enter the marriage covenant with the "Israel of God" -- The New Testament church. This, however is not the context! Again, the context is not referring to how we end the Old Covenant, but how we enter the New.

Comparison

Old Covenant

New Covenant

Jn 4:20-23
Heb 7
Heb 9
Heb 10

Tabernacle
Priesthood of Levites
Animal sacrifices
Administration of death

Earthly promises
Earthly calling

The church
Priesthood of Melchizedek
Blood of Christ
Administration of the spirit (more
final)
Heavenly promises
Heavenly calling

When the Jews (Acts 21) contrived to do the law according the Old Covenant, notice that is was not wrong! It just was no longer necessary. The new Covenant is really built upon the Old -- there is just no need for ritualistic adherence because now we are to worship God in spirit and in truth (Jn 4:24).

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Hebrews 9:15-17
Diatheke -- Old or first, new or second. An agreement between two parties.

Heb. 9:16 For where a testament is, there needs to be the death of a testator. Notice "a testament" -- not the old or new covenants.

Matt. 26:28 Christ institutes the new symbols for the Passover. This is the "new covenant" -- when we accept the blood and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Exodus 19 Israel out of Egypt.

Third month -- month of Pentecost. Jewish tradition has it that Israel agreed to the terms of the covenant on the Day of Pentecost. Likewise, on the Day of Pentecost 31 A.D. the Holy Spirit was given, which enables us to keep the terms of the New Covenant.

Ex 12:47 How could proselytes come in? Circumcision. Had to come under the same law. The covenant was based upon a codified law. The law did exist before Mt. Sinai (Gen. 26:5).

God gave His codified law to Israel. He gave the law to ensure His relationship to them and their relationship with one another.

3 Major Divisions of the Law

Rom. 7:14 The law is spiritual. The New Covenant is built on the law.

1. Ex. 20-21 (Commandments)
2. Ex. 21 - 24:11 (Judgments)
3. Ex. 24:12 - 31:18 (Ordinances)

The ordinances are the basic are the basic elements that are done away with in the New Covenant -- not the law itself.

<u>Old Covenant</u>	Sanctuary Tabernacle Temple	➤ Church	Priesthood Levitical Aaron -- by inheritance
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Ordinances The worship of God -- washings, oblations, sacrifices, offerings.

Promises Physical blessings

Calling Earthly calling

Deut 28:1 Promises -- First half of chapter.

Ps 119 Old Covenant is called the Law covenant because it was based on the law. Notice David's example:

7 Terms Law, testimonies, precepts, statutes, commandments, judgments, your word.

Handout Aid to Bible Understanding (Read it!)

James 4:12 God is the principle law-giver.

Are church and state united under the New Covenant? The Church does not set civil laws of the land today. However, I Cor. 6 shows that we must submit ourselves to the government of God within the Church.

Features of the Law Covenant:

God was the supreme administrator of government.
 Civil Law
 Military Law
 Judicial System
 Criminal Law
 Marriage
 Parent-Child Relationship
 Laws of Inheritance
 Property
 etc...

Ex. 24:4 Old covenant was both a national and a marriage covenant.

Acts 7:37 Stephen recounted the history of Israel. Mediated through angels and through Christ -- Old Covenant.

Gal 3:19 Mediated to Moses.

Heb. 2:2 Mediated by angels to Moses.

Purposes of the Old Covenant: (Law Covenant)

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|-------------|----|---|
| Rom 7;7 | 1. | To make transgressions manifest |
| Gal 3:19-20 | 2. | To lead Israel and all of mankind to Christ. The law does not give life -- it sustains life and was ordained for life. |
| Heb 10 | 3. | To serve for a shadow of the good things to come in Christ. |
| | 4. | To protect Israel from false pagan religion and preserve the true worship of God. |
| Gen. 49:10 | 5. | To protect the line of the seed of promise. Marriage alliances with the aliens forbidden (Ex 34:12-16, Deut 7:1-4, Neh 13:23-27). God promised "from Judah, Shiloh will come (Jesus Christ)." |
| | 6. | Served to organize the nation of Israel so there could be a systematic approach to God and true religion could be maintained. |

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Heb 9:15-7--"diatheke" can refer to testament or covenant

:15--mediator of covenant

:16--testament

Where "a" is used, there is an analogy or a play on words

:16 is analogous to Christ giving up His life to buy us back.

:17--covenant

:18--covenant

Anytime the words "first", "old", "new", or "second" are used the word is "covenant."

:25--better sacrifice--sacrifice of Jesus Christ

Matt 26:28--Christ institutes new symbols for Passover -- NEW COVENANT. It is through Christ's blood, when we accept the words of God and His sacrifice, that we are ratified to God. Symbolically, Christ's blood sprinkled on (Ex 24:18).

FIRST COVENANT

Ex 19:1--According to tradition, Israel entered into the Old Covenant on the day of Pentecost. @ 1470 years later, the Holy Spirit was given on the day of Pentecost.

This was a national covenant with a provision for proselytes to be included.

Ex 12:47--How proselytes could come in--by keeping laws and becoming circumcised. Both Israelite and proselyte were under the same law. Old covenant was a national covenant based on a set of codified laws.

Old Covenant codified--In the Garden of Eden God made covenants verbally, i.e., Adamic Covenant, Rainbow Covenant, Abrahamic Covenant. God gave Israel His codified law to govern relationships between He and them and between themselves.

In the Old Covenant there were about 600 laws. They could be separated into @ 3 categories:

- (1) THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (Ex 20:1-26). Rom 7:14--commandments are spiritual and are not done away with but still exist.
- (2) JUDEGMENT (statutes) Ex 21-24:11.
- (3) ORDINANCES (had to do with how to approach God and how to worship). Ex 24:12-31:18 (Moses in the mountain). Most of the remainder of the books of Leviticus and Exodus are ORDINANCES. ORDINANCES are done away with in the New Covenant.

Old Covenant

Sanctuary (tabernacle, temple)
Priesthood (Levitical, all priests)
by inheritance
Ordinances (washings, oblations,
ceremonial, cleanliness,
sacrifices)

New Covenant

Church
Priesthood of
Melchisedek

Juke, THE LAW OF THE OFFERINGS.

Promises (physical blessings) Dt 28;1-14, 15.
Calling (earthly)

Psalm 119 THOROUGHLY STUDY

Psalm 119--Law is referred to seven different ways:

- (1) law
- (2) testimonies
- (3) precepts
- (4) statutes
- (5) commandments
- (6) judgements
- (7) word

"truth" is also used.
MARK ALL THESE IN RED.

Psalm 119 is vital to writing the law of God in our hearts.

IS THE CHURCH AND STATE UNITED UNDER THE NEW COVENANT?

Of course, Church is not to administrate civil law, but the
Church is to administer civil government within the
Church. (I Co 6).

I Pet 2:9-10--we submit to government of God within His
Church, but we must still obey civil government.

When we don't obey Church government, we ULTIMATELY are
disobeying God.

Ex 24:4-8--at this point in time God entered into national
covenant, or a marriage covenant with Israel.

Acts 7:37--Moses was the mediator of the Old Covenant.

Heb 2:2; Gal 3:19;

PURPOSES FOR LAW COVENANT

- (1) To make transgressions manifest, highlight, point out, and show us what sin really is. (Rom 7:7-13 sin not known without the law; law doesn't kill -- sin kills).
- (2) To lead Israel and all mankind to Christ. (Gal 3:19-25 law was ordained to sustain life, not to give life. Rom 7:10 if you don't keep the law then it leads to death). Gal 3: schoolmaster--disciplinarian (brings us to Christ).
- (3) To serve for a shadow of good things to come in Christ
Heb 10:1
ark
sacred fire shadows of things
pot of manna to come
rod that budded

living sacrifice
eat and drink of the word of God
authority from God

By discerning these things physically, we can understand their spiritual counterpart.

- (4) To protect Israel from false, pagan religion and to reveal the true worship of God.
- (5) To protect the line of the Seed of Promise
Gen 49:10--until the Peacemaker (Christ) comes
(see handout) If God would have allowed Israel to intermarry, it would disallow the blessings of Gen 49.

Ezr 9:1-2
- (6) It served to organize natural seed nation of Israel--so their could be asystematic way of worshipping God, orderly and unchaotic.

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Subject	<u>New Covenant</u>
	Covenant -- In the New covenant, is an agreement between <u>two</u> parties.
Heb 8:10	First party -- God. He initiates the Covenant (Jn 6:44). Second party -- House of Israel.
I Pet 1:20	The plan however was "foreordained" (<i>Progonosko</i>) known beforehand -- before the foundation of the world.
Rom 5:8	While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us!!
<u>Administrations</u> -- Ways that God has dealt with man.	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Innocency2. Human Conscience3. Human Government4. Promise5. Law6. Grace (the Church)7. Fullness of Times
Gal 3:16	There is an intervening link between the promise and the Church administration of grace -- the Old Covenant.
Galatians	Paul is showing that the ritualistic law is not a requirement in order to be a christian.
Heb 3:1	The New Covenant calling is a "heavenly calling".
Acts 15:14	To take out of <u>them</u> (the Gentiles) a people for God.
Acts 15:16	This tabernacle is spiritual -- the Church of God.
Acts 2:39	"All that are afar off" -- "As many as God will call." Includes all peoples.
Rom 9:4	They are not all Israel who are of Israel. Just because you are of the seed of Abraham on longer qualifies you as a member of the congregation of God!
Rom 9:7	"In Isaac shall your seed be called" -- child of faith and promise. God will be the one who eventually give the land of Palestine to the true inheritors.
Gal 6:16	"Israel of God" -- a new creation (not just physical circumcision).
Hos 1:6	<i>Loruhamah</i> -- Without mercy (Israel in the flesh)

Hos 1:9 *Loammi* -- not my people (Israel in the flesh)

I Pet 2:9-10 Today, those who have entered into the terms of the New Covenant, are both with mercy and are God's people. This is referring to the Church of God. However, the identical thing was offered to ancient Israel under the terms of the Old Covenant. (Ex 9:6)

 The way into the "Israel of God" is not through birth or through circumcision -- but through faith. And following those doctrines listed in Heb 6.

Process for Entering Into the Terms of the New Covenant:

Heb 6 Foundational Doctrines:

1. Repentance (I Pet 1:20; Jn 6:44; Rom 5:8).
2. Faith in God
3. Baptism
4. Laying on of Hands -- Holy Spirit
5. Resurrection -- we are to live a resurrected life now.
6. Judgement
7. Perfection

Heb 7:11 If perfection could have been attained under the terms of the Old Covenant why have a New Covenant?

Heb 9:9 Could not make you perfect

Heb 10:1 Can never make you perfect. Having our conscience purged through the blood of Christ, we are able to go on to perfection.

Matt 26:26 "For this is my blood of the New Covenant for the remission of sins." This reconciles us to God (Rom 5:10). Until this time we are counted enemies to God!!

Baptism Symbolizes your covenant agreement. You agree to the 3 S's:

1. Surrender to God
2. Submit to God
3. Serve God

 "Counting the costs" -- are you willing to forsake all?

Rom 6:3-5 We are baptized into Christ's death.
We are buried with Him.
We come up out of the watery grave to live a resurrected life.

II Cor 1:21,22 It is God who seals us and gives us the earnest of the spirit (deposit). We are to walk after the spirit of God. Spirit and Word leads to obedience and new life or new creation! We must mortify the deeds of the flesh in order to live!!

- Rom 6:11 We are dead to sin. We are alive to God in Christ.
- Rom 7:15-25 The new mind must rule over the old mind. Paul describes the war between these two minds. Paul is not excusing sin, but He is trying to give us hope so we can cope. No ones "old man" has died. You must deal with it every day. Paul said, "In me, that is in my flesh, there dwells no good thing!" There is no quick fix for the flesh.
- Rom 7:25 Flesh keeps on warring, sin is everpresent. But it can be ruled over!! With the mind of Christ. Flesh does not die until it's dead!
- Rom 8:1 "There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ." No one need apologize for the "fight" that is taking place within them!
- II Cor 3:3 God will write His character (law) on the fleshly tables of your heart as you couple the spirit and Word of God and submit and surrender to God!!
- Heb 10:16 God will write His law in your heart and mind!!
- II Cor 3:4-6 Administration of death -- Old Covenant
Administration of life -- New Covenant
- "We" are to keep both the letter AND the spirit of the law!! The administration of death under the terms of the Old Covenant has been abolished. This does not render the commandments of God of non-effect however!!

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Heb 8:10--parties of the New Cov.--God initiates the covenant (Jn 6:44). Before God drew us, the plan was in motion (I Pet 1:19-20) foreordained--proginosko--to know beforehand (Rom 5:6)--in due time, at the appointed time.

Administrations:

- Innocency
- Human conscience
- Human Government
- Promise
- Law
- Grace
- Fullness of Times

God knew that Adam would sin, but He didn't stack the deck.

Gal 3:14--Throughout Galatians, Paul is showing that you do not need to be subject to ritualistic laws to enter the New Covenant.

v 16--premise

v 17--Old covenant is the link between promises and grace

v 29--summary statement

Heb 3:1--

Acts 15:14--God is calling out a people for His namesake

Acts 15:16-17--The Church is the tabernacle of David.

Rom 9:4-10--Israel has changed...being a descendant of Abraham doesn't make you a part of New Covenant Israel.

Rom 9:7--Isaac was born of faith

Gal 6:15-6--Israel of God

Hosea 1:6-9--LoRuhamah and LoAmmi--God put Israel away

I Pet 2:9-10--

Many OT prophecies have begun to be fulfilled in the Church

I Pet 2:10--In times past, we were not a people. Feast sites--people of different backgrounds come together as one people.

The way into the New Covenant is not by ancestry or by circumcision, but by faith

and obedience.

TERMS OF ENTERING THE NEW COVENANT

God paves the way for us by:

- (1) I Pet 1:20--foreordaining the process
- (2) John 6:44--calling us
- (3) Rom 5:8--Christ's sacrifice

Steps needed to be completed:

- (1) Repentance
- (2) Faith in God
- (3) Baptism
- (4) Holy Spirit by Laying on of hands
- (5) Resurrection
- (6) Judgement

These lead to perfection!

It was not possible to go on to perfection under the Old Covenant

Heb 7:11, 19; 9:9; 10:1;

Heb 9:14--conscience purged

Matt 26:28--When we accept Christ's blood for our sins in faith,
we are reconciled.

Rom 5:9-10--Baptism symbolizes your covenant agreement. You are agreeing to:

- (1) surrender to God
- (2) submit and
- (3) serve.

Rom 6:3; II Co 1:21-2--The Holy Spirit seals and shields us. We are to "walk after the spirit"--obeying the conviction of the Holy Spirit. The old man" will keep trying to resurrect himself. I must block this with truth.

I still have the old mind, but my new mind must rule over it

Rom 7:15--25:18--Without this section, Dr. Ward would count LIFE as hopeless.

v 18--the battle never ends.

Place of safety is no quick fix.

v 20--not excusing sin, but describing the war.

v 25--flesh keeps on warring, but the mind does not give in. The flesh cannot be perfected, but it can be ruled over!

ch 8:1--flesh does not die until death.

8:13--the way to live.

II Co 3:1-2--God will write His character into your heart as you surrender to him.

Heb 10:16; II Co 3:4-6;

The Old Covenant was an administration of Death. When a person sinned, the

person died. Under the New Covenant, the death of the old man is spiritual.

II Co 3:6--I must keep the letter and the spirit. Letter is the terms of the Old covenant under the administration of death; the spirit is the terms of the New Covenant under the administration of Life.

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- Subject Human Potential and Salvation
- Why were you born? To take on the very character of God -- the God nature -- to become a member of God's very family.
- Jn 1:1 God is a family: In the beginning there were two beings (God and the Word).
- Gen 1:1 In a beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth. Elohim is a plural noun used in a uni-plural form.
- Gen 1:26-27 Let us make man in our image. So God created man in His image.
- Jn 10:30 There are two in the family of God. "I and My Father are one." (No holy spirit).
- Eph 5:25 The Church is the bride of Jesus Christ. Christ loves the Church as a husband loves a wife.
- :32 Christ and the Church have a special relationship.
- II Cor 11:2 The Church is to be presented to Christ as a chaste virgin.
- Job 14:14,15 God will have the desired workmanship of His hands.
- Eph 2:10 We are God's workmanship!
- I Cor 15:47 "First man is of the earth -- earthy"
- "As we have born the image of the earthy, we shall also bare the image of the heavenly. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.
- What is a human being to become?
- Jn 3:3 Except a man be born again, he cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. We are "born again" at the resurrection, not at baptism. If others ask "are you born again?", ask them "what do you mean by 'born again?'" If they ask you if you are saved, ask them, "Saved from what?" Nicodemus simply did not understand what Christ meant. Christ did not ridicule him -- He taught him.
- Jn 4:24 God is spirit. He ultimately wants us to be spirit as well.
- Rom 1:4 Declared to be a son by the resurrection of the dead.
- II Cor 6:18 You will become sons and daughters of God. Matthew 22:30 does not necessarily mean no sexes in the Kingdom.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the spirit of God are the sons of God. *Teknion* -- children.

I Cor 15:51-52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. The dead shall be raised at the resurrection. Changed to immortal spirit.

Rom 8:29 "Firstborn among many brethren."

Col 1:18 Christ is the head of the Church -- Firstborn from the dead.

I Jn 3:1 We shall be called the sons (*teknion*) children of God. We shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is.

Phil 3:21 We will be glorified as He is glorified. "Fashioned as His glorious body."

Rom 8:17 We shall be glorified together (joint heirs).

Heb 1:2 Christ is heir of "all things".

Heb 2:8 All things put under Him (not yet however).

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THE CHURCH'S TEACHINGS ON HUMAN POTENTIAL AND SALVATION

God is a family, not a closed 3-in-1 family.

John 1:1--In the beginning there were two beings; the Word (Logos) and God (became the Father).

Gen 1:1--In a beginning, God (Elohim--plural, but can be used as singular).

Gen 1:26-7--Let us (more than one)

Though there will be many Gods, we will be One Family.

God Created Man

Why did God create man in His image? Did He run out of ideas, or did He do it in hopes that man would be like Him, not only in looks but in character?

John 10:30--I and my Father are one--Jesus Christ would not have slighted the Holy Spirit when the context is the unity of the Family.

The reason that we call God "Father" is to acknowledge the closeness of the family.

Eph 5:25--He Church is the bride of Christ (32) Christ and the Church have a family relationship (don't carry the analogy to far).

II Co 11:2--The Church is to be chaste virgin.

What is God Working Out Below?

Job 14:14-5--What God began at creation was physical. Man was created subject to vanity.

Eph 2:10--We are God's workmanship. God wants us, eventually, to worship Him.

I Co 15:47-50--Flesh and blood can not inherit the KOG. We must try to become like the Second Adam.

Summary: God is a family. It can be shown by Christ's relationship with us. We are God's workmanship.

What must we become? What will I be like as a spirit being?

John 3:1-8--many religions use "born again" to mean "baptized." We use it as having to do with our final state. (Don't query with terminology).

Rom 6: --Even when I sin, if I repent, the death penalty is wiped away. The death penalty does not hang over me.

John 3:4--Humans can be changed to spirit.

John 4:24--God is a spirit. He ultimately wants me to become spirit.

I Co 15:50--If we see that we are God's workmanship, we can see that we must be changed.

Rom 1:4--Ties in with resurrection--being placed in the family of God. We will neither marry nor be given in marriage. Mr . Antion does not beleive that we will be sexless. God is a male. Man was made in His image. Woman was made from man.

II Co 6:18--sons and daughters

Rom 1:4--A son of God--At resurrection physical becomes spiritual.

Rom 8:14--adoption (very special term--see handout)

I Jn 3; Rom 8:15, 17, 21;

I Co 15:51--You must be changed--not all will die and be put into the grave. Physical will become spiritual. I have a little bit of eternal life in me. God dwells in me, but I am not saved.

Rom 8:29; Col 1:8; We will become like Christ.

I Jn 3:1--children of God

Do I know what I will be doing? Christ and the 12 apostles and

David have their positions locked up. No others are locked up.

Phil 3:21--we will be glorified as Christ is glorified.

The Mormons teach that we were Gods and will go back to God.

Some of Our Characteristics When we Become God:

sinless
understanding and wisdom
fruits of spiritual perfection
no fears because we are self-sustaining
perfect forgetfulness
perfect memory
travel at speed of thought
talents and skills perfectly developed and used
total learnability
power of creation
perform miracles to convince of truth
power to kill and make alive
almighty
never tired
love
appear and disappear
give without hurting

We will have the powers of God. As a God-being, I will be helping others.

Rom 8:17--joint heirs
Heb 1: --heir of all things
2:8--all in subjection, not yet

IT IS GOD'S PLAN FOR US TO INHERIT THE WORLD!

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Eternal Salvation

We are saved from: death, sins, world, end-time events, enemies (OT especially), disease and sickness.

There are many different words (Gk & Heb) translated as "save"
Matt 24:13, Rom 5:8

I Cor 5:5 Eternal salvation --- in the Day of the Lord
Jesus. Saved from calamities and enemies.

Jer 30:7 Here it is not eternal salvation -- rather
saved from the troubles of the world.

Ezek 34:22 Saving from world -- trouble -- sins.

Matt 1:21
James 5:14,15 Sickness (when anointed -- not to eternal
life, but from sickness).

5:20 ..save others from their sins.

Matt 8:25
I Pet 3:20-21 ...from death.

..saved from sins but not from possibility of
sinning. Once we are spirit we will have
eternal salvation and be saved from
possibility of sinning.

Eph 2:8 Same rendering as "shall be saved", too.

(Be able to explain aspects of salvation).

Eph 2:2 Satan has a course for everyone.

II Cor 4:4 Satan actively tries to keep people from the
truth -- God's word. (This is why we pray
about transmission at teh Feast). We are to
prove all things -- to thing! Not to be
mindless. Be loyal because you have proven
God's word!

Matt 4:8-9 Jesus quibbled with worshipping satan, not
with satan having authority over world.

Rev 12:9
Matt 3:8-9 Old is not always good. Sometimes it is bad
or wrong. We have a whole church that is
split off because they believe old is best).
You grow (or should) with time and if you

hold or to only the past knowledge you are in trouble!

God is not calling everybody now. If God were in a contest now He is losing. (Five billion or more people in the world and at best only 1 billion Christians, including the Catholics).

Jn. 6:44 God is not in a contest with satan.

Matt 13:12-14
Matt 7:13 The two choices one way many will go -- one way few will go.

Isa 49:8
I Cor 6:2 A day of salvation. For us it is the only day of salvation.

Rom 13:11 Now our salvation is nearer.

An order to People being saved:

I Cor 15:22

Who is being called now:

James 1:18 Firstfruits are always small in numbers regardless of where it comes from.

Heb 12:23 Church of the firstborn. How many firstborn does one family have? One.

Mark 16:16 He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Isa 25:7 Not the literal Mt. in Jerusalem. A veil is to prevent people from seeing. God put it there and will remove it.

Jn 5:28-29 How can someone be judged on what is in the books if they never read or practiced it. Can't judge how someone plays hockey if never taught and allowed to practice.

I Tim 2:4 A parent wants to give his child the best chance to be successful. God does this more than any parent. God's wish is that every individual has the opportunity at salvation.

II Pet 3:9 God does not want to lose any. There will be some but they will be few (lost).

Isa 11:10
19:21 All will have a chance.

How is this possible?

Only through God. You can't do it by yourself. There are certain conditions to receive but nothing earns it -- it is a gift, but with a condition.

Matt 19:16-22 Man had elevated possessions above God.

:23-26 Eye of the needle -- camel could go through but had to unload its burden and it would inch its way through on its knees.

:26 With men it is impossible but with God it is possible.

Acts 4 No other name but Christ. We must not just believe, but follow Christ -- His example and teaching.

example You go to get a job. You don't know the person. But you say, "Gary Antion sent me." You get the job. Same with Christ's name.

Heb 4:15(14-16) Mercy is more than forgiveness.

Rom 11:26 All Israel will be saved.

Phil 2:12 Work out your own salvation. God will help us but we have a responsibility.

Rev 19:1

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Sonship
Adoption Huiiothesia (GK) means to give birth.

Rom 8:23 Adoption is not limited to the future.

8:15 Shows we are currently adopted. Adopted now because we have been chosen but still have physical parents.

 *all debts are transferred to the person adopting.
 *had to leave the past behind you

Gal 4:5 Adoption is final. You take on your new father's name and are subject to your new father in everything. After baptism we are like adoptees from birth.

 Adoption in the Roman word was different from today. A very high calling. When we are in the Kingdom we will also be sons.

Heaven & Hell Satan inspired the idea that the good people go to heaven and the bad to hell.

Heaven Shamayim (Heb) is the main word used for heaven in OT.

 Ouranos (Gr) is the main word used in the NT.

 Lucifer was first in heaven, then assigned to earth with 1/3 of the angels.

Is 14:12 Now he is fallen from heaven--not just an assignment.

 :13-14 Satan desires to be in heaven.

Ps 75:6-7 Location of God's throne.

Isa 14:15 sheol

Three heavens:

1. first/lowest Gen. 1:20 Birds fly there/clouds/open firmament.

 Matt 13:32 Translated "air"

2. Middle Gen 1:15-17 Stars

 Ps 8:3

3. Highest I Cor 12:2 God's throne.

 Ps 11:4

Thief on the cross used "heaven" (different Greek word meaning "paradise").

Our hope
Matt 5:5

The hope of a true Christian is to be here on earth. It is the Kingdom of Heaven, not Kingdom in Heaven.

Ps 37:7
:11

Those that wait upon the Lord shall inherit the earth.
same

Dan 2:35
:44-45

Kingdoms of earth will be destroyed.
breaking up the kingdoms of this earth

Rev 5:10
(see Moffatt)

us = them
we = they
our = their

22:12

He brings the everyone's rewards with Him.
He isn't going back!

Jn 14:2

Places of abode -- mansions

Rev 20:6
Dan 7

Reign with Christ...
...on earth.

Hell

Sheol

(Heb) OT: "grave" 31 times
"hell" 31 } abode
"pit" 3 } of the
dead

Ps 55:15
Deut 32:22

the grave...not a curse
pit
Not strictly the domain of Satan. God can see into hell.

Prov 15:11
Isa 14:15

Place for the wicked to go.

Hades

(Gk) NT: "grave" where one goes at death
"hell"
Used 11 times in NT (10:hell; 1:grave)

Matt 16:18
11:23
Luke 10:15
16:23
I Cor 15:55
Rev 1:18
6:8
20:15

Gehenna Valley of Hinnon -- place of fiery punishment
Used 12 times (each time translated as "hell").

Matt 18:9
Luke 12:5
Matt 10:28
Matt 23:13
James 3:6

Tartaroo II Pet 2:4 (fallen angels) used only once.
The deepest abyss.

Jude 6 Condition of restraint
Speaks of similar restraining but not "tartaroo"

Where is tartaroo? Around the earth. All angels are restrained in what they can do and where they can go.

Rev 20:10-14 Could be a type of tartaroo but takes place at the 3rd resurrection, not now.

II Peter 3:10-13 Earth will be purified by the fire.
Everything will be burned.

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Hell:

Hebrew (OT) Sheol -- the grave.
Greek (NT) Tartaroo -- place of restraint.
Gehenna -- synonymous with lake of fire.
Hades -- the pit or grave.

Rev 19:20 Lake of fire
"The beast and false prophet are burned up"
should read "were".

Rev 20:14 Death and hell cast into the lake of fire --
ultimate fate of those not in the kingdom of
God.

Rev 21:8 The second death.

Mal 4:1 The day that comes shall burn burn them up!

Mal 4:3 The wicked will be ashes.

Rom 6:23 The wages (payment) of sin is death. The gift
of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Ps 6:5 There is no remembrance after death.

Ecc 9:10 Nor work, device, knowledge, or wisdom in the
grave where you go!

Mark 9:43 Better to enter into life maimed than to enter
into hell fire -- never quenched and worm dieth
not. (Isa 66:24 also).

Jer 17:27 Fire shall not be quenched! Is Jerusalem still
burning today? Of course not! Fire burns
until all combustible material is burned up!!

Jude 7 Eternal fire -- Sodom and Gomorrah is not still
burning. "Age lasting" fire.

Jn 5:28,29 The third resurrection -- "they that have done
evil to the resurrection of judgement or
condemnation."

Dan 12:2,3 First and third resurrection. "Some to
everlasting life and some to shame and
everlasting contempt." (Lazarus and the rich

man).
Heb 9;27 It is appointed to all men once to die. After that is the judgement.

Millennium

Chilioi (Hebrew) Means thousands.

Chiliasm The belief in the Millennium.

Millennialists Believes in Millennium. (Millennarianism)

Amillennialists Does not believe.

Pre-Millennialists Believe Christ is coming back prior to the Millennium (We are among this group).

Rev 20:2-6 The first thousand years of the rule of the Kingdom of God on earth. Bound satan 1000 years -- time of restraint. Till the 1000 years are fulfilled. The rest of the dead lived not again until the 1000 years were finished. "This is the first resurrection" applies to verse 4.

Rev 11:15-18 Seventh trumpet sounds -- Christ reigns for ever and ever!!

I Peter 3:8 6,000 years for man's rule.
1,000 years for Christ and saints.
A day is as a thousand years.

Heb 4:10 The seventh day (1000 years) is a type of "rest" for the world.

Dan 7:18 The saints will possess the kingdom forever and ever. The time came when the saints possessed the Kingdom.

Ezek 37:24 David will be a ruler at this time -- king over Israel. They shall all have one shepherd. David shall be prince forever.

Ezek 36:26 A new heart and spirit I will put in you. (Micah 2, Isa 4). God will cause us to walk in His statutes.

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Matt 25:41 By implication, the incorrigible are
Luke 16:23 resurrected then thrown into the lake of fire
Matt 10:28 (those who die prior to the Millennium and
Rev 20:14, 15 have rejected God.)
Isa 66:24

On the other hand, those who die (incorrigible) during the Millennium, will be thrown into the lake of fire which will be burning during the Millennium. (Mal 4:1-2; Isa 66:24). There is no need for them to be "resurrected" then thrown in. this is our best understanding at this point in time.

Rev 19:20 Beast and false prophet thrown into lake of fire.

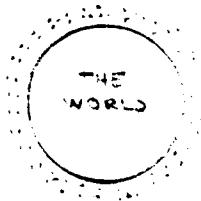
Rev 20:10 Devil cast into the lake of fire where the beast and false prophet were.

We cannot prove it entirely, but we have "speculated" that when an individual dies, having remained faithful, during the Millennium, they will be resurrected immediately into spirit life.

Rev 14:10 Refers to the burning pit which will exist at the beginning of the Millennium.

Rev 21 New heaven and new earth -- refers to a new governmental structure.

God will change
the garments of
of the earth.



satan's government
Eph 6:12
Eph 2:1-2

This area is under discussion at the present time. There has not been a definite decision made as of yet.

Does "new heavens and new earth" necessarily mean God will create new stars and new planets, suns, and earth? Why?! (Read Isa 66:20-22) Flesh.

Rev 6:13 Stars of heaven fell to the earth (symbolic). this could not literally happen. The 3rd trumpet: How could a 3rd of the stars then be smitten afterward in the 4th trumpet?

Rev 21:9 The new Jerusalem is defined as the Church of God (bride) in its resurrected form. this is not to say that there is not a literal city as well. Gal 4:26. Jerusalem is the Church.

Again, this entire area is presently under study!

Isa 50:2 Zion and Jerusalem (new) refers to the Church. We will put on New "holy" garments.

Heb 12:22 but you are come unto Mt. Zion...the lamb's wife (the bride) lives in new Jerusalem. Traditionally, we have taught that this takes place after the 100 year period -- again, this is under study!

Kingdom of God "Millennium"

Two Phases:

- (1) Spiritual -- spirit beings (Rev 21:27)
- (2) Physical -- physical beings (Isa 2:1-4)

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Law and Grace

- Ex 20-24 Law -- Torah in OT -- codified law -- 10 commandments.
- CHOQ Statutes and ordinances. Facets that enlarge the law. Judgments -- application and administration of law.
- 1 Jn 4:16 Everything God, the lawgiver, does is love.
- Sam 4:12 Law is for our good. He has our best interests at heart. God's law is an expression of God's character.
- I Cor 13 ...gives some of the main aspects of God's character. Love and God are synonymous. We should develop the characteristics of vs's 4-8.
- vs. 8 "Love never ceases" is a better translation. "Fail" should be rendered "cease."
- I Jn 5:3 God is law and keeping the law is love.
- Rom 13:10
1 Jn 3:4 Law defines what evil is.
- Rom 7:7-12 Sin kills -- not the law. Law is ordained for life -- to sustain life. Law is holy, just and good.
- v 13
I Jn 5:3 Law is not responsible for death. Sin is. What is good? Law.
- vs 14 Law is spiritual.
- Ps 19:7 Law is perfect ("law" here is the Hebrew word for doctrine or teaching).
- v 8 Right, sure (Ps 119:105) spiritual light.
v 9 True, righteous.
v 11 Great reward in obedience.
v 14 God's law should be in me and before me ~~always~~.
- Ps 119 Love affair with the law.

:100 precepts "mitzvah" = commandments/law
:137-144,151 Law is truth.
:160

Gal 3:21 Law ordained for life, but it does not give life. It sustains life.
The law brings us to Christ.

Gal 3:22-25 Freed from the penalty and ritualistic aspects.

Heb 10:1 Law of sacrifices. What law was done away with?

Facets of Temple Worship Under the Terms of the Old Covenant

These facets have been superseded by the facets of the New Covenant.

Gal 3 Deals with the sacrificial system law.

v 21, 24 Can refer to both 10 Comm.law/sacrificial law. But Paul is dealing with justification in this book.

Gal 5:1 Don't go back to old way.

5:2-4 Central thesis of Galatians; can't be justified by the law alone.

v 6 Love is keeping His commandments. (Rom 3:10).

Mosaic Law What made one ceremonially clean/unclean. --All things one had to do to enter the congregation (approach God).

Acts 13:29 Law of Moses -- ritualistic law.

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Hebrews 9

Summary of things that have been done away with. Many assume "Judaism" was the religion of the Old Testament. Judaism was not and is not the religion of the Old Testament. There were a number of Jewish sects (philosophies).

Any "physical" work connected with justification was done away with. Justification is an act of faith based on service to God.

It was not a sin, however, to go through physical rights as Paul did in Acts.

Christ came on the scene during a transitional time between the covenants. The NT Church began in 31 A.D. and the temple was not destroyed yet. Many of the apostles spent time in the environs of the temple.

God used Paul to write the book of Hebrews and informed the others that temple worship was no longer necessary. The temple was later destroyed in 69-70 A.D.

- :1 Worldly sanctuary - physical building.
- :4 Cup of manna and Aaron's rod -- lost somewhere between the time of the Judges and Solomon's temple. Solomon only mentions the two tables of stone.
- :9 The physical tabernacle was patterned after the heavenly.
- :10 "Fleshly ordinances" -- made people ceremonially clean so they could approach God.
- :14 How much more shall the blood of Christ "purge your conscience" -- clean up the inside -- the heart and mind -- not just ceremonially clean.
- 10:18 There is no more "offering" for sin. Christ is the offering!!
- 4:16 We can enter into the holiest of holies at anytime. Not just access to God indirectly - - once a year through the high priest on the Day of Atonement.

What did Christ say about Judaism?

Mt 15:1 Pharisees taught doctrines of men -- not God.
(Held to traditions).

Mt 23:1-4 Don't do after their works!

23:23 Christ said you ought to have done the
weightier matters" of the law. Christ did
not do away with the law (Mt 5:17 and Is
42:21).

Mk 7:7 Taught traditions of men rather than God's
law.

Jn 19:7 Many traditions were added to the law.

Common Scriptures that supposedly do away with the law:

Rom 5:12 We are not automatically sinners because of
Adam. but as we sin (Rom 3:23), we
automatically incur the death penalty as
well!

Death entered into the world through sin.
Man was cut off from the spirit of God.
Afterward, the pervasive spirit of the world
is satan's (he was in the garden -- he is
still here).

:13 Before the law was codified and given to
Israel sin was still in the world. But when
people are ignorant of the law -- sin is not
imputed. They simply die in ignorance and
are later resurrected.

:15 Dead --- cut off from God!

:17 Through Adam all were dead. Through Christ
all will live.

:18 Protestants use this to say Jesus kept the
law for us. Therefore, we don't have to keep
it. This is saying that Jesus Christ lived
sinlessly (righteously) Himself, qualified
Him to justify us through faith. This is why
He is the savior. We are to follow suite (1
Jn 2:6).

7:12 The commandments are holy, righteous and
good.

Ps 119:172 Commandments are righteous. The breaking of
the commandments is bad -- sin. Not the law
itself!! Christ qualified to be the
justifier not the keeper of the law for us!

Rom 5:19 So by the obedience of one shall many be made

righteous. (Used to say "Christ did it for us"). We are justified by blood. Not saying we don't have to do anything ourselves.

Phil 2:8

Christ was faithful unto death. Christ learned obedience through the things He suffered. This is the obedience Paul is speaking of in Romans. Through Christ, grace abounds more than sin (Adam) but it still requires repentance!! (Rom 5:21).

Rom 10:4

Used to do away with the law! Christ is the "end" {Telos (Gk)}. Christ is the "outcome" of the law -- the end result! The law cannot make one righteous. Righteousness is by faith through Jesus Christ and the keeping of the law.

Gal

Does a man have to be circumcised to be justified? Main question of "Galatians" is "how is a man justified?" Answer: Gal. 2:16 -- Man is justified through faith in Christ for the remission of sin.

3:

Detailed explanation of the true inheritors of the promises made to Abraham are those who had faith in the blood of Christ.

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Test

Closed bible
Archangels -- who, what their role is
Proper names of testaments
Ratification of covenants
Hebrew meaning of God's name
Omit #21-23

Law and Grace, continued

Gnosticism study of knowledge

 from Gnosis = knowledge
 Epignosis = superior knowledge

 It's a theological and philosophical system
 (leans more toward the philosophical).
 Contains elements of Zoroastrianism, Greek
 philosophy, Judaism, Christianity. How can
 man merge back into the spirit.

Their Teachings

Dualism spirit is good/physical is evil
 soul is trapped in the body

Docetism literally "seemism"

I Jn 1:1-4 refutes Docetism/against Gnosticism
I Tim 1:3-4,6
2 Pet 1:16-19;1:2 superior knowledge
Col 2:18, 8-9
John 1:4, 14; 8:12

Two basic forms of Gnosticism

1. Antinomianism Grace is abounding, you don't have to keep
 | the law.
 | against the law

2 Pet combats this

Paul was accused of this by the Jews.
Possibly it was a doctrine of the
Nicolaitans.

This is position of modern Christianity.
Satan is the author of Gnosticism.

2. Asceticism Denial of the flesh. Taste not, touch not,
 handle not.

God Light

Gnostics believed: _____

elaborate _____
genealogies, initiation _____
rites, secret passwords _____
to get soul back to spirit _____

_____ No light/physical world

How could God create something evil? A Demiurge (Prince of Darkness) created physical. A soul was trapped in physical body, must get it back to spirit.

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Paul combats Gnosticism in the book of Colossians.

Gnosticism: Combination of Eastern Mysticism, Greek culture, Judaism

Two Ways Gnosticism Manifests Itself:

1. Anti-nomionism "Against Law"
2. Asceticism "Christians needed additional knowledge to be complete"

Main Question Addressed in Colossians:

How is one "complete" in the spiritual, religious sense?

Col 1:9 Epi-Gnosis -- Superior of God

Col 2:3 "In God and Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

Col 2:9 You are complete in Him (Christ)

Col 2:19 Principle teaching of Paul is to hold fast to the head -- Jesus Christ.

Problems (Difficult Scriptures) Two Assumptions (Neither were the Case)

- Col 2:8
1. Phrygians may have been teaching Greek philosophy.
 2. Paul was saying that you did not have to keep the law. (Validity or invalidity of the Old Testament).

Paul was objecting to the philosophy and vain deceit.

Notice:

Col 2:18 Worship of angels (pagans did not believe in the concept of angels--Jewish/Christian concept). This eliminates the 1st above stated assumption.

Summary of Gnostic Tenets:

1. Denied that the fullness of the Godhead dwelt bodily in Christ. (Col 1:9).
2. Denied that the Christian was complete in Christ (Col 1:10).
3. Tried to supplement the completeness of Christ with other defunct principles (circumcision -- Col 2:11).
4. Abstaining from eating and drinking certain things (2:16).

5. Also inordinant observance of Holy Days, new moons and sabbaths (Col 2:16).
6. Voluntary worship of angels (Col 2:18).
7. Neglecting of the body (Col 2:19-23).

They were saying you needed spiritual supplements. Christ's doctrine was not enough. There are still some in the Church who set up their own standard of "righteousness" as the Gnostics did!!

- Col 2:13 Paul is speaking of the Colossian Gentiles
How did Christ make us "alive" -- through circumcision?
- 2:14 No! By blotting out the "handwriting of ordinances". The note of guilt (GK - "cheirographon tois dogmasan") This has nothing to do with nailing any law (ceremonial or spiritual) to the cross!! It is referring to the "note of guilt" that was against us!!
- 2:15 Christ has openly triumphed over death by the resurrection.
- 2:16 Eating "brosos" -- refers to the act -- not food itself.
Drinking "posis" -- refers to the act -- not drink itself.
- Paul kept the Holy Days and the Sabbath -- this is not the question! The Holy Days and Sabbaths point to the greater realities to come. Christ is the real substance. Heb 10:1-...
- The law, having a shadow of things to come, and not the very image in christ is the fullness of the Godhead contained bodily. (Col 2:9).
- Jesus Christ is the real thing -- not just a shadow of things.
- Col 2:18 "ethelothreskeia" Self chosen service with a measure of self-abasement. Refers to the worship of angels.
- Col 2:20 Why then do you subject yourselves to regulations -- the commandments and doctrines of men -- vs 22. This is not referring to any teachings of the Old Testament.
- They were trying, through the flesh (vs 23) to create a reputation for superior sanctity.
- Chapter 3 Sets the record straight of what we should be doing.
- Why are we so caught up in the things of this world? The weightier matters of the law (Matt 23:3) point to things above!!
- Instead of putting on the things of the Gnostics, put on these things (Col 3:12-14).

Col 3:12-14

Tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, bearing one another, forgiving one another, love -- the bond of perfection.

Paul was combatting the Gnostic beliefs, not the validity of the Old Testament. The confusion arises because the Gnostic beliefs included Jewish tenets.

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Review:

LAW

Generally speaking, the confusion over whether or not the law is binding stems from Paul's writings regarding justification. you cannot be justified by law-keeping. Justification only comes through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. However, obedience to the law is required for salvation.

Subject: GRACE

Charis Divine or Godly influence or favor. Elected or called: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, nation of Israel, Church (Dispensation of Grace).

Rom 9:11 "The purpose of God according to election might stand. Not of works, but of Him who calls."

Acts 2:39 "As many as the Lord our God shall call."

Acts 15:14-17 This has begun with the Church of God -- the Church is the tabernacle.

Rom 11:5 Most of Israel is not being elected at the present time. "According to the election of grace." No one was doing any good works when they were called. We were not called because of works.

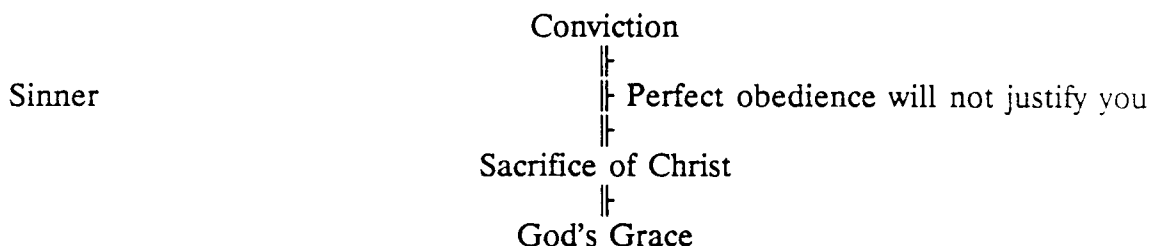
Rom 10:14 In the election process, you begin to hear the word of God. "How shall they hear without a preacher?"

Calling Process: Election -- Grace
Hear the word preached
Conviction -- Word of God/Spirit of God
Repentance -- "I am a sinner...need sins covered...need help"
Free unmerited pardon of sin -- sacrifice of Jesus Christ

Acts 4:33 "Great grace was upon them all" -- God's favor was upon them.

Rom 1:5 "Through Him (Christ) we have received grace and apostleship for..." what? For obedience.

Rom 3:24 Justified freely by grace through the buying back power that is in Jesus Christ -- there is no other way.



Rom 3:26 Christ is the "Justifier"

Rom 5:2 We have access to this grace -- divine favor -- because we have faith in the sacrifice of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins.

Rom 5:10 We are no longer counted as "enemies" of God.

Rom 5:21 Through Adam, death reigned::Through Christ, grace reigns

Rom 6:1 Immediately, Paul qualifies himself: "Shall we then continue in sin that grace may abound..God forbid".

--You cannot be a recipient of God's grace without faith.
--You cannot live a life of faith without obedience.

Eph 2:8-10 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."

"And that not of your selves" refers to "grace", not "faith". Faith - Feminine/that not of yourselves - masculine.

Faith does involve us, and our won active participation.

Heb 4:16 Let us come boldly to the throne of grace.

Jude 4 Final warning of the bible regarding the misuse of the doctrine of grace. "Turning the grace of God into lasciviousness."

Heb 11:6 Faith and grace are inextricably linked.

Subject: Origin, Development and Outcome of Faith

Origin of Faith:

Jn 16:7 "If I depart, I will send it unto you" -- Holy Spirit or Comforter.
I Cor 2:9-11.

vs 8 Holy Spirit convicts you of sin (through the word of God).

Rom 10:14 How shall they hear without a preacher? Matt 4:4

Rom 10:17 Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Jn 6:63).

We must: Confess our sins Initial Acts of Faith (exercise faith)
Surrender and Submit

James 2:14-20 Faith without works is dead! Works = obedience!

James 2:22 By works faith is made perfect!

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- Matt 23:23 Faith is a weightier matter of the law. God initiates faith -- word and spirit. You respond -- surrender and submit.
- I Cor 12:9 Faith is a gift of the Spirit.
Gal 5:22 Faith is a fruit of the Spirit.
If faith is a weightier matter of the law, it must therefore spring from the law. It has its origin in the law. The law is the convicting agent along with the Holy Spirit.
- Progression: Hearing
Law and Holy Spirit Convicts
Judgement -- I am a sinner
Mercy -- Forgiveness, sins covered
Faith -- walk in faith; go and sin no more
- James 1:25 The law is a spiritual mirror revealing sin.
- Jn 8:3 Example of progression

Under the Old Covenant -- Administration of Death -- Christ extended mercy and told her to exercise faith -- "go and sin no more."
- Rom 1:17 "From faith to faith" -- what does it mean?

Through faith you are justified and you continue to live by faith. This is not speaking about human faith to Godly faith!
- Eph 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

**We began class with a written test.

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- James 2:13 Context in verse 1 is "You do not have the faith of Jesus Christ is you have respect of persons." It is human nature, not God's nature, to be a respecter of persons (to be obsessed with power).
- TOPIC **THE ORIGIN, DEVELOPMENT AND OUTCOME OF FAITH.**
(A way of life).
- Lev 19:17 Exercising judgement, mercy and faith with your neighbor. Loving your neighbor as yourself.
- Lev 19:15 You shall do no unrighteousness in judgement. Some have thought we are not to judge at all, misinterpreting Matt 7:1. One of the great over-riding principles of the bible is "you are your brother's keeper." Cain was not! If you are not your brother's keeper, how can you love your neighbor as yourself? Christ has called us to be living sacrifices -- humbling ourselves.
- Lev 19:17 When you do not rebuke your neighbor for going astray you are:
1. hating him
 2. sharing his guilt/sin
- Matt 5:21-23 Our prayers (Heb 13:15-16) are sacrifices -- the communication of our lips (Ps 61:8). Your prayers will be hindered as long as you are not reconciled to your brother.
- Matt 6:14 Judgement -- what's wrong? -- talk it out -- hopefully reconciliation will result.
- Matt 18:15 Both parties should be willing to extend mercy. If not, how should we expect God to extend mercy toward us?
- Rom 2:24 Remember that you represent the Church and the College of God. It is possible (very possible) to trespass against the Church of God in this way--Casting a shadow on the reputation established.
- James 5:19 This is Leviticus 19:17 in action.
- Gal 6:1 Restore such a one in the spirit of gentleness.
- :2 Bear one another's burdens! The only righteousness we have is to the degree that we yield ourselves to God!
- Heb 12:10 God chastises us for our profit.

- I Pet 4:8 Charity covers the multitude of sins. How? By going to your brother and helping him to judge himself so that God can extend mercy and he will eventually walk in faith.
- I Jn 2:4-7 Love your neighbor as I have loved you. (Christ)
- I Jn 3:11-15 Nothing new as far as a commandment. New in the sense of its application and expansion -- more binding. Whosoever hates his brother is a murderer (Lev 19:17).
- Prov 14:10 Some people will not forgive you after you go to them. And this is a very difficult situation. If it continues, you should go to them once more and say that you are going to counsel about it to get help.

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Lecture #31

- Subject **FAITH AS A GIFT OF THE SPIRIT**
- I Cor 1:4-7 One of the big difficulties in Corinth was spiritual gifts -- speaking in tongues in particular.
- I Cor 12:7 Spiritual gifts are given to profit those in the Church -- not to set oneself up as a teacher.
- It is no small matter when God calls someone to an office. That individual is given a certain measure of God's spirit and God's support -- he is not left helpless to perform it.
- I Cor 12:9 "...to another faith, by the same spirit."
- :30 The answer is obviously no!
- :31 Desire the best gifts. yet I show you a more excellent way (far surpassing -- out of measure). I Cor 13: way of love.
- From Cain to the present, man has desired to rule over man. Even the apostles. "Who is the greatest among us?" (Outward manifestations of power are greatly desired). ie Evangelical-charismatic movement. You know...How do I know you are "in the faith?" Faith is not for you to show how great you are! Faith is to profit all! As is any gift of God!! Problem arises when lay members try to say God "speaks through me" (ie. Miriam and Aaron -- Num 12).
- I Cor 12:28 God places individuals in the bible where it pleases Him. Promotion comes neither from the east nor the west. Promotion comes from God. Ultimately all promotion comes from God.
- I Cor 13:1-3 You see...all these are outward manifestations!! Which is more important? Desiring spiritual gifts or becoming God?
- I Cor 14:3 The best "spiritual gift", prophesying, builds everyone up! That's why it's the best gift!!
- I Cor 14:20-21 (Notice Deut 28:49) Be mature in understanding -- or else God will speak to you with a foreign tongue.
- Isa 28:9-11 "Stammering lips and another tongue." I you don't learn the doctrine, then a strange tongue shall speak to you.
- Make sure that you do hear God's servants.

I Cor 14:22

Prophecy is for those who believe! Tongues (an outward manifestation) is a "sign" only for unbelievers. Signs and miracles were performed in Christ's day -- why? Because all present (except for Christ Himself) were unbelievers! That's why. God was showing that He was now working through the priesthood of Jesus Christ is no longer that of the Levitical priesthood. People (great multitudes) followed Christ. But how many were with Him when all was said and done?

Miracles, signs and gifts don't convert people!

Review:

Origin of Faith

1. Conviction -- Holy Spirit and Word of God (puts a weight on our mind).
2. Repent -- surrender and submit.
3. Baptized -- outward sign
4. Laying on of hands -- receive Holy Spirit

Notice the ways whereby the Holy is placed, maintained and utilized within us:

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Luke 11:13-- Ask

John 6:36 -- Eat and drink of Word

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God's way is very reciprocal. "Draw nigh to Me, and I'll draw nigh to you."

Gal 5:16

Walk in the spirit and you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

As you walk in the spirit, you will bear the fruits of the spirit.

If you fear God and Obey His commandments, you are walking in the faith.

Jn 15:5

Analogy of the Vine

We must draw our sustenance from Christ -- the Vine. We must abide in the Vine -- Christ.

Doctrines
January 31, 1989
Lecture #31

- Subject** Faith as a Gift of the Holy Spirit
- I Cor 1:4-7 One of the Big Difficulties in Corinth was Spiritual Gifts--Speaking in Tongues in particular.
- I Cor 12:7 Spiritual Gifts are given to profit those in the Church--not set oneself up as a teacher.
- It is no small matter when God calls someone to an office. That individual is given a certain measure of God's spirit and God's support--He is not left helpless to perform it.
- I Cor 12:9 "...To another Faith, by the same spirit".
:30 The Answer is obviously no!
:31 Desire the best gifts, yet I show you a more excellent way (far surpassing--out of measure) I Cor 13--Way of Love.
- From Cain to the present, man has desired to rule over man. Even the apostles..."Who is the greatest among us?" (outward Manifestations of power are greatly desired) i.e. evangelical-charismatic movement. You know...How do I know you are "in the faith"? Faith is not for you to show how great you are! Faith is to profit all! As is any gift of God!! The problem arises when lay members try to say God speaks through me! (i.e. Miriam & Aaron--Num 12).
- I Cor 12:28 God places individuals in the Bible where it pleases him. Promotion comes neither from the East or the West--Promotion comes from God. Ultimately all promotion comes from God.
- I Cor 13:1-3 You See...All these are outward manifestations!! Which is more Important? Desiring spiritual gifts or becoming God?
- I Cor 14:3 The Best "spiritual gift" -- prophesying builds everyone up! That's why it is the best gift!!
- I Cor 14:20-21 (notice Deut 28:49) Be mature in understanding-- or else God will speak to you with a Foreign Tongue. (Captivity).
- Isa 28:9-11 "Stammering Lips and another tongue" If you don't learn the Doctrine, than a strange tongue will speak to you. Make sure you do hear God's servants.

I Cor 14:22 Propheying is for those who Believe! Tongues (an outward manifestation) is a "sign" only for unbelievers! That's Why. God was showing that he was now working through the priesthood of Jesus Christ and no longer that of the Levitical Priesthood. People (great multitudes) followed Christ, but how many were with him when all was said and done?

Miracles, signs, and gifts DON'T convert people! Conversion is a process that takes effort on the part of the individual.

Review

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One of the signs of true discipleship is bearing God's Fruit.

Subject

I Cor 13:2

The Outcome of Faith

Some people are prophecy fanatics to the neglect of their families.

I Cor 13:13 The first of these is Faith. Faith is a
springboard to all things.

Heb 11:6 W/out faith, it is impossible to please God! You
cannot prove that God exists from a purely logical
or even empirical point of view. A skeptic can
always ask another question.

Christ Christ asked, "Who do you say that I am?" Then he
said to Peter, "Flesh and Blood hath not revealed
this to you, but my Father who is in Heaven." --
Matt 16:17.

"There is an unseen element to Faith."--Dr. Ward.
However, the fool hath said in his heart "there is
no God!"

Can you think of a better way to live? Can you
think of a better way for man to live? Has man
thought of a better way? NO!

In the course of human events, what has man
wrought apart from God?--It's not pretty.
Therefore, we know that God has our best interest
at heart--no matter what transpires. I doubt any
of us will be highly decorated in this life for
being a Christian. But, we have HOPE in the
Resurrection.

I Tim 1:3-5 Walk in Faith--sincere Faith.
The result/outcome of the commandment is charity.

This will be the subject of our next lecture...

Doctrines
February 2, 1989
Lecture #32

Subject **OUTCOME OF FAITH**

Eph 6:17 I Thess 5:8 -- Helmet of salvation = hope

Defined Hope is having the big picture permeating our minds -- hope of the resurrection!

I Cor 15:19 If we only have hope in this world, we are of all men most miserable. Satan can really attack you once you're desire and affection is off the big picture.

Equation Faith + Hope = Love (God's Character - I Jn 4:8, 16).

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"Redemption of the body" (vs 23) refers to the resurrection. It is vital to maintain hope in order to cope with trials -- especially marital problems. You must realize that as long as we are in this life, things will not be "right." There will be frustrations and injustices.

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Faith and Hope Must be Exercised Continually:

Rom 5:4-5 The steps that one goes through to live by faith:

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James 1:2 Trying of faith works patience (vs 4). Let patience have her perfect work that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. You know, and know that you know that God has your best interest at heart. Lam 3:22-25.

2. Patience Passive state? No way! Patience does not mean doing nothing.

Patience is active!

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Financial
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Hungry -- We do whatever we can!

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3. Experience

"Dokime" means proof, testing. Lam 3:32-35 -- God has a purpose for the experiences we have -- vs 37 -- but who can do anything to us without God allowing it? No one. Believe it!!

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Hope makes us not ashamed! We are not to be ashamed of our trials. Because the very love of God is being created in us. We are becoming God. (2 Cor 5:17) We are becoming a new creation.

5. Love

The outcome is God's very make-up: nature, mind, character, being. We must learn obedience through the things we suffer as our example, Christ, did! (Heb 5:8).

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Doctrines
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lecture #33

Subject
Jms 5:13-14

Healing

"Afflicted" KAKAPATHEIA--to suffer evil.
"Pray" PROSEUCHOMIA--to pour out one's being.
"Sick" ASTENEO--infirm, weak, w/out strength.
"Call" PROSKALPOMAI--to summon, to invite,
connotes a legal invitation.
"Over" EPI--means over.

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"Prayer" EUCHE--votive obligation.
"Faith" PISTIS--principal Greek word used for
Faith.

"Save" SOZO--to make safe, to protect.
"Sick" KAMNO--the exhausted one.
"Raise" EGEIRO--awaken, resurrect, restore.
"Sins" HARMARTIA--to miss the mark.

:16

"Faults" PARATOMA--error, wilful transgression.
"Pray" EUCHOMAI--to wish, to pray.
"Healed" IAOMAI--to make whole. (the usual Greek
work used for healing of disease is "THERAPEIA"
from which we derive the English word therapy.
"Effectual" ENERGEIO--means with energy.
"Fervent" ZELOS--hot, with zeal.
"Prayer" DEESIS--request.

Note:

This passage DOES NOT say specifically that the
individual will be healed in the "Physical Sense"
as the Greek word "therapeia" indicates.
Therapeia is NOT mentioned in James 5:13-16.

Notice:

Matt 8:16--Christ Healed "THERAPEIA"
Also: Matt 12:15

The Ministry is God's representative. Who do you
seek? Generally speaking, you should be anointed
first. But use common sense. You don't attempt
to anoint someone while the paramedics are trying
to put them on a stretcher and into an ambulance.

"If we all had the faith, everyone would be
healed"--this is a common fallacy.

Being anointed and calling for the elders of the
church shows that we are in submission to God's
Government. We don't mind putting an arm back in
the joint, but when the problem is "internal",
there appears to be a contradiction of Faith
involved. WHY?

Sick

"ASTHENEIO"--has a very broad meaning.

Causes

What are the causes of sickness?

1. Sin--Matt 9:1-6 This is not always the case (i.e. Sin=Sickness) There is no one-to-one ratio. Notice, "that you may know the Son of Man hath power to forgive Sins." These people had not entered into a covenant of sacrifice with Christ (Not: Repented, Baptized, or received the holy spirit) "...Jesus, seeing their Faith". They were convicted that Christ had the power to heal-- they had seen His miracles. However, they were not in the "PROCESS" of Conversion at all. We are! I Cor 14:22 Notice: Signs and Miracles are many times for "unbelievers". Matt 9:27--Just because Christ does something one way at one time is not grounds to say he will do it the same way every time.

Remember the various dispensations:

1. Dispensation of Innocence
2. Dispensation of Conscience
3. Dispensation of Human Government
4. Dispensation of Promise
5. Dispensation of Law
6. Dispensation of Grace
7. Dispensation of the Fullness of Times

Again, these individuals were NOT converted. We are in the "process" of being perfected. Remember tribulation works patience, and patience works experience andLove of God. God is Love--I John 4:8,16.

NO SUCH THING AS PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL SIN!!!
I John 3:4--Sin is the transgression of the law. The law is spiritual--Romans 7:14.
Therefore, sin is sin is sin!!!

2. The sins of past generations are past on to the present generation--Exodus 20:5. Infants are born crippled every day. (A.I.D.E.S, Alcoholics, Sugar-Diabetes, Cancer, etc...)
3. Not properly Judging yourself and not properly discerning the Body of Christ (Church)--I Cor 11 and Jms 5:16. If you do not exercise Judgement, Mercy, and Faith, you are not discerning the Body, and you will not be healed.

Passover

Three Aspects of the Lord's Body:

1. Christ's literal body
2. The Church
3. The Bread--Symbolizes Body and Word of God.

I Cor 11:30 For this CAUSE many are "Sick"--ASTHENEIO and many are asleep (dead).

:32 Notice: When we are Judged, we are chastened of the Lord. We should judge ourselves therefore, and pray diligently for one another.

The Corinthians were not doing this...Therefore, (vs.30), God stepped in and Chastened them. Many were sick and dead. Why? Because God hates us--NO! Because he wants us to enter His Kingdom.

The Context of I Cor 11 is discerning the "Church"--the Body of Christ.

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- I Cor 11 Relationship to healing--link to Jms 5:16
...confess your faults to, and pray for one another.
- Context Paul is not speaking of Christ's literal body in I Corinthians 11.
- Overview From I Cor 1--I Cor 11:
I Cor 1:7 Gifts meant a lot to the Corinthian brethren. Crux of the problems in Corinth (I Cor 1:10--Division)
- :12 They were "Minister Shopping". Who is really righteous? Was Paul an Apostle? They thought Paul might have been "too good" to come see them. They used human reasoning to dismiss Paul's Apostleship.
- :13 The great rhetorical question of I Corinthians--Is Christ Divided? The body of Christ (the Church) is not divided.
- Corinth Principal Problems:
Chapter 3--Division (vs.22) Don't be divided over your favorite minister.
Chapter 6--Taking brethren to Court
Chapter 7--Marriage and Divorce
Chapter 8--Eating meats offered to idols
Chapter 9--Accused Paul of not being an Apostle. He first brought the gospel to them and raised up the church in Corinth.
Chapter 10--Mistakes of Ancient Israel
Chapter 11--Taking the Passover in an unworthy manner.
Chapter 12--Spiritual Gifts
- Chapter 13--more Excellent Way (Love)
Chapter 14--Purpose for gifts (Godly edification)
Chapter 15--Resurrection
Chapter 16--Collection for Jerusalem Brethren
- There were plenty of problems in Corinth. Almost every chapter of Corinthians shows that Christ is not divided.
- I Cor 11:17 Context is divisions in Church during the Passover.
- :19 God allows heresies to test our faithfulness. We should hold on to the Head--Jesus Christ.
- I Cor 10:15-17 Summary of what I say when I take the Passover. Partakers of one bread--One Body. I'm giving testimony to the unity of Christ's Body. If I'm at odds w/my brother, I'm saying that the body is divided--while taking the Passover says Christ is unified (Hypocrisy).

I Cor 11:27 Taking the Passover Irreverently=verses 21-22.
Taking the Passover Worthily=humility, repentance,
reconciliation w/brothers. Examine yourself.
None of us are "worthy" of God's mercy or Christ's
sacrifice.

:28 Let a man test, prove, examine himself:
DIAKRINA--Judge whole way through. Through
Judgement.

:30 If I Don't Judge Through, God can get my attention
by causing sickness.

Why did God allow sickness to come upon Job? So
he would judge himself--Job 42:5-6. Job was
healed WHEN he prayed for his friends and was
reconciled to his friends.

When sickness Comes:

1. Reconcile to God. Call for elders to anoint.
2. Reconcile to neighbor. Realize that God
still may not heal you. He may let you die.
Doesn't mean you have no faith, though. Let
God "have His way" --work His purpose w/you.

:31 How are we judged? By looking into God's word--a
spiritual mirror.
Why don't we go to minister for spiritual
problems? We go for physical ailments!

Job 31:35--is answered by Job 33:6

The minister knows he's clay also.
Job 33:23--God's ministers are to help us.
Job 33:29-30--in order to bring us from the pit.
Job 33:32--The minister wants to justify us.

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Lecture #35

- Subject** **Doctrine of Tithing**
I Timothy 6:10--The love of money is a root of all evil. GESHAR (Hebrew)--"a Tenth"
 DEKA (Greek)--"a Tenth"
- Mal 3:8 Will a man rob god? Yet you have robbed me. How? in tithes and offerings.
- First Tithe** Scriptures do not use this term--First Tithe.
Lev 27:30 The tithe is "holy" to God!
 These are the commandments which the Lord commanded Moses.
- Num 18:20-22 First tithe is for the priesthood and the work of the priesthood. The ministry also pay a tithe on the tithe.
- Gen 14:18 Melchizedek, King of Salem, Jesus Christ (N.T.) Abraham gave tithes to Him. Law was in effect before Mt. Sinai. How could God reject Cain's offering if there was no law or criteria to judge by. Notice: Romans 4:15--where there is no law, there is no transgression. (remember I John 3:4).
- Gen 28:22 Jacob promised to pay tithes.
Matt 23:20-25 "these you ought to have done (judgement, mercy, and faith) and not left the others undone! (Tithing).
- II Cor 11:7 Have I robbed you because I didn't take what I could have? Pal had the right to take tithes of the brethren. "That I don't abuse my Power in the gospel". (vs.18) Paul had the authority to receive tithes of the brethren.
- Heb 7:1-5 Priesthood of Jesus Christ have a command to receive tithes from the brethren.
- Deut 14:22 Second Tithe--Kept year by year.
Deut 14:28 Third Tithe--sent in to headquarters
Deut 26:12 For the Stranger, fatherless, and Widows--called the year of tithing here in Deuteronomy.
- Every 7th year is a year of release. Wives should go on their Husband's cycle.

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Lecture #36

- Subject** **Third Tithe and Offerings**
- Deut 14:28-29 Third tithe is God's insurance plan for His people.
- Jer 5:28-29 A nation that doesn't care about the "needy", Fatherless, widows, etc...
- Deut 26:12 All the tithes of the third year:
First Tithe--Priesthood.
Second Tithe--Feast & Holy Days.
Third Tithe--Save within your gates for Widows and Fatherless (needy). You can count Third Tithe from Baptism to Baptism or from Feast to Feast.
- You may use Third Tithe for a Widowed mother or Widowed grandmother--you will not receive a receipt for tax purposes. Unconverted relatives in need may receive Third Tithe assistance from you if you are aware of a need.
- Amos 4:4 Your Tithe--"after 3 years"
- Must council w/ your minister if by paying Third Tithe, you become a third tithe recipient. God's plan is not to put you in the Hole. Tithing teaches resourcefulness, and thriftiness.
- Offerings** **Free-Will Offerings:**
An Offering may be your "visiting" or picking up a church member for services each Sabbath. That costs you money.
- Ex 36:1-7 Example of Building-Fund. Our Example of the Office Facilities Building.
- I Cor 16:1-3 Example of special emergency fund or special need fund--Y.O.U. or S.E.P.
- Deut 15:11 The poor shall never cease out of your land-- Therefore, you shall open your hand wide to your brother.
- Tithe/Tithe** A Tithe-of-a-Tithe is to help offset the Feast site's maintenance costs. Purchasing parking spots. Tithe-of-a-tithe is an Administrative decision based on the tithing scriptures. It is a 10th of your Second Tithe.
- Ps 50:12 God owns everything!! Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also!! God doesn't need your money.

Ps 24:1 The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.
Prov 3:9-10 Honor the Eternal w/ your substance. You shall be
blessed. You cannot "out give" God!

Acts 20:35 It is More blessed to Give than to Receive. When
you give, you're both happy.

Ps 37:19 In the days of famine, they shall be satisfied
(vs.25) Never seen the Righteous Begging Bread.
(also vs.26).

You may have Financial Difficulty and need to seek
a more efficient financial plan!! Seek Council.

Subject

Marriage

A Natural union but a divine institution.
Marriage (as Baptism) is a life-long commitment.

Divorce is rampant in the world and in the Church
unfortunately. Don't be a Quitter!

Gen 1:27 God made the sexes. Sex is not something you
have, it is something you are!
:28 God blessed them and said "Be fruitful and
replenish the earth." God united them prior to
this command! (obviously).

Heb 13:4 Marriage is honorable and right!
Fornicators and Whoremongers God will judge!!!!

The Love Triangle:

-Should have ALL
three elements.



1 + 1 = 3 (You, Your Spouse, and God)
To be continued in next lecture.

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1 + 1 = 3 makes a marriage! Man, Woman, & God form a divine union.

It is important for both people to grow spiritually and intellectually. If only one person grows, they may become incompatible.

Eph 5:22 "Submit" also carries the meaning of "adapt". Adapt yourself to your own husband.

Don't allow anyone to tamper with your relationship once you're engaged. Before you're engaged, that's the "fact-finding" time.

God's "Basics" for a marriage relationship:

1. Love
2. Respect
3. Fidelity
4. Biblical laws re: Relationships

Within God's basic guidelines, you can build your marriage anyway you want to.

For Example: Who will pay the bills--keep track of the budget?

Who will do what around the house?

Who will make the decisions? (both should).

Gen 2:18 Marriage is honorable--God made it that way. A "help" is in a support role.

Be careful in of clinging--too much affection may drive him away. You can and should be "jealous" for your husband in a Godly way...if you see/perceive wrong intentions in someone. You should gently point it out.

A man should dominate, but not domineer. He should be the leader.

The man, as a leader, should communicate to his wife many things...what you like or dislike, what irritates you, etc. Let her know how far she can go in "debating" issues, etc.

Eph 5: Could any two converted people be happy in a marriage? Not necessarily!

Marry the person you love!! You should be attracted to them, love to spend time with them etc.. Someone you can talk to about anything!

Take time to get to know the person--how they act/react to situations.
If a man is too picky in telling his wife how to do certain everyday things,
his wife will be discouraged.

Eph 5:25 "husbands, love your wives..."
Man should make woman feel this love. Make her special. And make
her feel special. Prize her.

I Pet 3:7 A man should have knowledge about the woman he wants to marry--takes
time together.

Mtt 19:3-6 Divorce: God made man and woman to stay together.
:7 They were allowed to divorce because God's spirit/understanding was not
present.

There are only two reasons for Divorce: (I Cor 7:11-12; 27-28)

1. Fornication/Adultery (fraud)
2. Unbelieving mate leaves or converted mate leaves the church and are
not "pleased to dwell"

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Lecture #38

Subject	Divorce and Remarriage
Mtt 5:31-	Two Grounds whereby a Marriage can be severed: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Fraud</u>--presenting yourself as something you are not.<ol style="list-style-type: none">A. Pornea--Sexual deviation of any kind (ie. Homosexual, Bisexual, Impotence, etc..)B. Misrepresentation--Disease not talked about up front (ie. Herpes, False Virginity, AIDES, etc..)2. <u>Desertion</u>--Unbeliever departs or Believer who leaves whether it be of his own volition or the church's.
	Adultery--MOICHEIA Sexual Deviation--PORNEA
Deut 24:1	Because he has found some kind of sexual deviation in her (pornea) "A man cannot perform sex against his will, while a woman can perform sex against her will. Men have a greater problem with impotence than do women." -Dr. Ward.
Mtt 19:8 Mal 3:15	From the beginning it was NOT so. One wife, not many! (does not matter what society allows--polygamy and bigamy are out!)
I Cor 7:6 :10 :11	Paul was single (notice verse 29) "the time is short" Paul was expecting the return of Christ in his day. instructions up front are "make the marriage work!" for instance: wife-abuse or child-abuse. The Church will try to reconcile, but will allow separation for a while. Must remain unmarried though.
Desertion	Believer who leaves the Church, and is not pleased to dwell. Disfellowshipment or leaving the Church is NOT grounds for divorce. It comes down to the are of being "pleased to dwell". "Pleased to Dwell" is not what comes out of their mouth, but by their fruits--actions. Each case must be dealt with individually. Final decision comes from headquarters however. Report is sent in by both parties (if they are in the Church), or whichever member is in the Church. Also, the local Pastor sends in a report from evaluations.

Types of behavior or actions that show one is NOT "pleased to dwell": Abusive, Sexually promiscuous, Financially unreliable, etc...

If a mate commits adultery, and truly repents of his/her sin, the mate who did not commit adultery is bound by Matt. 6:15 to forgive the transgression.

--Current Administrative Decision--

If a husband and wife divorce because they were not pleased to dwell for whatever reason, and one partner leaves the Church, the other partner is free to remarry. Later, if the individual who left the Church, repents and returns to services, he is also able to remarry. If both parties do not remarry during their separation, they could even remarry each other once both are back in the Church.

I Cor 7:24
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Married conditions are concluded
Singles are discussed.

Paul simply says that you can serve God with greater singleness of purpose when you are in an unmarried state. He is not trying to give anyone a guilt-trip.

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Switches gears: This has nothing to do with a Father controlling his daughter. This is the proper reading of the verse from the Greek--"If anyone thinks HE behaves unseemly to HIS virginity..." (read the context). In other words, the flame is not getting any weaker. "Let them marry". (if he/she cannot maintain his/her virginity).

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If he/she can maintain his/her will-power, than let him/her remain single.

:38

It's not sin either way, but under the "Present Distress", it is better to remain unmarried.

:39

A baptized member may only marry a baptized member. Free to be married only "in the Lord". (remember vs. 15 when reading the first half of vs. 39) The wife is bound to the husband as long as he lives--exception is verse 15, if he/she departs the Marriage.

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March 2, 1989
Lecture #39

Subject **Marry only "in the Lord"**
The Church will not marry a baptized member to someone who is not baptized.

I Cor 7:39 "only in the Lord"
II Cor 6:14 "Be you not unequally yoked" Therefore, we encourage youth to date within the church.

I Kgs 3:1 Solomon married Pharaoh's daughter. One of the king's duties was to copy the law which clearly stated that Israel was not to intermarry with other nations.

Eccl 8:11 God does not always remove someone like Solomon immediately-- He allows them to run their course.

I Kgs 11:1-3 "You shall not go in to them and they shall not come unto you. For surely they will take away your heart after their gods."

Y.O.U. The Church discourages Y.O.U. members from dating baptized members as well as people outside the Church. There may be an occasion (or two) where a baptized member may accompany an unbaptized YOU member to a "prome" let's say.

NOTE: BAPTIZED AND NON BAPTIZED MAY DATE AS OF SUMMER, 1989.

Bound We believe that marriages are "bound" regardless of whether you are married in the Church or not. With regard to marriage, whatever state you are in when you are called, you are "bound" to--I Cor 7:17,20. Otherwise, one could not commit "adultery" unless one were baptized and in the Church. Adultery is a national sin at this time. Even civil laws of the land recognize certain responsibilities that people are bound to once they begin to share the intimacies of marriage.

Ceremony "Do you covenant with God & Man...?"
There are spiritual implications to entering into a covenant agreement with someone else.

Problems Two Principal Problems in the Church with regard to marriage:
1. Understanding the Purpose of Marriage
2. Government: Administration of Authority and Submission to authority.

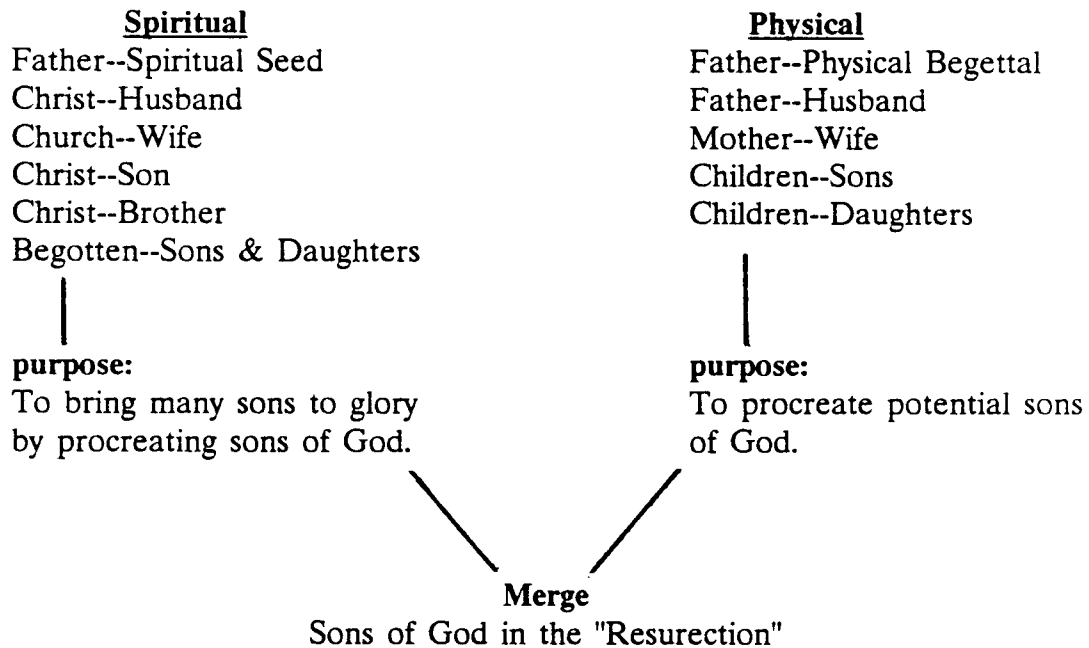
Three problems the world proposes:
1. Communication
2. Sex
3. Finances

20th Century

Not until the 20th Century did people begin to reverse the order of love and marriage. Marriages were arranged! And marriage sustains love, not love sustaining marriage.

There should be physical and psychological attraction, but that is not all that is needed to sustain a happy marriage. The two of you must understand the purpose of marriage.

God -- Family



Must

Understand "who" God is. "What" He is doing. Understand "who" man is. "What" man's purpose is. (God Reproducing Himself). "What" the purpose of marriage and family is (adding to the family of God). Marriage is God ordained! God sets the conditions for marriage. True love will never be achieved unless the two of you meet God's conditions. Marriage was designed to be an overwhelming success!!! The pinnacles of Human sensation can be "lawfully" expressed in marriage.

Of all the things in the physical creation, "Marriage" is the principal way we understand what God is doing!

Marriage Enhances: Dimensions of Life

1. Spiritual life
2. Mental life
3. Psychological life
4. Social life
5. Emotional life
6. Physical life

Male and Female have the same potential, but differing roles.

No Marriage in the Kingdom of God--Dr. Ward

--Matt 22

--Gal 3

Govt.

Authority & Submission

Laws are constituted (established) by God.

Laws must be "administered"--concept of authority is introduced.

God rules over man. However, man wants to rule over man.

Therefore, man is cut off from God's government because he wants to rule himself rather than be under God's rulership.

Cycle

Tyranny (Dictatorship) is the precursor of revolution. Revolution is the precursor of anarchy. Anarchy is the precursor of tyranny. All the "isms" fall in between--(ie. Socialism, Communism, Republicanism, etc...).

How Does God want us to administer authority?--Next Lecture!

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Fourteen concepts have been emphasized and stated in conceptual form thus far. They are all directed toward understanding marriage and family.

1. Understand who God is, what He is, and what He is doing, what His purpose is.
2. Understand who man is, what man is, and the purpose of human existence. Man apart from God is just a physical, chemical and temporary existence.
3. Understand that God is reproducing Himself.
4. Understand the purpose and plan for marriage and family. (Closely related to #3.)
5. Understand the ultimate purpose of marriage and family is to add to the family of God.
6. Keep the big picture in full focus. What is the big picture? It's all of the preceding. It's keeping the first five in focus, mind.
7. Marriage is God ordained. Marriage is a covenant with God and man.
8. Since God created male and female, and ordained the marriage covenant, He has the right to set the conditions.
9. Marriage was designed to be an overwhelming success.
10. Marriage is a physical union but a divine institution.
11. Marriage parallels what God is doing in bringing many sons to glory, thus it allows us to understand the plan of God.
12. The marriage relationship is designed to enhance life and all dimensions of life. The basic dimensions of life are spiritual, mental, psychological, social, emotional and physical.
13. Male and female have the same potential but have been assigned different roles in the family structure.
14. In Christ and in the resurrection, there is neither male nor female.

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March 7, 1989
Lecture #40

- Subject** **Authority in Marriage**
Authority is one of 20th century man's Big Hang-ups.
Existentialism--"I can do whatever I want as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else." The logical fallacy of Existentialism is that the perpetrators of the actions determine what does and does not "Hurt" others. Existentialism therefore, takes away the freedom of others. It does not "give" freedom! Ironically, Existentialism hides behind the First Amendment.
- We learn method not content. We are heavily influenced by our environment. Paul said, "A little leaven leavens the whole lump." We have seen "great" abuses of authority in the 20th Century: Adolf Hitler, Fidel Castro, the Iyatolla etc...
- There is a tremendous lack of consistency in administering authority which breeds rebellion and anxiety.
- Marriage is NOT a Master/Slave relationship!
- Feelings** Jeremiah 17:9--You cannot administer authority by your feelings. 20th Century man has a problem not only with submitting to authority but also administering it.
- Satan**
Isa 14:4 Satan is a Tyrant
The Oppressor, the Exacter!
"The standard of living is dropping all over the world."--John Goddard. This was the single greatest observation of his world travels. The Space between the "Haves" and the "Have Nots" is increasing with each passing moment.
- "He that ruled the nations in anger" referring to none other than Satan.
- Isa 14:15** Satan will be brought down to the pit. Satan would have YOU to be a prisoner--a Tyrant as he himself is.
- The principal way God measures our love for Him and His Way is by how we treat one another. This is how God knows us and the extent of our commitment to Him. We ALL have an "administration". We have been called to become Kings and Priests. Marriage--office of Husband or Wife.

Church/Family The authority in the Church carries over to that in the family.

<u>Church</u>	<u>Family</u>
God the Father	Husband
Jesus Christ	Wife
Apostles	Children
Prophets	Neighbor
Evangelists	Country
Pastors	Enemies
Teachers	Etc...

Wherever you find yourself, you are still responsible for exercising God's Government.

I Cor 11:2- The Head of every man is Christ, Head of woman is the man, Head of Christ is God the Father.

Eph 4:11 Order of Authority within the Church. Emanates from God (Rom. 13:1). You have no authority! All authority belongs to God--yet He has given it to Christ and Christ gives it to the man. Man is to administer God's authority, NOT his own!!!

Love The foundational basis for the administration of authority is love. Loving authority makes provision for all. All will be provided for.

Matt 20:20 James and John wanted a "position" of authority. Imagine that, Ol' mild-mannered John (the Apostle Christ loved).

"whoever will be great among you, let him be your servant."--vs.26
This instruction is very applicable in every aspect of life.

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:34 "As I have loved you"--to completely give yourself for others.

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matrimony.

:25 Marital love is "sacrificial" love. Christ gave Himself for the Church.

:28 He who love his wife loves himself--you are one body!

DOCTRINES
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Lecture # 41

Subject Graded Test II in class. Took entire period.

Doctrines
March 14, 1989
Lecture #42

Subject	Authority (continued)
Num 12:3	Moses was the meekest man on the face of the earth.
Num 14:11-	Moses exemplified his meekness time and time again when the Children of Israel continued to rebel against his authority. Husbands/Will you exemplify your meekness in this manner? or will you lash-out and divorce your wife? Moses reasoned with God and became an intercessor for the congregation. Even though a wife provokes her husband, he should intercede as Christ does on behalf of His bride (the Church).
Num 20:8	"Speak unto the rock before their eyes."--was the command God gave. Moses smote the rock and lectured the people on their rebelliousness instead. God honored Moses' request, but He dealt with Moses for his abuse of Authority. Moses set "himself" apart from the people--not God! Notice verse 10, "Must <u>we</u> bring water for you out of this rock?"
Husbands	Following a dispute, a husband's first recourse should be toward God. You should ask yourself the following: Why has God not established His authority in our home? Ask God, in an attitude of true repentance, to help you see why you are not a tool in his hand. The foundational basis for God's authority is love.
How?	1. <u>II Chronicles 1:10</u> --You must have a deep respect for the people you serve. You must respect those that you are over. They don't belong to you! They belong to God. Remember that! "Who can judge this YOUR people?"--King Solomon. 2. <u>Romans 5:8</u> --Christ humbled Himself while we were yet sinners. Husbands must love their wives as Christ loves the Church. Are you going to give each other the ol' silent treatment? Are you going to wait for the other party (who perpetrated the argument) to come forward and apologize? That's not what Christ did! And that's not what you are to do either.
I Jn 4:19	Christ loved us first! God's love is perfected by our loving one another. This does not give the wife the right to wait on the husband to begin the reconciliation process. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God--Matt.5:9.
Eph 4:26	Let not the sun go down on your wrath. After an argument, when the verbiage dies down, if both parties are not reconciled, not only will your prayers be hindered, but eventually you will make provision for the devil--root of bitterness (vs.27). Don't let your mind become the devil's workshop.
Prov 14:10	Some carry around their "dirty laundry" with them, and they love their bitterness.

Heb 12:14-15 A root of bitterness will destroy you! People who get in the frame of mind that the "church has hurt me" are on their way out toward a root of bitterness as well as out of the Church. Marriage is much the same, "He hurt me!" or "She hurt me!" If you dwell on this, whether it's true or not, a root of bitterness will take root and you will perish if not repented of quickly.

3. Colossians 3:17-23--Realize you both serve Christ. Do not be bitter toward each other. If a Husband or Wife does not repent after you do, and confess their fault, but instead, use your repentance as a means to justify their actions, then you must not lecture them. True repentance does not have ulterior motives. You repent regardless of whether or not the other party does.

Men Watch how you act toward your mate at home and in public. Many men are loving, kind and gentle (on their best behavior) during the courtship period. But it's a different story after marriage. It would be better to "injure" outside the home than inside.

All apply Lev 19:15-18 Direct Reconciliation (in private)
Matt 5:23-24 Direct Reconciliation (in private)
Matt 18:15 Direct Reconciliation--then step "three" (the Ministry). Neither party should tell anybody else. Step 2 in marriage does not apply in the case of a serious marital offence.
Jms 5:19-20 You must be your brother's keeper in marriage.
I Pet 4:8 Love covers a multitude of sins--in the right spirit (Gal 6:1-2) that of meekness.

Do Not You do not correct each other in front of friends, in-laws, or children. Respect is paramount with regard to marriage!!!

Eph 5:28 Husbands should nourish and cherish the family in the spiritual and physical realm. It is not the wife's responsibility to say: "Let's ask the blessing" or "Let's leave for services early so we can fellowship" or "Let's study our Bibles."
Husbands must both "bring home the bacon" and be the "teacher" in the home. In today's world, the moral/intellectual responsibilities have been turned over to the women.

Quote "The panicle of intellectual experience for the American family is to watch a documentary on PBS." -- Alan Bloom Closing of the American Mind

Two-Fold Husbands must Nourish!
Husbands must Cherish!

Bottom Line Are you willing to humble yourself under the mighty hand of God so he can exalt you in the Kingdom of God!?

Subject **Submission--Response to Authority**
Submission is not simply obedience. Obedience can be mechanical (as with a child who is told to pick up his/her toys). Submission

comes from the heart--a realization that you serve God and not just man! On a similar note, loyalty and submission go hand-in-hand.

- God's Example God IS what He does! God is love. God is righteousness. God is mercy. God is just. Etc...
- Rom 13:1 Let every soul be subject to the authorities above. God has permitted and ordained authority--we are to be in subjection to the authorities unless they are contrary to God and His instruction.
- I Cor 11:2-3 Marriage is Authority which God has ordained.
- Defined True Submission is an attitude, a frame of mind, a way of life, an understanding of who your Lord and savior is.
- Results in An understanding that God is your defense, your judge, your deliverer. Your submission is to God! (psalm 27)--this psalm will become a reality in your life.
- I Pet 2:13 One can only understand faith by being in submission and trusting God for deliverance. Abraham, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, did NOT know what the outcome of their immediate trial would be. In marriage, this same faith and submission must be operant. "Submit yourself unto every ordinance of man For the Lord's sake!
- Warning Don't use your authority as a cloak of maliciousness. For example, Paul gave the OK to eat meat offered to idols--but not if it causes your brother to stumble! "Well I know it's OK, so I'm gonna do it!" -- Knowledge puffs up!!
- Charis This is Grace--or favor with God. We learn the mind of Christ and put on Christ by internalizing submission--I Pet 13:19-22.

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Ps 27:1-14 When you are truly submissive to God you become a fearless, bold person.

I Pet 2:13-21 Submit yourself for the Lord's sake.

One can only understand faith by being in submission and in trusting God for deliverance.

ex.	Abraham & Isaac	} submissive,
	Daniel & Lions Den	} believed God,
	Daniel, Shadrach, Meshack	} trusted Him,
	& Abednigo	were delivered

Certain things may be okay to do, but not if they cause others to stumble. Knowledge puffs up, but charity edifies. True charity is laying down your life for you brother.

Charis

grace

We put on the mind of Christ through internalizing submission.

The kind of submission we are speaking of is not a type we naturally have in the Western world. In the Oriental world the women do understand this. True submission is when you find it an honor to be this way.

Acts 5:29, 41 counted it joy to suffer shame for Christ

I Peter 4:1-2 Christ's submission to God -- this attitude of mind -- doesn't come naturally to man.

I Peter 5:5-10 Be clothed with humility -- it is to be a garment that we actually put on.

"clothed"	<i>Egkomboomai</i>	to bind on self
"sober"	<i>Nepho</i>	watchful
"vigilant"	<i>Gregario</i>	awake, aware

I Peter 2:13

Is there ever a time when we do not submit and humble ourselves? Yes. When an ordinance of man or government does not comply with God's law. (Acts 5:29).

"commendable"

charis divine favor or grace

How do you come to the point where God fights your battles for you? When you are truly humble and submissive.

I Pet 2:19-20

Towards God--not false--not a martyred Myrtle attitude. Then God will be our defender. Does not negate other scriptures on reconciliation.

(Be aware of the reconciliation scriptures)

vs 20

commendable

charis

...this is "grace" before God.

In Marriage:

Women do not violate scripture if they go to their husbands when something is offending them. Nevertheless, the husband is the spiritual leader.

If the wife being mistreated, she is not bound to sit there and be beaten or abused. She does have other recourse:

1. Go to husband first -- confront it
2. If can't reconcile -- take it to ministry

Generally the woman brings it to the ministry. However, it is the responsibility of the husband as the leader to take it to the ministry but usually they don't. Then the woman needs to.

Don't allow the situation to make you become bitter! Follow reconciliation scriptures.

In Employment (in church):

Supervisor (a minister) treating you wrongly.

1. Go to that person, approach with correct attitude. Remember, "Who will I obey? God or man?" Most often we obey men. We need to fear God.
2. If necessary, take someone with you, usually another minister.

- Matt 23:1-2 Often have to break through fear.
- I Jn 3:19-21 How to have boldness before God. Shouldn't have these little gnawing areas when we come before God in prayer (I wish boss, husband, etc. wasn't like this or that). Do your part in reconciliation.
- I Jn 4:17-18 Be made perfect in love -- cast out fear. We need fear no man if we are obeying God (Ps 27).
- I Pet 2:21-3:12 Dealing with problems
1. We are accountable for reconciliation process.
 2. If they don't listen and try, others are turned over to God.
- v 25-3:1 No chapter break.
- 3:1 Win over by wife's conduct. Do not set yourself up to be husband's minister--you're not.
- vs 2 chaste = *Hagnos* = innocent, perfect, modest
fear = *Phopos* = fear, put in fear (phobia comes from this word) Not of man but God.
- vs 6 afraid = *phobei* = frightened, alarmed
terror = *ptoosis* = amazement, frightened or scared
- We have to break through the shield of fear, the incorrect fear.
- A wife should not be afraid of her husband! If she is this indicates there are major problems in the marriage.
- v 7 If you are not reconciled your prayers will be hindered.
- vs 8 Pitiful = tender hearted
- v 12 Do what is right before God (here talking about obeying God, submitting to Him, being reconciled to each other, not fearing man--fearing God) and He will be your shield.
- God becomes your defense. You are not to have revenge. But you are to be your brother's keeper.

Advantages of submission (results)

1. A fondness, or bond, is developed.

Dan 5:12

Daniel had an excellent spirit in him

Dan 6:3

To man beauty comes first. To God the submissive attitude comes first. This does not mean you should allow others to harm you and just sit there passively, being abused.

2. Protection

The husband will be anxious to protect you emotionally, spiritually.

I Cor 11:10

God will protect you.

3. You communicate to your children a way of life.

Children learn more from example than from sermons. They need a consistent example in the home!

Questions Asked in Class

1. Long hair as sign of submission in women.

I Cor 11:4
vs 5

Head covering on men--hair too long
head uncovered (women) -- hair too short

Was this just a tradition of the time? Where did it come from?

"Dishonor/honor" head is not talking about the physical head, but the spiritual government and head, Jesus Christ.

v 14

The church teaches it as a physical aspect -- hair.

2. What recourse does a woman have with a husband who is beating her, but is not in the church?

1. same as other -- go to mate first
2. seek help -- ministry or counselling
often the mate will go with you to visit the ministry

3. I Peter 2:19-20

Mostly an employment situation (in context). When applied to marriage, some (quite a few) women think marriage is a master/slave relationship.

4. What if you know of a situation where a husband who is a church member is beating his wife?

Don't mess with a man's dog, children, or wife. (?)

5. Labor Unions.

The church doesn't teach that you can't be in a labor union or in a peaceful strike. Unions served a purpose but now have gone too far. Historically we see the Republicans as management against unions, and the Democrats as the working people, pro union.

6. If the man is not performing spiritual, physical leadership, what do you do?

1 Peter 3:1

Don't nag. Possibly discuss it.

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March 21, 1989
Lecture #44

Review

Doctrines that we have covered thus far:

1. What is Doctrine? How to preserve Doctrine?
2. God, Christ, and the holy spirit
3. Angelic Realm
4. Faith
5. Law and Grace
6. The Resurrection
7. Heaven and Hell
8. Healing
9. Divorce and Re-Marriage
10. Authority and Submission

Subject

The Church

Ex 12:

First recorded Passover when Israel was released from bondage in Egypt. Official beginning of the church in the wilderness--Acts 7:38.

Ex 13:17

God Led Israel through the way of the wilderness and the Red Sea. They were immediately required to live by "faith".

Ex 14:

Red Sea account recorded

Ex 15:22

Israel, after 3 days, began to murmur and complain

Ex 16:

Sabbath covenant revealed

Ex 19:3-

First mention of the covenant. People were told not to touch the mountain because they were ceremonially unclean. Moses was aloud to because he was a type of Christ.

Ex 20:

The Ten Commandments were given to Israel

Ex 21-23

The Civil Law--Statutes and Judgements given

Ex 24:

Covenant is ratified by blood. Moses sprinkled blood of sacrifice on the children of Israel.

:7

This is the official beginning of the Church in the Wilderness. On the Day of "Pentecost" according to Jewish tradition.

Ezek 16:8-

God viewed Israel as clean. At one time, Israel was naked and bare (in their sins). After they entered into covenant with God, their beauty was perfect!

:15

Israel trusted in her own beauty just as satan did!

:20

Sacrificed children to other Gods, etc.

Ex 25:8

Moses was shown a pattern that reflected that which was in heaven. And the tabernacle was reared so God could dwell among them.

Ex 40:34

God's glory then filled the tabernacle

Requirements	Church in the Wilderness (Old Cov. Church) 1. Descendant of Abraham or a proselyte 2. Circumcised 3. Abide by the covenant
	Religious System (earthly calling) 1. Covenant (law) 2. Priesthood (levites) 3. Tabernacle 4. Sacrifices 5. Physical Blessings
Hosea	765-693 BC (prophesied)
Hos 1:2	When God entered into a covenant relationship with Israel, she was <u>not</u> looked upon as a whore.
:7	Inset verse--not a part of the narrative.
Hos 2:2	God put away Israel. (see also: Isa 50:1 & Jer 3:8) Lo-Ruhamah and Lo-Ammi symbolize the putting away of Israel in her whoredoms. This begins to open the door for a New Israel (spiritual) later. Begins to be fulfilled in 31 AD.
Hos 1:10	Romans 9:25 Fulfillment begins with the Church of God--spiritual Israel--Israel of God--Faith of God--Circumcision of Heart--spiritual.
Rom 9:8	Those who are the children of the flesh are not the children of God. Verse 6--"for they are not all Israel who are Israel."
Rom 9,10 & 11	Gives you an overview of the purpose for election and the reason why God calls in the order He does--and the reason is so that He can have mercy upon all (Rom 11:32).
Gal 3:	Summary of how you become a part of the Israel of God today. Paul shows that justification is through faith in Jesus Christ not circumcision.
Gal 5:2-6	Faith working through love--not circumcision.
Gal 6:15	A new creation is the goal. Ruhamah and Israel of God vs.16.
I Pet 2:9,10	Were Lo-Ruhamah and Lo-Ammi, but are now Ammi and Ruhamah.
Hos 1:11	Israel shall regard (not appoint or elect) for themselves <u>one</u> Head (Christ). "Appoint" (Gk) = SUWM which means to regard or set your eyes on. This has begun now with the Church--Kingdom of God in embryo.
Now	The Condition for restoration is Faith in Jesus Christ--Galatians 3:27-28).
Hos 2:21	I will "respond" the heavens (rain water/holy spirit) I will "respond" the earth (bread & wine/holy spirit) --can be viewed physically and spiritually.
Today	We are a part of the spiritual Israel of God. We are composed of various racial and ethnic groups. The "comers here unto" can go

Israel & Christ

on to perfection. Those of the Old Covenant Church could not!
Christ gave Israel a Bill of Divorcement because she was not
"pleased to dwell" with Him. Christ, however, did not remarry.
Upon Christ's death, He was them betrothed to spiritual Israel--
The Church of God today.

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March 23, 1989
Lecture #45

Conclusions	12 Points of Transition from the Church in the Wilderness to the N.T. Church of today:
Ezek 16:8	1. Israel was married to the Logos under the terms of the Law Covenant. (Ex 24:6-8)
Rom 7:14	2. The Law Covenant had a spiritual foundation--The Ten Commandments.
Heb 7:19	3. Israel could approach to God through a physical religious system that could not bring them to perfection. (Heb 9:9;10:1).
	4. God dwelt with Israel in a physical tabernacle. Then in Zion in the city of David.
Gal 3:24	5. The Church in the Wilderness provided a means of keeping the people ceremonially clean until they were brought to Christ.
Heb 8:8	6. Israel did not keep the covenant.
Hos 1:6-8	7. God put them away--gave them a bill of divorcement. (Jer 3:8)
Heb 10:10	8. Jesus Christ came and provided a new way to approach unto God. (Heb 10:12,14,17-19,4:16). Provided a "new and living" way--Heb 10:20.
II Cor 6:16	9. The holy spirit imparts God's nature which allows one to become a New Creation. (I Cor 3:16; Heb 8:2; Jn 4:14,20-24; Acts 7:48; II Cor 5:17).
Heb 8:10	10. The law can now be written on our inward parts.
	11. God dwelt on the mercy seat of the ark. God now dwells in our hearts. No longer a vague national relationship, but an individual relationship with God.
	12. The Church of God provides the womb which allows the fetus to be nourished to spiritual perfection.
Questions	How did Abraham, Moses, etc. obtain salvation apart from the sacrifice of Christ? You need a sacrifice to cover your sins in order to be justified. The Gospel could have been revealed to

these individuals before the fact. To what extent Abraham knew, we don't know (Isa 63:16). Some individuals had the spirit of God "come upon them" not the spirit of "begetting" (notice: I Sam 16:25--example of Saul) Not "within" him as in Isa 63:11. "Him" refers to either Christ or Moses. NKJ--"them" is poor translation (Deut 5:29)--we know that the spirit of God was not in Israel.

Trend

With regard to questions: "What if" questions rather than "How can we" questions...

Subject

God's desire to dwell with us

Gen 2:

Garden of Eden contained the tree of life which represented the holy spirit. God's presence was among them.

Gen 3:22

"Lest they take from the tree of life..." Adam and Eve could NOT sneak back into the garden and take from the tree of life--that's ridiculous!!

Acts 2:38

Apostle Peter said, "Repent!, and be baptized...and you shall receive the gift of the holy spirit". (this is the **ONLY** way, through repentance).

Doctrines
March 28, 1989
Lecture #46

- Subject** **God's desire to dwell with man**
Between Adam & Eve and the Nation of Israel, God dwelt with individuals.
- Gen 4:4 God had respect to Able's sacrifice. Man was to approach unto God through sacrifice. Able acknowledged his sin and offered a sin offering (the firstlings of the flock).
- :7 Should read "His desire shall be unto you, and you shall have the pre-eminence over him." (Cain was the firstborn).
- :16 Cain went out from the presence of the Eternal. Perhaps the worst thing that can possibly happen to a person.
- 5:22 Enoch walked with God.
- 6:8 Noah was a preacher of righteousness.
- 9:26 Shem (Genealogy given beginning in Gen 11:10).
- 11:27 Abram (Abraham--later called the friend of God in Jms 2:23).
- :8 Abraham offered offerings as did all those whom God worked with at this time. Later, Isaac & Jacob did as well.
- Ex 15:1-2 (OKJ) One of the things "Israel" (the nation) was to do was to prepare God a habitation--a dwelling place.
- 25:8 "And let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." (after the giving of the law to Israel at Mt. Sinai, God began to give instructions on how to build the sanctuary).
- Ex 40:34 First time since the garden of eden that God placed His presence among a people. This building "made by hands" pictures a building "not made by hands"--The N.T. Church of God.
- Josh 18:1 After the 40 Years wandering in the desert, the Tabernacle was set up at Shiloh. It could not stay at Shiloh, however, because of the septre promise given to Judah in Gen 49:10.

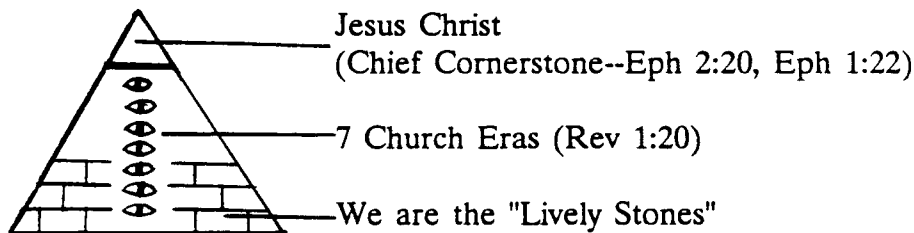
- Ps 78:60 Great summary chapter of the overall history of Israel. God forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh. Where did the tabernacle go after being set up at Shiloh?
- I Chron 21:29 The High Place at Gibeon (the ARK of the covenant was at Mt. Zion in the City of David). Notice: I Kgs 3:4--Solomon went to Gibeon to sacrifice.
- Ps 78:67 "God refused the tabernacle at Joseph" (or Ephraim which is where Gibeon was).
- I Sam 5:1 The Philistines took the Ark of God to Ashdod, Gaza, Ekron & Askelon--5 cities of Philistia (see I Sam 6:17).
- II Sam 6: David returned the Ark of God from the House of Abinadab to the City of David, in Jerusalem, at Mt. Zion. (more specifically, to the House of Obed-Edom).
- II Chron 5:1 Solomon (whose name means "peace") brought the Ark and Tabernacle out of the City of David. When the Ark was placed in the Holy of Holies in Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem, God's Glory filled the Temple--vs 13.
- II Kgs 25:8 (604--587 BC) Babylonian armies were besieging the City of Jerusalem. Nebuzaradan burned the Temple in Jerusalem. There is no record of the Temple from this point on.
- c. 587 Judah goes into captivity in Babylon!
- Perspective All these events are leading to the reality of God fulfilling His desire to dwell with His people.
- c. 539 Medo-Persians conquer Babylon under King Cyrus.
c. 538 Cyrus' Decree to allow the Jews to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the "Temple".
- Ezra 2:2 Zerubbabel--Civil Governor
Jeshua--High Priest
- 5:1 Haggai & Zechariah--Prophets (c. 520) sent to stir the work on...
- 3:8-10 Foundation of Temple laid in c. 536. No real progress until Passover in c. 515.

Doctrines
March 28, 1989
Lecture #47

Subject **Zechariah 3 & 4 (The Church)**
 Zech 3:9 Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of the Church of God (Eph 2:20, I
 Pet 2:7, Isa 28:16, I Pet 2:6-7).

7 Spirits Revelation 1:4-5, 4:5
 7 Eyes Zech 3:9, 4:10
 7 Lamps Revelation 5:6

Diagram:

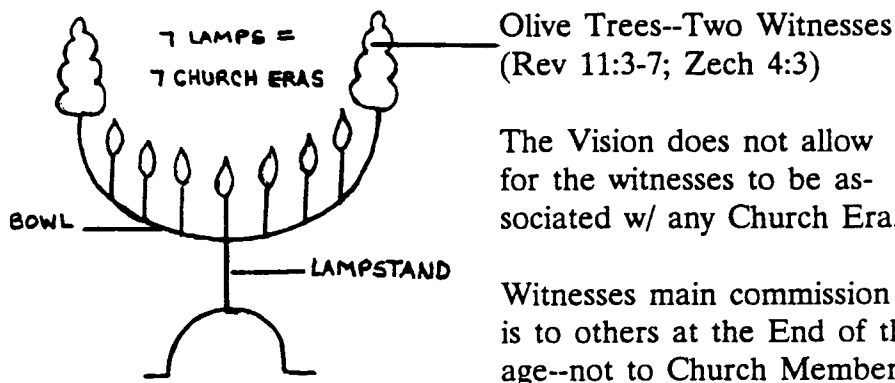


Matt 16:18 Upon this Rock (Petra)--large rock--Jesus Christ.
 I Pet 2:4- "living" stone--Jesus Christ. We are the lively stones constructing
 the spiritual house.

Rev 1:4 "Who is, who was, and who is to come." Refers to God the
 Father. Notice: "Before His Throne."

Zech 3:9 Jesus Christ is the true Jeshua and the true Zerubbabel.
 :10 Micah 2:4, Isa 4:4--Vine & Fig tree references.

Zech 4:



Context: Through God's spirit, the temple of God is being built--God's
 Church (Zech 4:6).
 :7 Babylon the Great (economic/religious system) = "Mountain".

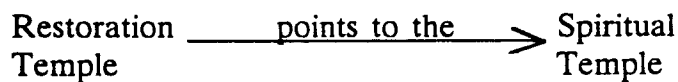
Hag 1:2-5 "Consider your ways" means examine yourselves.
:14 God's people responded to God's prophets (rare occasion indeed).

c. 522 Darius & Pseudo-Smirtis both claimed the persian throne. This resulted in Civil War. Jews thought this was the "shaking of the Nations" spoken of in Hag 2:7, and they anticipated the return of the messiah. This may have also stirred them to build. We do know, however, that God Himself stirred them to do so.

Temple Lacked:	<u>Old Covenant</u>	<u>New Covenant</u>
II Cor 3:3-5	Ark of the Covenant	Law written on the Heart
Rm 12:1/I Pet 2:5-6	Sacred Fire	Living sacrifice/spiritual sacrifices
II Cor 6:16	Shekinah Glory	holy spirit is now in us
Rm 10:14	Priests: Urim & Thummim	God's word and ministry to consult
II Pet 1:19-21	Spirit of Prophecy	More sure word of Prophecy (inspired of God).
I Jh 5:11-12		
Zech 3:1	Context is the Temple being restored! Satan is not happy with this at all!	
:2	The Nation of Israel was a "brand plucked out of the fire". They had been taken out of Babylonian Captivity (Amos 4:11).	
Zech 3:3-5	Joshua stood before the Angel in filthy rags. We stand before God in filthy rags prior to repentance.	
:5	We must put on new garments as well.	
:7	"You shall judge my House". Notice, we have much the same commission--we shall judge angels (I Cor 6:3).	
:8	These were "men of sign"--the Branch is Jesus Christ (Mtt 16:18, Eph 2:20), and He will build the true Temple to come. MOPHET=sign.	
Zech 6:12-13	In Jesus Christ, both offices of King and Priest will be combined. We will reign as Kings and Priests with Him (Rev 5:10).	

Zerubbabel laid the foundation of the physical temple. Jesus Christ is the Foundation of the spiritual temple and He will finish it.

- Foundations There have been men used to lay the spiritual foundation in the spiritual temple of God--The N.T. Church.
- I Cor 3:5-7 The Work of spreading the gospel is highly integrated. Some plant while others water--all are "one" in laying the Foundation however.
- :10 Paul helped lay the Foundation in Corinth. Christ ultimately lays the Foundation (verse 11), but He uses men to do so.
- Perspective There are thousands each week that respond to the Telecast who have never heard of Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Tkach is now responsible for continuing to build.
- I Cor 9:1 You are my work "in the Lord". It is ultimately God's doing!
- I Cor 3:11-13 Paul uses physical materials (in descending order) to describe your character. We will be tried by fire to reveal our works. In the context, this is applying to the ministry--yet is applies to each of us individually.
- :17 If any man defile the temple of God--God will destroy him. This refers to the spiritual temple of the Church as well as your physical body which is part and parcel of the temple in which God's spirit dwells.
- Zech 4:9 Christ is the author and finisher of your salvation--not any man!
- :10 "Small Things" Zerubbabel was able to finish the very small physical temple. The Church of God is very small in number when compared to a world population of approximately 5.2 Billion people.



- Jh 4:20 Samaritans had built a rival temple to that of Jerusalem at Mt. Garazim (Zech 1:14, Hag 2:5). God's spirit was still among those at Jerusalem.
- 4:23-24 Jesus Christ came on the scene and introduced a new way to approach unto God--No longer through physical sacrifice at a physical temple--But through spiritual sacrifice (prayer) before the very throne of God through Jesus Christ our High Priest.
- Acts 7:48 God no longer dwells in temples made by hands but He dwells in human beings in the Church--God's Temple.

Heb 8:2

"The true temple which the Lord pitched and not man!"

Zech 6:13

Rev 5:10, Rev 2:4--We will occupy both the office of king and priest just as Christ (under Christ). "Christ will sit and rule and shall be a priest on His Throne." No priest ever sat on a throne other than Christ.

Doctrines
April 4, 1989
Lecture #48

Assignment

Writing across the Curriculum. Answer:

1. To What do You Attribute Your Success?
2. What is the Worldwide Church of God?

Subject

Rom 13:1

Jms 4:12

Government in the Church

All authority and power is ordained of God.

God is the author of Government, and Government is based on law. The Government is ordained to administer that law.

God's Govt.

Two Branches of God's Government:

1. Religious Government
2. Civil Government

Man's Govt.

Has resulted in:

1. Paganism
2. Dictatorship

God's desire has always been for man to look to Him as King as well as God.

Gen 9:4-5

Noah--God gave (vested) Noah the authority to govern.

Shem
Abram
Isaac
Jacob



These men were not priests, but they built altars and offered offerings. All had some Civil Authority.

Israel

The Nation of Israel: (Bicameral)

Moses--Civil Affairs (type of Christ)

Aaron--Priestly Affairs

-Church and State were united. Moses was over Aaron in authority however.

Num 27:16-17

Even after Moses was told by God that he had disqualified himself, Moses still asked God to provide Israel a Shepherd. Moses interceded on behalf of the people continually.

Num 27:21

God no longer dealt directly with a civil leader as he did with Moses (face-to-face).

Joshua was ordained to take Moses' place, however, he would have to consult Eliazar (the High Priest) and the Urim & Thummim for God's counsel.

Priestly Office--Hereditary

Civil Office--Ordained & Appointed of God

Doctrines
April 11, 1989
Lecture #49

Subject **Loyalty and Support of Government**

Who appointed Enoch and Noah? No man did...God did!

Moses Two Over-riding Characteristics of Leadership:
1. Moses was Loyal to God.
2. Moses was Loyal to the People.

Moses prayed that God would appoint a Shepherd over Israel--Joshua. Loyalty based on true principles is one of the greatest characteristics you can have. Loyalty transcends honesty.

Joshua Joshua was loyal to God and taught the people God's laws. After Israel was settled in the land, God wanted them to look to Him as their King. That is why God appointed no one to replace Joshua--no one to sit in the seat of Moses. Priests, on the other hand, were still God's messengers.

Judges 21:25 There was no King in Israel, and every man did what was right in his own eyes. "Because iniquity abounds, the love of many shall wax cold." Humans have a tendency to pattern the behavior of other men. The question is "How does God see your behavior?"

I Sam 8:1-5 "They have not rejected you, they have rejected Me." The iniquity of the sons of Samuel was no excuse for the people to reject God as their King!

I Sam 10:27 "How can this man save us?" (referring to the newly appointed Saul). --Rebels.
There have always been people who resist those that God places in office. God, however, expects loyalty to those He puts in office. Before Saul had done good or evil--before he had done anything, there were those who said in effect, "Who is he?"

Matt 23:3 God does not expect you to be obedient to sin--in the case of a rebellious leader. "Whatever they tell you, do! But do not do according to their works!"

I Sam 16:13 After David was anointed King over Israel, Saul tried to kill him repeatedly, but David remained loyal to Saul nevertheless.

- Summary
1. How does God select Leaders?
 - Sometimes He does it Himself.
 - Sometimes He has others do it.
 2. God backs up those He selects to fill an office.
 3. Our ultimate loyalty is to God!
- Acts 1:15-23
- God used the method of "drawing lots" to select a replacement for Judas. The Apostles proposed two candidates: Joseph (Barabus) and Mathias. But notice verse 24 -- "O Lord,...show which of the two You have chosen."
- Acts 5:1
- Ananias & Sapphira did not recognize the apostle's authority to gather from the people and distribute as needs be.
- Acts 4:36-37
- Barabus, on the other hand, did recognize their authority to do so.
- Ananias and Sapphira wanted to test that authority. Their approach was "I wonder if anything will happen if we don't give all." They kept back part of their proceeds just to see what would happen. If one of God's representatives is asking you a direct question, you had better be careful how you answer. Do not lie or try to deceive. God is not mocked! He will judge. You may not be struck down as Ananias and Sapphira were, but you will be judged.
- Acts 5:13
- "Yet none dared join them, (or try to be equal with the apostles in authority) but the people esteemed them highly." God with back those He places in authority.
- This doctrine of God's Government and God's authority will see you through some very difficult times if you understand it. God is in charge. The history of Israel and God's people is littered with disloyalty. See that you are not swept away by it!!
- Always remember, the body of Christ is not divided. God and Christ love the Church above all things!! Christ gave Himself for it and God gave the life of His only begotten Son for it.
- God uses men to teach us, but He does not take away personal responsibility to prove the truth and remain faithful to it! (see Acts 17:11--example of the Bereans).
- Our Responsibility to God never changes!! Does God ever say, "Rise up against those I either placed over you or those I allow to be placed over you?" The resounding answer is, "No!"

Resisting

Says God is incapable of caring for the Church.

1. You Deny God and Christ's authority.
2. You Deny the authority of the one appointed by God.
3. You Deny the scriptures which tell you to grow in grace and knowledge.

Conclusion

Often, the principal motive for rebellion against authority is an intense desire to be a teacher or minister in the Church. And if God won't give them the platform, they'll seize it themselves through flattery, deceit, sowing discord, open-rebellion, or whatever it takes. Problem is...it takes God, and God is on the side of those He appoints--not those who appoint themselves!

The Book of I Corinthians is an excellent reference in this regard.

Doctrines
April 13, 1989
Lecture #50

- Subject written** **The Study of the Book of I Corinthians**
During the Feast of Unleavened Bread season--I Cor 5.
- I Cor 1:13 Great rhetorical question of the entire epistle: "Is Christ Divided?"
And Paul goes on to show that not only is Christ NOT divided, but
neither is the body--the Church of God.
- I Cor 10:1 How is it possible for ALL to speak the same thing?
-God's Word
-God's Spirit
-Teachers of the Word (Headquarters & Apostle)
- There must be someone who makes the "final" decision with regard
to Doctrinal matters.

Overview of I Corinthians

- Problems: Chapter 1 "favorite ministers". Paul points out the fact that you
are in the Church because of God and Christ. Men were simply
used as instruments to help you come to understand. You are in
the Church because God called you--Not because of any man or
human intellect. (vs.30)
- Chapter 2 Brethren lacked the Mind of Christ.
- Chapter 3 Their fleshly mind was still predominating--"Are you
not still carnal?" God gives the increase--Not any of the ministry
(vs.6). Let no many glory in men (vs.21).
- Chapter 4 Brethren were judging Paul. "He that judges me is the
Lord." They were puffed up concerning Paul's visit.
- Chapter 5 Not being their brother's keeper. Brethren allowed
incestuous fornicator to remain among them.
- Chapter 6 Brethren were taking their brother to court in the
courts of the world.
- Chapter 7 Brethren misunderstood divorce & remarriage. Also
misunderstood circumcision.

Chapter 8 Brethren were divided over meat offered to idols. If your actions divide the body of Christ, then do not do them (even if it is lawful to do them). People have a tendency to take "their" liberty and understanding and cram it down other's throats through their actions.

Chapter 9 Brethren questioned Paul's apostleship because he did not require tithes of them. (or take a wife) He had the power to do both if he desired.

Chapter 10 Paul warns the Church not to fall prey to the same sins as the Church in the Wilderness. Once again, he enforces the "oneness" of Christ's body--Bread and Cup is our communion in Christ.

Chapter 11 Brethren were taking the Passover unworthily.

Chapter 12 Brethren were without understanding with regard to spiritual gifts.

Chapter 13 More excellent way is expounded--Love!

Chapter 14 All things should be done to edify the Church. Brethren did not understand the use of "tongues". God is not the author of confusion (vs.33).

Chapter 15 Some of the Brethren went so far as to deny the resurrection.

Chapter 16 Paul exhorts the Brethren regarding an offering. "Let any man who does not love Christ be accursed!" (vs.22).

conclusion: From your "calling" to the "resurrection", Christ is NOT divided!!!

Sub-Topic
I Cor 12:28 **Government in the Church of God**
"God has set some in the Church..." Government offices as well as spiritual gifts.

Eph 1: Doctrinal emphasis is Christ as Head of the Church. We are to hold fast to Him and He will give us the strength we need to do so (vs.22).

4:11-16 "For the perfecting of the saints." The ministry is God's tool to shepherd His sheep. So we may be perfectly joined together. It is not "them" and "us". We are not to be alienated from

government! To be alienated from government is to be alienated from God.

Roles of Govt.

Apostle must set Doctrine: I Cor 7--Divorce & Remarriage; I Cor 8--Meat offered to Idols; I Cor 11--Passover; I Cor 12--Spiritual Gifts. Paul gave instruction on "principles" and not always through direct scriptural reference (see I Cor 7:6).

Apostle must lay the Foundation: I Cor 3:10; Eph 2:20. Ministry follows-up on the apostle's teaching--I Cor 3:6. People want to know who the "greatest" is. Apostles are responsible for fathering people in the Gospel.

Apostle must Administer Government in the Church: I Cor 5:1-7--Paul judged the Incestuous Fornicator. As long as a person has an audience of sympathizers, they will continue in Sin. The people that march on Washington to save "tomcats" are the same ones that march in favor of "abortion"!

I Cor 5:6

"A little leaven leavens the whole lump"

Apostle must Administer Civil Government: I Cor 6--Take disputes to the Church--Not outside the Church!

Apostle must take Tithes: I Cor 9--Ministry is to be supported financially by the brethren.

Doctrines
May 2, 1989
Lecture #51

Subject **Church Government (Disfellowshipment)**

- I Cor 5:3 1. For the sake of the Church
I Cor 5:5 2. For the sake of the Individual

Headquarters (HQ) --- Local Ministry (LM) --- Home (H) --- Individual (I).

The tendency is to place all the weight of Government on the Ministry--not the individual. You must govern yourself!

The world is embracing the teachings of Psychoanalysis: Man is controlled by his "unconscious" mind, and he is not in control of nor responsible for his actions. The destruction of western civilization has been attributed to the following:

1. Newtonian theory of Universe (Uniform/Mechanical Universe)
2. Psychoanalysis
3. Cultural Relativism

I Cor 5:6 "Your glorying is NOT good!" We are not to tolerate sin among us or in us!

II Cor 7:12 Disfellowshipment is for the health of the entire Body.

Psychology preaches reward and reinforcement. A person will not change as long as they are being tolerated (very subtle form of reinforcement).

Example Child wants a cookie. Mother says, "No, there's only an hour 'till dinner." Child then throws a tantrum. Mother gives in and gives the cookie to the child. Result: Child learns that temper tantrums get rewarded.

I Cor 5:9-14 Christians are not called to reinforce sinful behavior. Spiritual leaven is just like physical leaven.

Types: 1. Simple Disfellowship--Problem is of a personal nature (not recruiting support from other brethren). In a per-chance encounter, be friendly and hospitable (not socially intertwined however).

2. Marked Disfellowship--Those which cause division or offenses contrary to the Doctrine of Christ (Proselytizing of brethren). See: Romans 16:17-18.

Warning

Ministers today are held liable for just about everything they say. Many have been sued! We should pray "God protect me from my enemies and those who lie in wait."

I Jn 5:16

This is an obscure scripture that we do not fully understand at the present time. The question arises however, "When do we stop praying for them?"

When an offense occurs:

1. Go alone to him/her
2. Take a witness
3. Take it to the Church
4. Judgement
5. Treat as sinner & publican

We teach that the "unpardonable sin" is the sin that is not repented of. However, when do we determine how long is allowed before the person can repent. (example: some have been restored after being out of the Church for 20 years or more). Answer: We don't determine! God does (thankfully).

Eventually, a person's fruits will begin to show their total rejection of God and His teaching. We are not clear as to the exact time when we should not pray for an individual any longer.

You should start with the "individual" in the case of an offense. This procedure depends on the severity of the problem however. There are times (rare times) when the problem should be addressed by someone higher in authority.

Subject

Messages to the Seven Churches

1. The message was given to 7 literal churches on a church route.
2. The message represents the eras of the Church of God.
3. The message is applicable for all times. "He who has an ear to hear, let him hear what the spirit says to the Churches."

7 Stars = 7 Angels (aggelos)

Messenger or Angel (human or spirit)

Messenger Hebrew = Malak
Greek = Aggelos
(Man or Angel)

Malachi 5 Messengers of the Book of Malachi

1. Prophets (I Pet 1:10-12) prophets prophesied of a church to come.
2. Priests (Mal 2:7)
3. John the Baptist (Mal 3:1)
4. Jesus Christ--Messenger of the covenant
5. Elijah to come (Mal 4:5)

Rev 1:1

Chain of Revelation:

God --- Christ --- Aggelos --- John --- 7 Aggelos (Would it make sense for John to give the message/letter back to an angel?) Obviously not! John gave the letters to the Pastors of the seven churches to be read to the congregations--Notice: Colossians 4:12-18.

"aggelos"--the last meaning listed in Strong's Concordance is "pastor".

God and Christ, through Mr. Armstrong, laid the foundation for the Philadelphian Era. Mr. Tkach is NOW the principal messenger to the Philadelphian Era of God's Church.

Rev 3:7

What is the "Key of David"? It is Ruling and Reigning with Christ in the Kingdom of God. God restored Church Government through Mr. Armstrong to the Philadelphian Church.

Ephesus - c. 31-130's

Characteristics of Jesus:

1. Holds the seven stars (angels) in his right hand
2. Walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks (seven churches)

Commendation:

1. Know thy works, labour, patience
2. Cannot bear them which are evil---you have tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and have found them liars
3. Have borne, have patience, and for my name's sake have laboured
4. You have not fainted
5. You hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans (more sin = more grace)

What is wrong:

1. Left first love (Jesus Christ)

Type of Punishment:

1. Remove candlestick out of its place, except you repent

Command:

1. Repent and do the first works (love, mercy, judgment, and faith)
2. He that has an ear let him hear what the spirit says to the churches

When:

1. I will come unto you quickly and remove candlestick unless you repent

Reward:

1. He who overcomes will be given to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God

Smyrna - c. 130's-330's

Characteristics of Jesus:

1. The first and the last
2. Was dead and is alive

Commendation:

1. Know your works, and tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich)-- they were rich spiritually
2. Knows they are being persecuted by those who say they are Jews, but are of the synagogue of Satan

What is wrong:

Type of Punishment:

Command:

1. Fear none of those things which you shall suffer
 - a. cast into prison that you be tried (the devil SHALL cast)
 - b. tribulation for ten days
2. Be faithful unto death
3. He that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit says to the churches (plural)

When:

1. After ten days of tribulation (implied) you will be rewarded

Reward:

1. Faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life
2. He that overcomes shall not be hurt by second death

Revelation 13:16 "And he (Antichrist) caused all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads..."---this is a name known and given to man by man (Antichrist). The name Christ gives---no man knows. Receive mark by worshipping beast - Revelation 14:9; Revelation 13:15.

Pergamos - c. 330's-1000

Characteristics of Jesus:

1. Has the sharp sword with two edges (the word of God)

Commendation:

1. Know your works:
 - a. Dwell where Satan's seat is (Satan's seat = Satan's throne) (Rev. 13:2, II Thes. 2:4)
 - b. You hold fast my name (the Church of God) - implied
 - c. You have not denied my faith (II Tim. 2:12)
 - d. You were faithful (even in those days) = times past (implied) when Antipas was slain among you. (Antipas = antipater = against father = those who try to set themselves up in place of God who is our father in the spiritual sense. Antipater could be a generic term for all of those who were martyred during THOSE days - one man would have been killed in one day.)

What is wrong:

1. You have those who hold the doctrine of Balaam (spiritual fornication)
 - a. eat things sacrificed to idols
 - b. commit fornication
2. You have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans

Type of Punishment:

1. Will fight against them with the sword of my mouth (Rev. 19:15)

Command:

1. Repent
2. He that has an ear to hear let him hear what the spirit says to the churches

When:

1. Repent; or I will come unto you quickly and fight against you with the sword of my mouth

Reward:

1. He that overcomes will be given to eat of the hidden manna (Jesus Christ)
2. Give him a white stone (signifies approval) - in the stone will be written a new name - which no man knows except he that receives it. The white stone symbolically is the head of the resurrected Christian (Rev. 3:12 - "I will write upon him the name of my God...") (John 1:42 - "...you shall be called Cephas which is by interpretation, a stone.") (Mt. 16:18 - Christ built church on a big rock or stone) (Mt. 21:42 - "the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes") Christ is the stone or rock - we will have his name written on us. (Rev. 14:1 - "...having his Father's name written in their foreheads.") (The clinching proof is Rev. 22:4 "...his name shall be in their foreheads.") Contrast Rev. 13:16

Characteristics of Jesus:

1. Eyes like unto a flame of fire
2. Feet like fine brass
3. Searches the reins and hearts and give to every one according to their works

Commendation:

1. Know your works, and charity, and service, and faith, and patience
2. Last works to be more than the first works

What is wrong:

1. Permit Jezebel (a false religious teacher) to teach and seduce church members to commit fornication (get involved with world's system - James 4:4)
2. Eat things sacrificed to idols
3. Gave her time to repent and she did not

Type of Punishment:

1. Cast her into a bed (literal place or position of reclining) in other words God will place this woman in a position that will make it very easy for her to influence others or it will be easy for this woman to commit spiritual fornication with the world.
2. Kill her children with death (those children = churches who go and commit spiritual fornication with her)
3. Spiritual fornication with this woman leads to being cast into great tribulation and hence being killed as stated above (indicates that Thyatira still in existence at time of end)

Command:

1. That which you have hold fast till I come (Those who do not hold the doctrine of the woman, and have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.) Depths of Satan are described in II Tim. 3:1-8, 13, I Tim. 4:1-3, II Tim. 2:17-18. The word of God is your defense II Tim. 3:14-4:5. James 1:19, John 6:63, II Thes. 2:10-12
2. Overcome and keep my works unto the end
3. He that has an ear let him hear what the spirit says to the churches

When:

1. Hold fast till I come

Reward:

1. Those who resist Jezebel's teachings will have none other burden cast on them (other than having to really resist the temptation of James 4:4 - implied)
2. Power over the nations, rule with Christ as He received rule from His Father (Note nations to be broken into shivers by the stone Dan. 2:34)
3. Give him the morning star or Jesus Christ or literally you will be resurrected Rev. 22:16

Sardis - c. 1500-1900's

Characteristics of Jesus:

1. Has the seven spirits or the spirit to each church or the holy spirit
Rev. 1:4, 4:5
2. Has the seven stars

Commendation:

What is wrong:

1. You have a name that you are alive, but you are about to die (implied since verse 2 says - "...strengthen the things which are ready to die.")
2. Few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments
3. Your works are not perfect before God

Type of Punishment:

1. Come as a thief and you will not know what hour I will come upon you - unless you watch

Command:

1. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain
2. Remember how you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent (Go back to basic doctrines since your works are not perfect - implied since verse 2 says your works are not perfect before God - then verse 3 says therefore - because your works are not perfect remember the basics and perfection is one of the doctrines of the Church of God Heb. 6:1-2)
3. He that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit says to the churches

When:

1. Unless you watch I will come on you as a thief and you will not know the hour

Reward:

1. Walk with me in white (he who overcomes will receive the rewards)
2. Clothed in white raiment
3. Will not blot out his name out of the book of life
4. Confess his name before my Father, and his angels (Luke 12:8)

Philadelphia - c. 1933-Present

Characteristics of Jesus:

1. He is holy, true
2. He has the key of David, opens and no man shuts, shuts and no man opens (Isa. 22:22)

Commendation:

1. Know your works, I have set before you an open door and no man can shut it
2. Have a little strength = "dunamis" in Greek = power of a supernatural type
3. Kept my word
4. Have not denied my name

What is wrong:

Type of Punishment:

Command:

1. Hold that fast which you have, that no man take your crown
2. He that has an ear let him hear what the spirit says to the churches

When:

1. I come quickly

Reward:

1. Because you have kept the word of my patience, you will be protected from the great tribulation
2. I will make the synagogue of Satan - those who say they are Jews and are not - do lie - implies deliberate lying - they will come and worship before your feet and will make them know that He has loved you
3. Him that overcomes will I make a pillar (those who uphold) in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out - Ps. 23:6, Heb. 13:14
4. Write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem which comes down out of heaven from my God.
5. And I will write upon him My new name

Laodicea - Future

Characteristics of Jesus:

1. The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God

Commendation:

What is wrong:

1. You are neither hot or cold (I would you were hot or cold)
2. You are self righteous - you think you are rich spiritually - or because you say

Type of Punishment:

1. Spue you out of my mouth = I will vomit you out of my mouth because you are lukewarm. See II Tim. 3:1-8
2. Because you say that you are rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and know not that you art wretched, and miserable and poor, and blind, and naked (see John 12:39-41) I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white raiment, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness do not appear; and anoint thy eyes with eyesalve, that you may see (the Laodiceans are filled with self righteousness)
3. As many as God loves he rebukes and chastens

Command:

1. Be zealous and repent
2. He that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit says to the churches

When:

1. I stand at the door and knock = the time is now

Reward:

1. If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. (Jesus Christ will live in us if we quench not the spirit) (Note this is more of a statement of the position of Jesus Christ with regard to all of the Churches than it is a reward to Laodicea)
2. To him who overcomes will I grant to sit with me in my throne even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne

Doctrines
May 4, 1989
Lecture #52

Subject	Seven Church Eras
	Reference to the handout of messages to the 7 churches. (additional comments below)
Ephesus	Doctrine of the Nicolaitans--from secular evidence, appears to be the anti-nomion of the Gnostic sect. "Sin so that grace may abound." Doctrine to sin all you wish.
Pergamos	Doctrine of Baalim--doing what you do for hire, or doing what you do for gain (personal advantage).
Philadelphia	Have "little strength"--DUNAMIS (Gk) means miracle working power. We, therefore, have little miracle working power.
Laodicea	Emphasis with regard to offenses is more on their self-righteousness than it is on being lukewarm. They say, "We are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing."--rather bold statement (proud of their stance).
Question	Who gets what reward? Does each church only receive the reward listed under their address or are the rewards a composite of what every resurrected saint will receive?
Answer	By reading each reward listed and noting the prophetic time sequence involved, you can easily determine which rewards are universal and which are specific in nature.
Isa 2:3-4	If you want to specify reward, it would appear that #3 reward for Philadelphia refers to "making" the law as opposed to "executing" the law.
Specificity	Only occurs in the messages to the Philadelphian and Laodicean churches. "Pillars in the temple of God"--Philadelphia. "Sit with God on His throne"--Laodicea.
Question	In the message to Ephesus, what does the removing of the candlestick represent?
Answer	The quenching of God's holy spirit and the fire going out. God's spirit presence being removed.

I Cor 10:20 Sincerity is not the test of whether or not God is present. Many are sincerely wrong! The Bible points out very clearly that God's way is not mixed with any other.

Subject **What will the Church be doing at the end of the age?**

Handout 18 Truths restored to the Church.
If you could summarize in one word what God restored through Mr. Armstrong, it would be "LAW".

Weightier Matters Judgement, Mercy, and Faith (Matthew 23:23) all spring from the law. People try to jump from one to another. It's a package! If the law is of no effect, why, pray tell, do you need grace? There's no offense without a law. We are saved by GRACE however (Ephesians 2:8-10).

Eph 3:2 We are in the administration of Grace even now!
Mal 4:4 "Remember you the law of Moses..."

Mal 4:5-5 1. Church will be preparing a people for the return of Christ (doing the work of Elijah). Under Mr. Tkach's administration, the emphasis has clearly shifted to "individual application" of the law.

Matt 28:19-20 2. Church will be preaching the gospel to the world as a witness:
--362 T.V. Stations Worldwide
--262 T.V. Stations Domestically (U.S.)
--45 Million pieces of mail send out in the first 2 months of 1989 alone.
--5.8 Million subscribers to the Plain Truth Magazine.

I Pet 5:3 3. Church will be feeding the Flock

John 17:12 4. Church will be keeping the Name of God.

II Pet 3:18 5. Church will be growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Rev 3:11 Some misapply this scripture to say that we are to simply "sit" on that truth that has been revealed to us. Notice: I Cor 13:12. Even in the Biological world, nothing remains stagnant!! We are told in the Bible in Ps 90:12 to "Teach me to number my days..."

I Cor 5:17 6. Church will understand how God's character is created within us. (also: Romans 5:3-5)

John 14:15 7. Church will be keeping God's Commandments. (also: John 15:10; I Cor 7:19; Rev 12:17)

- Ex 31/Lev 23 8. Church will be keeping the Sabbath and Holy Days which are a sign and help us to understand the plan of God.
- I Cor 5 & 6 9. Church will be administering the government of God in the Church of God in the end of the age--both spiritual govt. and civil govt.
11. Church will know and understand the modern identity of Israel.
12. Church will understand prophecy sufficiently to warn the nations.
13. Church will be administering God's Government in the Home as well.