

Teaching the Gospel



Seven Lesson Study Sequence

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Study Sequence Notes

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INTRODUCTION

This 7 lesson study sequence is the latest version of a 6 year old, ongoing project. It has been my goal to develop an effective and concise method of teaching non-Christians the gospel. The materials are intended to be highly flexible in how they are used. There is no set order of presenting the lessons. It is very rare that all 7 lessons will be taught to one person. The soul winner must know what the needs of his friend are and choose both which lessons and in what order they are presented.

FEATURES

The series is designed to be used as a worksheet. There are many partially completed charts and diagrams that the teacher completes as he teaches the lesson. Most of the lessons have a quiz that is assigned as homework till the next study.

USING THE MATERIALS

The materials contained here are photocopy ready. I strongly recommend that you do some research on the creed book section to include the creeds from your local city. If you would like to add or customize anything, the materials are available on Pagemaker or you can send minor changes that I will do for your special needs. In actual use you will have a reference book like this except I place the pages in a binder with plastic page protectors. This keeps them clean and makes upgrading a specific page easy. I also choose a unique paper color for each lesson. Next I have a copy of the lesson that I take with me to the study. So you take the binder and a copy of the lesson with you. The Bible Blueprint lesson, for example has many pages that are not given out but are reference materials only. The page order in this book is in the order that the lesson would be presented. However the reference materials are interspersed with the actual lesson you photocopy and hand out. I have manually numbered the handout lessons in this book in order for you to distinguish between reference materials and lesson handouts.

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The Bible

Review: Quiz, Daily Bible Reading & Memory Verse

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I. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S PERSONAL MESSAGE TO MAN

A. 1 Thess 2:13

Word of God	Word of man
Bible	Shakespeare Dickens Browning

B. 2 Pet 1:20-21

1. What three phrases indicate the origin of the Bible?
2. How does a prophet's record differ from a newspaper reporters?
3. Notice the chain of inspiration (see chart at right)

C. 2 Tim 3:16-17 Inspired literally means "God Breathed"

D. Jer 1:9 The Bible is a product of God's breath

II. THE BIBLE CONTAINS ALL THAT GOD REVEALED

A. Jn 16:12-13 Who was led into all truth before they died?

B. 2 Pet 1:3-4 What two areas has God given us everything?

III. EVERY PERSON CAN CORRECTLY INTERPRET THE BIBLE

A. Ps 119:130,105

B. Eph 3:3-5

1. Did Paul know anything that could not be understood from his writings?
2. Notice again the chain of inspiration in V5

IV. SHOULD WE GUESS ABOUT OUR SALVATION?

A. Ask for three people to guess how long this line is:

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1. Can all three answers be right? Can they all be wrong?
 2. How can we be absolutely sure of exactly how long it is?
 3. What can we use to be sure of spiritual truths?

B. Five ways religious people guess about their salvation:

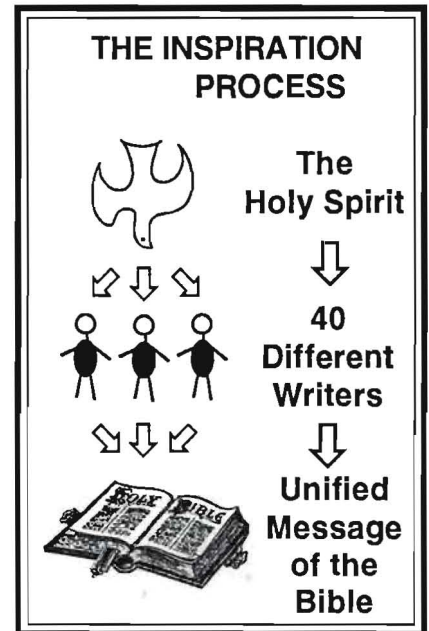
1. Religious leaders "My pastor/priest taught me..."
2. Majority "I'm a member of one of the largest churches"
3. My parents "Both my parents taught me what I believe"
4. Sincerity "God doesn't care what I believe as long as I'm sincere"
5. Emotions "I know I'm saved because one day I had this wonderful feeling"

C. The Bible pattern for determining truth: Ax 17:2-3 + 10-12

1. What two religions/faiths were in conflict?
2. How did the Bereans react when Paul preached to "new faith" of Christianity?

D. Three reactions to "you must wear red socks to be saved":

1. Immediately walk out concluding I am mad.
2. Immediately go out and buy red socks.
3. Bible Pattern: Ax 17:11 Ask for book, chapter & verse.



The Old & New Testaments

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Review: Quiz, Daily Bible reading and memory verse

I. INTRODUCTION

A. How many churches were there in the first century? How many today?

B. What are the two major divisions of the Bible?

1. Few realize how to apply this basic fact to church doctrine.
2. Should we use the O.T., the N.T., or both as a model for church doctrine & worship?
3. Failure to understand this is elementary teaching is a major cause of doctrinal division.

II. HOW ARE THE TWO TESTAMENTS DIFFERENT? (SEE CHARTS)

COMPARATIVE OVERVIEW		
Old	Names of the Covenant or Testament	New
First		Second
Judaism		Christianity
The Law Of Moses		The Law of Christ
Only Jewish People	Who Must Obey?	All of Mankind
Genesis - Malachi	Bible Texts	Matthew-Revelation
Physically Based	Nature	Spiritually Based
How does Heb 8:13 describe the Old Testament?		

HOW DOES Heb 8:6-7 DESCRIBE THE OLD?	
OLD V7	NEW V6
FAULT (No direct provision for man's sin)	More Excellent Better Covenant Better Promises

III. WHAT IS VALUE OF OLD TESTAMENT TODAY?

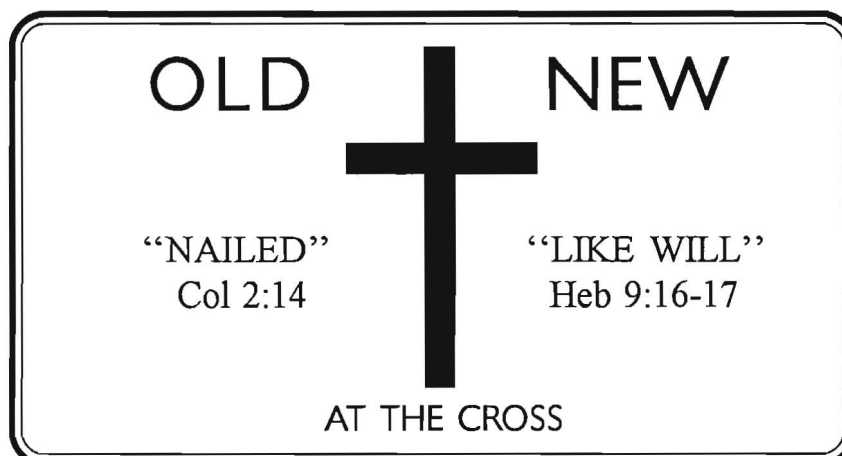
A. Wisdom that Leads to salvation in Christ: 2 Tim 3:14-16 (proverbs and prophecy)

B. Instructs how to live & encourages for hope: Rom 15:4; 1 Cor 10:5-6,11

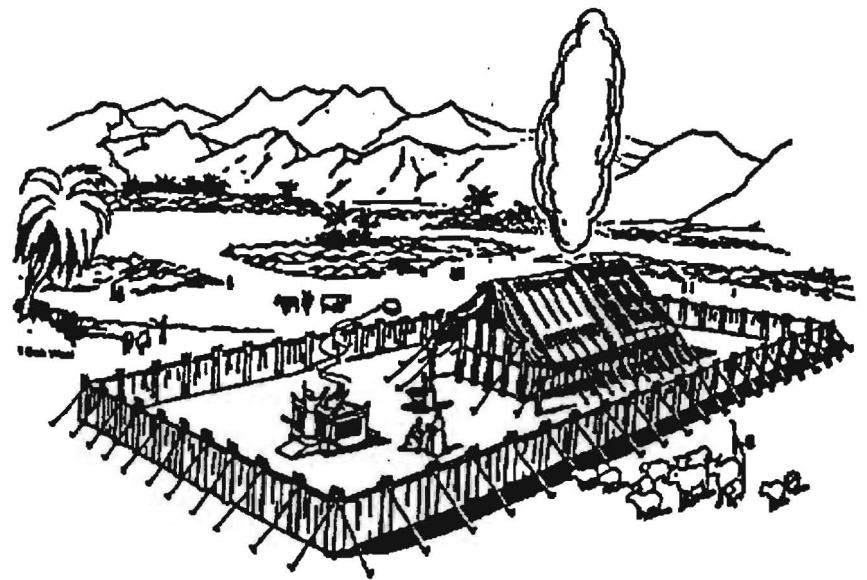
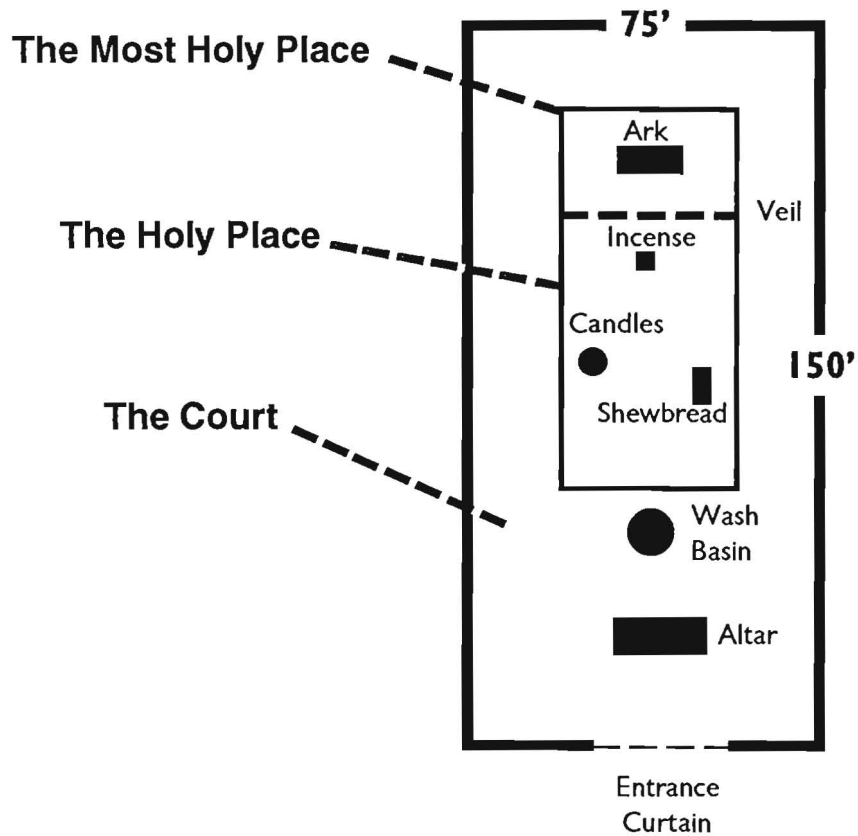
C. The O.T. is the N.T. concealed; and the N.T. is the O.T. revealed.

D. Not to be used as a pattern for church doctrine & worship: (ie. animal sacrifices)

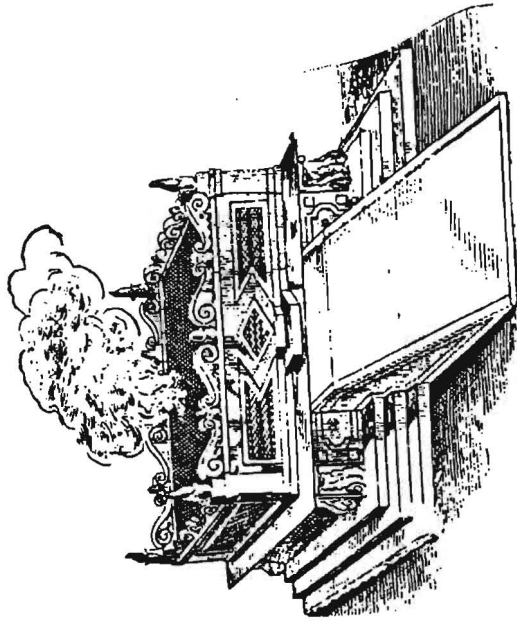
IV. WHEN DID THE NEW REPLACE THE OLD?



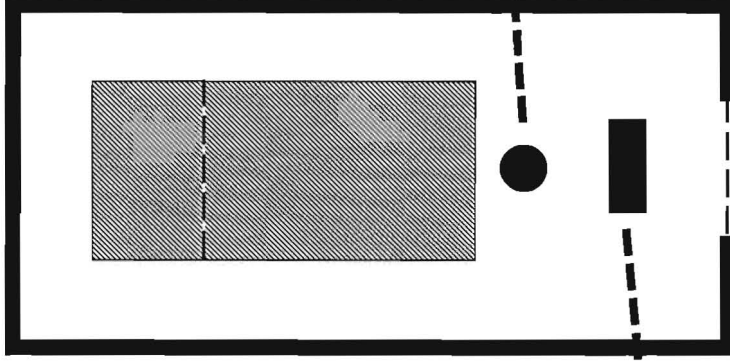
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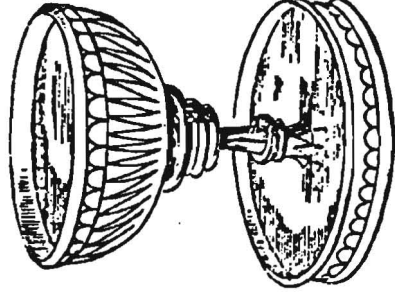
THE COURT



Altar of Burnt Offerings

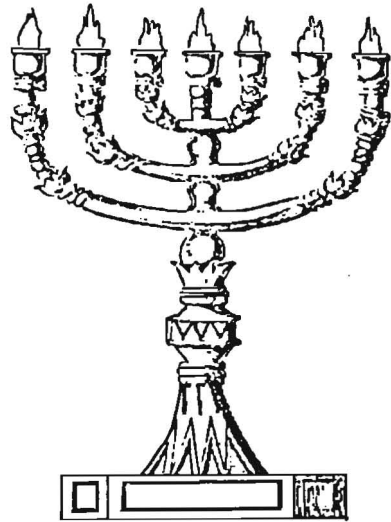


Entrance Curtain



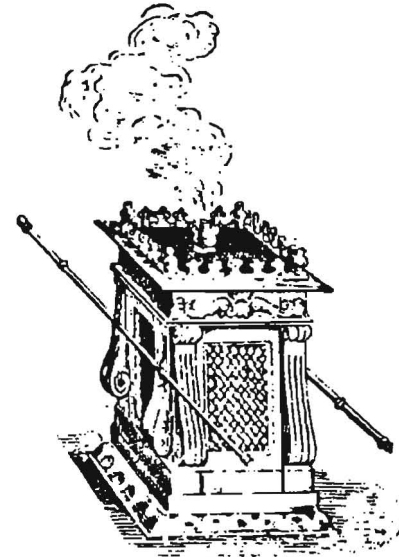
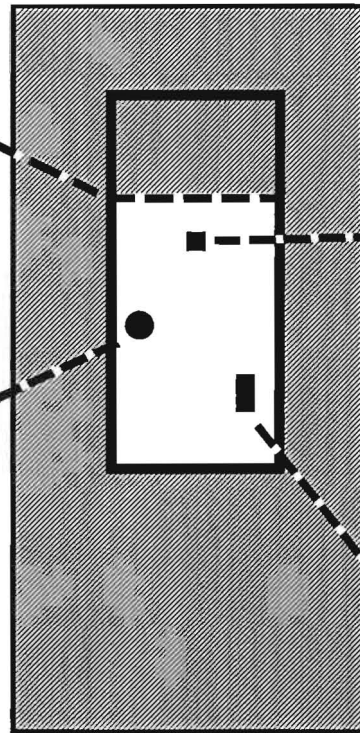
Brass Wash Basin

THE HOLY PLACE



Golden Candlestick

The Veil



Altar of Incense

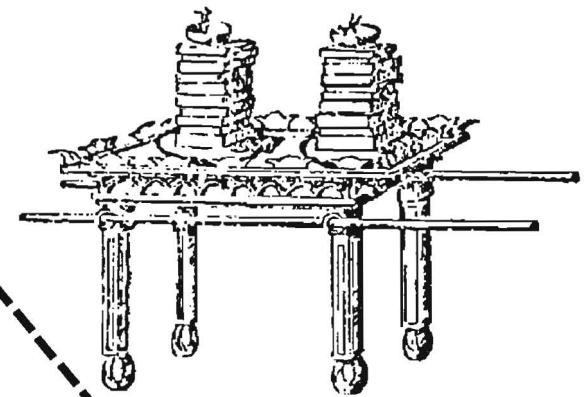
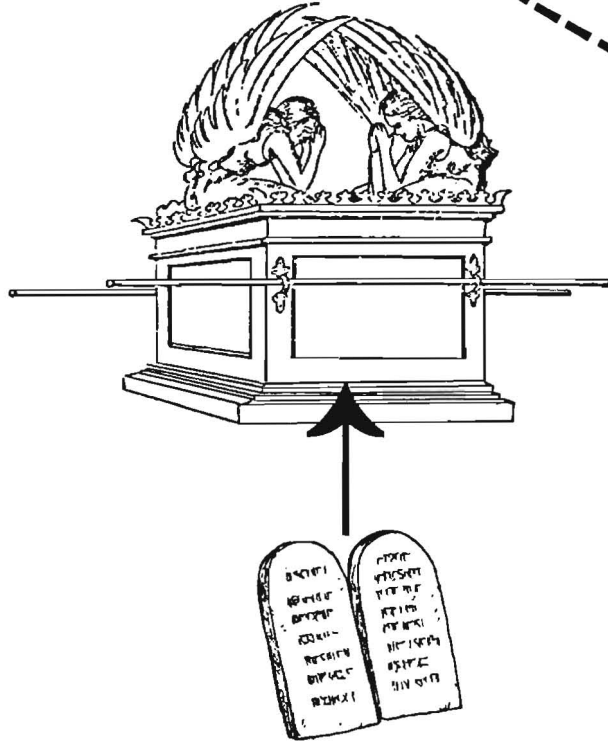


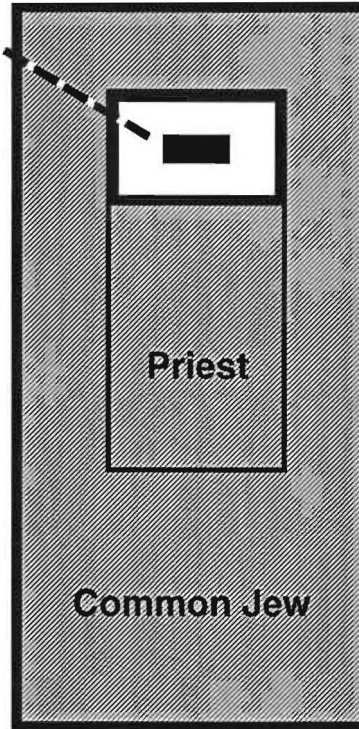
Table of Shewbread

THE MOST HOLY PLACE

Ark of the Covenant



Ten Commandments
(Stone tablets inside Ark)



Gentile



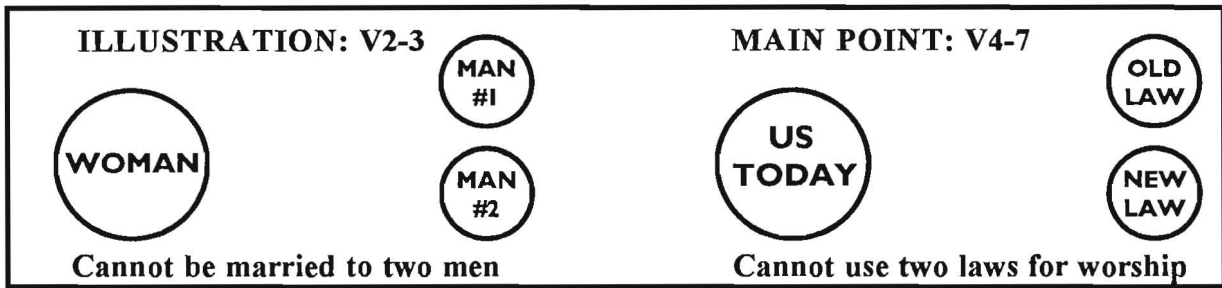
Jewish High Priest
(Could enter only once a year)

Note:

1. Physically based Sanctuary
2. Separate Priesthood
3. Special Priestly Garments

V. EXACTLY WHAT WAS DONE AWAY?

A. Romans 7:1-7



- B. "I don't keep the 10 commandments" (Catholics deleted 2nd commandment-see chart)
 C. Identify the obsolete law vs. the new law that is in force today

COUNTRY	OBSOLETE LAW	PRESENT LAW
CANADA	Constitution of 1867-1981	Constitution of 1981
UNITED STATES	Confederation of 1781-1789	Constitution of 1787
BIBLE: John 12:48	Law Of Moses	Law Of Christ

- D. The content of the 10 commandments has been carried into the NT except for one. Turn to Exodus 20, and tell me which one we can actually break today without sin!
 E. What Day should Christians assemble for worshipping God on: Saturday or Sunday?
 1. "Six days you shall labour, but the *seventh day* is the Sabbath." Check any Calendar!

SABBATH

Seventh Day
 Nailed to cross
 Col 2:14-17

VS.

SUNDAY

First Day
 Day Christians Worship
 1 Cor 16:1-2 + Ax 20:7

VI. EXAMINING THE DOCTRINES OF OUR RELIGIOUS LEADERS:

- A. Sunday Closure Law: They say it is wrong to work because it breaks God's Sabbath.
If religious leaders get this simple thing wrong, can we trust the rest of their teachings?
 B. 7th Day Adventists prey on this error to get people to attend church on Saturday

VII. HOW RELIGIOUS DIVISION IS CAUSED

Its all or none!

	O.T. Practice		Churches Use?		N.T. Meaning	
	Physical Col 2:17		YES	NO	Spiritual Counterpart	Text
Animal Sacrifices					Jesus the Lamb	1 Cor 5:7
Ten Commandments					Law of Christ	Gal 6:2
Sabbath Day					Eternal rest in heaven	Heb 4:1-9
Incense					Prayer	Rev 5:8
Candles					Christians are Light	Rev 1:20
Physical Sanctuary					Our Bodies are a Temple	1 Cor 6:19
Holy Water					Water Baptism	Ax 22:16
Altar					Self Sacrifice	Phil 4:18
Separate Priesthood					Every Christian is Priest	Rev 1:6
Priestly Garments					Clothed by Deeds	Rev 19:8
Physical Music: Harp					Spiritual Music: Heart	Eph 5:19
Mandatory Tithing of 10%					Freewill Giving	2 Cor 9:7
Review Chart That Explains O.T Symbolism With N.T. Counterpart (next page)						

Homework: Quiz, Daily Bible reading & Memory Verse: Hebrews 8:13

OUR NEXT STUDY: Date: _____ Place: _____

WHY DID THE CATHOLIC CHURCH DELETE THE SECOND COMMANDMENT?

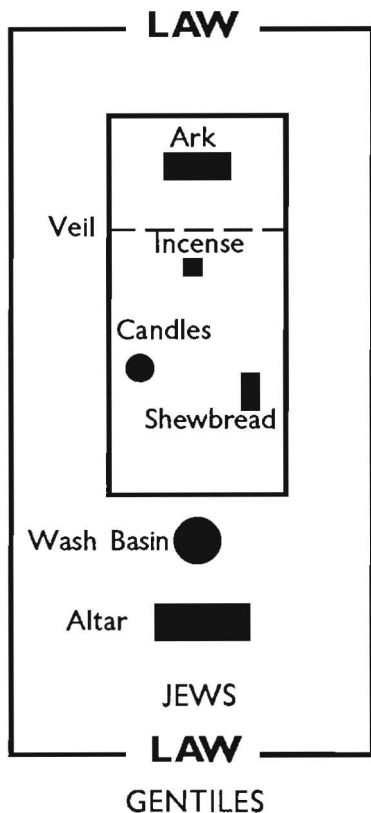
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS			
FROM CATHOLIC BIBLE		FROM CATHOLIC CATECHISM	
1	You shall not have any other Gods beside me.	You shall not have other Gods besides me.	1
2	You shall not carve Idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them.	???	2
3	You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.	You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.	3
4	Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.	Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.	4
5	Honor your father and mother.	Honor your father and your mother.	5
6	You shall not kill.	You shall not kill.	6
7	You shall not commit adultery.	You shall not commit adultery.	7
8	You shall not steal.	You shall not steal.	8
9	You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.	You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.	9
10	You shall not covet your neighbors house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.	You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.	10A
		You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.	10B
	New American Bible, Exodus 20:4-17	Catholic Catechism For Adults, Page 276	

In 787 A.D., The Second General Council of Nicea
Approved The Veneration of Icons & Statues. (Idol Worship)

Deut 4:2 + Rev 22:19

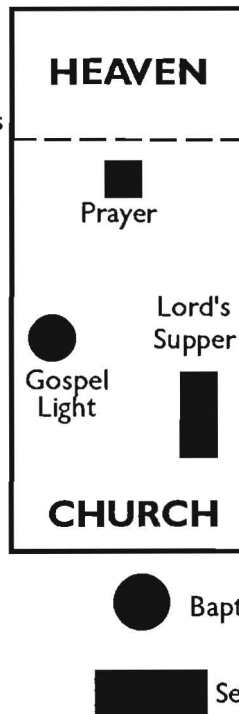
OLD TESTAMENT PERIOD

A SHADOW OF THINGS TO COME
(Col 2:17)



NEW TESTAMENT PERIOD

THE CHURCH IS A HOLY TEMPLE
(Eph 2:21)



JEW & GENTILE



SECOND
COMING

ETERNITY IN HEAVEN

NOT A COPY, BUT HEAVEN ITSELF
(Heb 9:24)



*Now The Tabernacle Of
God Is With Man, And He
Shall Dwell Among Them.*
(Rev 21:3)

The Way To Heaven A Mystery

1. Christ broke down the dividing wall between Jew and Gentile. (Eph 2:14-15)
2. The way into the Holy place unknown while physical tabernacle still standing. (Heb 8:9)
3. Jesus said, "I will destroy this temple (tabernacle) and raise it up in three days. But He was speaking of His body." (Jn 2:19)

The Way To Heaven Is Now Known.

1. Holy Place = Heaven (Heb 9:11,24)
2. Sanctuary = Church (Eph 2:21)
3. Veil = Christ's flesh (Heb 10:20)
4. How to enter church:
 - a. Altar = Self-sacrifice
 - b. Laver = Baptism
5. Once inside all are priests:
 - a. Incense = Prayer
 - b. Candles = Bible light within Christians
 - c. Shewbread = Lord's Supper

Salvation Through Christ

1. Through the blood of Jesus. (Heb 10:19)
2. Jesus is our forerunner who entered within the veil ahead of us. (Heb 6:19)
3. "You cannot follow me now, but you will follow Me later." (Jn 13:36)
4. "I am the way. No one comes to Father but through Me." (Jn 14:6)
5. Heaven is spending an eternity in the very presence of God and will not be on earth!

THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS QUIZ

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I. CIRCLE TRUE OR FALSE

- T F 1. The New Testament Law was in force during Jesus' 3 year ministry prior to His Death.
 T F 2. The Sabbath day, the seventh day of the week, is Sunday.
 T F 3. It is important to attend church every Sunday.
 T F 4. Our future hope of Heaven is a literal garden paradise like Eden, which will be restored upon the earth forever.
 T F 5. God is pleased when we bring Old Testament practices into Christ's church.
 T F 6. Christians gather on Sunday because God commanded us to keep the Sabbath Day.
 T F 7. The Old Testament is of little value to the Christian and should be ignored.
 T F 8. Christians will be judged on the basis of the Ten Commandment Law.
 T F 9. Religious leaders can always be trusted to teach the truth accurately.
 T F 10. There were many different denominations in the first century.

II. FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. The Physical symbols in the Old Testament were a _____ of what was to come under the New Testament. (Col 2:17)
 2. In regard to the Ten Commandments, Jesus took them out of the way by _____ them to the cross. (Colossians 2:14)
 3. When God said, "a New Covenant", He made the first _____. (Heb 8:13)
 4. Every Sunday, early Christians gathered together for two reasons:
 1. _____ (Ax 20:7) 2. _____ (1 Cor 16:1-2)
 5. Jesus said, "Where I go you cannot follow me now, but you will follow me _____ (John 13:?) and "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to _____ but through Me." (John 14:6)

III. FILL IN THE CHART

OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT	
PHYSICAL SYMBOL	TEXT	SPIRITUAL MEANING & COUNTERPART
Incense	Rev 5:8	
Animal Sacrifices	1 Cor 5:7	
Sanctuary or Temple	1 Cor 6:19	
Priestly Robes	Rev 19:8	
Harp	Eph 5:19	
Holy Place in Tabernacle	Heb 9:24	
Candles	Rev 1:20; Matt 5:14	

Don't forget to do your Daily Bible reading and memorize Hebrews 8:13!

The Bible Blueprint

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Review: Quiz, Daily Bible Reading & Memory Verse

I. THE BIBLE IS LIKE A BLUEPRINT

Heb 8:4-5 "make all things according to the pattern/blueprint"

Rom 6:17 "Form of doctrine" (Greek, "form": a mould into which molten material is poured)



How many moulds or blueprints are required to make these objects? _____

Can these different objects all be produced from one mould or blueprint? YES NO

Do Sprinkling ★, Pouring ● & Immersion ■, all come from the Bible blueprint? YES NO

Can 1000 different denominations all be teaching the Bible blueprint accurately? YES NO

Mk 7:6-7 What does Jesus call a doctrine that man invented? _____

LET'S EXAMINE THE BLUEPRINTS THAT MAN INVENTED: CHURCH CREEDS

How many different denominations were there in the first century? (over 1000 today)

What are all the denominations divided over? (Compare Mormon, Jw, Catholic & Baptist)

- ✓ Moral codes and the way they teach we should live
 Church doctrines and the way they actually worship God

Why are there different denominations? _____

What is wrong with the solemn assemblies in these verses:

What two reasons would you not want to be part of the solemn assembly in 2 Kings 10:20 & 25

1. _____ 2. _____

Amos 5:25-26 What practices did Israel add in worship _____

Amos 5:21-23 How did God view their solemn assemblies? _____

Did the worshippers think they were worshipping God acceptably? YES NO

When will god reject our solemn assemblies in the church? _____

Is the **feeling** that God is in our solemn assemblies proof that He actually is? YES NO

II. GOD CARES ABOUT DOCTRINE: LEV 10:1-3

The priests had been told to take fire coals from altar: Lev 16:12

What kind of fire did they offer? _____

Where did they **not** get the fire coals? _____

How did God react to the minor change in worship? _____

In V3 what is changing worship treating God as? _____

Does God think doctrine is important? _____

Can we worship God today any way we like? _____

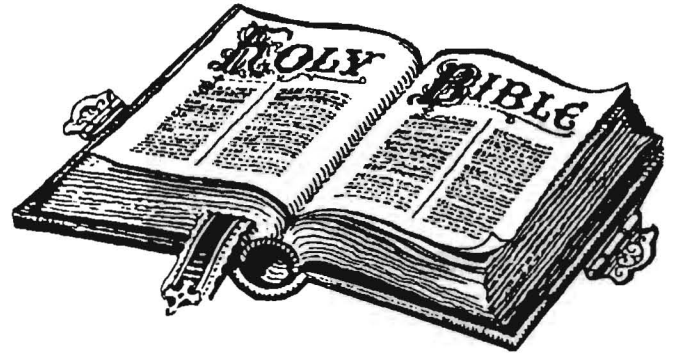
Does God accept the worship of every church? _____



NADAB & ABIHU

**Human
Creeds**

Vs.



If a creed book teaches more than the Bible teaches, we should discard it because it teaches too much.

If a creed book teaches less than the Bible teaches, we should discard it because it doesn't teach enough.

And if a creed book teaches precisely what the Bible teaches, we should discard it because we have the Bible!



Joseph Smith receives the “Nephi Plates” from the angel “Moroni”

MORMONS

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Mormons believe the Book of Mormon was translated from an inspired record called the “Nephi Plates”.

THE BOOK OF MORMON

INTRODUCTION

The Book of Mormon is a volume of holy scripture comparable to the Bible. Our Prophet Joseph Smith said: “The Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book.” (Including the Bible)

ARTICLES OF FAITH

#8 We Believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

Questions

How do Mormons view the Book of Mormon?

Who must every Mormon accept as a prophet?

Why does Gal 1:6-9 condemn the Mormon Church?

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES



Jw's believe that the Watchtower Magazine is written every week under the inspired guidance of God. Every Sunday meeting, Jw's all over the world study the same section of the Watchtower. It is their voice of God. Now you know why they always want you to read their magazine. Below is a condensed quote from the Watchtower:

September 15, 1910

We find that people cannot see the divine plan (Jw's doctrine) in studying the Bible by itself. We see also that if anyone lays aside the "Scripture Studies", even after he has read them for ten years-if he then lays them aside and ignores them and goes to the Bible alone, our experience shows that within two years he goes into darkness. (Darkness=Rejects Jw's doctrine) On the other hand, if he had merely read the "Scripture Studies" and had not read a page of the Bible, he would be in the light. (Light=Believes Jw's doctrine)

Questions

What is the name of their doctrinal blueprint?

Do they use the Bible only to determine doctrine?

Can you find Jw's "divine plan" in the Bible only?

For a Jw to be in the "light" does he need to read any the Bible?

First Church of Christ Scientist

The Manual

of the
First Church of Christ Scientist
By
Mary Baker Eddy

Section #1: Qualifications For Membership

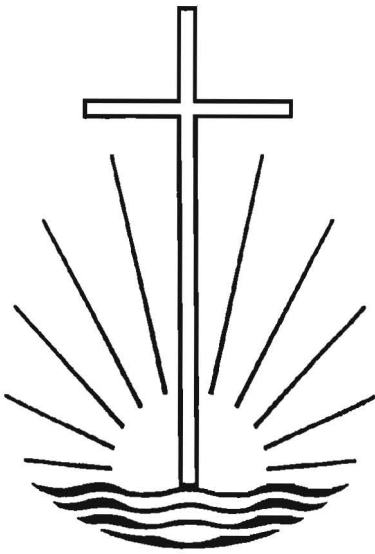
To become a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, the applicant must be a believer in the doctrines of Christian Science, according to the teaching contained in our Christian Science textbook, **Science & Health** by Rev Mary Baker Eddy. The Bible, together with **Science & Health** shall be his only textbooks for self-instruction in Christian Science.

Questions

Who is considered to be the voice of God to a Christian Scientist?

Do they use the Bible only to determine doctrine?

What is the name of their doctrinal blueprint?



New Apostolic Church

New Apostolic Creed

The head of the New Apostolic Church is the Chief Apostle, who is the supreme authority in all Church affairs. His official seat is in Zurich, Switzerland.

The Ten Articles of Faith

Article #4: I believe that the Lord Jesus rules His church through living Apostles until His return...

Questions

What is the name of their doctrinal blueprint?

Who is considered to be the inspired and authoritative voice of God?

Whose doctrine must every member accept without question?

Seventh Day Adventist



SDA Prophet- Ellen G. White

Ellen G. White was a prolific writer of about 10,000 pages of "inspired writings". In the early 1980's the denomination was almost torn apart when it was proven that about 90% of what White wrote was copied from other works that predated her own.

Baptismal Vows

Vow #20: Seventh Day Adventists recognize that the gift of prophecy was manifested in the life and ministry (and writings) of Ellen G. White.

Prepared by General Conference of SDA, Washington DC

Questions

Who is considered to be the voice of God to a SDA?

Do they use the Bible only to determine doctrine?

Who must a SDA vow to accept as a prophet in order to become a member?

Anglican Church

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER 1959

ORDINATION OF MINISTER

The Bishop shall then present to the person about to be ordained, a copy of the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer, saying

“Receive these Books; and let them be the rule of thy conduct in dispensing God's holy Word, in leading the devotions of the people, in administering the Sacraments of Christ, and in exercising the discipline of the Church.”

The Bishop shall give his Blessing to the new minister.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

The Church has thought good to order that, none shall be confirmed, but such as can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and are further instructed in the Church Catechism, set forth for that purpose.

Bishop: “*Do you believe the Christian faith as it is set forth in the Apostle's creed?*”

Answer: “*I do.*”

Questions

Do they use the Bible only?

What is the name of their doctrinal blueprint?

What two books does the Anglican preacher use for doctrine?

What oath must each member take in order to become a member?

The Methodist Church

Discipline of **The Methodist Church** 1960

The **Discipline** is a record of the successive stages of spiritual insight attained by Methodists under the grace of Christ. We therefore expect that the **Discipline** would be administered, not merely as a legal document, but as a *revelation of the Holy Spirit* working in and through our people.

For this reason we wish that the **Discipline** might be found in every Methodist home, because it contains the Articles of our Religion.

Council of the Bishops

Questions

What is the name of their doctrinal blueprint?

Do they use the Bible only to determine doctrine?

How do Methodists view their “**discipline**”?

Why do they want the “**discipline**” in every Methodist home?

Can you find Methodist doctrine in the Bible?

Presbyterian Church

The Creed of Presbyterians

Our creed and Calvin

Our doctrinal system is known as Calvinism

Our
Three
Doctrinal standards

The doctrinal Standards of our Church are three: the Westminster Shorter Catechism, the Westminster Larger Catechism, and the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Standards
of
Ordination

Of her office-bearers she requires doctrinal soundness. The question asked them at ordination is, “*Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of our Church as containing the system of doctrine taught in Holy Scriptures?*”

Questions

How many doctrinal standards do they mention?

Is the Bible mentioned as one of the doctrinal standards?

How must an ordained minister view the **Confession of Faith**?

Will they ordain him if he feels any part of the **confession** is contrary to the Bible?

Lutheran Church

Luther's Small Catechism

A Handbook
For
The Catechetical class

The Catechism

Luther's Small Catechism is our text-book for catechetical instruction. It is not only the best book for this purpose, but is one of the Confessions of our Church and should become our personal confession of faith.

Questions

Do they use the Bible only?

What is the name of their doctrinal blueprint?

What is said should become your personal confession of faith? (The Bible?)

Christian Reformed Church

Doctrinal Standard of the Christian Reformed Church

Consisting of
The Belgic Confession
The Heidelberg Catechism
and
The Canons of Dort
To which are appended
The Ecumenical Creeds

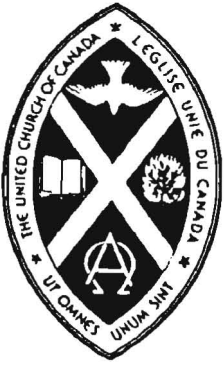
Confession of Faith

The first of the doctrinal standards of the Christian Reformed Church is the Confession of Faith... The great Synod of Dort in 1618 adopted this Confession as one of the Doctrinal standards of the Reformed churches, to which all office-bearers of the churches were required to agree with.

Questions

Do they use the Bible only to determine doctrine?

What are “office-bearers” or ministers required to agree with?



United Church Of Canada

The Manual

26th Revised Edition 1987

Introduction:

Ever since 1925 "The Manual" has been an important and *indispensable* tool for members and organized bodies of the United Church of Canada.

ORDINATION OF MINISTER

Candidates shall be examined in the Statement of Doctrine of the United church and shall, before ordination, satisfy the examining body that they are in essential agreement with the statement of Doctrine, and that this statement is in substance agreeable to the teaching of the Bible

Questions

What is the name of their doctrinal blueprint?
Do they use the Bible only to determine doctrine?

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

MANUAL / 1985

The General Assembly is the supreme doctrine-formulating and lawmaking body of the Church of the Nazarene. Because the “**Manual**” is the official statement of the faith and practice of the church and is consistent with the teachings of the scriptures, we expect our people everywhere to accept the tenets of doctrine contained in it.

The Board of General Superintendents

Questions

Do they use the Bible only?

What is the name of their doctrinal blueprint?

What two reasons are given why members must accept the Manual.



Evangelical Free Church

Constitution & Articles of Faith

Article IV

Membership requirements

Applicant for membership should be knowledgeable about and agree with the articles of faith, constitution and by-laws of this church.

Questions

What is the name of their doctrinal blueprint?

Do they use the Bible only to determine doctrine?

What must every applicant for membership agree with before being accepted?



Associated Gospel Churches (Philpot Memorial)

Articles of faith and Doctrine

of

Associated Gospel Churches
1983 Edition

Membership requirements

Any church shall be free to admit into fellowship any Christian believer who holds to the Articles of Faith and Doctrine of the A.G.C.

Ordination of Pastor

At the ordination service, the pastor-elect is required to affix his signature to the following declaration:

“I hereby affix my signature to this official document as assurance that I subscribe wholeheartedly to the Articles of Faith and Doctrine as set forth in the Constitution of the A.G.C., and I pledge to conduct myself as a pastor of the said Associated Gospel Churches in strict conformity to the aforementioned Constitution.”

Pastor-elect's Signature _____

Each pastor of the A.G.C. shall be required to re-affirm his position annually, by the signing of his name to the above declaration. Failure to sign this statement may result in the loss of standing in the A.G.C.

Questions

What is the name of their doctrinal blueprint?

Do they use the Bible only to determine doctrine?

What is one of the requirements for membership?

Does the Pastor pledge to strictly conform his doctrine to the Bible?

What happens if the Pastor refuses to sign this statement?



Baptist Church

Baptist Convention Handbook

Standards and Regulations for Ordination of Pastors

Spiritual Standards for ordination shall be the profession of faith in Jesus Christ and a statement of doctrinal beliefs in keeping with the Baptist Church.

Each candidate shall give satisfactory evidence of his agreement and co-operation with the Baptist Convention.

Each candidate is expected to present his personal beliefs on the *Baptist understanding* of the Church. (Baptist Doctrine)

Questions

What is the name of their doctrinal blueprint?

Do they use the Bible only to determine doctrine?

What are two spiritual standards for ordination?

Will a man be ordained to preach in the Baptist church if he refuses to be controlled by the Baptist Convention?



Christian & Missionary Alliance

The Manual

Qualifications for Local Church Membership

- (1) A credible testimony of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- (2) A commitment to the principles expressed in the Statement of Faith of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Ordination of ministers

Only a person who is in genuine agreement with the doctrines and teachings of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, may be approved by The Christian and Missionary Alliance as a minister of the Gospel.

Expulsion: Where the accused minister has been found guilty of teaching doctrines contrary to the Statement of Faith.

A candidate shall state on the provided forms, knowledge of Bible doctrine and acceptance of doctrinal distinctives of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. Willingness to accept the constituted authority of The Christian and Missionary Alliance must also be expressed.

Churches & Seminaries Controlled by Headquarters

The General Assembly (world headquarters), is the ultimate authority under God of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada.

This church operates in accordance with its Statement of Faith. Should this church cease to be subject to the doctrines and teachings of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, all of its property shall become the property of the district corporation.

The doctrinal statement of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, as found in the General Constitution, will be binding on the colleges and/or seminaries.

Questions

Whose doctrinal authority must an ordained minister accept?

When is the minister expelled from the church?

Who controls what doctrine is taught in the seminary?



Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

Statement of Essential Truths

Introduction:

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada ... takes the Bible as its all-sufficient source of faith and practice and subscribes to the historic creeds of the universal church.

Membership requirements

Its members shall share in maintaining scriptural order and agreement with the Statement of Fundamental and Essential truths.

Application for Ordination of A Pastor

Question #40: Do you fully agree with to the Statement of Essential Truths as contained in the General Constitution?

Yes _____ No _____

Question #46 If at any time you should adopt any views which may, in any way, may be contrary to the teaching held and taught by *The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada*, before teaching this view, either privately or publicly, will you first take the matter up with your executive Brethren? If satisfactory understanding cannot be arrived at before you would cause divisions, will you voluntarily turn in your credentials with the Pentecost Assemblies of Canada and quietly withdraw?

Yes _____ No _____

Date _____ Signature of Applicant _____

Questions

What is the name of their doctrinal blueprint?

Do they use the Bible only to determine doctrine?

What must every applicant for membership agree with before being accepted?

When must a Pentecostal Pastor turn in his credentials?

Why there are 1000 different denominations

Denominations are not using the Bible as their doctrinal blueprint. Instead they use:

Religion	Their Doctrinal Blueprint
Mormon	Book Of Mormon
Jw's	Watchtower Magazine
Lutheran	Luther's Catechism
Baptist	Baptist Handbook
Catholic	Catholic Catechism
Nazarine	Nazarine Manual
Pentecostal	Essential Truths
Presbyterian	Presbyterian Creed
Anglican	Book of Common Prayer
Christian	Bible Only

- ✓ Church Creeds
- ✓ Catechisms
- ✓ Church Manuals
- ✓ Statements of Faith
- ✓ Word of Ordained Ministers
- ✓ Living prophets
- ✓ Living apostles

- Although there are over 1000 different Statements of Faith, each denomination feels that their Statement of Faith is teaching nothing but Bible truth. This is impossible!
- Denominations rule each local church from a central world headquarters. This regulates what doctrines will be taught in every local church.
- World headquarters issues a statement of faith that they feel is "God revealed" or inspired and is therefore as authoritative as the Bible in determining the Bible.
- Each denomination controls the doctrinal teachings of its own seminaries which in turn educate and train men for ordination.
- Each denomination ordains Pastors to teach and promote their own unique set of doctrines.
- An ordained minister is not generally permitted to preach in another denomination until he renounces his old ordination and is re-ordained by the new.
- Ordained ministers cannot teach Bible truth if it contradicts the official Statement of Faith of the denomination. (eg: Lutheran refusing to sprinkle infants)
- Ordained ministers will be stripped of their ordination if they knowingly teach anything that contradicts their Church Creed.
- Members are required to pledge allegiance to a church creed instead of the Bible.



III. SATAN'S COUNTERFEIT BLUEPRINTS: MT 13:24-30

A. Counterfeit \$1000 bill

B. Jesus warned us about false doctrine: Mk 7:6-9

HOW MANY WILL BE DECEIVED AND LOST		
Mt 7:13-15	<input type="checkbox"/> Few	<input type="checkbox"/> Many
Mt 24:11	<input type="checkbox"/> Few	<input type="checkbox"/> Many

C. The Holy Spirit prophesied about false churches and religious division: I Ti 4:1-4

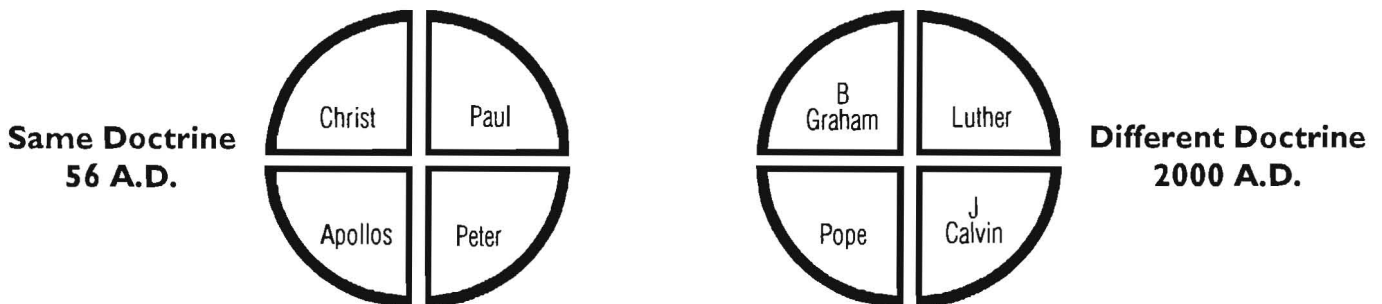
Chart: "The Falling Away"

Human creeds { Man's viewpoint: Uplifting and innovative new way to worship
 God's viewpoint: Doctrine of demons

IS DOCTRINE IMPORTANT?		
TEXT	CONDITION	RESULT
Matt 15:9	"Doctrines of men"	"Vain worship"
John 4:24	"Spirit & Truth"	"True worship"
2 John 9	"Abide not in doctrine"	"Doesn't have God"
1 Tim 4:16	"Watch life & doctrine"	"Save self and hearers"
John 8:32	"Know the truth"	"Set free"
2 Thes 2:9-12	"Did not love truth"	"Perish"
Gal 1:8-9	"Preach different gospel"	"Accursed"

IV. PAUL CONDEMNED DENOMINATIONALISM: 1 COR 1:10-13

Denomination { de nomin ation } A group of a name
 { of name a group }



A. The denominationalism of today was prophesied 2000 years ago: 2 Ti 4:2-4

B. How does Eph 4:14 describe religious division today _____

C. How does Ax 17:11 describe the solution _____

HOMEWORK: Quiz, Daily Bible Reading & Memory Verse: 2 John 9

OUR NEXT STUDY: Date: _____ Place: _____

SATAN THE COUNTERFEITER

MT 13:24-30

The goal of every counterfeiter is to make the fake as close as possible to the real thing.

Is this a real \$1000 bill or a counterfeit?



**SATAN COUNTERFEITS RELIGION NOT MONEY
(DENOMINATIONALISM)**

The Falling Away

1 Tim. 4:1

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A. D. 30

DAY OF PENTECOST

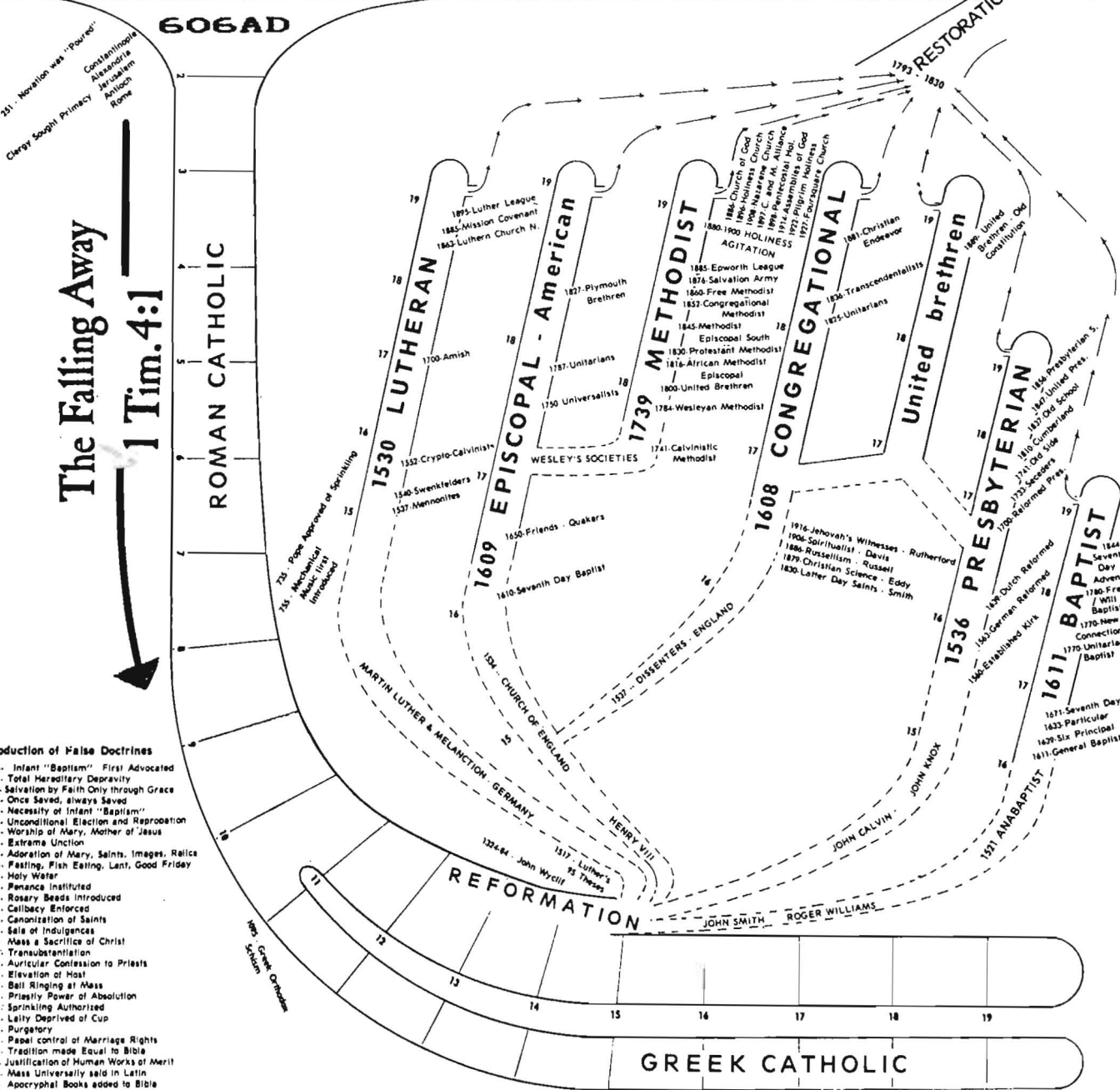
Acts 2

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH
(THE ONE YOU READ ABOUT in the BIBLE !!!)
 ESTABLISHED by CHRIST in 33 AD

BRIDE OF CHRIST
 BODY OF CHRIST
 KINGDOM OF CHRIST
 FAMILY OF GOD

DARK AGES

RENAISSANCE



- Introduction of False Doctrines**
- 130 .. Infant "Baptism" First Advocated
 - 400 .. Total Hereditary Depravity
 - 400 .. Salvation by Faith Only through Grace
 - 400 .. Once Saved, always Saved
 - 400 .. Necessity of Infant "Baptism"
 - 400 .. Unconditional Election and Reprobation
 - 431 .. Worship of Mary, Mother of Jesus
 - 528 .. Extrema Unction
 - 788 .. Adoration of Mary, Saints, Images, Relics
 - 998 .. Fasting, Fish Eating, Lent, Good Friday
 - 1009 .. Holy Water
 - 1022 .. Penance Instituted
 - 1090 .. Rosary Beads Introduced
 - 1123 .. Calibary Enforced
 - 1140 .. Canonization of Saints
 - 1190 .. Sale of Indulgences
 - 1215 .. Mass a Sacrifice of Christ
 - 1213 .. Transubstantiation
 - 1213 .. Auricular Confession to Priests
 - 1217 .. Elevation of Host
 - 1230 .. Bell Ringing at Mass
 - 1268 .. Priestly Power of Absolution
 - 1311 .. Sprinkling Authorized
 - 1414 .. Laity Deprived of Cup
 - 1428 .. Purgatory
 - 1493 .. Papal control of Marriage Rights
 - 1543 .. Tradition made Equal to Bible
 - 1546 .. Justification of Human Works of Merit
 - 1546 .. Mass Universally said in Latin
 - 1546 .. Apocryphal Books added to Bible
 - 1546 .. Papal Interpretation Authoritative
 - 1547 .. Confirmation
 - 1821 .. Mourner's Bench
 - 1845 .. Immaculate Conception of Mary
 - 1870 .. Infallibility of the Pope

BIBLE BLUEPRINT QUIZ

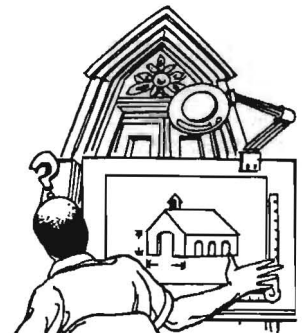
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CIRCLE TRUE OR FALSE

- T F 1. There were many different denominations in the first century.
- T F 2. When a denomination ordains one of their ministers, it ensures that he will teach only the Bible.
- T F 3. Jesus said only a few would be misled by false teachers.
- T F 4. All denominations practice baptism the same way.
- T F 5. Most churchgoers have compared their church's doctrines with the Bible.
- T F 6. The Bible contains many prophecies that warned of false religions.
- T F 7. Church catechisms, creeds & statements of faith only summarize what the Bible teaches into a condensed form.
- T F 8. Loyalty to man-made doctrines over what the Bible teaches actually perpetuates religious division.
- T F 9. An ordained minister must follow his denomination's creed, even when it teaches false doctrine.
- T F 10. It is important to attend with the church every Sunday.
- T F 11. If every church's statement of faith were identical, then there would not be 1000 different denominations.
- T F 12. One can believe and practice false doctrine and have a Biblical hope of salvation.

Multiple choice

1. **Using the Bible as our blueprint for religion means that we**
- must pattern our worship and doctrine according to its words and precepts.
 - can use the innovations of men in our worship
 - can practice things that early Christians did not.
 - need only follow the Bible in those places where we determine it is important.
2. **When a minister claims to be "ordained" it means that**
- you can be assured that God approves of his doctrine.
 - he is bound by the denomination which ordained him to preach their particular set of doctrines.
 - he was ordained by God according to procedures in the Bible.
 - he is free to teach Bible truth even when it contradicts the official teaching of his church.
3. **There is vast religious division in our community because**
- the Bible is difficult to understand.
 - the Bible teaches contradictory things.
 - church leaders do not use the Bible alone to determine doctrine.
 - churchgoers usually check to see if their church's teachings had their origin in the Bible.
4. **The fact that there are over 1000 churches today means that**
- doctrine must not be very important to God.
 - many churches must be teaching false doctrine.
 - you can attend the church of your choice with confidence.
 - the Bible must not give a clear pattern for leaders to follow.
5. **Your highest personal loyalty & allegiance should be to**
- the official teachings of your church in the creed catechism or statement of faith.
 - the doctrine that your pastor or priest teaches from the pulpit.
 - the religious affiliation of your parents when you were a child.
 - Jesus Christ and His doctrines in the Bible.



Don't forget to do your Daily Bible reading and memorize Ephesians 4:4!

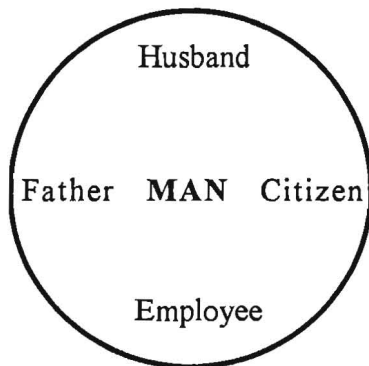
Daily Bible Reading & Memory Verse

INTRODUCTION

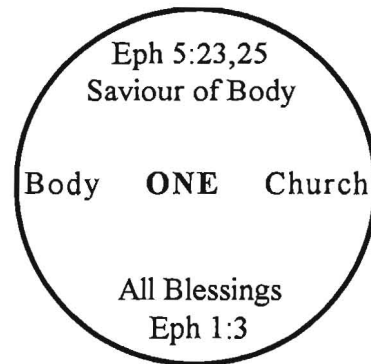
How many churches were there in the first century? How many today? Why so many?

I. WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

A. The Church Is An Assembly Of People Not A Building



1 Cor 12:13
Gal 3:27



B. It is essential that we are members of the one universal church:

1. Universal church = all living Christians in the world + dead Christians from time past
2. How essential was it for Noah to be in the ark when the floods came? Same with church.
3. Cannot say like this bumper sticker, "Christ Yes...The Church No!"
4. We become members of the church by doing what God has told us to do to be saved.

C. It is essential that we are members of a local church as well: Heb 10:24-25

- a. There is no room for solo-Christians in God's mind when we can be active in local church.
- b. People who refuse to be active in a local church are lost. (symptom of greater spiritual problems)

II. THE BLUEPRINT OF THE CHURCH

A. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE CHURCH?

1. Why have we named every planet in our solar system except the moon and sun? (Only one!)
2. Likewise God never named the church! (Only one!)
3. The church (used over 100X) Church of God (1 Cor 1:2) Church of Christ (Rom 16:16)

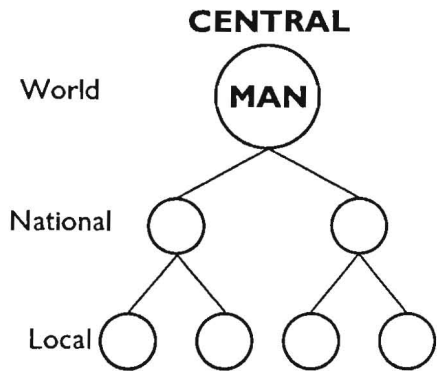
B. WHAT IS THE PRIMARY WORK OF THE CHURCH?

1. To seek and save the lost: Mt 28:18
2. The work of the church **is not**:
 - a. a social organization providing entertainment for all age groups and the family. (Pentecostal)
 - b. a benevolent society providing food, clothing and shelter for the needy (Salvation Army)
 - c. a money raising organization for church ministries & charity (TV Evangelists)
 - d. a political force shaping government policy & defending human rights (Pope, Desmond Tutu)

C. Government of the Local Church

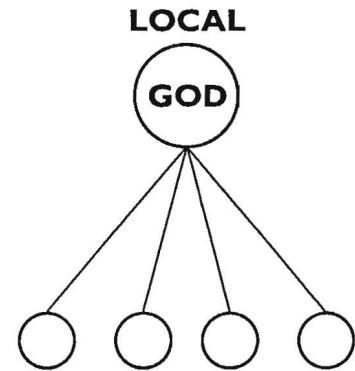
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TWO TYPES OF GOVERNMENT



ALL CHURCHES BOUND CENTRALLY
DOCTRINE DETERMINED BY ONE MAN

Matthew 15:9



EACH CHURCH GOVERNED LOCALLY
EVERY CHURCH EQUAL & INDEPENDENT

CHART: *Centralized Church Government*

HOW CAN INDEPENDENT CHURCHES HAVE UNITY?

2 John 9



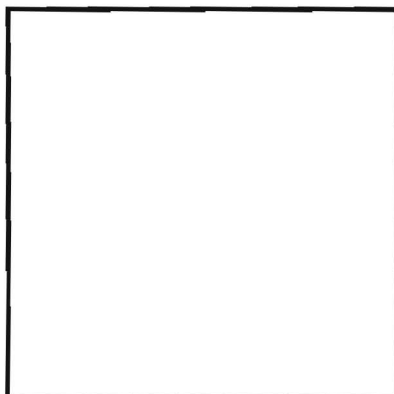
Bowling Alleys or Golf Courses



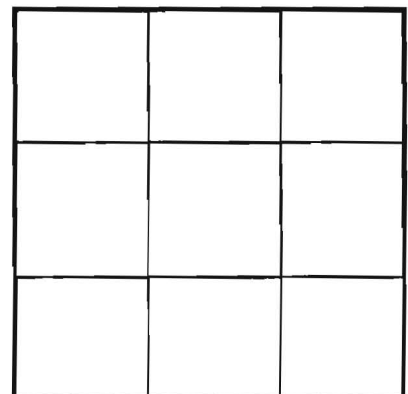
Local Churches

GOD'S WISDOM CHOSE LOCAL TYPE BECAUSE OF APOSTASY

SINGLE PANE OF GLASS



MULTI-STAINED GLASS



1 Timothy 4:1-4

Example of Apostasy: United Church and the ordination of practising homosexuals

D. COLLECTIVE WORSHIP WITHIN THE ASSEMBLY:

GIVING

TIME: 1 Cor 16:1-2 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

METHOD: 2 Cor 9:7 Freewill, Tithing, Church Business, Raffles, Bingo, Bake Sales

LORD'S SUPPER

TIME: Ax 20:7 Every Easter, Every Month, Every Sunday

EMBLEMS: Mt 26:26-29

BODY: Bread, Cheese, Meat, Carrots

BLOOD: Fruit of the Vine, Milk, Water, Cola

PARTICIPANTS: Every Christian, Priests only

MUSIC

Eph 5:18-19

WHAT KIND: Sing, Play instruments

MAKE MELODY WITH: Heart, Harp, Organ, Guitar

E. HOW CAN YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSIAL CHURCH?

1. We must meet God's conditions not man's:
 - a. We must believe in Christ as the divine Son of God: Mk 16:16
 - b. We must repent of our sins (change our lifestyle to conform to Jesus' example): Ax 2:38
 - c. We must be willing to tell others about Jesus Christ: Ax 8:36-37
 - d. We must be willing to be baptized the way God commanded in the Bible: Ax 22:16
2. We must assemble every Lord's day with other Christians:
 - a. Paul joined himself to the church in Jerusalem: Ax 9:26 No room for "solo-Christians"
 - b. We must partake of the Lord's supper every Sunday: Ax 20:7
 - c. We must give as we are able every Sunday: 1 Cor 16:2

III. BUILDING A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF CHRIST:

A. Simply learn the Bible blueprint of doctrine and worship apart from human creeds!

C. Determining our doctrine and worship as a church:

- a. Lord's Supper? "I think it would be real nice to..." (We don't care what you think is nice, but what the Bible teaches.)
- b. Baptism? "Immersion is so messy and inconvenient. You get all wet and cold." (We don't care what you think is easier...)

B. How can we be sure that this will be identical to the original New Testament Church?

1. The Seed Principle:

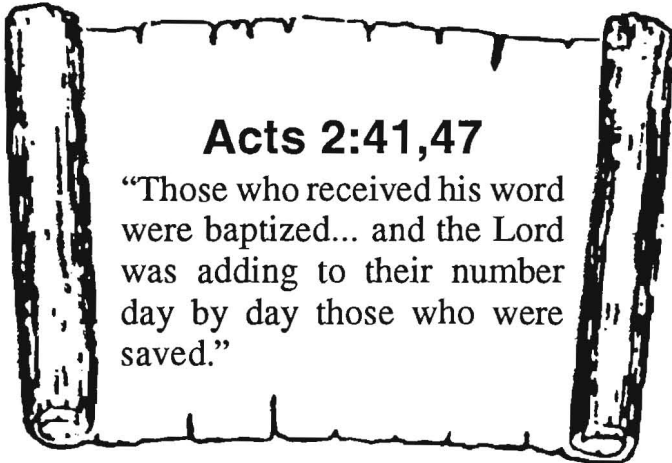
C. You too can be a New Testament Christian and a member of Christ's church!

HOMEWORK: Quiz, Daily Bible Reading & Memory Verse: Heb 10:24

OUR NEXT STUDY: Date: _____ Place: _____

Becoming a member of the church

God's Blueprint



Acts 2:41,47

“Those who received his word were baptized... and the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were saved.”

Men's Blueprints

Baptist Handbook

Each new member must be admitted by the voluntary consent and approval of those already members, usually expressed by a formal vote.

Methodist Discipline

Let great care be taken in receiving new persons. Let no one be admitted into full membership in the church until such a person has been at least six months Probation and has been recommended by the leaders.

Nazarene Manual

The minister shall receive acceptable candidates into membership in a public service using the approved form #801

Form #801

“Dearly beloved: Desiring to unite with the Church of the Nazarene, do you covenant to give yourself to the fellowship and work of God as set forth in the General & Specific Rules of the Church of the Nazarene?”

Evangelical Constitution

New members may be received at any business meeting of the church in the following manner:

1. The applicant should be known by fellowship for at least 3 months time to allow sufficient time to demonstrate the applicants faith and manner of living.
2. Deacons shall provide instruction for each applicant in the doctrines and distinctives of the Evangelical Church.
3. Deacons shall also investigate as to the faith and life of the applicant, then make recommendation to the membership.
4. If any member should vote against the acceptance of any member...

BIBLE BLUEPRINT OF BAPTISM

Review: Quiz, Daily Bible Reading & Memory Verse

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YOUR SALVATION EXPERIENCE

Birth

Today

VARIOUS TEACHINGS ON BAPTISM

1. **MODE: How baptism is performed?**
-Sprinkling, Pouring, Immersion?
2. **CANDIDATE: Who is baptized?**
-Infants, believers, the dead?
3. **PURPOSE: Why one is baptized?**
-An outward sign that one has already been saved?
-Essential to salvation?

MODE: HOW? SPRINKLING, POURING OR IMMERSION?

1. Baptism is a burial: Rom 6:3-7

BAPTISM IS A BURIAL: Romans 6:3-7

Would you be buried like this?



If so, then be baptized like this.



SPRINKLING

If this is a proper burial...



Then this is a proper baptism.



POURING

But if you would be buried like this...



Then be baptized like this.



IMMERSION

HOW WOULD YOU BE BURIED?

2. Where did the word “baptism” come from?

- a. It was first used in English in the King James Version in 1611 A.D.
- b. Sprinkling was the practice of the day
- c. If they translated the word “immersion” it would have contradicted what church leaders taught
- d. So they merely transliterated the word “baptizo” (gave Greek word an English ending)

Greek word	Transliteration	Translation
Baptizo	Baptism	Immersion


3. The meaning of the word “baptism”

- a. The word “baptism” is a Greek word, not English
- b. In English it is strictly a religious word, in Greece today it is a common word
- c. If a ship sinks or a dish is immersed in water, Greeks say, “It was baptized”
- d. The Bible always uses “baptizo”

GREEK DICTIONARY MEANING	
ENGLISH WORD	GREEK WORD
BAPTISM (Immersion)	BAPTIZO
SPRINKLE	RHANIZO
POURING	CHEO

4. Bible examples of baptism were always performed by immersion

- a. Jesus was immersed in the Jordan not sprinkled: Mt 3:13
- b. Philip immersed the eunuch: Ax 8:34-39



Acts 8:34-39

V36 “and as they went along the road they came to some water”

V38 “and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch.

V38 “and he baptized him”

V39 “and they came up out of the water”

Baptism Is Immersion

5. History of sprinkling

- a. First recorded case was performed in 253 A.D. to a dying invalid. This was the exception to the rule and brought about fierce opposition.
- b. 500 years later, in 753 A.D., sprinkling was officially accepted for cases of necessity.
- c. By 1311A.D. the Catholic council of Ravenna officially accepted sprinkling as the universal standard of baptism and declared how one was baptized was unimportant.

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM: INFANTS OR BELIEVERS?

1. Infants cannot believe:

- a. Ax 8:37 “What hinders me from being baptized?” Answer “If you believe you may”
- b. Mk 16:16 “He who believes and is baptized”

2. Infants cannot repent:

- c. Ax 2:38 “Repent and be baptized”

3. There is no command for infants to be baptized in the Bible.

4. There are no examples of an infant being baptized in the Bible.

5. Infant baptism is not Bible baptism but a doctrine of men: Mk 7:7-9

THE PURPOSE OF BAPTISM

POSITION #1 Outward symbol that you are already saved. Baptism not essential to salvation. *A wedding ring is a non-essential symbol of marriage. Likewise, we can be saved without being baptized.*

POSITION #2 Your sins are forgiven at baptism and is therefore essential to salvation. If an unbaptized believer has attended for 10 years, they are not saved.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?



CHECK IT FOR YOURSELF!

POSITION #1	TEXT	POSITION #2
Baptism doesn't save you	1 Peter 3:21	Baptism saves you
Baptism doesn't wash away sins	Acts 22:16	Baptism washes away your sins
Baptism doesn't forgive any sins	Acts 2:38	Baptism is for the forgiveness of sins
Saved by faith before & without baptism	Mark 16:16	Faith & baptism equally essential
Baptism is outward sign of inward grace	Colossians 2:12	Raised up (born again) through baptism
Saved by faith alone without baptism	James 2:24	Saved by works of obedience to God
Baptism is merely a symbol	Matthew 3:7	Baptized to flee God's wrath at judgement
Baptismal services every three months	Acts 16:25,33	Baptism urgent...even at midnight

FIVE COMMON INTERPRETATIONS OF MARK 16:16

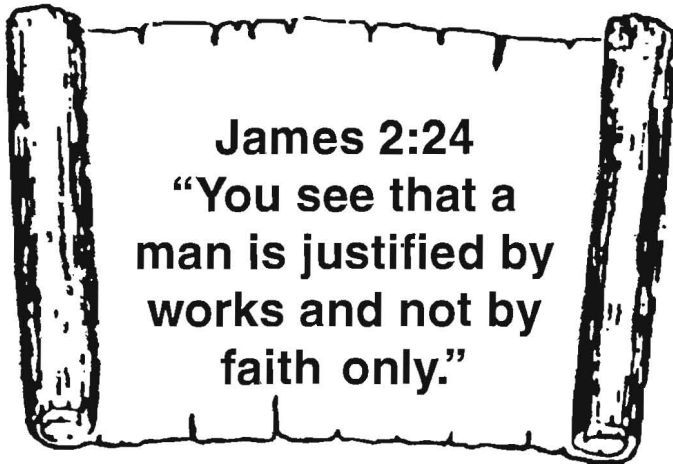
1. He who believes and is baptized shall not be saved	Jews, Muslims & Atheists
2. He who doesn't believe and isn't baptized shall be saved	Unitarian Church
3. He who doesn't believe but is baptized shall be saved	Infant Baptism
4. He who believes but isn't baptized shall be saved	Position #1 (Faith Only)
5. He who both believes and is baptized shall be saved	Bible Believers

APPLICATION CHART

EXAMPLES OF DIFFERENT BAPTISMS	HOW	WHO	WHY	BIBLE BAPTISM?
BAPTISM FOR THE DEAD Mormon Church				
INFANT BAPTISM Catholic, United, S.Army, Reformed, Anglican, Presbyterian, Lutheran,				
FAITH ONLY Baptist, Adventist, Jw's, Penticostal, Brethren, Alliance, Nazarine, AGC				
JOHN'S BAPTISM Ax 18:24-28 Ax 19:1-5				

Saved By Faith Only?

God's Blueprint



Men's Blueprints

Methodist "Discipline"

Wherefore, that we are justified by **faith only** is a most wholesome doctrine and very full of comfort.

Christian Reformed "Confession of faith"

We are justified by **faith alone**, or faith apart by works.

Pentecostal "Essential Truths"

Justification is a judicial act of God by which the sinner is declared righteous **solely** on the basis of his acceptance of Christ.

Baptist "Handbook"

Baptists believe that eternal life is found through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ and that **nothing else** is needed for that purpose.

Philpot Memorial (AGC)

We believe that sinners are saved by grace through **faith alone**.

Nazarine "Manual"

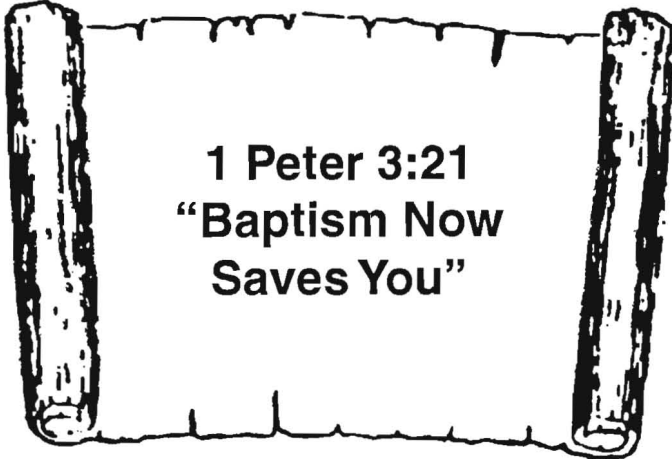
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Brethren (Bible Chapel)

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Does Baptism Save?

God's Blueprint



1 Peter 3:21
"Baptism Now
Saves You"

Men's Blueprints

Pentecostal **"Essential Truths"**

It is not a saving ordinance

Baptist **"Handbook"**

We do not believe that baptism is necessary for salvation

Evangelical **"Articles of Faith"**

Baptism is not regarded as a means of salvation

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Who will you obey?

God & Bible **or** **Men & Creeds**



- Circumcised according to Moses: Ax 15:2
- Infant Baptism + Confirmation
- Believe, baptized + speak in tongues
- Place hand on TV set & give \$
- Be a basically good moral person
- Through faith & commitment of spouse
- Priest absolves you of sin after death
- Preached into heaven at funeral
- Pray sinners prayer & ask Jesus into heart
- Wait for direct action of the Holy Spirit
- Mourners bench to “get religion”
- “Faith only”
- Believe & wear red socks

Acts 2

V37 “What shall we do?”

V38 “Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins.”

V40 “With many other words Peter kept on exhorting them saying, ‘Be saved!’”

V41 “Those who received his word were baptized... about 3000 souls”



Have you done what God commanded or have you merely obeyed men?

Mark 7:7-9 2 Cor 13:5

Would you like to stand before God in judgement having obeyed human creeds?

WATER BAPTISM QUIZ

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I. CIRCLE TRUE OR FALSE

- T F Jesus was baptized by sprinkling in the Jordan river.
- T F The Greek word "baptizo" is literally translated "sprinkling" in English.
- T F In the first century, people planned their baptisms in advance for special days.
- T F There are a few examples of an infants being baptized in the Bible.
- T F God will accept your baptism even if it was according to the doctrines of men.
- T F The Bible's teaching on baptism is easy to understand.

II. FILL IN THE BLANKS

WHY MUST YOU BE BAPTIZED?

- Matthew 3:7 To flee the _____ of God.
- Mark 16:16 To be _____.
- Luke 7:29 To acknowledge God's _____.
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- John 3:5 To be _____ again.
- Acts 2:38 To have your _____ forgiven.
- Acts 22:16 To _____ away your sins.
- Romans 6:3-7 To _____ our old self (or man). (verse 6)
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Mt 10:32				
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Sum of Truth				

God has always expected man to obey Him in order to receive a blessing

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- Mark 16:16 What did Jesus say we had to do to be saved? _____

Read the verse then fill in the blank as it corresponds to each column			
Verse	Condition 1	Condition 2	Result
John 3:5		born of Spirit	enter kingdom
1 Corinthians 12:13	baptized		into one body
Titus 3:5	washing of regeneration	renewing of Holy Spirit	

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Blood of Christ

Water Baptism

- Matthew 26:28 → _____ ← Acts 2:38
- Romans 5:9 → _____ ← Mark 16:16
- Revelation 1:5 → _____ ← Acts 22:16
- Hebrews 9:14 → _____ ← 1 Peter 3:21

WHAT IS IN CHRIST? (Fill in the blanks)

- Romans 3:24 _____ in Christ
- 2 Corinthians 1:20 _____ in Christ
- Ephesians 1:3 _____ in Christ
- Ephesians 1:11 _____ in Christ
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- 2 Timothy 2:10 _____ in Christ
- 1 John 5:11 _____ in Christ



HOW DO YOU GET INTO CHRIST?

- Galatians 3:27 _____ into Christ
- 1 Corinthians 12:13 _____ into Christ
- Romans 6:3 _____ into Christ

What is your spiritual condition if you are not "in Christ"?

Don't forget to do your Daily Bible reading and memorize Acts 22:16

Purpose of Baptism

ALL CHURCHES TEACH ONE OF TWO POSITIONS

1. Identify which one of the two positions you believe.
2. Read each of the Bible verses in the centre text column and read the two corresponding statements
3. Place a check mark in the appropriate box to indicate either position 1 or 2.

POSITION #1 Outward symbol that you are already saved. Baptism not essential to salvation. *A wedding ring is a non-essential symbol of marriage. Likewise, we can be saved without being baptized.*

POSITION #2 Your sins are forgiven at baptism and is therefore essential to salvation. If an unbaptized believer has attended for 10 years, he is not saved.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

CHECK IT FOR YOURSELF!



POSITION #1	TEXT	POSITION #2
Baptism doesn't save you	1 Peter 3:21	Baptism saves you
Baptism doesn't wash away sins	Acts 22:16	Baptism washes away your sins
Baptism doesn't forgive any sins	Acts 2:38	Baptism is for the forgiveness of sins
Saved by faith before & without baptism	Mark 16:16	Faith & baptism equally essential
Baptism is outward sign of inward grace	Colossians 2:12	Raised up (born again) through baptism
Saved by faith alone without baptism	James 2:24	Saved by works of obedience to God
Baptism is merely a symbol	Matthew 3:7	Baptized to flee God's wrath at judgement
Baptismal services every three months	Acts 16:25,33	Baptism urgent...even at midnight

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Why We Need Jesus

Review: Quiz, Daily Bible Reading & Memory Verse

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God's Law

All sins will be paid for: Heb 2:3

 All have sinned
Rom 3:23

 Wages of sin is death
Rom 6:23

God is Just

If God overlooks even one sin He would not be just

We pay for our sins *individually*

 Eternity in Hell

God is Merciful

Not a tyrant waiting to pounce
2 Pe 3:9; Ezek 18:23; Jn 3:16

Christ pays for our sins *substitutionally*

 Eternity in Heaven

God's Law

How do you want your sins paid for?

Either **you** will pay for your sins **after** you die **Or** Christ will pay for your sins **before** you die

The choice is yours

Calculating The Cost

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JESUS SAID WE MUST CALCULATE THE COST: LK 14:28-30

- A. How many will go to hell and why? Lk 13:23-27
- B. The alternative to paying the cost is going to war against Jesus: Lk 14:31-32
1. We are the king with 10,000: "I rule & control my own life", "I'm #1", "No one tells me what to do!"
 2. Jesus is the king with 20,000 who has challenged us to spiritual war.
 3. We have only two choices: fight and lose or surrender
We best surrender our kingship and make Jesus King and Lord of our life
 4. What are the terms of peace? (Faith, repent, confess & be baptized)
- C. The cost is high but the benefits are greater
1. No one would pay \$50,000 for a bicycle (expensive and the cost exceeds the benefits)
This is how many imagine being a Christian is like: *Give more than you get*
 2. \$50,000 for a Lear Jet? (expensive but the benefits exceed the cost)
This is how being a Christian is actually like: *High cost yes...with incredible benefits*
- D. The disciples asked "We have paid the cost...so what's in the grab bag for us?" Mk 10:28-33
1. Jesus replied, "Present and future benefits": Rom 8:18; 2 Cor 4:17-18
- E. Let's look at four areas of cost that every Christian will have to pay:

EXTERNAL FORCES WORKING AGAINST YOU

Luke 14:26

- Physical or spiritual family disapprove of you new doctrinal beliefs: Mt 10:34-38; Jn 16:2
- Peer pressure from your worldly friends who disapprove your change in character: 1 Pe 4:1-5

INTERNAL FORCES YOU MUST OVERCOME

Luke 14:27 + Gal 2:20

Baby crying at 3AM illustration

- Cost of time: Heb 10:25 attending with the church, Bible reading and prayer
- Removing sin from our lives: Eph 4:22-24

NEW ATTITUDE TOWARDS YOUR POSSESSIONS

Lk 14:33 + 1 Ti 6:7-10

The pearl merchant illustration: Mt 13:45-46

- God commands us to give as we can every Sunday: 1 Cor 16:1-2
- Making Sunday attendance a priority can cost you money from lost work opportunities

TELLING OTHERS ABOUT THE GOSPEL

Lk 9:23-26 + Jn 15:8,16

The gold mine illustration

- Ashamed or afraid to tell others about your new found faith: Jn 12:42-43

ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY THE COST?

- A. How does your cost compare to what other children of God had to pay? Heb 10:32-39; 11:35-37
- B. If you knew ahead of time that obeying Christ would cost you _____
would you still be willing to _____ if you knew before hand?
- C. Now that you have "calculated the cost", are you willing to pay the cost? Yes No