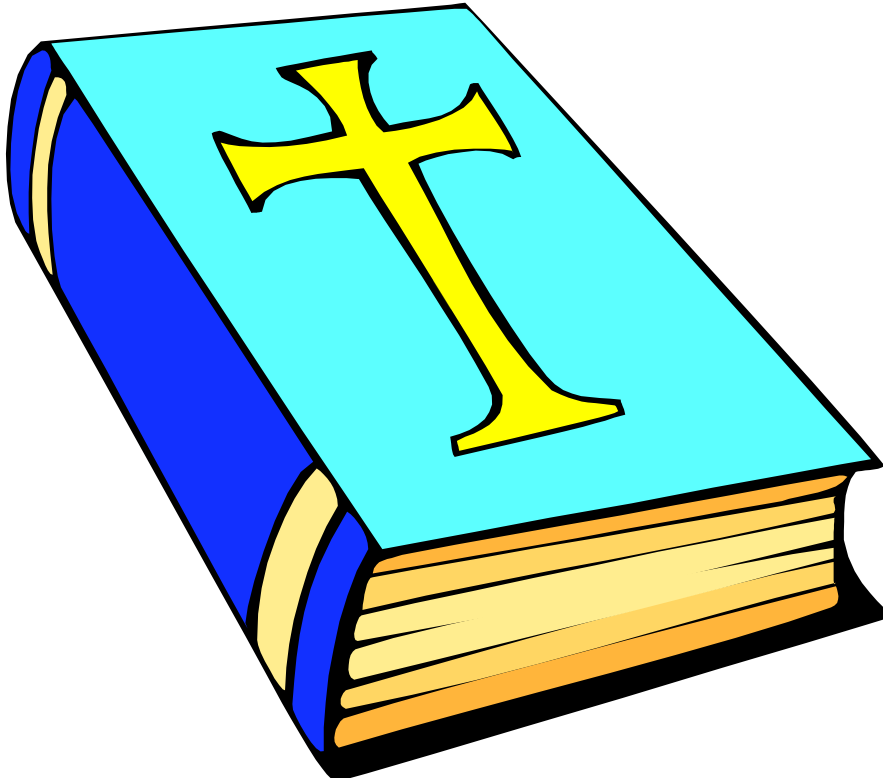


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PREFACE.

Welcome to this Study on Basic Doctrines of Christianity. Go through this study a step at a time. It is very challenging and rewarding.

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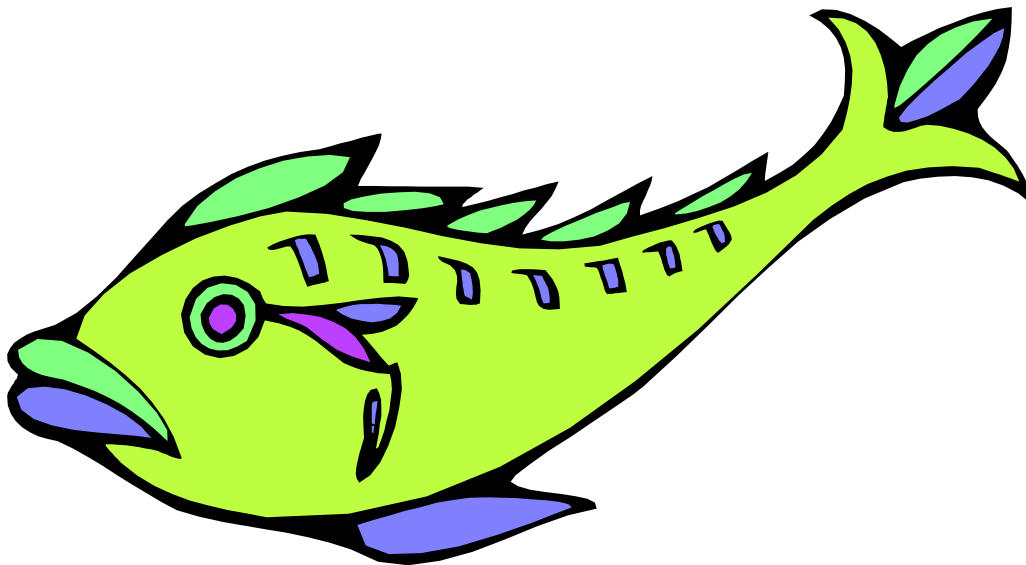
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Director of CTF Services

BASIC DOCTRINES STUDY NOTES – INTRODUCTION.

This series of studies was developed for new converts who were all mature in years (30+)

This document lists the many Scriptures that are used to draw out the Biblical teaching on some vital doctrines:

1. **THE FALL & CURSE OF MAN**
2. **ATONEMENT**
3. **REGENERATION**
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6. **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

These notes are just the Scriptures and the leader needs to build on these by questions, discussions and relating to Christian experience.

A specific verse of Scripture pertinent to that doctrine was given as a memory verse so that on conclusion of the series the attendees would have some of God's Word hidden in their hearts!!

1. THE FALL and CURSE OF MAN

Memorise

We start by looking at the **(FALL)** "*FACT OF SIN*"
and the **(CURSE)** "*PENALTY OF SIN*"

Rom 3:23

Rom 6:23

What is **SIN** ?

It is rebellion and enmity against GOD, demonstrated in a three-fold way:

- a) by act** Stealing is an ACT of sin.
- b) by attitude** Hypocrisy is an ATTITUDE of sin.
- c) by state** Not being saved is a STATE of sin.

We are therefore in our tripartite being (body, soul and spirit) in a condition of separation from God.

The origin of SIN is revealed only in the BIBLE.

1. It came about by the disobedience of Adam.

GEN 3:6 **When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good** for food and pleasing to the eye, and **also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.** he also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

:11 And he said, "**Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?**"

:12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me, she gave me some fruit from the tree, and **I ate it.**"

ROM 5:12 Therefore, just as **sin entered the world through one man,** and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all have sinned--

:15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the **but many died by the trespass of the one man,** how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

:19 For just as through **the disobedience of the one man** the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

2. Through Temptation of the Devil

GEN 3:1-5 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "**Did God really say,** 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "**You will not surely die.**" the serpent said to the woman, "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

2 COR 11:3 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, **your minds may somehow be led astray** from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

3. The consequence on man of the Fall

a) All men are included in Unrighteousness

1KI 8:46 "When they sin against you--for **there is no one who does not sin**--and you become angry with them and give them over to the enemy, who takes them captive to his own land, far away or near;

GAL 3:22 But the Scripture declares that **the whole world is a prisoner of sin**, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

1JOHN 1:8 **If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves** and the truth is not in us.

1JOHN 5:19 We know that we are children of God, and that **the whole world is under the control of the evil one.**

ECC 7:20 **There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins.**

ROM 3:10 As it is written: "**There is no one righteous, not even one;**

PSA 14:3 All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; **there is no one who does good,** not even one.

b) Made in the image of Adam

1COR 15:48 **As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth;** and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.

:49 And just as **we have borne the likeness of the earthly man,** so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

c) Born in Sin

- JOB 25:4 How then can a man be righteous before God? **How can one born of woman be pure?**
- PSA 51:5 Surely **I was sinful at birth,** sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
- ISA 48:8 You have neither heard nor understood; from of old your ear has not been open. Well do I know how treacherous you are; **you were called a rebel from birth.**
- JOHN 3:6 **Flesh gives birth to flesh,** but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

d) A child of the Devil

- MAT 13:38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. **The weeds are the sons of the evil one.**
- JOHN 8:44 **You belong to your father, the devil,** and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
- 1JOHN 3:8-10 **He who does what is sinful is of the devil,** because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

e) A child of wrath

- EPH 2:3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, **we were by nature objects of wrath.**

f) Evil in heart

- GEN 6:5 The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that **every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.**
- GEN 8:21 The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though **every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood.** And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.
- JER 16:12 But you have behaved more wickedly than your fathers. See how each of you is **following the stubbornness of his evil heart** instead of obeying me.
- MAT 15:19 For **out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.**

g) Blinded in heart

- EPH 4:18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to **the hardening of their hearts.** Corrupt and perverse in his ways.
- GEN 6:12 God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth **had corrupted their ways.**
- PSA 10:5 **Man's ways are always prosperous; he is haughty** and your laws are far from him; he sneers at all his enemies.
- ROM 3:12-16 **All have turned away,** they have together become worthless; **there is no one who does good,** not even one." "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit." "The poison of vipers is on their lips." "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." "Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark their ways,

h) Depraved in mind

ROM 8:5-7 Those who live according to the sinful nature **have their minds set on what that nature desires**; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. **The mind of sinful man is death**, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; **the sinful mind is hostile to God**. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

EPH 4:17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in **the futility of their thinking**.

COL 1:21 Once you were alienated from God and were **enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour**.

TIT 1:15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both **their minds and consciences are corrupted**.

i) Without understanding

PSA 14:2-3 The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see **if there are any who understand**, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

ROM 1:31 **they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless**.

ROM 3:11 **there is no one who understands**, no one who seeks God.

1COR 2:14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and **he cannot understand them**, because they are spiritually discerned.

j) Short of God's standard

ROM 3:23 for all have sinned and **fall short of the glory of God**.

k) Defiled in conscience

TIT 1:15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both **their minds and consciences are corrupted**.

HEB 10:22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to **cleanse us from a guilty conscience** and having our bodies washed with pure water.

I) Estranged from God

- GEN 3:8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they **hid from the LORD God** among the trees of the garden.
- PSA 58:3 Even **from birth the wicked go astray**; from the womb they are wayward and speak lies.
- EPH 4:18 They are darkened in their understanding and **separated from the life of God** because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

m) In bondage to sin

- ROM 6:19 I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body **in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness**, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.
- ROM 7:5 For when **we were controlled by the sinful nature**, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death.
- ROM 7:23 but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and **making me a prisoner of the law of sin** at work within my members.
- GAL 5:17 For **the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit**, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that **you do not do what you want**.
- TIT 3:3 At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and **enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures**. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

n) In bondage to the devil

- 2TIM 2:26 and that they will come to their senses and **escape from the trap of the devil**, who has **taken them captive to do his will**.
- HEB 2:14-15 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil and **free those who all their lives were held in slavery** by their fear of death.

o) Constant in evil

2PET 2:14 With eyes full of adultery, **they never stop sinning**; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed and accursed brood!

p) Conscious of guilt

GEN 3:7-10 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and **they realised they were naked**; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

q) Turned his own way

ISA 53:6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us **has turned to his own way**; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

r) Loves darkness

JOHN 3:19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but **men loved darkness** instead of light because their deeds were evil.

s) Devoid of fear

ROM 3:18 "There is **no fear of God** before their eyes."*

t) Depraved

ROM 7:18 I know that **nothing good lives in me**, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

u) Dead in Sin

EPH 2:1 As for you, **you were dead in your transgressions and sins**,

COL 2:13 When **you were dead in your sins** and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,

4. The punishment consequences of the Fall

a) Banishment from Paradise

GEN 3:24 After **he drove the man out**, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

b) Condemnation to Labour & Sorrow

GEN 3:16-19 To the woman he said, "I will **greatly increase your pains in child bearing**; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' **Cursed is the ground** because of you; **through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life**.

It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. **By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food** until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for **dust you are and to dust you will return.**"

JOB 5:6-7 For hardship does not spring from the soil, nor does trouble sprout from the ground. Yet **man is born to trouble** as surely as sparks fly upward.

c) Death

ROM 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way **death came to all men**, because all sinned--

ROM 5:18 Consequently, just as the result of **one trespass was condemnation for all men**, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.

:21 so that, just as **sin reigned in death**, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ROM 6:23 For the **wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1COR 15:22 For as **in Adam all die**, so in Christ all will be made alive.

5. Man cannot change it

JER 2:22 Although you wash yourself with soda and use an abundance of soap, **the stain of your guilt is still before me,**" declares the Sovereign LORD.

JER 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? **Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil.**

PRO 20:9 **Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin"?**

6. God's Remedy

GEN 3:15 And **I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;** he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

2. ATONEMENT.

Memory

Having looked at the (FALL) "FACT OF SIN" Rom 3:23,
the (CURSE) "PENALTY OF SIN" Rom 6:23,
we now consider the (ATONEMENT) "*PENALTY PAID by CHRIST*" **Rom 5:8.**

What does ATONEMENT mean? (at-one-ment)

The word in Hebrew is **KAPHAR** which means to cover, meaning that sins were covered by the blood of the sacrifice, and that the sinner and God had become "at one". When we refer to the whole of the work of Christ on the Cross we would use the word "reconciled".

1. Jesus the Atoner

ROM 5:8-11 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, **Christ died for us.** Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, **we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son,** how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus_Christ, **through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

2COR 5:18 All this is from God, **who reconciled us to himself** through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

:19 that **God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,** not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

GAL 1:4 **who gave himself for our sins** to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

1JOH 2:2 **He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,** and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1JOH 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and **sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

2. Foreordained & Foretold

- ISA 53:4-12 Surely **he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows**, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.
- :5 But **he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities**; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and **by his wounds we are healed**.
- :6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and **the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all**.
- :7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
- :8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For **he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken**.
- :9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.
- :10 Yet it was the LORD'S will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though **the LORD makes his life a guilt offering**, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.
- :11 After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge **my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities**.
- :12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because **he poured out his life unto death**, and was numbered with the transgressors. For **he bore the sin of many**, and made intercession for the transgressors.
- ROM 3:25 **God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement**, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, **because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished**-
- 1PET 1:11 trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he **predicted the sufferings of Christ** and the glories that would follow.
- :20 **He was chosen before the creation of the world**, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.
- ZEC 13:1 **"On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David** and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.
- ZEC 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!" declares the LORD Almighty. **"Strike the shepherd**, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones.
- JOH 11:50-51 You do not realise that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year **he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation**,

REV 13:8 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast, all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to **the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.**

3. Christ alone did it.

JOH 1:29 The next day John saw **Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"**

:36 When he saw Jesus passing by, **he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"**

1THES 1:10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, **Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.**

ACT 4:10-12 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: **It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,** whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, **that this man stands before you healed.**

:11 He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.

:12 **Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."**

1TIM 2:5 For **there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.**

:6 who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time.

HEB 2:9 **But we see Jesus,** who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because **he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.**

1PET 2:24 **He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,** so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; **by his wounds you have been healed.**

4. It was voluntary.

PSA 40:6-8 Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced; burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. Then I said, "**Here I am, I have come**--it is written about me in the scroll. **I desire to do your will, O my God:** your law is within my heart."

HEB 10:5-9 Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, '**Here I am, it is written about me in the scroll, I have come to do your will, O God.**' "First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them" (although the law required them to be made). Then he said, "**Here I am, I have come to do your will.**" He sets aside the first to establish the second.

JOH 10:11-18 "I am the good shepherd. **The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.** The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and **I lay down my life for the sheep.** I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that **I lay down my life**--only to take it up again. **No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.** This command I received from my Father."

3. REGENERATION.

Memory

Having looked at the (FALL) "FACT OF SIN" Rom 3:23,
the (CURSE) "PENALTY OF SIN" Rom 6:23,
the (ATONEMENT) "PENALTY PAID by CHRIST" Rom 5:8,
we now consider **(REGENERATION) "ACCEPTING THE SACRIFICE"** John 3:16.

It is often referred to as: *Being Born Again, Being Converted, Trusting Jesus, Accepting the Lord, Seeing the Light, Believing in Jesus etc.*

One of the most relevant passages is:

JOHN 3:1-21 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, **no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.**" "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, **no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven--the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. **For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. **Whoever believes in him is not condemned,** but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

Note Nicodemus did not specifically ask how to be saved but Jesus saw the questioning within his heart so Jesus declared "You must be Born Again".

The corruption of human nature requires it:

ROM 8:7 **the sinful mind is hostile to God.** It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.
:8 **Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.**

None can enter heaven without having been "Born Again"

JOHN 3:3 I tell you the truth, **no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.**"

2. All three persons of Trinity are involved

GOD —

JOHN 1:13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of **God.**

1PET 1:3 Praise be to **the God** and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

CHRIST —

ROM 8:2 because through **Christ** Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

HOLY SPIRIT —

JOHN 3:6 I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the **Spirit.**

TIT 3:5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the **Holy Spirit.**

2. Other Descriptions

A New Creation / A New Birth / Newness of Life / A New Heart / A New Spirit / A New Man (Self) / Inner Man / A Spiritual Resurrection /

2COR 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation;** the old has gone, the new has come!

GAL 6:15 Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a **new creation.**

EPH 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus** to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1PET 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us **new birth** into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

- ROM 6:4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live **a new life.**
- EZE 36:26 I will give you **a new heart** and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.
- EZE 11:19 I will give them an undivided heart and put **a new spirit** in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.
- ROM 7:6 But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the **new way of the Spirit.** and not in the old way of the written code.
- EPH 4:24 and to put on the **new self,** created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
- 2COR 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet **inwardly** we are being renewed day by day.
- ROM 7:22 For in my **inner being** I delight in God's law;
- ROM 6:4-6 We were therefore **buried with him** through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **we too may live a new life.** If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our **old self was crucified with him** so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin
- EPH 2:1-5 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us **alive with Christ** even when **we were dead** in transgressions; it is by grace you have been saved.
- COL 2:12 having been **buried with him** in baptism and **raised with him** through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.
- COL 3:1 Since, then, you have been **raised with Christ,** set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

It should Produce

Likeness of God

- EPH 4:24 and to put on the new self, created to **be like God** in true righteousness and holiness.

COL 3:10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the **image of its Creator.**

Likeness of Christ

ROM 8:29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to **the likeness of his Son.** that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Love of Bible

ROM 7:22 For in my inner being I **delight in God's law:**

1PET 2:2 Like newborn babies, **crave pure spiritual milk of the word,** so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

Hatred of Sin (does not deliberately go on sinning)

1JOHN 3:9 No one who is born of God **will continue to sin,** because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

1JOHN 5:18 We know that anyone born of God **does not continue to sin;** the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.

4. ASSURANCE.

Memory

Having looked at the (FALL) "FACT OF SIN" Rom 3:23,
the (CURSE) "PENALTY OF SIN" Rom 6:23,
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Having been 'Born Again' by a simple prayer of commitment how can I know if anything has happened? Can I know I am being saved?this is referred to as having Assurance... not National **Insurance** but **Blessed Assurance**

What is meant by Assurance?

"It is the believer's full conviction that through (GRACE) the finished work of Christ, and him alone, received by FAITH we are in possession of a salvation in which we will be eternally kept. This conviction should rest on the unchanging God, keeping his word, not on our fickle feelings. Our lives proceed "**Knowing**" what God has said rather than by **emotional experiences**. Know that Christ dwells within and enables us to overcome and also knowing His blood cleanses us from any sin."

Our ASSURANCE is based on a God declared FACT

Not on our emotional FEELINGS !!!.

Put another way " **GOD SAID IT**
" **I BELIEVE IT**
" **AND THAT SETTLES IT**"

There are two aspects of Assurance:

1. The immediate assurance of Sonship and adoption by God which is the heritage of everyone on being born again:

ROM 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the **Spirit of sonship.** And by him we cry, "**Abba, Father.**"
:16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that **we are God's children.**

ROM 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, nor heavenly rulers
:39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able **to separate us from the love of God** that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2TIM 1:12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I **know whom I have believed,** and **am convinced** that **he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him** for that day.

2TIM 4:8 Now there is **in store for me the crown of righteousness,** which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2. The assurance of victory over sin which is the promise to every truly surrendered Christian.

1COR 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, **he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.**

2TIM 3:14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have **become convinced** of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which **are able to make you wise for salvation** through faith in Christ Jesus.

2TIM 4:18 The Lord will **rescue me** from every evil attack and will **bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.** To him, be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1PET 1:5 who through faith **are shielded by God's power** until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

JUD 1:1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and **kept by Jesus Christ:**

How do I obtain such Assurance??

BY FAITH also by CONFESSING CHRIST before men the assurance of Victory rests on a pure conscience, having no barrier between God and myself.
The Holy Spirit will convict us and reveal when things are wrong.

Take in these precious Scriptures and let them raise your faith to ASSURE you of what God

"HAS DONE" and "IS DOING" and "IS GOING TO DO"!!

PSA 17:8 Keep me as **the apple of your eye;** hide me in the shadow of our wings

PSA 91:11 For he will command his angels concerning you **to guard you** in all your ways;

PSA 103:12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he **removed our transgressions** from us.

PSA 121:3 **He will not let your foot slip**--he who watches over you will not slumber;

PSA 121:8 the LORD will **watch over your coming and going** both now and forevermore.

ISA 26:3 You will **keep in perfect peace** him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

- ISA 38:17 Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In **your love you kept me from the pit of destruction**; you have put all my sins behind your back.
- ISA 44:2 This is what the LORD says--he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: **Do not be afraid**, O Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.
- JER 31:34 No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For **I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.**"
- JOHN 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me **has eternal life** and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.
- JOHN 10:14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and **my sheep know me**
- JOHN 11:26 and whoever lives and believes in me **will never die**. Do you believe this?"
- JOHN 17:11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, **protect them by the power of your name**, the name you gave so that they may be one as we are one.
- ROM 8:28-34 And we know that in **all things God works for the good** of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, **he also justified**; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to this? If **God is for us**, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all how will he not also, along with him, graciously **give us all things**? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? **It is God who justifies**. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died, more than that, who was raised to life is at the right hand of God and is also **interceding for us**.
- ROM 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, **you will be saved**.
- EPH 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. **Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal**, the promised Holy Spirit,
- PHI 1:6 **being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion** until the day of Christ Jesus.
- COL 2:2 My purpose is that **they may be encouraged in heart** and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may **know the mystery of God, namely, Christ**,

HEB 7:25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to **intercede for them.**

HEB 10:19-23 Therefore, brothers, since **we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,** by a new and living way **opened for us** through the curtain, that is, his body, and since **we have a great priest** over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart **in full assurance of faith,** having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for **he who promised is faithful.**

1JOHN 5:2 This is how **we know** that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

1JOHN 5:18-20 **We know** that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him. **We know** that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. **We know** also that the Son of God has come and given us understanding, so that **we may know** him who is true. And we are in him who is true even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

JUD 1:24 To him who is able to **keep you from falling** and to **present you before is glorious presence without fault** and with great joy-

:25 to the **only God our Saviour** be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

5. FORGIVENESS

Memory

Having looked at the (FALL) "FACT OF SIN" Rom 3:23,
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we now consider **(FORGIVENESS) "KNOW ONGOING FORGIVENESS" 1John 1:9.**

What is forgiveness ?

Within Humanity forgiveness is not the same as Pardon. You may forgive someone who wronged you but you or the law may still insist on a just punishment and recompense. However, divine forgiveness means; forgiving, forgetting and removal of the penalty. It is complete exoneration; it separates the sinner from their sin/s and is implied by the Hebrew word "*kaphar*", which means to; hide to cover to remove completely, and is connected with sacrifice and includes both atonement and forgiveness.

1. Old Testament.

Divine forgiveness **followed** the execution of the penalty "The high priest shall make an atonement...for his sin and it shall be forgiven him" Faced with the sacrifice, and recognizing the value of it, the repentant sinner was forgiven.

EXO 34:6-8 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and **forgiving wickedness,** rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation." Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshipped.

LEV 4:20 and do with this bull just as he did with the bull for the sin offering. In this way the priest will make atonement for them, and **they will be forgiven.** Then he shall take the bull outside the camp and burn it as he burned the first bull. This is the sin offering for the community. "When a leader sins unintentionally and does what is forbidden in any of the commands of the LORD his God, he is guilty. When he is made aware of the sin he committed, he must bring as his offering a male goat without defect. He is to lay his hand on the goat's head and slaughter it at the place where the burnt offering is slaughtered before the LORD. It is a sin offering. Then the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar. He shall burn all the fat on the altar as he burned the fat of the fellowship offering. **In this way the priest will make atonement for the man's sin, and he will be forgiven.**

- LEV 5:10 The priest shall then offer the other as a burnt offering in the prescribed way and make atonement for him for the sin he has committed, and **he will be forgiven.**
- LEV 5:18 He is to bring to the priest as a guilt offering a ram from the flock, one without defect and of the proper value. In this way the priest will make atonement for him for the wrong he has committed unintentionally, and **he will be forgiven.**
- NUM 15:25 The priest is to make atonement for the whole Israelite community, **and they will be forgiven.** for it was not intentional and they have brought to the LORD for their wrong an offering made by fire and a sin offering.
- NUM 15:26 The whole Israelite community and the aliens living among them **will be forgiven.** because all the people were involved in the unintentional wrong.
- PSA 32:5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"--**and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**
- PSA 85:2 **You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.**
- PSA 103:12 **as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**
- ISA 38:17 Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; **you have put all my sins behind your back.**
- ISA 44:22 **I have swept away your offences like a cloud,** your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."
- JER 31:34 No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For **I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.**"
- DAN 9:9 **The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving,** even though we have rebelled against him;
- DAN 9:19 **O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive!** O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name."

2. New Testament.

Divine forgiveness is **announced** the words *"this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins"*. Any sinner in a any place at any time can approach God and receive (experience) forgiveness on the ground of Christ's sacrifice, (that which was accomplished at the atonement).

Some look at in that the Cross and "Breaking of the **body of Christ** and his separation from God and condemnation to Hell" dealt with **MY SIN** the root. His ever flowing **shed blood** serves to forgive my ongoing **SINS** (the remaining fruits which my life still produces).

- MAT 6:12 **Forgive us our debts,** as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- MAT 26:28 This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many **for the forgiveness of sins.**
- MAR 2:5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, **your sins are forgiven.**"
- LUK 7:49 The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this **who even forgives sins?**"
- LUK 23:34 Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them,** for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.
- ACT 13:38 "Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the **forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.**
- ROM 4:7 "**Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.**
- EPH 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, **the forgiveness of sins,** in accordance with the riches of God's grace
- COL 2:13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. **He forgave us all our sins,**
- HEB 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

3. Warnings!!

- MAT 6:15 But **if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.**
- PSA 66:18 **If I had cherished sin in my heart,** the Lord would not have listened;
- MAT 12:31 And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the **blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.**
- MAT 12:32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but **anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven,** either in this age or in the age to come.

4. How often should we forgive.

- MAT 5:23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there **remember that your brother has something against you.**
:24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First **go and be reconciled to your brother;** then come and offer your gift.
- MAT 18:15 "**If your brother sins against you,** go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.
- MAT 18:21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, **how many times shall I forgive my brother** when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"
:22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but **seventy-seven times.**
- LUK 17:3 So watch yourselves. "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, **forgive him.**
:4 **If he sins against you seven times in a day,** and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' **forgive him."**
- LUK 19:8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, **I will pay back four times the amount."**
- EPH 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, **forgiving each other,** just as in Christ God forgave you.
- COL 3:13 **Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.**
- JAM 5:15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. **If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.**
- 1JOHN 1:9 **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

5. The greatest forgiveness of all time.

LUK 23:34 **Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."** And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

6. THE HOLY SPIRIT

Memory

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we now consider the (HOLY SPIRIT) "KNOWING IMMANUEL"	<u>Luke 11:13</u>

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity:-

He is fully involved in all of God's dealings in a multitude of ways:

He shared in the creation.

He inspires humankind to: build, plant, make beautiful things, to speak, to: preach, laugh, sing & make music.

He gives courage, bravery and leadership.

He gives visions, dreams and divine revelation.

He gives people respect, caring, courtesy and love.

He gives true fear of God, understanding and can reveal the future.

He helps us pray and intercede with God.

He helps us to bow our stubborn Wills, to repent and to humble ourselves

He wakens and revives.

He gives a burning heart and desire for us to become Christ like.

He is likened to: - Wind, Fire, Water and like unto a Dove.

1. OLD TESTAMENT

In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit came **UPON** men for special tasks:

- a) To lead God's people through the wilderness to the Promised Land
- b) To write the sacred Scriptures
- c) To inspire the deep inner meaning of the Tabernacle and to light up the Holy of Holies and the Mercy Seat
- d) To point to the coming Messiah

GEN 1:2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and **the Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters.

EXO 31:3 and **I have filled him with the Spirit of God,** with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts—

NUM 11:26-29 However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet **the Spirit also rested on them,** and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!" But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? **I wish that all the LORD'S people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!**"

- NUM 27:18 So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, **a man in whom is the spirit.** and lay your hand on him.
- JDG 3:10 **The Spirit of the LORD came upon him,** so that he became Israel's judge and went to war. The LORD gave Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram into the hands of Othniel, who overpowered him.
- JDG 6:34 **Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon,** and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him.
- 2SAM 23:1 These are the last words of David: "The oracle of David son of Jesse, the oracle of the man exalted by the Most High, **the man anointed by the God of Jacob,** Israel's singer of songs
- 2SAM 23:2 **"The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me;** his word was on my tongue.
- 2CHR 24:20 **Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah** son of Jehoiada the priest. He stood before the people and said, "This is what God says: 'Why do you disobey the LORD'S commands? You will not prosper. Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has forsaken you.'
:21 But they plotted against him, and by order of the king they stoned him to death in the courtyard of the LORD'S temple.
- ISA 32:15 **till the Spirit is poured upon us from on high,** and the desert becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field seems like a forest.
- ISA 44:3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; **I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,** and my blessing on your descendants.
- ISA 61:1 **The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,** because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,
- JOEL 2:28 'And afterward, **I will pour out my Spirit on all people.** Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.
- JOEL 2:29 Even on my servants, both men and women, **I will pour out my Spirit** in those days.
- ZEC 4:6 So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, **but by my Spirit.**' says the LORD Almighty.
- ZEC 12:10 **"And I will pour out on the house of David** and the inhabitants of Jerusalem **a spirit of grace and supplication.** They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

2. NEW TESTAMENT

In the New Testament the Holy Spirit still came **UPON** individuals. Ie. Mary, for the miraculous birth of the Messiah, John the Baptist, Zacharias. The Holy Spirit watched over the battle in the wilderness (the temptations of Jesus)

- MAT 1:18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child **through the Holy Spirit.**
- MAT 3:11 "I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. **He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit** and with fire.
- MAT 10:20 for it will not be you speaking, but **the Spirit of your Father** speaking through you.
- LUK 1:15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and **he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth.**
- LUK 1:67 His father Zechariah **was filled with the Holy Spirit** and prophesied:
- LUK 2:25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, **and the Holy Spirit was upon him.**
- LUK 2:26 It had been **revealed to him by the Holy Spirit** that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
- LUK 2:27 **Moved by the Spirit,** he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required,
- LUK 3:22 **and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form** like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."
- LUK 4:1 **Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,** returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert,
- JOH 3:5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless **he is born of water and the Spirit.**
- JOH 7:37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "**If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.**
- JOH 7:39 **By this he meant the Spirit,** whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

- JOH 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and **he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever--**
- JOH 14:17 **the Spirit of truth.** The world cannot accept him, because they neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.
- JOH 16:7-8 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. **Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you;** but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:
- JOH 20:22 And with that he breathed on them and said, **"Receive the Holy Spirit.**

3. ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST - AND AFTERWARDS

The disciples having being somewhat of a failure learned the secret of receiving the Holy Spirit. They were like beggars they came with empty hands repentant hearts, united in purpose and awaited the promise. With the sound of rushing wind and tongues of fire they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The love of God was poured out upon those in the upper room, then to the crowd that collected outside and subsequently went on to change the World.

- ACT 1:4-5 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days **you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.**"
- ACT 1:6-8 So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit** comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
- ACT 1:14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.
- ACT 2:1-7 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?"
- ACT 2:18 Even on my servants, both men and women, **I will pour out my spirit in those days,** and they will prophesy.

- ACT 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And **you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**
- ACT 4:8 Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Spirit,** said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people!
- ACT 4:31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and spoke the word of God boldly.
- ACT 7:55 **But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit,** looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.
- ACT 8:18-22 When Simon saw that **the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands,** he offered them money and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart.
- ACT 10:44-45 While Peter was still speaking these words, **the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.** The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles.
- ACT 13:2-4 While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. The two of them, **sent on their way by the Holy Spirit,** went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.

4. OTHER TRUTHS ABOUT HOLY SPIRIT.

Our bodies become the temples for the HOLY SPIRIT

The fruits with love in all its aspects should be seen in our lives. There will be a diversity of gifts - wisdom - healing - tongues - prophecy etc. all given for one purpose... the building up of the believers to preach and witness to Christ.

- ROM 5:5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out **his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit,** whom he has given us.
- ROM 8:2 because through Christ Jesus **the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.**
- ROM 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, **but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**
- 1COR 2:4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, **but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power.**

- 1COR 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that **God's Spirit lives in you?**
- 2COR 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and **the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**
- GAL 5:16 So I say, **live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.**
- EPH 4:30 And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,** with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- EPH 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**
- PHI 2:1 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, **if any fellowship with the Spirit,** if any tenderness and compassion,
- 1THESS 5:19 **Do not put out the Spirit's fire:**
- 1TIM 4:1 **The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith** and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.
- 2TIM 1:6 For this reason **I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.**
- TIT 3:5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. **He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,**
- HEB 9:8 **The Holy Spirit** was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still standing.
- 1PET 4:14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, **for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.**
- JUD 1:20 But you, dear friends, **build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.**
- REV 3:22 He who has an ear, **let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.**"

5. A FINAL COMMAND.

EPH 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit.**

6. SUMMARY

AS THE THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF PERSONALITY AND HAS 'INTELLECT' 'EMOTIONS' and 'WILL'

<u>For us HE:-</u>		<u>From us HE CAN BE:-</u>	
SPEAKS TO	Rev 2 v7	LIED TO	Acts 5 v3-4
INTERCEDES FOR	Rom 8 v26	INSULTED	Heb 10 v29
TESTIFIES TO	John 15 v26	BLASPHEMED	Matt 12 v31-32
COMMANDS	Acts 16 v 6-7	GRIEVED	Eph 4 v30
GUIDES	John 16 v13		
APPOINTS	Acts 20 v28		
LEADS	Acts 8 v29 & 13 v2, Rom 8 v14		

ON TRUE REPENTANCE and confession, several simultaneous events occur in the life of the believer you may or may not even be aware of them.

1. God regenerated and justified you... 2 Cor 5 v17, Rom 5 v1
2. The Holy Spirit baptised you into the body of Christ... Rom 6 v3
3. The Holy Spirit came to live in your heart... John 14 v7
4. The Holy Spirit sealed you... Eph 1 v13
To indicate: - a) Security... b) Ownership... Rom 8 v38-39
5. The Holy Spirit is your pledge... Eph 1 v14
6. The Holy Spirit is your witness... Rom 8 v16

The Holy Spirit has operated among men in three ways (upon, with, within):

The Old Testament the spirit of God came 'upon' men.
Jesus dwelt '**with**' his disciples.
The Holy Spirit abides is '**within**' his children.

You should not ask " How much of the Holy Spirit have I got " . ..but rather " How much of me has the Holy Spirit Got "
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You need Jesus for your **ETERNAL life**
And the Holy Spirit for your **INTERNAL life**

CONCLUSION.



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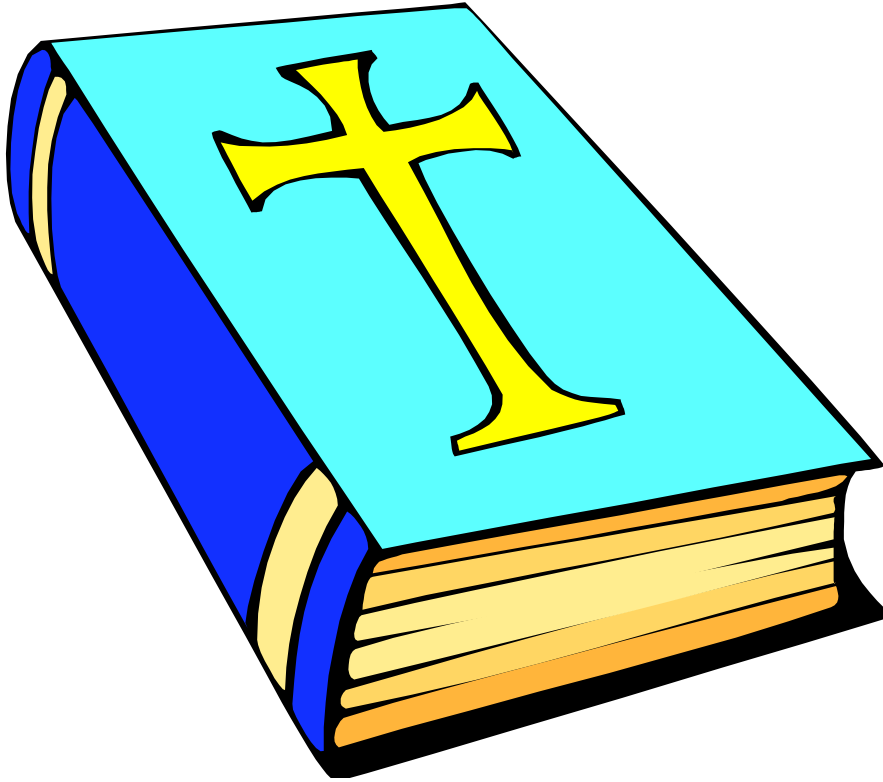
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