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“To the most Precious Saints of the most High God. Who wish to study the word of God. I say as the Apostle Paul said, “I do not cease to pray for you and I desire that you might be filled with knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding: That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing , being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
Colossians 1:10.

II Timothy 2:15 “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Timothy 3:16, 17 “Remember also, all scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

God Bless you and keep you,

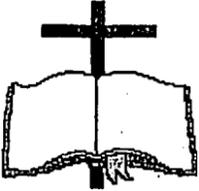
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July 10, 2009

Welcome,

I'm delighted that you have chose Grace Deliverance Bible Training Institute to study and grow in the word of God.

I would like to take this time to congratulate all of you on making the first step to becoming educated in the calling which God has chosen for your life.

New Classes will start on July 16th 2009 On Thursday at 9:00 PM
& Saturday July 17th 2009 also at 9:00PM.

Our conference classes are a way to allow you to have the Bible Training course in the comfort of your home without the added expense of transportation and gas expenses.

We have decided to offer these classes at an affordable rate that is comparable to everyone.

As Dean and Visionary of this great school, I'm dedicated to working with you to assist you in your educational endeavors.

I believe that God will bless each of you as you commit to him your time and effort in these years.

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Statement of Faith.

The Ministry Training Institute considers the following to be fundamental to an understanding of our relationship to the One True and Living God.

1. ONE TRUE GOD.

The One True God is the eternally self-existent "I AM," the Creator of the universe. He has further revealed Himself as a triune Being, manifested as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

2. SCRIPTURES INSPIRED.

All Scripture is verbally inspired by God as written in the original languages and is inerrant revelation of God to man. The Bible is the infallible authority for faith and conduct.

3. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

The Lord Jesus is 100% divine (Son of God) while simultaneously 100% human (Son of Man). As God incarnate, He is the express image of the Living God in human form.

4. ORIGINAL SIN & THE FALL OF MAN.

Man was created good and upright in the image and likeness of God. The first man, Adam, through disobedience, fell from the grace of God and, thus, sin and death entered into the world. Adam's transgression incurred not only physical death for man, but also spiritual death which is the eternal separation from God. Man's propensity to sin because of his sinful nature necessitates salvation from the power of sin and a Savior to provide that salvation.

5. SALVATION OF MAN.

Man's only hope of redemption and salvation from sin is through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. His blood is completely sufficient to deliver every person from the power and penalty of sin.

6. THE CHURCH & IT'S MISSION.

The Church is the Body of Christ and is comprised of all believers. God inhabits the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit both individually and corporately. Since God's purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshiped by man, and to build a body of believers in the

image of His Son, the Church's responsibility is: 1) to evangelize the world, 2) to be a corporate body in which man may worship and glorify God, and 3) to equip the saints for the work of service.

7. BAPTISM IN WATER.

Baptism by immersion in water is commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent of their sins and believe in Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized.

8. HOLY COMMUNION.

The Lord's Supper, consisting of bread and a cup of the fruit of the vine, is a memorial of Jesus' suffering and death and a celebration of His resurrection to be enjoyed by all believers until He comes again.

9. BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives utterance. This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth. With the baptism of the Holy Spirit comes the enduing of power for life and service and the bestowing of spiritual gifts.

10. EVER-INCREASING FAITH.

Faith of the heart is based on the hearing (spiritual understanding) of God's Word. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Christians are saved through faith, justified by faith, shall live by faith, and overcome the world by faith.

11. DIVINE HEALING.

Divine healing is provided for in both Old and New Testaments and is integral to the Gospel.

12. THE SECOND ADVENT OF CHRIST & THE FINAL JUDGMENT.

As the climax to God's dealing with man, Jesus is coming again. At that time, there will be a resurrection of the righteous and the wicked. The wicked will be judged and the righteous will be ushered into the Kingdom of God.

Benny Hinn - Pray this prayer.

Pray this prayer:

Lord, I cover everyone around me and myself with the Blood of Jesus.

I cover all the members of my family (call them by name) with the Blood of Jesus.

I cover my relatives and my possessions and goods with the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, by the power of His Blood, I break off every power of the kingdom of darkness, and I cancel every argument in heaven that has tried to establish itself against the plans of God in my life. I call forth, in the Name of Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes for my family and me. As for me and my house we shall serve the Lord. Satan, the Blood of Jesus is against you, and you have no authority over my life.

I pray for Pastor Benny, Suzanne, and for his children. I cover them, in the Name of Jesus, with the Blood of the Lamb of God, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I pray the Blood of Jesus over his Ministry and staff. In the mighty Name of Jesus, by the power of His Blood, I break off every power of the kingdom of darkness. I cancel every argument in heaven and spoil every attack of the enemy that has tried to establish itself against the plans of God for Pastor Benny, his Ministry and family.

I pray every distraction, scheme, and plan the enemy is trying to stir or conjure up would be drawn away by the wind of the Spirit, allowing Pastor Benny to walk in perfect peace and fully focus on that which God has called him to do. I pray that the Spirit of the Lord would silence every tongue which would try to rise up against him

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD." (Isaiah 54:17)

Heavenly Father, I ask in Jesus' Name that you would supply the resources sothat Pastor Benny will be able to accomplish all that You have called him to do. I pray the Blood of Jesus over all the partners and supporters of Benny Hinn Ministry as a covering and hedge of protection against the wiles of the enemy.

Furthermore, I pray for revival and stand in agreement for God to use Benny Hinn Ministries to reach and touch the nations of the world.

Father, I ask that You would cause a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit to invade Pastor Benny's Ministry and to spread throughout the earth. Let this move bring many souls into the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, I pray, give us the lost of this world that they might be born again. And unto You be all the glory and honor and praise.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Praise and thank God for your relationship with Him and for the great things He is doing in your life and in this Ministry.

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COMMUNICATING WITH GOD THROUGH PRAYER.

WHAT IS PRAYER?

The American Heritage Dictionary (1992 copyright) states: Prayer: A reverent petition made to GOD, an act of communion with GOD, such as a confession, praise, or thanksgiving.

Prayer is simply communication with GOD and God communicating with you.

Prayer is the inspiring experience of conversing with and praising God as our loving, heavenly Father. Few experiences can equal prayer in empowering Christians and lifting them above their problems. Many times lark of character can be traced to lack of a prayer life. When it is hardest to pray, one should pray hardest. Our prayer life should be such that we come to know the Lord Jesus in a personal way. Our prayer life becomes effective as our relationship with Christ becomes more intimate,

THE FIVE COMPONENTS TO SUCCESSFUL PRAYER:

Jesus explains in Matthew, 6:1-15:

- 1. SINCERITY.
2. HUMILITY.
3. REPENTANCE..
4. FORGIVENESS
5. IN THE SPIRIT (With the HOLY GHOST).

Let's examine the five components to successful prayer a little closer:

1. SINCERITY.

Being sincere is the- first step to a successful prayer life. Prayer must be approached in Spirit and in Truth (John 4:24). Don't pray with vain repetitions like hypocrites (Matthew 6:7), for the Father knows what things we 'need, before we ask Him for them (Matthew 6:8). Be sincere, God knows your heart.

2. HUMILITY.

The next step is to be humble when you pray and know that it is a privilege to come to GOD in prayer (Matthew 6:9). GOD gives grace unto the humble and resist the proud (James 4:6). In II Chronicles, Solomon prays for the Israelites and GOD answers him saying humble yourselves and seek his face, and to pray before they will hear from Him (II Chronicles 7:14.)

3. REPENTANCE.

Next is repentance (Matthew 6:12,13). • Sin causes separation from GOD, which hinders prayer from being answered. Men should pray everywhere without wrath and doubting (I

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PRAISE & WORSHIP.

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- Praise Glorifies God. (Psalm 50:23)
- Praise *is* where God lives. (Psalm 22:3; II Chronicles 5:11-14)
- Praise is a chief weapon against the enemy. (II Chronicles 20)
- Praise is an avenue of deliverance. (Acts 16:25-26)
- Praise is eternal. (Psalm 111:10)

Reasons for Congregational. Praise

- To Serve the Lord and get into his presence. (Psalms 100)
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- To minister unto the Lord, not just to be ministered to.
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- An act by a redeemed man toward God whereby his will, intellect and emotions gratefully respond in reverence, honor and devotion to the revelation of God's person. This is expressed as the Holy Spirit illuminates God's written word to his heart.
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Why Worship?

- We are created for worship. To worship God only!!
 - Lucifer (Satan) was created to lead worship.
 - Lucifer fell into sin because of pride in himself and his gifts.
 - The Father chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be worshipers of Him.
 - (Ephesians 1:4-6).

I Chronicles 16:29: *!Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name. Bring an offering and come before Him; worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.'*

Luke 4:41 *Jesus answered 'It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him one*

The Difference between Praise and Worship

Both may be expressed in a service by different individuals at the same time. We must realize that the outward forms that praise and worship employ are often identical.

Praise and worship are two different entities. The main problem comes when people try to judge whether others are in praise or worship _based on their own personal experience and culture.

1. God has commanded us to praise - Because it is our proper relationship to God and is a necessary step for us in the process of self-abasement. All of creation can praise God, but God is looking for worshipers.

∴; John 4:23-24: *'Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth,* for they are the kind of worshipers He seeks. (24) God is a spirit, and His worshipers must worship Him in spirit and in truth.:*

.2. Relationship is a requirement of Worship because Worship is . a two-way street involving both giving and receiving, OALtrue Worship can deep levels of intimacy

3. If we are inhibited in our Praise, we will be bound in our Worship also. Praise is the gateway to Worship.

The Misconceptions of Praise and Worship

- Praise consist of FAST TEMPO SONGS, while worship utilizes SLOW TEMPO SONGS. •

To determine whether it is a praise or worship song, all you have to do is look at the **CONTENT AND DIRECTION OF THE WORDS**. What is the song saying and to whom? The tempo merely helps you express the content of your words.

- **WORSHIP IS NOT A MUSICAL. ACTIVITY, BUT AN EXPRESSION OF THE HEART.** When we praise, the Holy Spirit begins to stir our hearts, and we become more conscious of God's presence. His presence never comes and goes, we are the ones who change. Our awareness of His presence changes.

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PLAN OF SASLVATION

What do you understand it takes for a person to go to Heaven?
Consider how the bible answers this question: It's a matter of FAITH.

F is for FORGIVENESS.

We cannot have eternal life and heaven
with God's Forgiveness.....

Read Ephesians 1:7a

A is for AVAILABLE.

Forgiveness is available. It is—

- Available for all Read John 3:16
- But not automatic. Read Matthew 7:21a.

I is for IMPOSSIBLE.

It is impossible for God to allow sin into heaven.

- Because of who He is: God is loving and just.
His judgment is against sin Read James 2:13a.
- Because of who we are:
Every person is a sinner. Read Romans 3:23.

But how can a sinful person enter heaven, when God allows no sin?

T is for TURN.

Turn means to repent.

- Turn from something – sin and self. Read Luke 13:3b.
- Turn to Someone; trust Christ only. Read Romans 10:9.

H is for HEAVEN.

Heaven is eternal life.

- Here Read John 10:10b.
- Hereafter Read John 14:3.

How can a person have God's forgiveness, heaven and eternal life, and Jesus as personal Saviour and Lord? By trusting in Christ and asking Him for forgiveness. Take the step of faith described by another meaning of FAITH: Forsaking All I Trust Him.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner and have displeased You in many ways. I believe You died for my sin and only through faith in Your death and resurrection can I be forgiven.

I want to turn from my sin and ask You to come into my life as my Saviour and Lord. From this day on, I will follow You by living a life that pleases You. Thank You, Lord Jesus for saving me. Amen.

After you have received Jesus Christ into your life, tell a Christian friend about this important decision you have made. Follow Christ in believer's baptism and church membership. Grow in your faith and enjoy new friends in Christ by becoming part of His church. There, you'll find others who will love and support you.

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THE PERSON & WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE HOLY SPIRIT. WHO IS HE?

Key Scripture

And I will pray to the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; when the Spirit²⁰ _____, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. (John 14:16, 26)

The Holy Spirit

From John, we know that the Holy Spirit is a person rather than an impersonal force or power. John uses the personal pronoun, 'He', when referring to the Holy Spirit. Therefore, know that the Holy Spirit is not an 'it' or a 'something'. The Holy Spirit is 'He'. The Holy Spirit is the Third person of the Trinity: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit.

He is equal in every way with the Father and with the Son. All of the divine attributes (distinctions and personality) as ascribed to the Holy Spirit:

- Intellect- I Corinthians 2:11-12
- Will - I Corinthians 12:11
- Emotions - Romans 15:30 and Ephesians 4:30

The Bible portrays the Holy Spirit as One having all characteristics of personality.. It makes sense, then, for us to think of Him as a person. The Holy Spirit indwells the Christian as a companion and friend. He also 'energizes', 'strengthens', and 'empowers' the believer in Christ.

The Holy Spirit is called:

- Spirit of God(I Corinthians 3:16)
- Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9)
- Spirit of Life(Romans 8:2)
- Spirit of Truth(John 16:13)
- Spirit of Grace(Hebrews 10:29) .
- Spirit of Promise(Ephesians 1:13)

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THE BAPTISM WITH _____ kik **HOLY SPIRIT**

There is a great deal of confusion and misunderstanding concerning the baptism with the Holy Spirit and the baptism with water. This lesson lays out the sequence of events that lead up to the baptism with the Holy Spirit. It also explains both the baptism with water and the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

The Baptism with Water

John the Baptist was the forerunner before Jesus, preparing the way for Jesus' arrival. Isaiah prophesied about John's coming. (The Voice of one crying in'the wilderness; prepare the way of the Lord; make His path straight. Is 40:3)

. In those days there appeared John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying repent for' the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Matthew 3:1-2

The Amplified Bible explains repent as:

Think differently
Change your mind
Regretting your sins
Changing your
conduct

John the Baptist said, I indeed baptize you in water, because of repentance (that is because of your changing your minds for the better, heartily, amending your ways and with abhorrence of your past sins) but de who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy or fit to take off or carry; He will baptize you with the Holy' Spirit and with fire. Matthew 3:11

John had the authority to baptize with water, for the repentance of sins. The baptism of water was an outward sign of an inward change, of repentance. ,

Jesus' Holy Spirit Baptism

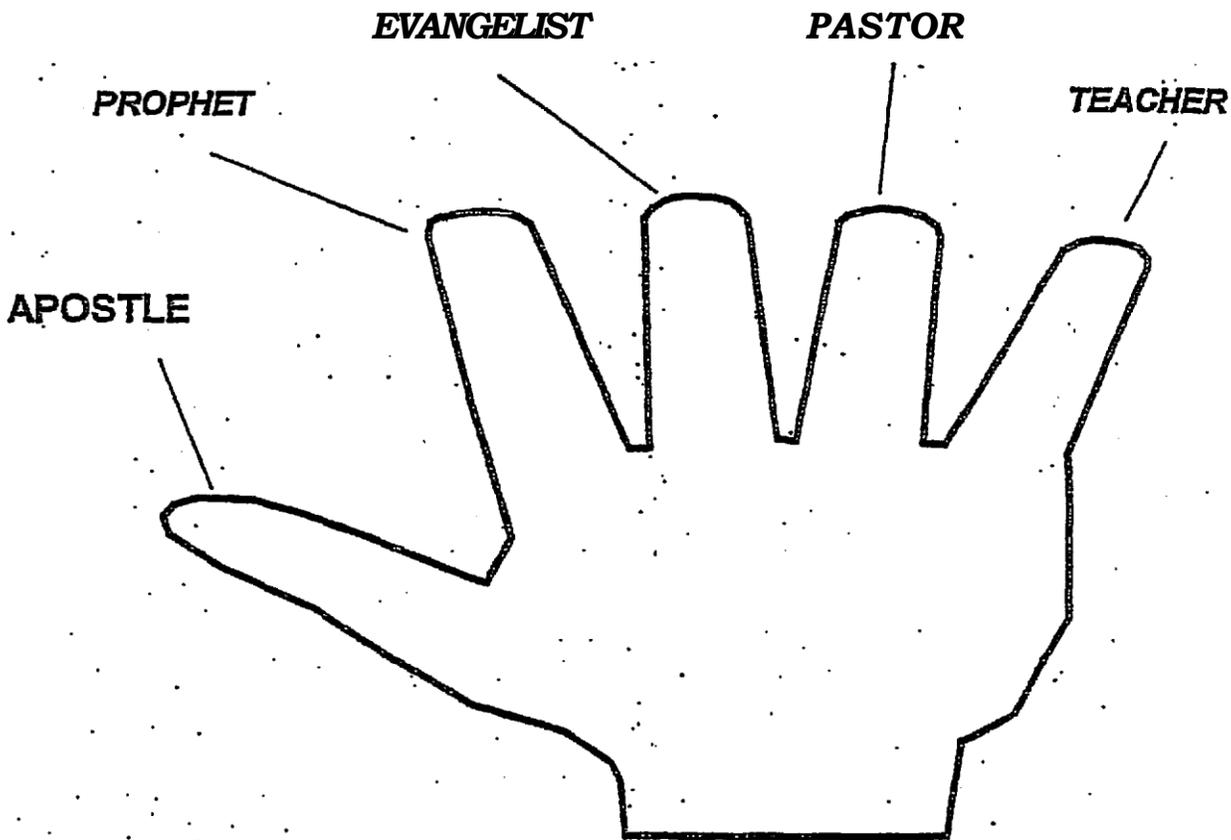
Jeius was the first person to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit, Jesus came to be baptized by John the Baptist.

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold the heavens were opened to Him, and He save the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. Matthew 3:16

The Spirit of God is the Holy Spirit. When Jesus came up out of the water, the Holy Spirit entered Him and He received power and began His ministry.

THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY GIFTS

Ephesians 4:11 - "He called some to be :Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, Pastors and Teachers" (theologically known as the five-fold ministry gifts). Apostles are those that are sent out to establish mainain church foundation and government in beginning a new or existing ministty. More commonly, they establish the government of the church. **Prophets** declare GOD's Word to the Body. They enforce God's word through exaltation, judgment, and vision. Additionally, prophets give words of direction with clarity of the will and way of God. Evangelists declare and exalt the Word of God to the lost. Having a heart for the lost, evangelists primary audience includes unsaved people. Pastors nurture, comfort and protect GOD's people. Finally, Teacher's ground God's people. They are gifted tq interpret the Word of God and educate others how to live the word of God through teaching, correction and instruCtion.



Basic Concepts for Teaching the Bible

Part V

The Supernatural Giftings of God

I. The Fivefold Ministry Office of Teacher

Now that we have studied the necessary components we must exercise let us consider the spiritual equipping Ministry Gift given by God to the Body of Christ. God has an anointed office that was given specifically for the teaching of His Word.

The office of the **Teacher** operates in the Body of Christ teaching, explaining and exhorting the Word of God through the divine imputations of revelation knowledge assigned to that particular fivefold ministry office from the Holy Spirit.

The basic Greek word for the **Leadership Gift of Teacher** is "**DIDASKALOS**" which *means "to instruct."* It also means: "*to cause to understand,*" "*to cause to shine.*" **The Fivefold Ministry Leadership Gift of Teacher is vital to the edification of the Body of Christ in doctrine and training.** This involves teaching the true doctrine (God's will and purpose) as it is found in God's Word to the local church, other bodies of believers, and ministries, throughout the Body of Christ.

The Fivefold Ministry Gift office of Teacher is listed last in *Ephesians 4• 11*:

- o *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and TEACHERS.*

The Apostle Paul in stating the important ranking of the Ministry Leadership Gift of Teacher lists this office third:

- o *And God hath set some in the church; first apostles, secondarily prophets, THIRDLY TEACHERS, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? ARE ALL TEACHERS? [1 Corinthians 12:28-29]*

Some of the Ministry Leadership Gifts operated in the Ministry Leadership Gift anointing of Teachers before they were set in their proper Fivefold Ministry Leadership Gift office according to *Acts 11:22-26* and *Acts 13:1-2*:

- o *Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.*
- o *Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.*
- o *For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added*

- This pouring out of the Holy Spirit was not just for the disciples, but is for all who seek it. It is for us today.

Baptism with Water is not Baptism with the Holy Spirit

In Acts 8, we are given an example of the baptism with Water followed by the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Philip the Evangelist went down to the city a Samaria and proclaimed the Christ (the Messiah) to them:

And when they believed the good news about the Kingdom of God in the name of Jesus Christ, as Philip preached it, they were baptized, both men and women. Acts 8:5,12

- They were baptized with water, not the Holy Spirit.

Now when the Apostles of Jerusalem heard that the country of Samaria had accepted and welcomed the Word of God they sent Per and John to them. They came down and prayed for them that the Samaritans might receive the Holy Spirit. For He had not yet fallen on any of them. But they had only been baptized in the name of Lord Jesus (with water). Acts .8:14-15

Then the Apostles Peter and John laid their hands on them, one by one, and they received the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:17

- When the Apostles laid hands on the people, they were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

As you can see from these Scriptures, the baptism with water and the baptism with the Holy Spirit were two separate events. They did not take place at the same time. The believers were converted, and baptized in water, but still needed to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

You Can Never Have Enough of the Holy Spirit

Back in Acts 2:1-4, we saw how the Holy Spirit came upon the group in a powerful way as they waited in the upper room. Yet in Acts 4:24-31, we see that this group was meeting and praying together - and they received a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit!

When meeting together and when they had prayed, the place in which they were assembled had shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they continued to speak the Word of God with freedom and boldness and courage. Acts 4:31

So we see that there is a baptism with water, a baptism with the Holy Spirit and fresh fillings (additional anointings) of the Holy Spirit. You can never have enough of the Holy Spirit!

THE SEVEN (7) STAGES OF GROWTH IN HOLINESS

1 SALVATION: The process of being saved; after being born again process of continuing. Luke 1:69, 2:30 Only through Christ, (The Messiah). John 10:9 The only door: Acts 4:12 The only Savior: Acts 15:11 His grace is sufficient, Romans 5:9 His Blood, avails. Hebrew 9:28 For Obedient. Hebrew 9:28 At His coming. Matthew 10:22 Endurance.

FAITH AND CONFESSION Romans 10:9
That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead thou shalt be saved.

SPIRITUAL RESPONSIBILITY James 1:21
Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness and and .receive with meekness the. engrafted word, which is able to seve your souls.

2 . SANCTIFICATION: The process of being set apart for GOD. 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it.

Ephesians 5:26 Sanctified and cleansed. Hebrews 13:12 He might sanctify the people with His own blood.

3. PURIFICATION: Process of being Pure or purged. Malachi 3:3 And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an Offering in righteousness.

2nd Timothy 2 ;20, 21 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some of honor and some of dishonour 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

4. JUSTIFICATION : A process of being made just through forgiveness, Romans 2:13 For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. Romans 3:23-27 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness: that he might be just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus The Messiah....

5 CONSECRATION: A state of consecrating establishing a



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COVENANT MEMBERSHIP

While your relationship with Christ is personal, God never intended it to be private. The church is a body, not a building; an organism, not an organization.

For the organs of your body to **fulfill** their purpose, they must *be* connected to your body. The same is true for you as a part of Christ's Body. You were created to serve a specific role in the local church.

"But now has God set the members every one of them in the body, as it has pleased him. That there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care one for another. (1 Corinthians 12:18, 25)

WHY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT

God designed the church to specifically fulfill four purposes:

- (1) To focus on Him;
- (2) To **fellowship** with other believers;
- (3) To **fortify** your faith through discipleship training; ,
- (4) To aid in **finding** and cultivating your talents; and gifts.

- The difference between being a church attender and a church member is **COMMITMENT**. Attenders are spectators from the sidelines; members get involved *in* the ministry. Attenders are consumers; members contributors. Attenders want the benefits of a church without sharing the responsibility. They are like a couple that want to live together without committing to marriage.

WHY YOU NEED A CHURCH FAMILY

- A church family identifies you as a genuine believer. You can't claim to be following Christ if you're not committed to any specific group of disciples. Jesus said, *"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."* (John. 13:35 NLT)
- A church family moves you out of self-centered isolation. In the church we learn how to practice unselfish, sympathetic love, caring for one another and sharing our experiences. *"If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it. Or if one part of our body is honored all the other parts share its honor."* (1 Corinthians 12:26 • (NCV)
- A church family helps you develop spiritual muscles. You will *never* grow to maturity just by attending worship services and being a spectator when God has called you to active participation. *"As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."* (Ephesians 4:16b NLT)

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When the Holy Spirit moves in, there is a war that goes on inside of us. Paul spoke about that in Romans 7 when he said, "the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish" (Romans 7-19). We all experience this. In Galatians 5:17, he describes the two forces at work within us - ' the Holy Spirit and our evil inclinations. Paul is not saying that these forces are equal. The Holy Spirit is infinitely stronger, but we are weak. Left to our sin, we will make wrong choices. Our only way to freedom from our natural evil desires is through the empowering of the Holy Spirit•(Romans 8:9; Ephesians 4:23-24; Colossians 3:2-8).

To help us mature in the natural, God gave us parents. They were to guide us, encourage us, love us, convict us, discipline us, support us, provide for *us*, and show us the way that we must go. In our spiritual walk we have the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will not override our wills. Though He will be that 'good parent' for *us* and give us guidance, He will not force *us* to accept Him or His guidance.

As we journey through this life, we are to "walk in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16), bear the "fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-23), "not to quench the Spirit" (*Thessalonians. 5:19), "not grieve the Holy Spirit" (Ephesians 4:30) and be filled e Holy Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18)

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What You Must Do

Paul in Colossians 2:6 - 4:6 says Christians must:

- 1. Walk as when we received Christ (2:6)
2. Be rooted in Christ (2:7)
3. Be built up in Christ (2:7)
4. Be established in the faith (2:7)
5. Abound in faith (2:7)
6. Be joyful in the faith (2:7)
7. Beware of deception (2:4, 8, 18-19)
8. Live dead to the world and all its sinful ways (2:20-30)
9. Seek things above (3:1)
10. Set affections above (3:1)
11. Mortify, put to death, members on earth (3:5). Become dead to: fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, eVil concupiscence, covetousness, which is idolatry.
12. Put off the old man (3:8): anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
- .13. Lie not one to another (3:9)
14. Put on the new man (3:10-12): bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness' of mind, meekness, long-suffering.
15. Forbear one another (3:13)
16. Forgive one another (3:13)
17. Put on divine love (3:14)
18. Let God's peace rule (3:15)

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19. Be thankful (3:16)
20. Let God's Word dwell in you (3:16)
21. Sing with grace (3:16)
22. Do all thing in Jesu' name (3:17)
23. Give thanks to God (3:17)
24. Continue in prayer (4:2)
25. Watch with thanksgiving (4:2)
26. Walk in wisdom (4:5)
27. Redeem the time (4:5)
28. Speak with seasoned grace (4:6) .

* Colossians 1:9, 10 *

RESULTS OF LIVING THE CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE

As a Christian abides in Christ, living in the fullness of the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23) — is developed and the Christian becomes more Mature spiritually. The maturing of the fruit of the Spirit is a lifelong process which goes on continually as Christ is being formed in the life of the Christian. The more we acknowledge His life within us, and the more we allow Him through the power of the Holy Spirit to live His life through us, the more evident will be the fruit of the Spirit.

Discipleship A Lifestyle

Jesus said in John 8:31-32, *"If you continue in my word then are you my disciples indeed: and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."* As we follow Christ, we must continue to study and grow in God's word. We then take on the same responsibilities as disciples, spreading the Gospel.

Acts 1:8 tells us that Jesus told His disciples: *"And you shall be my witnesses...in Jerusalem, Samaria Judea, and the uttermost parts of the world"* We too are to be witnesses of the "Good News" of God's plan of salvation to our worlds...our homes, schools, jobs, families, communities, any place we might be.

Unity

Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep my commandments", John 14:15. Truly, there are many commandments in the Bible, and one of those includes God's people to be one in unity. Jesus prayed that **we would be one**, (John 17:11, 21:23). In particular, John 17:23, Jesus prayed that we would be perfected into a unit so that the world would believe that Jesus came from the Father. We are to be of one heart, one soul and one mind (Acts 4:32, Romans.15:5, and I Corinthians 1:10).

What is Unity?

The word unity: 'lin' means one (French) and 'ity' means the state or quality of being (suffix), thus, unity is the state or quality of being one.

Unity takes action. We are to "pursue the things which make for peace," (Romans 14:19), we should be "showing forbearance to one another • in love" (Ephesians 4:2) and be able to "accept one another" (Romans 15:7). Although, these commandments are essentially

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individual rather than corporate, we must adhere unto them in order for the Body to function properly.

In order to promote unity, a Christian must not judge others, not allow others to judge them and not be or put a stumbling block in front of others. (Romans 14:13, Colossians 2:16-17 and I Corinthians 8:9). Likewise, partiality or personal favoritism can destroy unity. Also, speaking or complaining against one another is damaging to unity. Paul warns in Galatians 5:15 "But if you bite and devour one another, take care lest you be consumed by one another". Our attitudes and actions preserve unity as we are "subject to one another in the fear of Christ," Ephesians 5:21 Psalm 133:1-3 shows unity in the Body of Christ as precious, pleasant, and powerful.

In the Spirit of Unity

Ephesians 4:3 express "Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace". Here we see Paul admonishing the Body to come together in unity for peace. We are more productive when there is unity. As in the example of the parts of a watch placed in the palm of your hand is none productive. But when they are assembled, each part functioning in the capacity for which it was designed, not worrying about what the other parts are not doing, and all working in unity, we can tell time.

Ⓡ We are as one body (no big 'I' or little 'you') (Romans 12:4-5)

- God has given us all a purpok to serve in the kingdom (1 Corinthians 12:12-20)
- Jesus prays for unity among the believers (John 17:11, 21-23)

Results of Unity

- **Unity multiplies** the effectiveness of ministry.
- Unity **multiplies** the Body
- *Unity purifies* the motives of leaders
- Unity **testifies** to the world the love of Jesus.

○ Unity **intensrms** the commitment of one Christian to another

Ⓡ Unity **satisfies** the heart of God

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CHRISTIAN MATURITY

THE CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE

The Christian life begins with spiritual birth (John 3:6) through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9). The Christian life is a personal, daily relationship between the believer and Christ. The life is lived by faith. Faith is trust. We trust our lives to Christ's keeping because He has proven Himself trustworthy by His life, His death, His resurrection and His abiding presence. ..

God has chosen us to be Christ's representatives on earth. In light of this truth, Paul challenges us in Ephesians 4:1-2, to live worthy-of the name "Christian", meaning one who follows Christ is 'Christ-like'. This includes being humble, gentle, patient, understanding, and peaceful. People are watching your life. Can they see Christ in You? How well are you doing as His representative?

Maturity: the state or quality of being matured, fully developed or ripe.

A New. Creation

People should be able to see a difference between Christians and non-Christians because of the way Christians live. II Corinthians 5:17 say, "*If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things become new.*"

When we become born again, God and the Body of Christ accept us as we are. However, *just* as we are expected to mature in our natural growth, we are also expected to mature in our Christian walk. We are not expected to change overnight. We are to grow and mature in our Christian walk, not being complacent. (II Peter 3:18)

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Paul admonishes us in Ephesians 4:17-24 to leave behind the old life of sin now that we are followers of Christ. Know; however, that the Christian Life is a process. 'Although we have a new nature, we don't automatically have all good thoughts and attitudes when we become new people in Christ But as followers of Christ, we must be committed to the truth. This means both that our words will be honest and that our actions will reflect Christ's integrity (Ephesians 4:15).

Empowered by the Holy Spirit .

- "Living Holy" is not always easy, convenient, or pleasant; but it is necessary. The Christian life is more than difficult, it is humanly impossible. Jesus Christ alone can live it. It is the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives that transforms our lives. We then go through the
- process of allowing our flesh (body) to decrease while the Holy Spirit increases influence and control over us.

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CHURCH DISCIPLINE

Whenever there is a body of people, there Must be ORDER. There must also be rules of ethics. There is no need to establish laws to govern interpersonal relationships for those who abide alone..Law and order is necessary to preserve order, happiness, and good .relationships between people. When laws are .established, there needs to be submission to those laws for harmony to be manifested. If the laws are violated, discipline must follow (Romans 13:2; Matthew 5:25-26).

These laws should not just be obeyed externally, but also internally so that one may have a clear conscience before God (Romans 13:5). Therefore, there is the need for the "I will" of every person to be submitted to the "Supreme Will," the will of God. The "Will of God" is expressed in the "Laws of God". The Word shows His will as His law and His law as His will. God's law is king.

So, because of the sinfulness of man and the imperfection of believers, there is a NEED for divine discipline in the church.

The Definition of the Word Discipline

The word discipline is found only one time in the Bible: Job 36:10 says, "*He openeth also their ear to discipline.*" Yet it's definition is the basic foundation for Bible teaching. Strong's Concordance uses the word correction, which means a plade in the desert — "chastisement". Correction is not punishment.

Discipline is defined as

- (a) teaching or learning to be disciplined;
- (b) training that corrects, molds, or perfects the mental faculties or morals;
- (c) punishment or penalty, if unheeded.
- (d) a rule or system of rules which governs or conducts activity.

Scriptural References for Discipline in the Church Body

- I am my brother's keeper; restoration (Galatians 6:1-2)
- It demonstrates that "None of us lives unto himself" (Romans 11:7-8)

The Necessity of Discipline .

As in the natural family, there must be 'discipline in the spiritual family. Discipline is needed for the following reasons:

- Ⓜ Discipline is basically designed to make order and happiness possible. Without it there would be lawlessness and anarchy. "*When there was no king in the lancZ when there was no law, no order, no government or structure., the people did what they wanted to do and what they felt like doing which always led to destruction. "* (Judges 18:1, 19:1, 21:25).
- Discipline introduces the principles of submission to the will of God.

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- Selfishness or self-will brings destruction and misery in any home (Isaiah 14:12-14).
- G** Discipline exercised in love gives an individual and a congregation a sense of security. It can save a backslider from Hell.
- Discipline is needed to uphold the moral standards of God's Word. Maintaining the holiness Of God in the church.
- Discipline guides the immature, stabilizes the weak, and causes the people to come to maturity in the Lord.

Four categories of discipline

1. Self-discipline - enforced from within.. (Fruit of the Spirit)
2. Submitting to Discipline - enforced from without (laws, rules, etc)
3. Administering Discipline - exercising correction
4. Receiving Discipline - being corrected or molded We

must be able to effectively operate in each category of discipline **Five**

Steps to Discipline

1. Commendation - compliment of right actions.
2. Confrontation - complaint of wrong actions.
3. Correction - instruction for change in wrong actions/behavior
4. Consolation - console, encourage, when correction is given.
5. Confirmation - God still loves you.

Example of Church Discipline Exercised in the. Bible

1. Matthew 18:15-17
2. Titus 3:10
3. I Corinthians 5:1, 2, 4-7

Who is responsible for exercising discipline? Ezekiel 3:18-19

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PRIMARY PURPOSES OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE

- To MATURE a body of believers unto maturity - "be no more children..." (Ephesians 4:12-16; I Corinthians 3:1)
- To PROVE that the leaders love and care - "that our care for you...might appear..." (II Corinthians 7:12)
- To INTENSIFY self-examination in the Church - "...what carefulness...what clearing...what fear..." (II Corinthians 7:11)
- To AFFIRM obedience to God's authority - "whether ye be obedient in all things." (II Corinthians 2:9)
- To PURIFY the Spirit and message of the Church (I Cor. 5:6)
- To DESTROY fleshly lust in a believer - "...deliver...unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh..." (I Corinthians 5:5)
- To CONFIRM individual responsibility for one another - "...exhort one another daily...lest any of you be hardened." (Hebrews 3:13) --
- To DENY Satan any advantage in the church - "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us..." (II Corinthians 2:11)
- a To PROTECT scripture from perversion and error - "...deceivers...whose mouths must be stopped." (Titus 1:10-11)
- To RESTORE repentant believers - "...forgive him, and comfort him comfort your love..." (I Corinthians 2:7-10)
- To CUT EMOTIONAL TIES with UNREPENTANT Christians - "not to keep company..." (I Corinthians 5:11; I Samuel 16:1)-

WOUNDED WARRIOR

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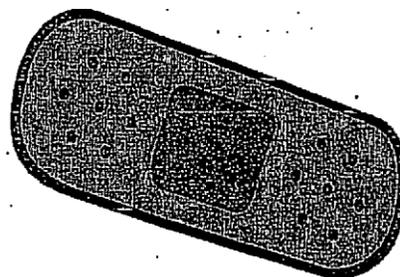
The Bible does not promise that believers will not get hurt or injured in the battle; however, we must do as Jesus admonished Peter, "...when thou art converted strengthen thy brethren." (L u k e 2 2 : 3 2) . •

Unfortunately, the Body of Christ is king their own wounded". It is commonly said that Christians are the only ones that shoot their wounded. Yet, this is happening' all too often. in 07-r churches today. Always remember what the word of GOD says in Matthew 721tMO, "For inthe_iame wyou judge_others, you will. be judged and with the measure you use it will be measured to you."

We must bring deliowse, restoration, and healing to our wounded. We must "be like-minded having the same love, being of one accord. or one mihd...Look not every .man on his Own things, but every man also on the things of others," (Philippians 2:2-4)

In Webster the word wound means:

1. . An injury, especially one in which the: Skin or other external organic surface is torn, pierced, cut, or otherwise broken.
2. An injury to the feelings.



In the midst of the battle, a soldier can suffer one of three types of wounds:

D A self inflicted wound - When a soldier has not properly learned how to use his or her weapon and ends up accidentally shooting themselves through negligence.

A friendly fire wound - When a soldier happens to be. in. the wrong place at the wrong time This usually occurs when the soldier miss orders, or because of a lack of communication, did not get the order to evacuate an area. As a result, they become wounded from the weapons of their allies.

A wound from the enemy - In the midst of the battle, a soldier is to expect that he might be wounded by the enemy because the enemy is constantly shooting at him.

It is the responsibility of covenant members to quickly come to the aid of one another and assist them in the midst of warfare. No matter which wound the soldier suffers, it is up to his buddy to get the soldier off the battlefield and into safety.

In Christianity, when we talk about someone being wounded, we usually are referring to a saint who has fallen from grace into sin. An example of this in the Bible would be Peter. In Matthew 26:34, Jesus warned Peter that before the cock crowed, that Peter would deny Him. Unfortunately, Peter was not as strong spiritually as he thought. Not only did Peter deny *Jesus*, but he also cursed and swore that he did not know Him. The Bible says in Matthew 26:70, "...And immediately the cock crew."

At this point in his life, Peter had suffered a devastating blow to his feelings, his emotions. He probably was dealing with guilt, *shame*, (fear, anger and many other emotions). We suffer the same emotions as Peter when we miss GOD and suffer a wound from either battling the enemy or from not following GOD's word (a self-inflicted wound).

The Bible is quite clear on what our responsibility is as saints when we see that our brothers or sisters have been wounded. Galatians 6:1;2 states:

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself lest thou also be tempted Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

RESTORATION

Our job is to restore, and bring restoration, to the individual. Looking to Webster, the word "restore" means:

1. To bring back to an original condition.
2. To bring back into existence or use; re-established.
3. To put back (someone) in a prior position. ,

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The Greek word for restore is used for setting broken bones and in the New Testament for mending fish nets. Our responsibility as saints is to bring about healing by being the cast that can:

1. Protect (cover) the exposed or injured area.
2. Provide a comfortable place to allow for proper mending of the bones.
3. Keep silent to keep the wound from spreading throughout the entire body.
4. Be a refuge (a hiding place) so the wound can heal properly and keep from being infected.

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Battle Fatigue

Your very body houses both your old nature and your new nature. The challenge comes when your new nature tries to evict the old, comfortable sin that has dominated and controlled your life. The minute you do not allow the new nature to function in your life, the old nature will take control.

When we speak of a person's 'spirit', we are speaking about the total of what the person is: his thoughts, motives, impulses, desires, and actions. The old nature expressed itself through sin, the new nature expresses itself through the Holy Spirit Read the following:

Romans 8:5-11 Galatians 2:20 . Colossians 2:9-10

• . Romans 7:22-25 Galatians 5:13-18

The Doubting Stage

Did you know that accepting Christ as your Lord and Savior did not make you perfect and without sin for the rest of your life? Many Christians struggle with the concept of becoming a new creature in Christ Jesus'.

Jesus promised that when you became a Christian, the Holy Spirit would come to dwell in you and be with you for the purpose of teaching and guiding you in your everyday affairs.

As your old nature continually challenges your new nature, you occasionally may revert back to your 'old way's' and sin. The new Christ nature that is within you convicts and points to the sin that has taken place. Once you confess the sin and ask God to forgive you of the sin, your old nature has been defeated again.

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Salvation is an ongoing process. As you continue to grow in the Word of God, you will experience new victories over your sin in your life. You must never give up, turn back or question your salvation. Your salvation is based on your faith in Jesus Christ, who has redeemed you from all sins.

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SPIRITUAL. AUTHORITY

Today's Church, for some reason, is having a hard time learning how to submit to the spiritual authority that God has placed over them. Yet in frustration, they want to know why God is not moving today the way He did in the Bible. Until we submit to the plans and purposes of God and those whom He has called and sanctioned to lead us, we will never see the mighty hand of God as the apostles did in the New Testament.

To begin, we must understand the purpose for which the Church was created. The word Church means 'the called out'. We as people who have been saved are 'the called out', the chosen of the Lord. The 'called out' come together in a collective gathering at an appointed time and place. Here we put the name 'church' as the name where the 'called out' gather. In reality, we individuals who are saved are the called out, the 'church'. The New Testament Church is revealed as 'The Body of Christ', composed of all nations of people who are saved.

The word congregation means convocation or assembly. In Numbers 10:7, the congregation was gathered by the trumpets as a summons. Israel was called together out of their tents and homes to the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation. That was the church, the assembly.

Now in this place of gathering, God has chosen to place His name, His presence, His Spirit to bless, heal, give insight, and give salvation. Here God has chosen to meet His people collectively. In your private time with Him, He will meet you through prayer, His Word, and through praise and worship. As the congregation assembles, He meets us together as a Governor, the Shepherd, or Leader, commonly know as the Pastor.

Spiritual Authority is the subjection of individuals to the power and rulership of the church. Thus, authority is the power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior. In the church, Spiritual Authority is set up accordingly:

- + GOD
- + JESUS CHRIST
- + APOSTOLIC COVERING
- + PASTORS
- + PRESBYTERY (Eldership — Pastors and Elders)
- + MINISTERS
- + DEACONS
- + MINISTRY LEADERS
- + MEMBERSHIP (The Congregation)

Biblical examples of spiritual authority:

- Ephesians 5:25 - wives submit to your husband
- Ephesians 6:9 - Christ loves the Church
- ® Matthew 8:5-9 - Centurion Soldier
- Matthew 10:24-25 - The type of leadership you give will show up through who you lead
- Romans 13:1 - Everyone submits to governing authorities except God Himself



CHURCH ORDINANCE: BAPTISM

There Are Four Types of Baptism

1. Spiritual baptism is the act of the Holy Spirit where He makes us a part of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13). Every believer experiences this baptism. It takes place the very moment we believe and receive Jesus Christ as Savior (Ephesians 4:5; Colossians 2:12; I Peter 3:21; Mark 1:4-8).
2. Water baptism is symbolic and only for those who have received the Lord Jesus as Savior (Acts 2:38-41; Acts 8:36-39).

Water Baptism is a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. Baptism means to dip, to immerse.

Why Do We Baptize?

- In obedience to Christ (Matthew 28:19).
- Jesus in His baptism identified himself with sinners (baptism unto repentance) (Matthew 3:11, 13:16; Mark 1:4; Acts 19:4). It is needless to say, Jesus was perfectly sinless; therefore, He needed no repentance. He said to John the Baptist, "Suffer it to be so." (I must identify with sinners. Matthew 3:13-15)
- Ⓜ To identify with Christ (Acts 2:38-39; Romans 6:4-5).
- TO express as a visual act what has taken place (naturally, spiritual, and supernaturally) within 'being born again.' (Colossians 2:10-14)

Which Way Do We Water Baptize?

- e We at SCC understand the scriptures to teach baptism by immersion. Immersion means to plunge into, to dip under (Matthew 3:13-16)
- We also see this as being the method of the New Testament Church.
- We only see this method used in the Book of Acts.

What Do We Believe?

- †● We believe that in water baptism, we declare ourselves dead to the old life of flesh (sin) and alive in the Spirit (Romans 6:3-6).
- We believe that in water baptism, we declare new power to live the Christian life by virtue of Christ's resurrection (coming up out of the water). (Romans 6:6-7). We believe that every Christian should be water baptized in obedience to the command of Christ and therefore only baptized believers should partake of the Communion Service (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38-41, 9:18, 8:12, 16:15, 33).

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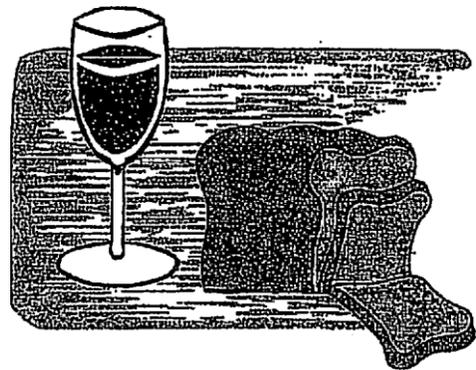
CHURCH ORDINANCE: COMMUNION

COMMUNION

The word communion comes from the Greek word *koinonia*, which means the act of using a thing in common. It also means fellowship (common union), benefaction, or partnership. The observance of the communion is an ordinance we partake of as Christians to enter into fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ and one another.

Communion is called:

- The Last Supper
- The Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:20)
- The Eucharist
- The Communion (I Corinthians 10:16)
- The Breaking of Bread (Acts 2:42, 46, 20:17) --
- The Lord's Table (I Corinthians 10:21)
- The Cup of Blessing (I Corinthians 10:16)



To understand Communion, we must first understand its origin. The First Passover feast (Exodus 12:1-27):

God gave instructions for the first Passover Feast to Moses for the children of Israel when He was preparing to send the last plague that would deliver them from bondage in Egypt.

- They were to take a lamb without defect and its blood was to be placed over the doorposts of their homes. The lamb was a sacrifice- a substitute for the person who would have died in the plague.
- The blood was a sign for God's angel of death to pass over their homes so that the plague would not destroy their first-born sons.
- This was to be observed yearly so that the Hebrew people would remember that an innocent life was sacrificed in order for them to live.
- The Feast of Unleavened Bread was also observed during this time. Anyone who ate leaven would be cut-off from the rest of the people.

Jesus observed the Passover Feast with His disciples on the night He was crucified (Matt. 26:17-30). It is born out of Christ's revelation to His disciples about His soon coming death for the sins of the world.

- It is born out of their denial and Judas' betrayal.
- It was to be part of the New Covenant. (Math 26:28)
- It was to be a witness of Christ's death until He returns. (I Corinthians 11:27-32)

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- It was to be understood symbolically of eating Christ's body and drinking His blood (Matthew 26:26-27)
 - The bread symbolizes the body of Jesus.
 - It is unleavened, representing His sinless life.
 - The wine symbolizes the blood of Jesus.
 - His blood was shed for our sins. There was no longer a need to sacrifice animals, because Jesus is the sinless sacrifice — the Lamb of God.
 - Blood represents atonement and covenant.
- It represented the removal of the sins of the partaker.

What does **this mean to me?**

® *Just* as the Passover Feast was observed to celebrate deliverance from slavery and bondage, the Communion is observed to celebrate freedom from the bondage of sin by Jesus' death.

a In the old covenant (testament), the people could not approach God directly. They had to go through a priest who offered a sacrifice for the forgiveness of their sins. In the new covenant, everyone can approach God because the blood of Jesus paid for our *sins* and gives us access to God. (Hebrews 10:19-20)

• **What Happens When We Partake of Communion Unworthily?**

I Corinthians 11:27-29 describes the forms of chastisement, weakness, sickness and death.

How do I prepare myself for Communion?

- **Remembering** Christ's death on the cross as a substitute for me.
 - a With a thankful heart. •
 - In holy fear.
 - In a spirit of fellowship, love and unity with others (Communion means common union).
 - In self-examination. (1 Corinthians 11:28)

a Restoring relationships.

a Confessing and repenting of my sins

© **Looking for His return.**

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The Eternal Principle

The whole emphasis of the book of Hebrews is to show how Jesus Christ perfected the Mosaic system. He did not do away with the sacrificial system; He perfected it. *Jesus Christ Himself* has become the one complete, perfect sacrifice. He is the one who once and for all eternity has made a perfect sacrifice for us now, just as it was for someone else yesterday and shall be for another in the future. We still come to God for perfection.

How is our tithe perfected? It is perfected as we bring our tithes and offerings to the God of faith and love. We bring them to Him because we want and desire to please Him, honor Him, and love Him. We want Him to know that we are grateful for what He has done for us. So, now we bring our tithes, gifts, and offerings not out of law, but out of love. By doing so, the tithe is perfected in our experience.

The tithe is only the beginning. It is just a start. We can do nothing less. Today it is the point from which we can tell how serious we are about honoring God and bringing glory to Jesus Christ. If we are not willing to give tithe, we need not pretend we are going to serve Him in all His commands. We need not tell people we have submitted ourselves to Him if we are not willing to come up to that bare minimum of tithing, which the Jews under the law were commanded to do.

A Blessed Principle

Not only is ~~it~~ an eternal and perfected principle, it is a blessed one. The word 'blessed' simply means, 'happy, fulfilled, satisfied, peaceful, and content'. Look at how it is used in Hebrews 7:1: *Melchizedek blessed Abraham*: Abraham had given to the priest of God. God also blesses us when we give. He blesses us with real joy in all areas of our life. God gives us blessings when we tithe because tithing honors God. It always has and it always will.

OFFERINGS

The giving of offerings is another avenue God uses to bless us financially (Luke 6:38). Your offering is all that you give OVER AND ABOVE THE =E. The way you give is as important as the act of giving itself. God loves a cheerful giver (II Corinthians 9:7). Luke 6:38 says that with the same attitude you use in giving, it shall be measured unto you.

ALMS

Alms are finances or giving extended to the poor. The Bible does give promises to those who give alms

- 'He who despises his neighbor sins, but happy is he who is gracious to the poor', (Proverbs 14:21).
- e 'Be who opposes the poor reproaches his master, but he who is gracious to the, needy honors him' (Proverbs 14:31).
- 13 He who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord and He will repay him for his good deed', (Proverbs 19:17).
- 'That your alms may be in secret and your Father who sees in secret will. repay you openly', (Matthew 6:1-4).

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

A steward is 'a manager or superintendent of another's household.' We are stewards of all that God possess and His possessions include our money; our talents, our our dies and the ;time we live in this World: ,

God owns everything Psalms 24:1; 89:1;II Corinthians i0:26).t He is the creator and sustainer of the universe. -*Chrsi*; Who is the image of the invisible God the firstborn of every creature; for by Him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and Invisible, whether they be thrones, Or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him and for Him; and He is before all things and by Him all things consist ''(Colossians 2:15717).-“

A Christian steward is one who realizes that as Christians, "we live and move and have our being" in Christ. The Christian steward recognizes God as his preeminent master and lives for Elm. The whole of the Christian's life—his personality, time, talent, influence, material substance, everything—is dedicated to Christ. This is true Christian stewardship Remember, "Each one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12).

BIBLICAL BASIS FOR STEWARDSHIP•

Stewardship of our time (Ivlark 13:33-37) is important. "Therefore be careful how you walk not as unwise men but wise, making the most Of your time for the days are evil" (Ephesians _ 5 : 1 5 1 a •

Stewardship includes our bodies (Romans 12:1). "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you whom you have from Gott and that you are not your own" For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify, God with your body" (I Corinthians 6:19-20).

Stewardship involves our gifts (Romans 12:3-8; I Corinthians 12). "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace God Whoever speaks, let him speak as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do se as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen" (I .Peter 4:10-11).

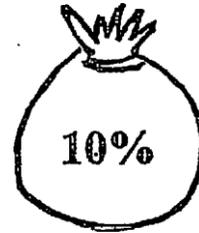
Stewardship includes our possessions (Matthew ,6:25-34): "For* who regards you as superior: And what do you have that you did not receive? But i f you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?"

Matthew 6:25-34 really let's us know that God owns everything. Therefore we own nothing and are only stewards of what He gives us. God holds the key to every material and spiritual thing. The only reason we have had anything or have it now, or will have it, is that God lbves us enough to give it to us to bring glory to Himself and abundant life to us and to those with whom we share.

CHRISTIAN INVESTMENTS

TITHES

Definition: The tithe—is ten percent (10%) of all your increase, (i.e., if your salary is \$200 per week, your tithe would be \$20.00). We believe in tithing **off the** to which is the first fruit of your increase, the **gross income**, not net, "*Honor the Lord With thy substance, and with the first fruit of all thine increase: So shall dry barns be filled with plenty; and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.*" (Proverbs 3:9-10). By definition of the tithe, one cannot tithe more **than** 10%. Additional giving is more than the tithe; it is an offering.



Why should you tithe?

Tithing is one of the avenues God uses to bless his people financially (Malachi 3:10-11). Failure to give tithes hinders the flow of the Grace of God to you in the area of finances. We are not cursed because of the new covenant. However, the devourer is not rebuked for our sakes when we don't tithe (Malachi 3:11). The following are three (3) reasons you should tithe:

- Tithing provides for the *work* of the *ministry* in the local church end, missions,
- By tithing, you are able to prove God's faithfulness by your **trust in His promises.**
- Tithing shows honor and reverence to God **in your** obedience to Him.

As a result of your obedience, God's reward of the tithes include:

- promise of provision - Malachi 3:10
- promise of **abundance** - Malachi 3:10
- promise of protection - Malachi 3:11
- promise of a **personal** testimony - Malachi 3:12

When it comes to giving, God has a plan for us. It would be wise if we would do it God's way. God knows how to make us successful. He knows how to let *us* get the most out of our

It is one of the most detailed descriptions of giving in the scriptures. It teaches three simple and beautiful things about God's design for giving. It tells us of the central place of tithing in God's plan of economy.

Tithing is a Part of the New Covenant

As the seed of Abraham, we pay tithes to the Father through our High Priest, Jesus. Abraham paid a portion of one tenth to Melchizedek, King of Salem (Genesis 14:20; Hebrews 7:1-2). This was before the Law of Tithing was instituted. By tithing, we recognize God as the most High God, possessor of Heaven and Earth. Melchizedek was a prototype for Jesus, a kind of Christ. There are descriptions of Christ in the Book of Isaiah 9:6 and of Melchizedek in Hebrews 7:2-3.

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WHAT IS PRAYER?

The American Heritage Dictionary (1992 copyright) states: Prayer: A reverent petition made to GOD, an act of communion with GOD, such as a confession, praise, or thanksgiving.

Prayer is simply communication with GOD and God *communicating* with you.

Prayer is the inspiring experience of conversing with and praising God as our loving, heavenly Father. Few experiences can equal prayer in empowering Christians and lifting them above their problems. Many times lack of character can be traced to lack of a prayer life. When it is hardest to pray, one should pray hardest. Our prayer life should be such that we come to know the Lord Jesus in a personal way. Our prayer life becomes effective as our relationship with Christ becomes more intimate.

• THE FIVE COMPONENTS TO SUCCESSFUL PRAYER:)-(CSC)

Jesus explains in Matthew, 6:1-15:

1. SINCERITY
2. HUMILITY
- REPENTANCE
4. FORGIVENESS
5. **IN THE SPIRIT** (With the HOLY GHOST)

Let's examine the five components to successful prayer a little closer:

1. SINCERITY

Being sincere is the first step to a successful prayer life. Prayer must be approached in Spirit and in Truth (John 4:24). Don't pray with vain repetitions like hypocrites' (Matthew 6:7), for the Father knows what things we need, before we ask Him for them (Matthew 6:8). Be sincere, God knows your heart.

2. HUMILITY

The next step is to be humble when you pray and know that it is a privilege to come to GOD in prayer (Matthew 6:9). GOD gives grace unto the humble and resist the proud (James 4:6). In II Chronicles, Solomon prays for the Israelites and GOD answers him saying humble yourselves and seek his face, and to pray before they will hear from Him (II Chronicles 7:14.)

3. REPENTANCE

Next is repentance (Matthew 6:12,13). • Sin causes separation from GOD, which hinders prayer from being answered. Men should pray everywhere without wrath and doubting (I

Prayer.

In the name of Jesus, I command all 125 trillion cells along with all the T-cells in my body to align up electrically, magnetically and chemically; to the perfect DNA and RNA that God created. I curse, any prions in this body, command all the bad cells to be discarded in Jesus' name. Thank you, Jesus! AMEN.

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things as are set before you. And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" (Luke 10:12, 89 logy)

- b. Jesus' disciples went out without Him and ministered, testing their new gifts; and then they came back to report their successes to Him. "Then *the seventy returned with joy, saying, lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name*" (Luke 10:17 NKJV).

IV. SPIRITUAL GIFTS AS FOUND IN SCRIPTURE

A. The following are clearly listed as spiritual gifts. Most of these Scriptures come from four different places in the New Testament where we find gifts listed: Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4.

1. Administrations, or "steerings" (see 1 Corinthians 12:28)
2. Apostle (see 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11)
3. Celibacy (*see* 1 Corinthians 7:7)
4. Discerning (or distinguishing) of spirits (see 1 Corinthians 12:10)
5. Effecting of miracles, or powers (see 1 Corinthians 12:10)
6. Eternal life (see Romans 6:23)
7. Evangelist (see Ephesians 4:11)
8. Exhortation (see Romans 12:8)
9. Faith (see 1 Corinthians 12:9)
10. Giving (see Romans 12:8)
11. Healings (*see* 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28)
12. Helps (see 1 Corinthians 12:28)
13. Interpretation of tongues (*see* 1 Corinthians 12:10)
14. Kinds of tongues (see 1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 Corinthians 14:1-34)
15. Leadership, or ruling (see Romans 12:8)
16. Mercy (*see* Romans 12:8)
17. Pastor, or shepherd (see Ephesians 4:11; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2)
18. Prophecy (*see* 1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 Corinthians 14:1)
19. Prophet (*see* 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11)
20. Righteousness (see Romans 5:17)
21. Service (see Romans 12:7)
22. Teacher (*see* 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11)

23. Teaching (see Romans 12:7)
24. Word of knowledge (see 1 Corinthians 12:8)
25. Word of wisdom (see 1 Corinthians 12:8)

B. The following are some other possible spiritual gifts. The scriptural support for such gifts has not been set forth in the form of a list, but it can be seen in biblical anecdotes and in various commands and directives.

1. Craftsmanship
2. Encouragements
3. Fasting
4. Hospitality
5. Intercessory prayer
6. Interpretation of dreams
7. Judgment (being a wise judge)
8. Missions (cross-cultural ministry)
9. Music
10. Philanthropy
11. Worship-leading

V. CLOSING STATEMENTS

A. A Special Gift Is Given to Each Believer

Every single believer is to have at least one manifestation of the Spirit functioning in his or her life. (See 1 Peter 4:10.) The Lord will identify the gifts and ministries He is giving.

But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing ["discerning" NKJV] of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

(1 Corinthians 12:7-11)

B. Don't Be Ignorant About Your Spiritual Gifts—Learn About Them

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant... There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same