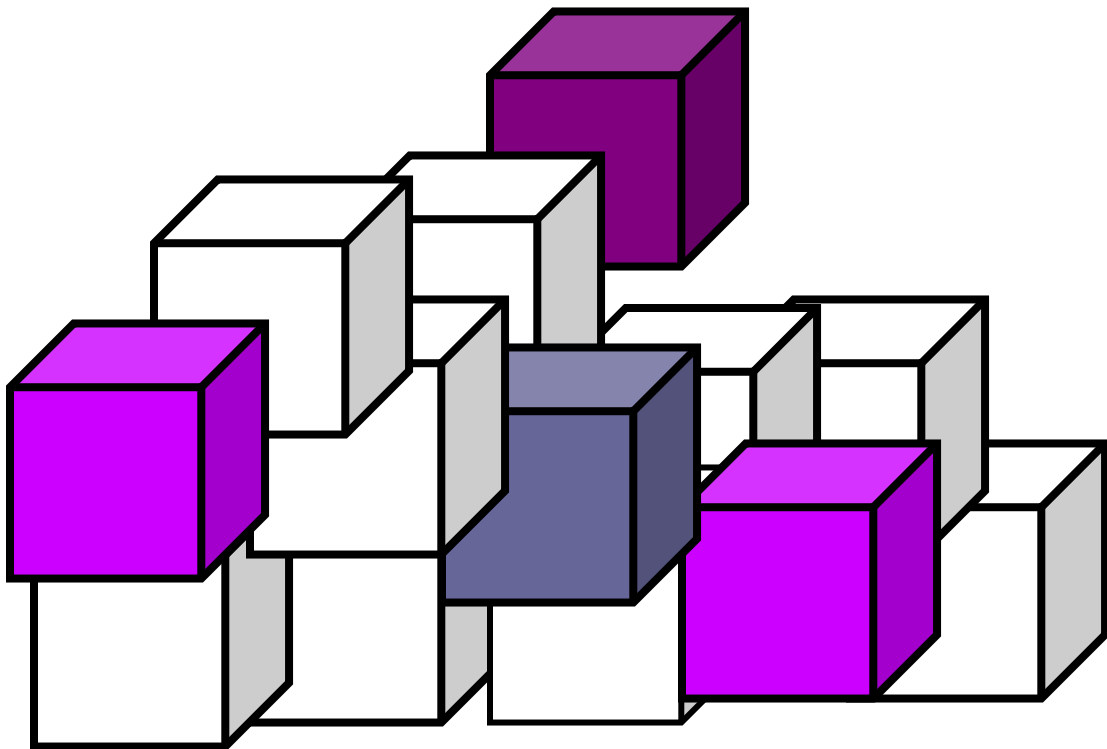


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for young people



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“Let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundations of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal life.”

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Session 1

WHAT MUST WE DO TO BE SAVED?

In Acts 2 on the day of Pentecost, Peter preached to all those who gathered when they heard and saw the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples.

As he preached, all those gathered received revelation and understanding about the death, resurrection and exaltation of Jesus Christ.

Him you have crucified and put to death

Acts 2:23

Peter
said:

Whom God raised up because it was not possible that He should be held by it

Acts 2:24

Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

Acts 2:33

The LORD said to My Lord, “Sit at My right hand till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

Acts 2:34-35

God has made this Jesus whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ. Acts 2:36

When they heard this they were cut to the heart

What must we do to be saved ?

Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38

Peter said to them:

Three thousand people joined the believers that day and the church was founded as the people heard and understood the basic doctrines of the gospel.

Hebrews 6:1-2 says these are

1. “the foundation of repentance from dead works,
2. and of faith toward God,
3. the doctrine of baptisms,
4. the laying on of hands,
5. of resurrection of the dead,
6. and of eternal judgement.”

I will build My church Matthew 16:18

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In verse 1 we are encouraged to "go on to perfection".

"This we will do if God permits." (v.3)

God is the master builder.

Jesus is building His church.

He is insisting that proper foundations are laid before we and the church can grow up (grow into maturity).

Biblical faith is doing what Jesus says.

we experience the reality of

repentance

faith

baptisms

the laying on of hands

resurrection of the dead

eternal judgement

maturity

repentance

1. the deepest foundation is

the word of God
digs deep into our lives
commanding us to turn
around and face God

GOD

2. God provides His way

Jesus is the Way
John 14:6

Faith is toward God through Jesus Christ.

The faith foundation is laid upon the foundation of repentance.

We desire baptisms ie. immersion

to receive power to witness to Jesus Christ

and

to live a victorious life

to wash away our sins

and

to break the power of sin in our lives

in water

in the Holy Spirit

**Baptism
and
the laying on of hands**

3.-4.

experiencing resurrection life
and
understanding resurrection of the dead

5.

Eternal judgement

appreciating eternal states
of
life after death

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The church that has its foundations laid according to the word of God and in obedience to the word of God is fruitful in ministry.

JESUS TEACHES ABOUT BUILDING ON THE ROCK

The Bible speaks of our lives as buildings

“We are His house”

Hebrews 3:6

and it tells us the kind of foundation upon which our lives must be built.

‘Why do you call Me Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things that I say?

Luke 6:46

We cannot say “No” to Jesus if He
is indeed Lord of our lives.

:47

Whoever comes to Me,
and hears My sayings
and does them,
I will show you who he is like.

we come
we hear
we obey

He is like a man building a house

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:48

Who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock

We remove every blockage
between
ourselves and the Rock

This involves repentance – having
faith in Jesus, the Rock of our
salvation

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:48

And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

The life based on faith in

Jesus Christ cannot be
destroyed by the trials of
life.

But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently, and immediately it fell. And the ruin of it was very great.

:49

storm warning

Jesus wants us to build our lives and the church on firm foundations.

List the six foundations that are described in Hebrews 6:1-2

1. ----- 4. -----

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2. ----- 5. -----

3. ----- 6. -----

Session 2

REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS

disobedience

rebellion

sin

Repentance is a turning away from

and a turning back to God.

Repentance means: a change of mind
a feeling of regret for past behaviour.

Sin literally means “missing the mark.”

Oops!

Against whom have we sinned?
Against You, You only, have I sinned.
Psalm 51:4

Romans 3:23

**All have sinned
and fall short
of the glory of God**

Does every person need to repent?

“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands men everywhere to repent.
Acts 17:30

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The apostle Paul says:

We know that it is God's desire for all men to come to repentance.

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

2 Peter 3:9

John the Baptist prepared the way for the coming of the Messiah.

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 3:2

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Jesus began His ministry commanding repentance.
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matthew 4:17

The disciples went out preaching repentance.

So they went out and preached that people should repent. Mark 6:12

Jesus commissioned His disciples to preach the message of repentance to all nations.

Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations. Luke 24:46-47

On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached repentance as a condition for receiving the Holy Spirit.

Repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38

Do Christians need to repent?

Read 1 John 1:8-10

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

v.8

If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

V.10

The Bible tells us that all sin is sin and separates us from God.

Sin

GOD

Sin

Sin

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“For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.” James 2:10

Jesus teaches about the things that come “out of the heart of men” and these evil things “defile a man”.

Read

- Mark 7:21-23 to see what these things are.
- Romans 1:29-32 to see what happens when men choose to ignore God’s laws.
- Revelation 22:14-15 to see what will stop us from entering the Kingdom of God.

How does sin affect us?

Earthly sorrow

Godly sorrow

We admit our sins and God forgives us.

1 John 1:9

We bring punishment on ourselves and others often suffer, too.

“For Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.” 2 Corinthians 7:10

Repentance involves a change of mind where we turn completely from what we have been doing
and turn to what God wants us to do.

Zacchaeus is a good example.

When he received Jesus, he changed his way of life and gave back all he had stolen and much more. Luke 19:8

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The story of the prodigal son is another example of a man who had wasted his possessions. He repented and was totally changed or converted.

Read Luke 15:11-24 to see his story.

The son

- “came to his senses” (v.17) a response because of worldly sorrow
- made some good choices (v.18-19) repented in his mind
- acted upon his decision (v.20) turned - he was converted

Go

What are the results of true repentance?

A new love for God and a desire to please Him.

We offer our bodies to God daily to do His will.

Romans 12:1-2

Freedom from guilt and shame.

Romans 8:!

peace and joy

Jesus promises us peace.

John 14:27

Repentance

Baptism

Repent and believe in the gospel. Mark 1:15

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Jesus said:

Peter said:

Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38

Paul said:

Repent, turn to God and do works fitting repentance.
Acts 26:20

Repentance is a gift from God which we receive by faith.



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Session3 FAITH TOWARD GOD

Faith is having a conviction based on hearing.

It has to do with

Trusting & Believing

In the Bible the word “faith” is used to refer to God or Jesus Christ or to things spiritual.

As we saw our and recognized our sins, we felt godly sorrow and we repented. But unless we believe that we are forgiven, our repentance is in vain.

Unless we believe that Jesus has taken our sin, our guilt and our shame, our efforts to be free from sin will only end in failure.

Sin Guilt

Shame

Repentance involves a turning away from sin

and a turning to God in faith.

By faith:

- we receive Jesus Christ exactly as He is in the gospels
- we trust Him and surrender to Him
- we accept God’s promises to us

How does the Bible describe faith?

**"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things unseen." Hebrews 11:1**

We are believing that God keeps His promises.

**"But the Lord is faithful."
2 Thessalonians 3:3**

We are believing that God is able to do what He has promised He will do.

**"being convinced
that what He has promised,
He is also able to do." Romans 4:21**

This is faith in God.
The future and the unseen become real because we trust in God.

A PERSON CANNOT BE SAVED WITHOUT FAITH.

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“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:16

What happens?

“It pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.”

1 Corinthians 1:21

What is the condition for salvation?

Salvation is a gift received by faith.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is a gift of God.”

Ephesians 2:8



A PERSON CANNOT PLEASE GOD WITHOUT FAITH

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

Hebrews 11:6

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HOW DO WE RECEIVE FAITH?

“So then faith comes by hearing,
and hearing by the word of God.”

Romans 10:17

The word of God is what God says it is. God is continually wanting to speak to us.

Jesus said:

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:4

- We hear God speak personally to us as we read the Bible.

This is the rhema word of God.

rhema

[logos is the written word of God and is also sometimes used to refer to Jesus, “the Word of God.”]

- We receive faith to act on what we hear.
- Jesus becomes real to us. He is “the word become flesh.” John 1:14

Simply having information does not guarantee salvation!

“You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe and tremble.”

James 2:19

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We still have to:

- choose to receive the word we have heard
- respond by trusting the One who spoke into our hearts

We turn

to God and change as we trust Him to
fulfill His word.

We discover that God is faithful and keeps His promises.

ABRAHAM – THE FATHER OF ALL WHO BELIEVE

Paul writes about Abraham to illustrate faith.

Read Romans 4.

- God counted Abraham as a righteous man because he believed God. (v.3)
- Abraham heard and received the word from God. (v.13 & 21)
- Abraham turned in faith from his seemingly hopeless situation. (v.18-20)
- Abraham believed and held on to the promise God gave to him in Genesis 15:3-6. (v.18)
- “He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief” (v.20)
- “but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God.” (v.20)

Read Hebrews 11:8-9

- “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went not knowing where he was going.”
- “By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country.”

Hebrews 11 tells the story of other men of faith.

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These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. v.13

“And all these, having obtained good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.” v:39-40

Aand

JESUS IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE “something better.”

When Jesus began His ministry with a miracle at the wedding feast at Cana, we read that “His disciples believed in Him.” John 2:11

The disciples asked Jesus what they must do to work the works of God. Jesus answered them:

“This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.” John 6:29

Read what Jesus says about believing and trusting i.e. about having faith. Be of good cheer, daughter, your faith has made you well. Matthew 9:22

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“Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

John 20:29

“According to your faith let it be to you.” Matthew 9:29

to the blind men

Jesus said:

to the centurion

“Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.

Matthew 8:13

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We are to know “What is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the

dead and seated Him at His
right hand in heavenly places.
Ephesians 2:19-20

POWER OF GOD

“That your faith

WOW!

should not be in the wisdom of men,

WOW!

but in the power of God.”

1 Corinthians 2:5

“And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile;
you are still in your sins.”

1 Corinthians 15:17

“For by faith you stand.” 2 Corinthians 1:24

When we ask anything of God

“Let him ask in faith, with no doubting.” James 1:6

By faith in Jesus Christ we receive:

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- the promise of the Holy Spirit Galatians 3:14
- Sonship Galatians 3:26
- Salvation Ephesians 2:8
- Access to the Father Ephesians 3:11-12

By faith in Jesus Christ:

- We are justified Romans 5:1-2
- We have peace with God Romans 5:1
- We have access to the grace of God Romans 5:2
- We rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:2

We have laid the foundation of repentance in our lives.

Therefore we are right with God.

God requires that we now live as Abraham did, “fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.” Romans 4:21

The genuineness of our faith may be tested.

Yet:

“Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith – the salvation of your souls.” 1 Peter 1:8-9

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Session 4

DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS

The Scripture speaks of four baptisms:

- Baptism in water
- Baptism in or with the Holy Spirit
- Baptism with fire
- Baptism into the Body of Christ (probably referring to baptism in the Holy Spirit)

There is a fifth unnamed baptism where Jesus refers to a specific baptism He would experience, generally understood to be a baptism of suffering.

The doctrine of baptism referred to in Hebrews 6:2 has specifically to do with water baptism.

Baptism literally means immersion. So to baptize is to immerse.

JOHN'S BAPTISM.

John's baptism was a call to the people of his day to change their way of life. It was a baptism of repentance; a call to turn to God (to be converted.)

The practice of baptism was not new when John the Baptist came, but it was new for Jews to be baptized as a sign of repentance. They had presumed that only Gentiles needed to repent and believe in the true God.

John's baptism was to prepare the children of God to receive Jesus.

He came saying:

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand Matthew 3:2

Once John had baptized Jesus, John's ministry began to decrease and Jesus' began to increase. (John 4:1-2)

John had introduced the Messiah to Israel.

JESUS' BAPTISM.

Jesus did not need to repent. He was a sinless man.

Why was He baptized? "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

Matthew 3:15

Jesus said:

His baptism was to fulfill the law that required a priest to go through with ceremonial washings at the age of thirty.

What happened as Jesus came up out of the water?

Matthew 3:16-17

*“Jesus came up immediately out of the water;
the heavens were opened to Him
and He saw the Spirit of God descending
like a dove and alighting on Him.”*

Immediately following His baptism Jesus was anointed sovereignly by the Holy Spirit.

*“And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying,
This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased*

God was “well pleased” with Jesus’ response of obedience in fulfilling the law of righteousness. We, too, are to obey the Lord’s command to be baptized by faith.

THE COMMAND TO BAPTISE

Jesus Himself gives the command to baptize. He instructed His disciples: Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

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Notice Jesus commands men to be baptized into the fullness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus makes it quite clear that this baptism follows repentance

Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations.....

Luke 24:47

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Mark 16:15-16

and believing i.e. faith

Genuine repentance (change) comes before saving faith. The one who is baptized must be a repentant (changed) and believing person first. An infant is not able to repent or believe.

THE PRACTICE OF BAPTISM IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

What shall we do? v.37

(1)THE DAY OF PENTECOST

- Peter preached Acts 2:14-36
- The people were convicted
 - Peter replied

Repent, and let everyone of you be baptized. v.38

- The people obeyed
and 3000 souls were added to the church that day. v.41

BAPTISM WAS THAT DAY

BAPTISM WAS THE ENTRY INTO THE CHURCH - THE BODY OF CHRIST

BAPTISM WAS IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

(2)IN SAMARIA

- Philip preached Acts 8:5-8
- The people who believed were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus v.12
- The apostles came and laid hands on them to receive the Holy Spirit v.17

(3)THE MAN FROM ETHIOPIA

Read Acts 8:35-38

- The Ethiopian is reading the word of God
- He wants to understand the Scripture
- He believes in Jesus once he understands
- He is baptized on the basis of his confession of faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God

(3)SAUL IN DAMASCUS

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Read Acts 9:17-18

Ananias baptizes Saul after Saul receives a revelation of Jesus Christ

(4)GENTILES ARE BAPTISED

- Peter preached Acts 10:34-43
- The Holy Spirit fell upon those who heard the word v.44
- Those gathered spoke with tongues and magnified God v.46
- Peter baptized them in the name of the Lord v.48

(5)REBAPTISM IN EPHESUS

Read Acts 19:1-7

- Paul met some disciples in Ephesus v.1
- These disciples had already been baptized with John's baptism i.e. a baptism of repentance v.3
- Paul preached about believing in Christ Jesus v.4
- They were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus v.5 (in water)
- They then received the gift of the Holy Spirit v.6 (through the laying on of hands)

(6)CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

The command to baptize was given:

- by Jesus
- after His death, burial and resurrection

The apostles and disciples practiced baptism:

- after His ascension and exaltation
- in the name of Jesus Christ. They understood the revealed name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Christian baptism comes after repentance but includes repentance.

It comes after a person has been born again by faith in Jesus Christ.

repentance

baptism

faith

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IT IS THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST THAT MAKES CHRISTIAN BAPTISM REAL

All previous baptisms and ceremonial washings were symbolic. They could not wash away a person's sin. Without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness of sin.

Christian baptism signifies the washing away of sin because the person being baptized has already been forgiven through the blood of Jesus Christ.

IDENTIFYING WITH CHRIST THROUGH BAPTISM

Paul is speaking to believers and reminding them what happened at their baptism.

Read Romans 6:1-12

- :3 we are baptized into the death of Christ Jesus
- :4 we are buried with Him
- :4 we are raised to new life with Him
- :5 we are united with Him in His death and His resurrection
- :6 our old man was crucified with Him sin is done away with
- :7 we are free from sin
- ;8 we died with Christ we live with Christ
- :9 Jesus Christ has conquered death
- :10 He died to sin once for all He lives to God
- :11 we also reckon ourselves to be dead to sin and alive to Christ Jesus our Lord.

JESUS SAID:

HE WHO BELIEVES AND IS BAPTISED WILL BE SAVED.

MARK 16:16

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Session 5

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

~~is baptised~~

The believer

~~repents~~

turns towards GOD
through faith in Jesus Christ

The next step to maturity is to be filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

~~Holy Spirit~~

The Holy Spirit is the “promise of the Father”. Luke 24:49

Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. Luke 24:49

Jesus told the disciples to wait till they were clothed with power from on high.

John the Baptist spoke of this baptism that would come with Jesus Christ.

One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Luke 3:16

God sovereignly poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost to the assembled Jews and again to the Gentiles gathered in Cornelius' house when Peter preached there. Since those times, the gift of the Holy Spirit has been imparted to believers through the laying on of hands. The believer receives the gift of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit become evident in the believer. However, specific gifts are released by the laying on of hands.



LAYING ON OF HANDS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- To impart a blessing often with a prophetic promise.
e.g. Jacob blesses Joseph's sons as he lays his hands on them and speaks prophetically about the future of the nations. Read Genesis 48:14-16
- To set people apart for specific ministry.
e.g. Moses asked God to set a man over the people when he knew it was time for him to die. Read Numbers 27:15-23

Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him

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v.18

God gave instructions:

And you shall give some of your authority to him v.20

So Moses did
as the LORD
commanded him.
Moses was obedient to God's command.

Moses did this in the
presence of the priest and the

And he laid his hands on him
and commissioned him,
just as the LORD commanded
by the hand of Moses.
people.

“Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him.” Deuteronomy 34:9

LAYING ON OF HANDS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

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In the life of Jesus:

- He raised the dead
- He healed the sick
- He blessed the children
- He expects His followers to do the same

The ruler expected Jesus to restore his daughter to life.

My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.

Matthew 9:18

Friends expected Jesus to heal their sick.

When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. Luke 4:40

He showed that God's compassion over ruled the laws of the synagogue as He healed the crippled woman on the Sabbath.

And He laid His hands on her and immediately she was made straight. Luke 13:13

People brought their children for a blessing.

Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray. Matthew 19:13

JESUS COMMISSIONS THE DISCIPLES TO DO THE SAME

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. Mark 16:17-18

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Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to My Father.

John 14:12

Jesus has promised to empower the believer to fulfill these promises.

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8

LAYING ON OF HANDS IN THE LIFE OF THE EARLY CHURCH

The disciples laid hands on the believers

the believers were baptised in the Holy Spirit
gifts of the Holy Spirit were released or bestowed on
them

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- Peter and John came to the believers in Samaria

“Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.” Acts 8:17

When the sorcerer, Simon, “saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given”, he wanted to buy this power.

Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:19

- Paul visited some disciples in Ephesus who were rebaptised into the name of Jesus Christ. Acts 19:4-6

Following their baptism:

Paul laid hands on them
the Holy Spirit came upon them
they spoke with tongues and prophesied

- Ananias is obedient to God. Acts 9:17-18

Saul receives the Holy Spirit
and receives a gift of healing through the
laying on of hands.

■ Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

2 Timothy 1:6

- Paul bestows a gift of God on Timothy through the laying on of hands.

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

1 Timothy 4:14

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He reminds Timothy not to neglect the gift that is in him through the laying on of hands by the eldership.

Paul reminds us:

Be filled with the Spirit.
Ephesians 5:18

This is a continuing process.

We are baptized in the Holy Spirit and we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands.

BELIEVERS ARE ORDAINED AND SET APART FOR MINISTRY THROUGH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS.

- Specific needs are met as some are set apart for specific tasks, and the church grows.

Read Acts 6:2-7

When they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem.v.6-7

- The believers are sent out to minister in obedience to the Holy Spirit.

Read Acts 13:2-3

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

THE BELIEVERS HEAL IN THE NAME OF JESUS THROUGH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

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- The believers laid hands on the sick in obedience to the command of Jesus.

Paul receives his sight as Annanias lays hands on him. Acts 9:17-18

Paul lays hands on Publius' father and he is healed. Acts 28:8-9

And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.

Mark 16:20

THE APOSTLES, THE DISCIPLES, AND THE BELIEVERS ALL
MINISTERED THROUGH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS RECEIVED AND GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT ARE
RELEASED THROUGH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS.

Session 6

RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

Resurrection of the dead is dependent upon the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Without resurrection, there is nothing for the believer to hope for.

For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:16-17

The apostle Paul says:

a raising up

WHAT IS RESURRECTION?

to raise from the dead

THERE ARE THREE KEY ASPECTS TO THE DOCTRINE OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.

- The resurrection of Jesus Christ
- The spiritual resurrection of the believer in Jesus Christ

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- The ultimate resurrection of “all that are in the graves”
John 5:28-29

1. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

➤ He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Matthew 28:6

- When the women came to see the tomb after Jesus died, an angel spoke to them.

- Jesus is the first to rise from the dead.

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:20

- Death could not hold Jesus.

Whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. Acts 2:24

WHAT PROOF IS THERE THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD?

- He spoke to the apostles.

He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.
Acts 1:3

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- Jesus was seen by many people.

Cephas

500 brethren

He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:5

After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:6

James, the brother of Jesus

After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 1 Corinthians 15:7

Saul on the road to Damascus

Then last of all He was seen by me also, as one born out of due time. 1 Corinthians 15:8

WHAT WAS HIS BODY LIKE WHEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD?

- Jesus shows Himself to His disciples.

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. Luke 24:36-39

He ate fish in their presence. Luke 24:41-43

➤ Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it in My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing. John 20:27

- Jesus tells Thomas to touch His hands and side.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS SPEAK OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Read Isaiah 53:10-12

v:10 He shall see His seed Read Psalm 16:8-11

v:10 For You shall not leave My soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

Read Psalm 68:18

You have ascended on high.

WHAT DOES THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST TEACH US?

Romans 1:4

Romans 6:9

Death is defeated

He is the Son of God

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Matthew 28:18 and Ephesians 1:20-23

Jesus Christ is supreme over all living beings

Hebrews 10:12

Romans 4:24

Believers are justified

There is a man on the throne
of the universe

1 Peter 1:3

Acts 17:31

There is a new life source
for men

There is a new
life source for men

Future judgement
is assured

2. THE SPIRITUAL RESURRECTION OF THE BELIEVER

- And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins

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Ephesians 2:1

- God, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:5-6
- Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.

Romans 6:8

- And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all your trespasses. Colossians 2:13
- For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:19-20

GOD WORKED MIGHTY POWER IN CHRIST WHEN HE RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD.

Ephesians 1:15-23

POWER

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That same power works in us (Ephesians 3:20)

Jesus said:

Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. John 5:25

THERE WILL BE EVIDENCE OF THIS RESURRECTION IN THE LIFE
OF THE BELIEVER

Romans 6:11

Romans 6:4

An attitude of faith
is established
and maintained

A new life
is manifest

2 Corinthians 5:15

Colossians 3:1-2

A new Master
is served

A new life purpose
is chosen

3. THE RESURRECTION OF EVERY PERSON WHO HAS DIED

- The hour is coming when all in the graves will hear His voice and come forth – those who have done good, to the resurrection of life,

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and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.
John 5:28-29

- I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. Acts 24:15

WHEN DOES THE RESURRECTION OF THE BELIEVER TAKE PLACE?

John 6:39-40,44,54

The last days

John 11:23-24

Christ – the firstfruits : 1 Corinthians 15:20-23
Christ will come again and the dead in Christ shall rise.
1 Thessalonians 4:16

WHEN DOES THE RESURRECTION OCCUR OF THOSE WHO ARE NOT CHRIST'S?

Read Revelation 20:11-15

WHO RAISES THE DEAD?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:14

2 Corinthians 1:9

2 Corinthians 4:14 Acts 4:2

Peter and John preached the resurrection of the dead.
Acts 17:18

Paul preached the resurrection of the dead.

WHAT KIND OF BODY WILL BELIEVERS HAVE?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

- It is raised in incorruption v:42
- It is raised in glory v:43
- It is raised in power v:43
- It is raised a spiritual body v:44
- We shall bear the image of the heavenly Man v:49

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“The Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.” Philippians 3:21

“Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

1 John 3:2

THE HOPE OF RESURRECTION AFFECTS OUR BEHAVIOUR

“And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”

1 John 3:3

Oh that I might know Him
and the power of His resurrection,
and the fellowship of His sufferings,
being conformed to His death,
if by any means I may attain
to the resurrection of the dead

Philippians 3:10-11

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Session 7

ETERNAL JUDGEMENT

heaven

hell

OR

Scripture tells us that there are rewards for the righteous in heaven based on their service and obedience to the Lord during their lifetime.

Scripture also tells us that there is punishment in hell based on the person's treatment of Christ and His brethren.

Those who see and hear but do not repent.

Matthew 11:20-24

Jesus warns:

Those who hear but do not do.

Matthew 25:40, 45

WHO IS JUDGED?

He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. v.18

Read John 3:16-21

Jesus said:

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement. John 5:24

FAITH
LIFE
FREEDOM FROM CONDEMNATION
i.e. JUDGEMENT

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. Romans 8:1

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WHERE ARE WE JUDGED?

Believers

At the Judgement Seat of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:10

At the Great White Throne of Judgement

Revelation 20:11-15

Unbelievers

- All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)
All have broken God's law.
- The penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23); spiritual and physical death leading to eternal spiritual death.

We accept the forgiveness of our sins through His sacrifice on the cross

We believe in Jesus Christ

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We are saved from death into life.

We are delivered from condemnation and the judgement we deserve.

THERE ARE JUDGEMENTS AND REWARDS FOR CHRISTIANS.

Read Matthew 25:41-46. Jesus said:

And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.
V:46

So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

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Romans 14:12

For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:10

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

2 Timothy 4:8

THE CHRISTIAN'S WORK WILL BE JUDGED

If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

1 Corinthians 3:15

If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

2 Corinthians 3:14

Jesus told the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. Matthew 25:1-13

He said to those who had fallen asleep and were unprepared at His coming:

Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you. v:12

WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?

Matthew 6:9

God is in heaven

Isaiah 66:7

It is God's throne

Daniel 4:25

Heaven rules earth

Matthew 25:46

Heaven's life is eternal life

John 6:33

Jesus came from heaven

Heaven is a place of righteousness, peace

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Romans 14:17

and joy in the Holy Spirit

Revelation 21:3

There is no pain, weeping, death or sorrow
because God is very present and looks
after His people perfectly

HOW DOES GOD JUDGE?

Romans 2:12

According to the light people have received

Romans 2:1-2

According to the truth

1 Peter 1:17

Revelation 20:12

According to deeds

Romans 2:11

1 Samuel 16:7

God has no favourites – He looks at the heart

Acts 17:31

In righteousness

2 Thessalonians 1:8

According to our obedience to the gospel

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Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgement on all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.
Jude 14-15

The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth.

Revelation 11:18

WHAT IS HELL LIKE?

- Everlasting punishment Matthew 25:46
- Everlasting destruction away
from the presence of the Lord 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9
- A lake of fire Revelation 20:15
- Fire that is never quenched and worm that does not die Mark 9:4-48
- A place of total frustration Proverbs 27:20
- A place of death and wickedness Psalm 55:15
- A place of torment Luke 16:23 by fire v.24
- A life of selfishness is the doorway to hell Luke 16:25
- A place of desperate separation from all that is good and able to comfort the soul. Luke 16:26
- A place of sorrow Psalm 18:5
- Folly leads to hell Proverbs 9:18
- A place of condemnation Matthew 23:33

THE ANTIDOTE FOR JUDGEMENT IS MERCY

We are to preach God's great mercy to save and forgive now!

OH, THE DEPTH OF THE RICHES
BOTH OF THE WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD!
HOW UNSEARCHABLE ARE HIS JUDGEMENTS
AND HIS WAYS PAST FINDING OUT!

Romans 11:33

Session 8

LET US GO ON TO PERFECTION

“Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgement.”
Hebrews 6:1-2

Once the foundations are laid, we are to move on to perfection i.e. maturity or completeness.

repentance from dead works

faith toward God

baptisms

laying on of hands

resurrection of the dead

eternal judgement

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MATURITY
PERFECTION
COMPLETENESS

“And this we will do if God permits.” Hebrews 6:3

We must be obedient to the word of God; repent and be water baptized; go on in faith; understand and experience the reality of the new birth through the Holy Spirit; and have an understanding of the reality of the resurrection of the dead and of eternal life.

Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.

Genesis 1:28

WHAT ARE WE MEANT TO BE LIKE?

God said:

Through sin man has fallen away from God’s original plan.

BUT

- We have been called according to His purpose Romans 8:28
- We have been predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son Romans 8:29

Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. Matthew 5:48

Once the foundations are laid in our lives, we go on to be changed into this likeness.

Jesus said:

A SCRIPTURAL GUIDE TO A MATURE LIFESTYLE.

Read Romans 12:9-21

V:9 Love without hypocrisy

V:10 Be kindly affectionate to one another; give preference to one another

V:11 Be diligent; on fire to serve the Lord

V:12 Rejoice in hope; be patient through testing times; pray much

V:13 Be generous ; be hospitable

V:14 Bless our enemies; do not curse

V:15 Share in the joys and sorrows of others

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V:16 Regard all men as equal; do not count any one as more important than another; do not think of ourselves as wise

V:17 Do not pay back evil with evil

V:19 Live at peace with all men

V:20 Do not avenge yourself. God is the judge and He will bring vengeance

V:21 Overcome evil with good.

A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:3

Read Colossians 3:1-17

Our thinking changes and we focus on heavenly things. v:2

Put off the old man

Put on the new man

Renewed in knowledge

Tender mercies

Kindness

Humility

Meekness

Longsuffering

Bearing with one another

Forgiving one another

Anger

Wrath

Malice

Blasphemy

Filthy language

Lying

But above all these things put on love which is the bond of perfection. v:14

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. v:16

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And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. v:17

WE MINISTER THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT IN LOVE.

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 lists the gifts of the Holy Spirit given for the profit of all.
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 tells us to minister these gifts in love.
- 1 Corinthians 14 encourages us to desire the gifts and explains how the gifts function in a meeting.

FRUITFUL GROWTH

Read 2 Peter 1:2-11

Peter is encouraging us to “be partakers of the divine nature.” V:4

- we are to be diligent v:5
- we begin with faith v:5
- to faith we add virtue i.e. moral excellence that comes through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit. [Jesus felt ‘virtue’ (power) go out from Him when the woman with the issue of blood touched Him and was healed. Luke 8:46]. We cannot go on without the enabling of the Holy Spirit.
- To virtue we add knowledge; we study the word of God v:5
- To knowledge we add self-control v:6
- To self-control we add perseverance v:6
- To perseverance we add godliness v:6
- To godliness we add brotherly kindness v:7
- To brotherly kindness we add love v:7

“For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

For so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” v:9-11

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