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CHAPTER 1 SALVATION

Christian circles people say stuff like "I've been saved. Would you like to be saved? These people are saved or they're not saved."

We use the word saved, which is another way of saying salvation. But things like "are you saved? Would you like to be saved? They're going to get saved. How many people got saved today."

It's all dealing with the word _____. What does salvation mean? We use it interchangeably sometimes with the term _____.

Born again means being born a _____ time. So the first time you were born, it was of flesh and blood and that physical birth was from your parents. But the second time that you're born by _____, it's a spiritual birth.

Born again is not a _____ birth but it's a _____ birth. So when you have this born again experience we also call it a _____ experience because there's a salvation that takes place in the new life, in the born again part of your life which takes place in your _____ man.

You have a _____ you possess a _____ and you are a _____.

It's important to understand that you are tri-part being spirit, soul and body. You could gain a hundred pounds or you can lose 100 pounds, you can change your appearance, you could dye your hair but you're always you, no matter how much you change the outside.

You are a spirit but you live in a body. Your body is your _____ on the earth, much like if you were to go to the moon you would have to have on a space suit in order to function and to operate. To be legal on earth you have to have a _____ to function.

That's why angels, demons, and spirit beings have to operate in the earth _____ without the cooperation of man at some point. They operate illegally.

You have to be born of flesh and blood to have legal _____ in this earth. So you possess this earth suit but you are a _____ and that spirit is eternal.

You are a _____ you live in a _____ and you possess a _____. Your soul is made up of at least your mind, your will, your emotions, and your intellect.

You're a tri-part being made in the _____ of God.

Genesis 1:26 Let us make a man in our image after our likeness and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fire of the year and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing they creep upon the earth.

Both male and female were created in God's image. If you are a tri-part being then we understand that God also is a tri-part being since we are made in His _____, and His _____.

You are one person, but you have three parts. God is one person, but He also has three parts. That's why in verse 26, when God said let US, he wasn't speaking to the angels but he was speaking to the plurality of Himself, the word God here is _____.

This is the plural name of God. He was saying let "us" (_____, _____ and _____) make a man in our image.

We must understand what happened years later in the garden, that man fell into disobedience. They were tempted into ____.

Adam who was made in the image of _____, had God given dominion over the fish in the sea, and the Father gave him _____ over all the earth and all of creation.

Adam _____ multiple dimensions. He fell from great abilities, great power, great authority, great dominion, and sin became part of his nature. Now Adam was the head of all _____.

He was the first seed. And what happened after that, every seed that came out of Adam was produced after its own _____. So every human born after Adam was born with this _____ nature.

He became a dead spirit and when your spirit dies eventually your _____ will die and death began to operate in the earth. The lifespan began to be shorter and shorter, and _____ and _____ and sin began to reign over men as Satan began to rule over the passions and lusts of mankind, destroying them and inspiring men to kill their brothers, to hurt others and do horrendous activities.

One of the first things that people always say when they want to reject the concept of God is “if there is a, God why do bad things happen?”

What they don't understand is that there is a God that gave man the power of choice.

God turned the authority of the world over to his son _____ in the garden and Adam turned that over to _____ and bad things happen in the world inspired by _____. Jesus said in John 10:10 that the thief, Satan the devil is the one that comes to _____, _____ and to _____. But Jesus announced to the world that I have come to bring _____ and to bring life more _____.

The reason why Jesus had to come is because he was _____, and Adam was perfect. If you begin to look in the book of Romans it talks in great detail about this. Adam was a _____ man therefore no person after Adam could ever sacrifice his or her life, no one could ever pay the price to fix what Adam has done because everybody else was _____.

So if you could imagine a cake being baked in a tin mold, now imagine if you put a dent in that mold, that mold would forever create cakes with an identical dent. So we have to get a perfect mold in order to fix this issue of having dented cakes. In the same way we had to get a perfect person to sacrifice and die for the perfect person who had fell.

Throughout the generations there were many men and women that have loved God, and served God, but they had all kinds of issues. Anger issues, lust issues, adultery issues, they had all kinds of sins and issues.

Even the most righteous of men was still a _____, and still had unclean hands and impure heart, and a fallen nature. There was no way around it, God had to find a perfect substitute to cover the _____ of men.

So what God instated an animal sacrifice system where they would take the blood of animals namely sheep or goats, and they would sacrifice this animal and the blood would be used as a payment to try and cover the sins. But the blood of bulls and goats were not good enough to _____ the sin of a human.

This was only a type or shadow of what it would really take to cover the _____ of man. It would take human blood of a perfect person.

Throughout the generations no person was righteous enough, or good enough. For all have _____ and come short of the _____ of God.

God had planned to kill the Lamb of God. He had planned to sacrifice the _____ of God to pay the _____ for our sins. He knew this was going to happen and he plans to redeem man.

He planned to _____ men from their fallen nature, and he had to do it Himself. So he took out _____ of Himself, Jesus Christ, and He came in human flesh. His sacrifice did not just cover our sin, but it actually _____ it away completely, and cleansed us from our sin forever.

Adam was _____ so it required a _____ sacrifice. The perfect sacrifice was _____ in every way that we're tempted but lived without blame. This is why His blood was the perfect payment for our _____, now we can have forgiveness and we can be restored, this is what we call salvation.

Titus 3:5-7 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

It's according to his mercy that He saved us.

Definition 1: Salvation means to preserve, to deliver from danger or trouble, wholeness in spirit soul and body.

Salvation is the spiritual and eternal deliverance granted by God to those who accept his condition of repentance, and having faith in Jesus Christ.

The word salvation in the Greek is the word _____. The word _____ in the Greek means to protect from evil, it means to heal from maladies, sickness and disease. It means to preserve from evil or danger, and to protect. It also means to be whole or complete, nothing missing, and nothing broken.

If I say I am saved I mean that:

I'm healed, I'm delivered from oppression and depression, that my life is protected, I'm forgiven of my sins and the wrath to come for my sins. It means that I'm given eternal life. That I've escaped or have been saved from the destruction that's in this world, and the world to come in the afterlife.

The Bible says you're translated from the kingdom of _____ and translate it into the Kingdom of _____.

You are saved if you repented and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 10:13 says that whosoever shall call the name of the Lord shall be Sozo (shall be delivered shall be protected shall be set free).

If you call on the name of Jesus with faith, all of heaven and earth can be moved, because whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord will be _____.

How does salvation come? By grace and mercy. Salvation comes not by your own works, not by your own ability to please God. The Bible tells us very clearly that salvation is not of ourselves and it's not of our own _____.

It's not about what we do or how we perform but it's a _____ of God, the only means of salvation is believing on Jesus and the work that he did for you.

John 14:6 I am the way, I am the way the truth, and the life and no man cometh unto the Father but by me. He didn't say he is A way and A truth. No man can come to God unless through Jesus Christ. You can't find God through Buddhism, and you can't find God through Islam, either can you come to God through Hinduism, Shintoism, Taoism or the new age.

There's only _____ way to come to God, and that's through Jesus. Because he's the only one that _____ the price for your _____. Nobody else died and shed their blood to take away your _____. And if they did, their blood wasn't perfect, so it would not qualify. They weren't God in the flesh, neither did they live sinless lives. They were purely of human nature therefore they were _____ just like us, they couldn't do it. Nobody could do it. Nobody could come to the Father except through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other. There is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Only the name of Jesus is the name given by heaven where we can be saved by.

You can't be saved by religion, you can't be saved because your parents faith because they went to church. You can't be saved because you went to church camp, you know all the church songs and even if you're a church member and you've been baptized. These things are outward actions, but you can only be saved by faith in the name of Jesus as your redeemer and your savior.

You must repent, and you believe in him. Salvation is through _____ and faith alone. One cannot be saved outside of grace.

Mark 1:14-15 Now that John was put in prison. Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God saying the time is fulfilled the Kingdom of God is at hand, repent you and believe the good news believe the gospel.

This is an outline for the process of salvation.

Definition 2: Repent means to turn 180 degrees, its an about face, a complete turning away from your own effort.

I grew up in a religious system where we had to please God and serve God on our own strength and in our own effort to be saved. But repent means to stop doing it your own way. Stop trying to live for God on your own. Stop trying to please God on your own.

He paid the _____. He made the way, there's nothing for you to do now but repent and stop trusting in your own ability. Just believe on His ability to save, and to forgive you.

There's never been any sin committed in history that the blood of Jesus cannot cleanse. Turning away from your own effort involves a change of your mind, a change of your heart. It's a change for the better.

Some people don't want to be Christian because they think they're going to be bored and miserable, and it's no fun.

But in contrast repentance means that change your life for the BETTER. It means to go from trying to do your failed efforts in life, to approaching life God's way. God's way is always a better way.

Always a more prosperous way, a more peaceful way, a more joyous way, a more fulfilling way.

People oftentimes sin trying to fulfill something missing in their heart. It's like when your body is craving nutrients and you grab a bag of chips and a coke. True enough you will be full but your body is still depleted of what it really needed, nutrients.

Some joy, pleasure or contentment is missing in our hearts, but it's really not the sin that's missing, it's peace with the God that is actually missing.

Change of attitude, change in the way you think, change in the way you act.

It's an inner transition from _____ dependence and _____ government to God reliance, God dependence, and God's government. Everything that you have in the kingdom of God comes by _____.

When you try and do things out of your own strength because of your love and zeal for God it's always difficult because the body _____ against your spirit. So you need _____ to serve God.

2 Corinthians 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

People have guilt and shame for things that they have done, but guilt and shame does not bring _____, neither does it bring freedom.

It doesn't bring change, and it doesn't bring life, and it sure doesn't bring joy. But godly _____ (conviction) over your sin causes you to turn to God and God brings joy, forgiveness, grace, and mercy. He lifts you up! The word repent could be seen in two parts, re and pent.

Re meaning to go back go back from your way of doing things. Pent is the root word for 5. 5 is the number of grace. We use a term in English to describe the highest quality rating of a hotel or venue we say 5 Star. In hotels the Pent House suite is the top suite in the luxury hotel.

So Re-Pent can be understood as turn from the lower life to the High life. The top suite, the best life.

We can look at repentance as to cease from doing things the low way, the difficult way, the hard way, and go to the penthouse, the good life. God is saying come up to the good life, to the high life, and stop living the low life.

Repent is not a bad word. It's a good word. It means that you could come back to the high life come back to the good things that God has promised for you.

Who needs repentance? A lot of people feel that they don't have to repent for anything. A lot of people say I'm not that bad. I'm pretty good. Who needs repentance and why?

The way that we were thinking before we had Christ was wrong. The Bible says there's a way this seems right to a man but the end of that is death. We might seem right in our own mind but actually it is a death wish. It is doing things destructively doing things that are not the most beneficial for our lives and for our posterity, for our future.

We find in the book of Romans 3:23 a very interesting truth that all have sinned. In English all means everybody. There is nobody exempt from the word all, and it says here that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. If somebody thinks that they don't need to repent and that they are not THAT bad.

They simply never caught a glimpse of the awesomeness of God. Because once you behold His majesty, His holiness and the beauty of the perfection of almighty God, Creator of every molecule and cell that exist in the universe. You realize that our human morals fail, and come far short of the glory of God's perfection.

Human Science fails again and again even with all the technology to understand the simplest things of God's creation, the simplest compounds and elements and DNA strands in an atomic level, substances that create the eyeball are mysteries the greatest minds in all the sciences.

All of us fall short is an understatement, we all have sinned and all need to repent and turn back to our awesome and loving Father. Repentance _____ our heart from the clutter in our lives so that God can begin to plant good seeds, plant good thought, ,good morale, and good principles that can sprout up to be beautiful and wonderful things happening in your whole family.

God doesn't want to just cut down the branches of a bad tree, but he wants to plant an entirely new tree. Give you an entirely new life when you repent the entire old you dies and you're given a brand new life. Plant new seeds, learn how to maintain this new high life that God has given you.

Acts 2:38 Peter said to them repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

After you repent, God sends away your sins and you begin to have a new life in Jesus. The result of repentance is self _____ and the heart is prepared to be saved, after you repent grace is released into your life.

Definition 3: Grace simply means God's favor or divine favor.

It is God's heart and disposition to bless his people to love his people, to forgive his people and to lift up his people up. It's a gift.

_____ is a gift. It means you can't earn it just like Christmas time whether you're naughty or nice you still get a gift.

It's the set time of the favor of your parents. It's Christmas and you get a gift! In Asia maybe its Spring Festival when you get a red envelope with some money. During a special season you get a gift as a child and it's the time to receive the gift. It's the set time for humanity to receive the gift of God's grace. Once Jesus came to the Earth and died on the cross it became the time for God's grace to be given to all mankind on Earth and unmerited love, grace, favour and blessing from God.

Grace has the power to activate faith in your heart. God has to give you the faith, and that is a gift, unmerited gift. It comes by grace, then you take that faith that he gives you and use it to believe the gospel.

Romans 10:9-10 you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and shall believe in my heart that God raised him from the dead. Thou shalt be saved, for with the heart man believes unto righteousness and with the mouth your confession is made into salvation.

Definition 4: Sin can be simply defined as missing the mark.

For example an archer would have a bullseye in front of them, missing the bullseye is missing the mark. How normal it is for fallen people to miss the _____, miss the best of God for our lives.

Sin will always take you farther than you want to go. Cost you more than you want to pay and keep you longer than you want to stay. We don't want sin in our lives. But the only one who can save us from sin and deliver us from sin's effect is the Lord Jesus Christ.

It's a _____ of the heart that causes people to lie, and oftentimes sin causes people to hurt the ones they love the most. Like the man who always comes home and beats the woman and children that he loves the most. Doing things beyond their control, hurting the ones that they loved the most because there's another nature causing them to do something that is against their will. It's called the nature of sin, and that causes you to _____ the _____.

Definition 4: Transgression is to deliberately step across the line between right and wrong.

When you know better but you deliberately cross a line. And the more that you cross that line the harder your conscious becomes and the easier it is for you to cross the line again and again and to go farther and farther away from God.

The good news is that Jesus carried our sins and he took our transgressions. He paid the price for them both. And you can be healed of the damage done both. Why do you read your bible everyday? Because all the cuss words and all the lustful images and all the lies and the lustful remarks that you're exposed to in this world on a daily basis you have to wash your mind by the water of the word.

Somebody says you've been brainwashed! Yes I wash my brain every day with the word of God.

Now that you have repented and believed, I want to look at the two components of Repentance.

The first is repentance which we've talked about, the second one is faith towards God.

And we see that in Romans 10:9-10 that if you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth, you've expressed your faith towards God. So repentance is the first part, then expressing and acting on _____ toward God is a second part.

It's like giving _____ to God to come into your heart.

It's like opening the door of your _____ to allow Jesus to come in and to recreate your human spirit.

So faith towards God is the next step. What is faith exactly? Faith is not a mental thing.

This is the last word I want to define for you today and this class own salvation it's redemption.

Definition 5: To buy back, to acquire or to possess that which was lost. To buy back or repossess. To liberate and free somebody from slavery or pay the price of a captive then release them. To be released or cleared from a debt.

You have eternal _____ through Jesus. Humanity was sold into slavery to sin. Thousands of years ago Jesus came to pay that debt with the most precious substance in the universe, perfect and undefiled blood, the most costly commodity in existence. In other words to redeem to buy back to set the captives free to pay for the liberty of the slaves, and we were all slaves to sin.

Galatians 3:13-14 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by being made the curse for us, for it is written cursed is everyone that hangs on the tree, that the blessing of Abraham will come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ that we might receive the promise of the spirit through faith.

You see Jesus _____ you. He paid the price of the curse therefore you're saved. You're delivered from the curse, you're delivered from depression. You're delivered from sin, addictions and bondage. You can be free from all those things through faith in the blood, just receive it by faith by calling on the name of Jesus will release the power of God to set you free from the things that have controlled and bound your life, your children and your ancestors.

CHAPTER 2 BAPTISM

Matthew Chapter 3:1

We see here that the bible says that somebody would come before Jesus and would _____ his path. And this man's name is _____.

They called him the Baptist because he _____ people, so modern days I think we call them "John the baptized the guy who's baptizing folks."

John was waiting for Jesus to come.

He was using _____ as a way to call people to _____ of their sins to turn away from their sins by being washed from their sins and to come back up and to live a new life dedicated towards God.

Acts chapter 2 is the famous Pentecost chapter, where the Holy Spirit is poured out, and the disciples began baptizing people. Notice it takes place after the _____, _____ and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:37 - 38 says when they heard this they were _____ in their hearts and they said to Peter and to the rest of the Apostles men and brethren what shall we do.

So after the preaching of the message is heard people's hearts are _____ and touched and then they need to _____.

The Gospel message convicts the heart.

Peter said that we should respond the same way that John commanded people to respond, Peter said "repent and be _____," John the Baptist said, "Confess your sins and be _____."

Peter was now showing us that this model as a sign of repentance. This was the model to be replicated also now in the New Testament church.

This action of repentance is going to carry on from the Old Testament now into the New Testament; "repent and be _____."

Baptism is 1: An outward work of repentance.

In the Greek baptism which means _____ or to _____. So it should actually be translated repent and be _____ or _____ under water.

The origin of the word baptism comes from the Phoenicians in Mesopotamia area in the Middle East. They had these snails that would be caught in the sea side or come up on shore and when they would catch these snails they would extract the snail and they would puncture a little pouch that was attached to the snail that carried some kind of liquid or blood or something like that. Each snail could provide a few drops of this purple color, they would take this purple color and they would gather it into some kind of container and they would have this purple color liquid and use it as a dye. Because it was so difficult to harvest and you need so many small little snails to be able to produce a large amount of liquid to dye items this dye was very expensive and only kings and only nobles and very wealthy people couldn't afford these garments, they would baptize the cloth in this purple dye. And that's where the concept of the word baptism comes from.

So to be baptized is to be fully _____ or soaked, as you are as a cloth would be dipped and soaked in an ink or in dye to be dyed.

So baptism is an outward work of repentance which means to be fully submerged fully dunked/fully dyed in water.

Baptism is 2: Brings you into a covenant with God.

You believe the Gospel, repent of your sins and then you go to baptism in order to as an outward work of _____ and process of cutting a _____ with God.

You come out of the water and that is a sign of your entering into a covenant with God. Baptism is God's chosen method to bring his people out of the world into him. So there is a symbolism there of you dying to your old self.

Baptism is not a symbol of being washing away the old man. Washing away the sins, washing away everything in the past and coming out clean is the actual result of baptism.

We see here and Acts 2:38 he says repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the _____ of your sins. It's more than a symbol! It's more than a type of something, it's more than an example, it's more than just something that you do! It's supernatural because it says that you're baptized for the _____ of sins.

Remit means to _____ away. So when you're baptized it's not just a symbol which is so often taught so often believed. It is a supernatural remittance or _____ away of your sins.

This is level of what we would call deliverance.

Deliverance means to be set free from.

Baptism as one of the first steps of deliverance to take place in our life, delivered from the power of darkness translated into the Kingdom of God's dear son.

So the powers of darkness that held us bound are we are sent away from you through baptism.

So in as much as it was a sign of deliverance from one's old life to the new life. It's also a miracle of deliverance.

A lot of people I've met in my life have said, "I've become a Christian, I believe I'm born again, however I haven't been baptized yet." I really have to question what they have been taught, or if they have true repentance operating in their lives. Because true _____ is evident by action and the action that God requires to prove your repentance is to be immediately _____.

One of the qualified definitions of Repent means: _____ from YOUR way of doing things, actually it's an about face, a 180 degree turn in your choices. So if you try to come to God and try to receive what God has on your _____ terms, you have never repented.

Repentance means that you stop doing it your way the way you think, the way you feel, the way things should be in your opinion. You've stopped trying to live life on your _____ and you surrendered to God's way.

That's why there's a call to _____ when you repent.

It's not an option. The big question is why would a lot of people resist being baptized. If they get saved to they repent of their sins. Why would they resist baptism?

There's actually no real logical reason why somebody resists being _____. The reason why most people don't get baptized because there's demonic spirits from the old life from the old sin nature and they don't want to go. So they put a spirit of fear and stubbornness to resist the minds and hearts of those that God is calling.

People resist _____. Not knowing why, because there is unseen reasons causing them to be disgruntled, uncomfortable and resistant to baptism. So spiritual bondage is backed and empowered by demonic spirits.

Demon has been in their life for _____ and now they are being drawn by God, and God's calling them to be saved. It's a cutting away of all the familiar spirits that have followed that persons life. So that's why many people do not get baptized. Many people preach that you must be baptized if you're going to go into heaven. He that believeth and as baptized shall be saved. Those are two requirements to be saved.

So for you to be fully delivered, and set free, you have to _____ and be _____.

He that believeth not shall be damned. It doesn't say he that believes and it doesn't get baptized shall be damned, but it simply says he that _____ not, shall be damned.

So you're damned based upon not _____ and receiving the sacrifice of the blood that was shed to cleanse your sins. However you're not going to hell because you're not baptized and you're not going to go to _____ because you are baptized.

So the core principle here is belief not baptism, but if you want to experience the deliverance of Salvation (sozo) the total transformation of God. It requires the supernatural act of water baptism and that's why it says if you believe and baptized you shall be saved.

Egypt today is a type of the _____ system.

However there was a problem when they left Egypt, just like the man who getting saved but doesn't want to get baptized when they left Egypt. Pharaoh and his armies didn't want them to go. So Pharaoh hardened his heart and he resisted them leaving Egypt and this just like when somebody is being called by God to come out of the world the enemy will try to resist that with everything that he can.

So it came to the point that Moses finally got the children of Israel. After ten plagues finally got them out of Egypt and they came to a place called the Red Sea. They had Pharaoh's army chasing them down.

Pharaoh's army is _____ them a red sea is in _____ of them. They thought it was imminent death.

However God spoke to Moses told them to stretch out his rod. God split the Red Sea and the children of Israel had to come through the Red Sea and the Bible says that they walked through the red sea on dry ground.

However Pharaoh and his army is as they were getting across the water after them, just like us when were called by God and were beginning to come to God the enemy and the demonic forces that had been in your life for generations.

They will try and follow you all the way down.

However what happened when they crossed through the Red Sea. They came out of the water and all Pharaoh's armies were still in the water. The Bible says that God closed the seawalls on them and they were all destroyed under the water.

In like matter when you're _____ you are coming in through a red sea. You are buried in the water. The water splits and all the demonic curses, familiar spirits, ancestral spirits, bandages, and addictions that were in your bloodline are swallowed up and destroyed in the water. And so the crossing of the Red Sea is a type of water _____ in the Old Testament, God had water baptized the entire nation of Israel before he could bring them into their promised land.

And teach all of this. Baptized in the name of the father. And Son and the holy ghost teachers are all the things that matter to you and I know I'm here with you always even to me.

I want to point out here is that Jesus said baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. He was not saying use these titles, or phrases. Notice he did not say in the names of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He said the "NAME" singular. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are titles. I am a father but my name is Joseph.

I have a son but his name is Asher. The name of Jesus represented _____ the power in heaven and in earth. The Father had invested in His Son by the Holy Ghost. All that divinity was concentrated in the person, and in the name of _____ Christ. If we wanted to use the name of God we'd have to say Yahweh. Son is not a name, it's a title. Father is not a name it's a title. So what is the name that represents the title of the son? The title of the Father and the title of the Holy Ghost? That name is then of _____.

If you think I'm wrong then you also have to think that Paul was wrong and Peter was wrong. Why? All the disciples were wrong! Because everywhere they went they prayed in the name of _____. They cast out devils in the name of _____.

They raised the dead in the name of _____ and they baptized in the name of _____ .

It pleased the Father that in him, speaking about Jesus, the fullness should dwell.

Colossians 1: 19 Should all the fullness dwell!

This whole Colossians chapter one is talking about the Lord Jesus Christ as says in verse 15-16 Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the first born among creation.

By Jesus was everything made and he is before all things. Jesus is before all things, before the sons of God sang and shouted for joy before the foundations of the Earth were laid.

Verse 18 says that Jesus is the head, he is the head of the body, and of the church, who is the beginning and the first born from the dead.

And in _____ things he has pre-eminence and all things.

In him should all the fullness of the _____ dwell.

We understand in the Bible that there are three that bear record in heaven the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit and these three are _____.

When you say the name of _____, you said all three names. That's why you baptize in that name. That's why you cast out devils in that name. That's why you pray for the sick in that name because in that name is the fullness of God's power.

Jesus was given the name above all names.

Hebrews 1:4 This Jesus been made so much better than the angels as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. There is _____ in the name of Jesus.

Colossians 3:17

Whether it's in your word or in your actions and your deeds. You do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Nothing in the phrase Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Nothing's wrong with getting baptized again and especially if you're going to do it God's way.

Baptism is not a tradition but the power of God. And that's why the devil fights you to be baptized in submersion, he fights you to baptize in Jesus name. Because he knows God's miracle power for transformation when you do it the _____ Way. So he wants to.

Tradition and religion pollutes the word of God and makes it of none effect.

Colossians 2:12 Says this "buried with him."

Everything about the flesh is at war with God, that flesh is buried in baptism. Baptism is a death, it's a funeral, a burial service. Buried with him in baptism.

We keep it down long enough you'll really be dead.

CHAPTER 3 HOLY GHOST

John Chapter 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever _____ in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

So we see here in this John 3:16 that Jesus Christ is God big G, and the Son of God coming from the Father, the only _____ of God and that if you believe in Him you'll have eternal life and you shall not _____.

2 Timothy 3:16 all Scriptures given by _____ of God and it's profitable for doctrine reproof for correction, instruction, and righteousness that a man of God or woman of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished...

The Bible is made up of _____ books, we have what's called an Old _____ and a New Covenant the Old Covenant.

Then the New Covenant was the last of an eternal _____ that God made with His only begotten son Jesus Christ and his brethren thereafter.

It's the last and final and greatest covenant. All the other previous covenants were temporary. Kind of like putting band aids on a big wound, but this last covenant that God made in this new testament is the greatest and _____ covenant.

Whether it's old or new covenant it still tells us one continuous story, one narrative though sixty six books written by over 30 authors over thousands of years. There is no contradiction. They all blend together and they all tell one gospel redeeming story, thus all Scripture is inspired by God.

So as we keep that in mind I'd like to take you to 1 John 5:7 It says that "there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost."

The Bible says that we should rightly divide the word of truth. The Bible should be interpreted by the Bible and if you use the Bible to interpret itself you will have sound doctrine.

The first book of John not 1 John but the John of the gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke, John. Chapter 1 it says "in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, And the Word was God." The Word is another title for _____.

John 1:2 "the same was in the beginning with God, all things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made in Him was life.

This person called the Word. Who was God, we see in verse one was made flesh and He dwelt among us , this person's name is Jesus Christ.

But those who believed in him gave him that give them power to become the sons of God.

1 John 5: 7 We see this person called the Word (another name for Jesus Christ) for there are three the bear record in heaven. The Father the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

And these three are one. Let's take a look here at Isaiah 42:13.

The Lord Himself the Lord shall go forth as a mighty man he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war and he shall cry.

Yeah roar and he shall prevail against his enemies. A prophecy in Isaiah that God himself would come was stirred up jealousy among Israel but he would overcome the enemies of humanity, the enemies of the church, _____ the devil and the power of darkness. This was a prophecy about _____ Himself coming down in the flesh to overcome the enemy.

We look at the book of Revelation we see a deeper and greater _____ of Jesus Christ. This book is one single revelation, and it's the revelation of _____.

_____ is he that reads and they hears the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written.

Revelation 1:7-8 I am alpha and Omega the Beginning and the End.

If you showed the scriptures to cults that don't believe Jesus is God, and you ask him who's the Beginning? And who is the End? Who is the Alpha? And who is the Omega?

They always say "oh God almighty, God the Father, Jehovah"! He is the alpha and the Omega. But they don't notice it was Jesus who said I'm the alpha and the omega the beginning and in the end says the Lord which is and which was and which is to come.... (It's Jesus is who is coming back) Now notice the next two words, the _____.

Jesus Christ is the _____ God, just as Almighty God as the Holy _____ is, just as almighty God as the _____.

The Holy Ghost is also _____ God. He's the Almighty God that is _____ with us. He will be with you and _____ you.

God told Moses "I Am" and that's how God was known in the Old Testament as the "I Am." So it is interesting here when Jesus comes on the scene. He has an encounter with people who are challenging him in the word of God. John 8:58 Jesus said to them verily, verily I say unto you, before Abraham was "_____."

They tried to stone him because he just blasphemed in their mind, for him to say "I Am" is to say I'm God. They knew that.

There's no doubt that Jesus while he was on the earth clearly said he is _____ God, the great "_____."

1 Timothy 3:16 Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness, God was manifest in the flesh.

God almighty! Was manifested as the word. In the man Jesus Christ, He was fully God, and He was fully man without controversy. Great is the mystery of God and as God was manifest in the flesh. Justified in the spirit seen of angels preached to the Gentiles believed on in the world and received up into glory.

He's the Alpha and the _____. He is almighty but so is the _____ Spirit. Because these three are _____, the Holy Spirit is also almighty God.

Genesis 1:2 says that the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep and the Spirit of God was there, right in the beginning of the Bible.

The first book of the Pentateuch, the very first chapter we see the Spirit of God, moving upon the face of the waters. In verse 3 the Father said let there be light. The Father is speaking and the Spirit of God is working as one with the Father. We see a couple of verses later in verse 26 God then says "let __ make man in ___ image. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the plural word OUR. So he made man 3 parts also, _____ and body.

All throughout the Old Testament we see the Holy Spirit _____ people. The Spirit of God came upon Elijah and he outran the chariots. The spirit of God will come upon the prophets and they prophesied. All through out the Old Testament from the beginning of creation we see the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

When we get into the New Testament , in the book of Luke 1:15 we see the Holy Spirit now shows up at the birth of _____ the guy the baptizes people. We see _____ being filled with the _____ Ghost in his mother's _____.

Matthew 3:16 Jesus when he was baptized, he went straight way out of the water and lo the heavens were opened unto him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a _____ and lighting upon him. The Spirit of God descended upon Jesus like a dove. We see the hand print of the Holy _____ here in the Old and _____.

In Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the _____ and power. Everything Jesus did He did it by the anointing of the Holy _____.

He didn't do it as God Almighty, matter of fact we find later on in the New Testament that Jesus even though he was almighty God, he laid aside his god had attributes and he came as a _____ anointed by God.

God _____ him with the Holy Ghost and power and he went about doing good healing all the world oppressed somebody say all everyone that was oppressed everyone that was depressed everyone that was sick everyone there was black healing all them were oppressed of the devil not because he was God because God was with him.

Almighty God, the third part of the Trinity was upon Him and through His empowerment he did miraculous works.

You can also do miraculous works also by that same _____ of the Holy Spirit. You're not God, but Jesus didn't operate as God either. You're going to operate as a man _____ by God too.

Acts 1:8 tells us God's about to do the same thing through us. You shall receive _____, just like Jesus did when He was baptized and the Holy Ghost came _____ him. And with that Holy Ghost anointing he went about doing good, healing all that were oppressed of the _____.

The same power! It says "After the Holy Ghost comes _____ you," you're going to have that same _____. This word powers is the Greek word dunamis.

Its where we get the English word _____, its explosive power, explosive miracle _____ after the Holy Ghost comes _____ you.

If you have the same Holy Ghost, it says you'll be _____ unto me. Witnesses means you'll become living proof, not to tell others only but be the proof itself of miracle power.

You'll be a demonstrator, you'll prove through miraculous _____ both in Jerusalem Judea Samaria and into the uttermost parts of the earth.

Acts 19:6 Paul met these people and he asked them if they were baptized by John the Baptist and he asked if they spoke in other tongues, and if they have received the Holy Ghost.

They said we never heard of it, however they were baptized with water by John or his disciples. When they heard about this from Paul they were baptized again. You see there is nothing wrong with being baptized _____, this time they did it the apostles way, in the name of the Lord _____.

Then when Paul laid his hands upon them the Holy Ghost came _____ them just like it came _____ Jesus. The Holy Ghost came _____ them and they spoke with _____ and prophesied.

When the Holy Ghost came on them they received dunamis, _____ working abilities to prophesy and speak in other tongues.

Ministries of the Holy Spirit.

John 14: 17 Even the spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive because it with him that neither know with him. But you know him for he dwelleth with you and these shall be in you.

He walks in you, He transforms people into temples of His Spirit. They become God's house. He dwells in the life of a believer.

John 14: 26 says "the comforter which is the Holy Ghost whom the father will send in my name."

He should teach you all things. He'll bring all things you remembrance whatsoever things I've said to you. One of the ministries of the Holy Spirit is to Help you remember.

John 15:26

One of the things that the Holy Spirit does is it bears _____ of truth to lies.

Another thing that the Holy Spirit does in John 16:8 he will reprove the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. The whole spirit convicts of _____.

That's one of the main ministries of the Holy Spirit.

John 16: 13 howbeit when he the spirit of truth has come. He will guide you into all truth for he shall not speak of himself but whatsoever he shall hear that shall speak, and he will show you things to come.

The Holy Spirit guides you speaks to you, declares to you, and shows you things to come.

Now it's interesting about the Holy Spirit is that he can be _____. He's a gentleman, He comes as we see in the New Testament like a dove. Gentle and soft therefore he can be _____.

You can ignore that inner witness. You could ignore that voice and you could ignore that guidance because He can be resisted.

Acts 7:51 The more you ignore him the more your conscious begins to become what we call _____. So if you want to understand what seared means, consider how one would sear a steak.

What they would do is sear the outside of the steak to keep the juices in. So what happens is when the enemy comes into somebodies thoughts and life with ____ and deception and you allow that in it sears your conscience so that sin juice is trapped inside and you can't get out. Its called a stronghold. Then you become entrapped in this bondage because you've been seared on the outside so all that devil juice is stuck inside.

Acts 7:51 says this "you stiff necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears. You do always resist the Holy Ghost as your fathers did."

The Holy Spirit can be _____, you want to make sure that you try and keep your heart _____ to his leadings and his promptings.

When Jesus in Acts 1 told his disciples you're going to receive power after the Holy Ghost has come upon you. Jesus was saying, In a few days they're going to receive another experience that's going to transform their lives. But what I want you to understand is that this is the _____ experience (come call it the second blessing) because these disciples that were with Jesus on that day before he was taken up had received what we would call the dwelling or indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:21 we see the account of Jesus appearing to his disciples after the resurrection and what happened here was Thomas doubted Jesus' resurrection. He said I won't believe he's alive until I put my finger in His side or into His hands.

Jesus showed himself to them and rebuked them for their _____ and said put your finger in my side put your finger in my hand and then it goes on to say in verse 21 "Jesus said to them again Peace be unto you. Even as my father has sent me even I send you, and when he has said this he _____ on them saying unto them receive ye the Holy Ghost, whosoever sins you remit they are remitted and whosoever sins you retain they are retained.

He breathed into them and released the New Birth inside of them. They were _____ again. The Holy Spirit came _____ of them so they could be born again. They had the Holy Spirit _____ them, but later it was going to come _____ them. Later on we find in Acts 1:4 just a page over Jesus commanded them not to leave or depart from Jerusalem, but _____ for the promise of the spirit upon them. He already breathed in them on the page before but on the next page he told him to wait for another promise UPON them.

It's called a baptism, a full submersion. He said you have it in you, But God is going to send the full submersion to my people after I leave. What happened when that full submersion came?

When the day of _____ came. They were all in one accord, in one place praying and suddenly there came a sound from heaven, the sound of heaven. Jesus went up to heaven sent the Holy Spirit. And now he's coming down like a rushing mighty wind and it filled the house when they were sitting and it appeared on them flames of fire and it sat upon them. The result was immediately all began to speak with other _____.

Tongues simply means _____. They began to speak in other languages. This word other means other than earthly language, or other than known languages. They were speaking in another language, in an unknown language, a heavenly language.

The initial evidence of them being baptized (fully submerged) in this mighty river of fire is the same initial thing that happened to the Italians, they were given the _____.

In Acts 10:44 Peter was preaching to these Italian people, they were Gentiles and the Jews didn't know Italians could be saved because the Jews thought that salvation was just for them. And while Peter was yet preaching these words verse 44 says the Holy Ghost fell on all those who heard the _____.

And as they heard the word, and they believed the word, the Holy Ghost came _____ them. How do we know? For they heard them speak with _____!

Somebody said "Do you believe that the only evidence of the Holy Spirit baptism is speaking in tongues?" I replied, "I believe they can fall down on the floor, they can cry, weep, scream, shout, dance, prophecy and see visions! They weren't expecting that answer!

One of the initial miracles is the ability to speak in other _____ as the Holy Spirit gives you utterance.

What is tongues?

1 Corinthians 13: 1 says though I speak with the tongues of men and of _____...

Tongues is the language of angels, or we can say it's the heavenly language.

The language of heaven, it's an unknown language to humans.

1 Corinthians 14:2 says "when you speak in an unknown tongue you speak not to men, but to God."

Speaking in tongues is not giving a spiritual message to people. It's a communication method, it's a pipeline for you to talk directly to God, not people.

The deepest and most difficult and hurtful problematic hidden things of your life from the very bowels and depths of your spirit are having a heart to heart _____ with God in words you can never express on your own. It says you don't speak unto men but you speak to God for no man understand of him.

When you speak in tongues you don't _____ what you're saying.

People always ask what are you saying? What am I saying? What are they saying? You're not supposed to understand!

Speaking in tongues is your _____ poured out to God. When you speak in tongues you're speaking the mysteries of your heart, your past, your future, your life, your family members, and all the things that you need to pray for.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit you could communicate those things directly from your heart to the heart of God.

Tongues does several things.

1. Helps our weaknesses Romans 8:26.

God gave you every tool to help you conquer in this life, to build up your _____ and overcome your sins and your struggles. You do it by praying in the Holy Ghost.

2. Build up our faith Jude 20.

Some of us struggle so much with faith. But the Bible says in the book of Jude verse 20 but you beloved building up yourself on your most holy faith by praying in the Holy Ghost. When you pray and the Holy Ghost you build up your _____, its the fastest way to build up your faith.

And why is faith important?

Because the Bible says whatsoever things you pray for, if you _____ you receive it you'll have it. But your faith is weakens throughout the day, and through our problems and circumstances. So prayer in the Holy Ghost is a _____ to your faith.

You can see why Jesus commanded them to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible says Thou shalt not kill. Thou not steal, Thou shall not commit adultery, these are commands. Jesus also gave a command and one of his commands is in Acts 1, tarry in Jerusalem, wait for the promise of the Father.

Jesus said this to those who were already BORN AGAIN, and already had the Holy Spirit INSIDE of them.

He said to them Behold I send the promise of my father UPON you. But tarry, or wait in the city of Jerusalem until you've been endued with power from on high. This is not an _____.

He knew you needed the power to go into the world and live life for God, because the devil, and sometimes family members, along with other things will try to resist and fight you every inch.

And he knew you needed the power, He said I'm not going to leave you alone, I'm going to send the _____, that's the Holy Ghost.

Luke 11:9 ask and it shall be _____, seek and you shall _____, knock and it shall be _____.

Somebody asked "what if I ask for the Holy Spirit, can I get a demon?"

If you asked God or your earthly dad for a fish he's not going to give you a snake.

If you ask God for the Holy Spirit, He's not going to give you a demon.

How is God going to give you a demon when you ask for His spirit? That's ridiculous.

CHAPTER 4 RIGHTEOUSNESS

This is your fourth class.

You have one lesson left after that you have a membership orientation class before graduation. We are excited about what God is doing in your life!

As we get into these teachings, I want to remind you, this is just some foundational truths.

The revelation goes much deeper and richer as you dig them out on your own time, but we intend to make a deposit in your spirit and I pray that it will wet your appetite for more.

2 Corinthians 5:21 for He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. God made his son Jesus to _____ sin, who never knew any _____ himself, so that you can be made righteous. You who was unrighteous, now you're made righteous by Jesus by taking your sin upon himself.

Romans 5:1 therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We're justified by our faith. That word justified means to be made righteous by faith in God. Isaiah 32: 17 says this, "the work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness, quietness, and assurance forever."

Look what righteousness does into the life of a believer. The work of righteousness brings _____ into your life and the effect of righteousness as quietness and _____ forever.

Righteousness gives you a peaceful life, a full life, a contented life, a joyful life, and gives you assurance and everything that you do.

Definitions:

1. Righteousness is _____ standing before _____.
2. Justification means, _____ like you never sinned.

God deals with you and has relationship with you just like you've never _____.

That's what it means to be justified, _____ like you never did anything wrong. What it means to be righteous is to be in _____ standing before God.

No _____, no _____, no _____. You haven't done anything wrong. You harmed no man. You're in right standing with almighty God.

Now that's impossible in your human _____ and that's impossible in our _____ striving, but by the divine exchange of He who was perfect, He by who it was only possible, He exchanged that earned righteousness and gave it to you!

He expects you to walk clothed and this _____ of righteousness.
Righteousness does a few things for the believer.

1. Righteousness gives you boldness.

There was a time in my life when we were renting apartments, me and my mother in Chicago, and sometimes my mother would get late on the rent. If you're back on the rent, but you need something for example the air conditioner's broken, or the toilet's broken, the sink has a leak etc.

You can't just call the landlord and ask him to address your issues because you know you owe a debt to him. You haven't paid the rent. You're in the wrong, and you can't call the landlord and you can't ask him to help you because there's a sense of _____.

Even if you're sitting at home watching the football game someone knocks the door, all of a sudden you turn off the TV and tell the children to quiet down and you may tip toe over to the door and look through the peep hole to make sure it's not the landlord knocking, because there's a sense of _____, a sense of _____.

There's a tendency to hide when we know we're indebted to somebody. Sin put us in a debt to God, and that's why we hid ourselves from God, and won't go to church. Christians even hide themselves because there's a feeling of _____. But when you know that your debts have been paid and the landlord comes a knocking, you say, I'm so glad your here! My sink is broke, my lock needs to be replaced, my toilets broke, the air-con's not working like it should, you better get somebody down here NOW cause I can't live like this!

There's a _____ that comes over you because you know you're in right standing with the landlord. You know there's no debt to owed. In like manner your debt has been paid by Jesus, and there is no debt between you and God, therefore boldness comes before God to ask him to get your needs met.

1 Samuel 17: 45 - 51. Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands. And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

Now watch this, the children of Israel were being besieged by the Philistines. The philistines had this champion by the name of Goliath and he was a giant. The Bible says, and he was greatly feared and anyone that faced him, faced certain death, but here was a young man that wasn't even a soldier that heard that this person defied the armies of Israel, and David knew that he was a child of God. That he was an heir of God, that he had the blessing of Abraham, and that everything God had promised belonged to him as a son, in right relationship with almighty God.

Righteousness gives you boldness. David knowing that he is right before God. He waxed bold and he came out and replied to Goliath like this.

“You come to me with a sword and with the spear and with a shield, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel whom thou hast defied. This Day will the Lord deliver thee into my hand and I will smite thee and I'll take thy head from thee and I will give thy carcass to the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth that all the earth may know that there's a God in Israel”!

That's righteous talk, bold talk! You have to know who you are, and he knew that he was God's and that God was his, and that God would back his word. Righteousness gives you a sense of _____. A lot of people won't apply for certain jobs, they feel like they're not qualified, it's not that they can't learn on the job, it's simply they don't have any boldness.

They don't have any sense of _____. They don't have any sense of God can teach me, and I can do _____ things through Christ which strengthens me. God could anoint you, God could help you catch on, and help you learn new skills.

A lot of people never go to school because they feel they can't get the tuition. Or they're not smart enough. They don't have boldness in that they serve God, and they're in right relationship with God, and He'll supply their needs.

When you have a sense of _____, you have a sense of what your RIGHTS are. Righteousness gives you a sense of what are your _____ are, and that gives you the boldness to demand your rights.

In God you have rights.

Righteousness causes you to act and move upon the rights that God has given you.

You see how David talked? Righteousness gives you the ability to _____ like that. Romans 5:17 says that righteousness allows us to reign in life as kings.

Righteousness calls you to walk with your _____ up. To boldly talk and act with confidence and faith.

Romans 5:17 for if by one man's offense, death reigned by one, much more. Those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness, they shall reign (The amplified version says reign as a king) by one, Jesus Christ.

You received an abundance of grace, you didn't get just a little bit of grace. You got an abundance of grace! And the gift of righteousness.

Notice it's a gift.

2. Righteousness is a gift.

You can't earn it. You can't do anything to put it on you. Righteousness as a gift, you can't become more righteous.

You understand who you are and whose you are, you will begin to operate in life with dominion and authority. So much so that people who knew the old you can't understand.

You might not have a penny in your pocket, but you can walk amongst people who are much higher class or strata in society and they wouldn't be able to tell what's in your pocket by the way that you stand, the way you walk and talk and deal with them because you're not insecure, you don't feel that you're less than anybody else based upon how much money's in your bank account.

Because your righteousness is in God, and you could stand toe to toe with anyone. You can talk to presidents, kings, ambassadors, multimillionaires, billionaires, because _____ grounds you in your kingship before God in this earth.

Righteousness causes you to speak with _____.

Mark 4:39 Jesus was sleeping in the boat while there was a storm.

Righteousness causes you to be able to _____ in the middle of life's storms.

You don't worry about what the outcome's going to be because you know you're in _____ standing with God, and you know you have a mission. So righteousness causes you to not be easily _____.

Jesus was sleeping in total peace and that disciples panicking, they began to shake Jesus crying "master don't you care that we perish."

Jesus frustrated, that they woke them up for this little thing, thinking that this storm would kill them. How many times do we think our storm will kill us? They thought was going to kill them, and even kill Jesus!

Jesus rose up and rebuked the wind and he said to the sea, peace, be still and the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Righteousness causes you to speak with power.

Righteousness gives you several things.

It gives you the ability to stand in the father's presence as though sin has never touched you.

The Bible says that we have to come boldly to the throne of grace. You can only come boldly to the throne of the sacred Holy Almighty God, only if you have a sense of righteousness. It's not pride. It's humility to believe what Jesus said about you is true. That's humility, not pride.

_____ is to it, to rest in it and to stand in it. That takes great humility. The very nature of God is righteousness and righteousness is the nature of God that he _____ into your heart when you're born again.

When you're born again, the _____ of God is imparted into your heart and his nature, his righteousness is imparted in you as a born again believer, you receive it through faith.

Righteousness has to be received by _____ because your mind knows everything you've done wrong. Your mind knows every time you lied, every time you stole, every time you've lusted, every time you know you did wrong. Every time you stuck your hand in the cookie jar, or hid that can cola and you know your wife told you to stop drinking soda.

You know you've done wrong, so you have to receive your _____ by faith, because it's against your flesh nature to see yourself as righteous.

You can't grow in righteousness either you can only grow in righteousness consciousness.

1 John 1:9 if you confess your sins, he's faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

_____ creates unrighteousness, a feeling or a disposition of not being right before God.

But when you confess your sin He cleanses you from that, so that you can stand with a right, and just conscious before God. Which allows you to pray, live, work, and worship with a _____ conscious.

You know a lot of people don't worship in church because they feel _____. They can't pray, lift up their hands, dance and shout because they're thinking about what they've done. They're in church with guilt and condemnation and they can't worship and praise God because they don't have a sense of _____.

David understood righteousness, he said "blessed is the man whom the Lord does not impute (lay the responsibility for sin) iniquity." David, after all the sins he committed could dance before the Lord with all his might.

_____ is like a bruise. A _____ is like a cut. A cut would have an outward bleeding, it's an outward sin. Iniquity is like a _____, a bruise is bleeding internally. It's an internal sin. Sins of the heart are an internal issue that you keep repeating again and again.

He doesn't take a note of who's naughty or nice. He doesn't count it against you. David said, _____ is the man who God doesn't count his sins against him. That's why he could dance like he danced. That's why he could pray, and fast and stand as a

king. He understood that he was justified by faith just like Abraham. Faith receives _____ just like Abraham did, just like David did. A lot of people can't connect with God in worship simply because of sin _____. You must get over that sin _____ to lift your hands and praise God.

If you understand that, you'll shout even more, you'll praise even more. David might've been dancing like that because all the sins that he had been forgiven of.

The Bible says to him that has been _____ much to them, they love much. If you understand how much you've been forgiven, its the natural responses to worship, to cry, and to praise him.

Lot of people don't have a personal praise to offer in their churches because they don't understand the goodness that God has given towards them. The abundance of grace and the Free Gift of _____ that he's given them.

God gives a sonship consciousness, rather than a sin _____.

That's what God wants you to be conscious of, not your sins, mistakes, frailties addictions and struggles.

He wants you to see yourself as a son because through that you can rise up and you can overcome the struggles. You can't do it with your head hanging low, and your arms hanging down, and carrying around a pity spirit. You've got to stand in the _____ of God.

Satan seeks to keep you in sin _____, because he can keep you condemned.

Luke15:21-24 the son of man said unto him, father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, I am no more worthy to be called by son, but the father said to his servants, bring forth the best robe and put it on him.

The church often lives enslaved to things because they don't understand the Father's love, and that the Father is always welcoming us to come back, to sit at the table with Him and feast on what He has for you.

Satan wants to keep you from that table of the Lord, and keep you living enslaved to through sin consciousness. Remember that you can't grow in righteousness, it's a free gift.

You can't become more _____ tomorrow by reading your Bible, by fasting, or attending more services. Serving the man of God, carrying the leaders bag or Bible will not make you more righteous than Jesus had already made you.

You should all those things, you can be a blessing, but that's not going to make you any more _____. Feeding the orphans, clothing the naked, visiting the prisoners will not increase your righteousness.

There's nothing you can do to make you more _____ than you are the day that you received Jesus Christ.

It's the nature of God that he's put on the inside of you when you're born again, therefore you can only grow in righteousness _____.

You could only grow in the consciousness and awareness and understanding of your right standing before God, and as you grow in that and as that revelation becomes alive in you, your dominion will become stronger.

Your boldness will become greater. Your prayers will be answered. _____ is the key to answer prayer.

Mark 11:24 whatsoever, things you desire, when you pray, believe that you shall receive them and you shall have them.

So the prerequisite to receiving answer prayers to believe that you receive.

How dare you believe you're going to ask God for something that big, that great, or that little, and you've lied, stole or cheated. How dare you do that? You know you're not worthy, right?

Wrong, that's what the devil wants you to believe. In reality you are the _____ of God in Christ. There's been a great _____, your sin for his _____.

2 Corinthians 5:21 Him who knew no sin became sin for you so you could be made the righteousness of God in Christ.

CHAPTER 5 COVENANT

What is a covenant?

- A. A covenant is the highest form of agreement you can make on the earth.
- B. A covenant literally means “cut” or “where blood flows.”
- C. A _____ is the mixing and mingling of blood to form a permanent arrangement between two parties.
- D. In a covenant relationship each side promises to help the other with whatever they need.
- E. A covenant is an arrangement where two flow together as one.

What is the reason for a covenant with God?

- A. God needed entry back into the earth to recover that which was lost. God had turned the earth over to Adam (man) and when Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden, Satan took control. Satan then became the God of this world. (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- B. God has a plan called the Plan of Redemption and this plan had to be carried out through a man.
- C. God needed a way to funnel his power and his blessings to his people. He found a man named Abram (Abraham) with whom he could cut a covenant.

What was Gods covenant with Abraham?

- A. God promised Abraham that if he would come out from his kindred and “world system” in which he was trusting in and go to a land that He would show him; that He (God) would make him a great nation, that He would bless him and make his name great. (Genesis 12:1-2)
- B. God promised to bless Abraham and his seed abundantly and to give them the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession. This was an everlasting covenant.

- C. God promised that the covenant would be for Abraham and all his seed or descendants (which you and I have become by faith in Jesus Christ).
- D. God told Abraham that _____ of every male child would be a sign of the covenant. (Jesus was born the seed of Abraham, and circumcised the eighth day). (Mathew 1:1, Luke 2:21)
- E. God promised Abraham and Sarah that He would give them a child. Sarah was barren and they were both getting old in years. Isaac was born when Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 years old. God performed his promise.

How did Abraham's Descendants use the Covenant?

- A. Isaac sowed in the land during a time of famine and reaped a hundredfold harvest. God blessed him so much that the Philistines envied him. (Genesis 26:1-17)
- B. David defeated the mighty Goliath. David recognized that Goliath was not in covenant and called him an "uncircumcised Philistine." (1 Samuel 17:23-26)
- C. Jonathan and his armor bearer (two covenant men) defeated all the enemies coming against them when God moved and caused a great earthquake. (1 Samuel 14)
- D. Jesus used the power of God through the covenant to calm the wind and the sea. He said, "peace be still." (Mark 4:35-39)

How do you enter into a covenant?

- A. Since you are not natural descendants, but _____ descendants of Abraham, God developed a plan for you to partake in the covenant. "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through _____." (Galatians 3:14)
- B. When Jesus died on the cross and shed his blood (cut, or where blood flows), he formed a new covenant with God. It allowed all who believed on Him to partake of the promise God made to Abraham. The scriptures call it a "better covenant." (Hebrews 8:6)
- C. If you have accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord over your life, you are also a seed (descendant) of Abraham and now part of this new covenant. Jesus instituted a covenant that included both Jews and Gentiles. (Galatians 3:26-29)
- D. If you have accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord over your life, you have circumcision not of the flesh but of the heart (spirit). (Romans 2:29) you are in covenant with almighty God through your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

What are some of the provisions of the covenant?

1. Healing - Isaiah 53:5
2. Safety - Matthew 28:20
3. Success - Deuteronomy 28:12
4. Provision - Philippians 4:19
5. Wisdom - James 1:5

The covenant is a very important lesson in the life of a Believer. After Adam sinned in the Garden, God was at work putting in place a plan to buy back His children from Satan.

Because God will never go back on His promises, you as a believer need to discover all the benefits that belong to you as part of your covenant with God, and by faith bring those promises into manifestation in your life.

Self test

1. What is a covenant?
2. Why did God need to form a blood covenant?
3. Who was the first person with whom God made a blood covenant with after the flood of Noah?

Memory Scriptures:

Genesis 17:2

Galatians 3:13-14+29

Psalm 91:1-3

BIOGRAPHY

Right Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Castillo was saved in a drug rehab February 21st 1996 and was called into the ministry in the fall of 1997 at just 18 years of age Dr. Bill Winston's Church in Forest Park, Illinois Living Word Christian Center.

Serving in the helps ministry till 2002 when God called Bishop Castillo to Apostle Rod Parsley's Bible School in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Bill Winston sponsored Bishop Castillo and he graduated Manga Cum Lade in Cross Cultural Ministries, and was ordained on July 16th, 2005 by Apostle Rod Parsley.

From 2005 Bishop Castillo served 4 assistant pastor positions in Delaware, Chicago, Montreal and finally Beijing, China. He has ministered in over 17 nations of the world, seeing miracles, healing, salvation and corporate outpourings of Holy Spirit in signs, wonders and manifestations.

Married to Jade Wang of China in 2010, he became senior pastor of All Nations International Fellowship in Beijing in 2013, after planting other fellowships in China he carried the vision of reaching the unreached in Laos, Vietnam and Mongolia. In 2017 Dr. Frank Lester Sumrall (oldest son of Dr. Lester Frank Sumrall founder of LeSea and Feed the Hungry) placed Joseph Castillo in the office of an Apostle as witnessed by the presbytery of ANIF along with Bishop Greg Gill of Ever Increasing Ministries Canada, Pastor Favour Uche Ibom of African Outreach Ministries (BICF) Beijing, China, Evangelist Frank Vivacqua of New Life Apostolic in Chicago, Illinois, and Pastor Robert Brownell of Seattle Washington.

On October 27, 2018 Dr. Joseph Castillo was received an Doctor in Divinity and Attestation to the Bishopric by CICA University and Seminary in Canada. Bishop Castillo has been speaking to government officials worldwide and has ministered in over 20 embassies in both Washington, DC and Beijing, China. Dr. Joseph Castillo has led campaigns to lead the nations in repentance for historical wrongs and to develop spiritual catharsis. As a strong supporter of Israel, and the Jewish nation, he has hosted large-scale events to educate the public on the dangers of anti-Semitism and other racial prejudices. Media is another major area of ministry that God is using Bishop Castillo to impact Asia. He has been featured in China's international paper a dozen times including "China Daily", and China's international radio CRI "Expat Tales", Global Times Newspaper, Tencent News, Xinhua news, CNTV, and internationally on Spark "News Republic" and many other media outlets in regards to business as the founder of Nations Abroad Consulting Ltd. in Beijing, China, or as a social commentary and religious leader.

As a result of Dr. Castillo's impact of preaching the gospel testimony in China has been felt in the Chinese community world wide by constantly being on Chinese television both locally and internationally. From Beijing TV, CCTV multiple networks, Tianjin TV, GuiZhou TV, Hebei TV, Jiangsu TV, Shanxi TX, just to a few. In 2018 Bishop Castillo comes on in a Hollywood budget film Asura (100 million USD), Toyota Commercial, League of Legends and many other platforms. By Gods favor he has become a national celebrity and a household name in China.

Starting in 2016 Dr. Joseph began hosting his own Healing & Miracle Crusades around Asia Pacific and has already had a dozen crusades with thousand in attendance and notable healing miracles, signs and wonders.

More video footage and photos can be found on www.Facebook.com/ApostleJosephCastillo and Instagram @BishopJosephCastillo and the YouTube on channels "ANIF Church" and "Living Proof" as well as his weekly podcast "Living Proof" on iTunes, Spotify and many other podcasting platforms.

Now Bishop Castillo balances his ministries in the underground Churches of Asia, governmental outreached to embassies around the world, several business ventures, and media outreached while raising his two sons. Sharing his life's experience, strength, and hope. Pastor's vision remains to reach non evangelized people groups in Laos, Vietnam, Mongolia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and China.

In the west Bishop Castillo has been honored to preach, teach, or share throughout the United States, and Canada as well:

- Rhema Bible Training Center Tula, Oklahoma
- Oral Roberts University, Tulsa Oklahoma
- Victory Bible College Tulsa, Oklahoma
- World Harvest Church Columbus, Ohio "Rod Parsley"
- Living Word Christian Center Forest Park, Illinois "Dr. Bill Winston"
- As well as many smaller churches worldwide.

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