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## Section 1 – God’s Throne and the First Sin

### **I. God’s Throne**

#### **a. Location –**

- 1. It is located in Heaven- Read Psalm 11:4 and Psalm 103:19**
- 2. The throne of God is high and lifted up – Read Isaiah 6:1 and Isaiah 66:1**



#### **b. Angelic Hierarchy-**

- 1. Where do the angels dwell?**

**Answer: Read Hebrews 12:22 –  
God’s Heavenly mountain**



## **2. The ranking of Angels**

### **a. Highest Rank – Arch Angels/ Chief Princes – Their Names are: Gabriel and Michael –**

- **Gabriel – Messenger Angel –**
  - **Luke 1:19, 25-27,**
  - **Daniel 8:16 and 9:21**



- **Michael – War Angel –**
  - **Daniel 10:13**
  - **Jude 1:9**
  - **Rev. 12:7**





**b. Next Rank down – Cherubims –  
Carriers of Throne of God-**

- **Read Ezekiel 1:4-12, 14, 22-26-**
- **They carry God's throne –**
  - **Ezekiel 11:22**
  - **2 Samuel 22:11**



**c. Next Rank down – Seraphims –**

- **Worshippers in Heaven–Angels on Fire-**
  - **Isaiah 6:1-3**



**d. Next Rank down – Ministering Angels –**

- They report to get instruction about how to daily minister to us -
  - Genesis 28:12-13
  - Their job is to minister unto us and help us
  - Matthew 18:10
  - Matthew 4:11
  - Acts 8:26, 10:7, and 12:7-10









**c. Lucifer and the 1<sup>st</sup> Sin**

**1. Lucifer was a beautiful cherub with gift of music**

**a. Read Ezekiel 28:12-14**

**2. He had a gift God gave him called WISDOM  
(knowledge of good and evil) (VERSE 12)**



**3. His beauty and brightness corrupted his wisdom  
and he chose evil-**

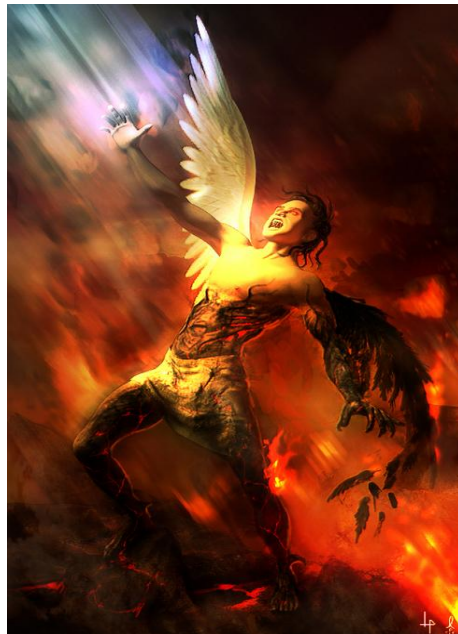
**a. Read Ezekiel 28:17**

**4. What was his sin?**

**a. Read Isaiah 14:9-15 (focus verse 13-14)**

**d. Satan gets kicked out of Heaven**

**1. Read Ezekiel 28:16 and Luke 10:17-18**



## **II. Creation of Mankind**

### **a. Creation of mankind – Read Genesis 1:26-28**

#### **1. Man is a spirit first –**

- a. Genesis 1:26 – God makes man in His image (Hebrew word (tselem)- spirit or phantom)**



#### **2. Is God's image a Spirit**

- a. Read John 4:24**

#### **3. We existed in God before birth**

- a. Jeremiah 1:5**
- b. Romans 8:29**

#### **4. God also made man in His likeness (Hebrew word (demuwth) = shape, resemblance, similitude)**

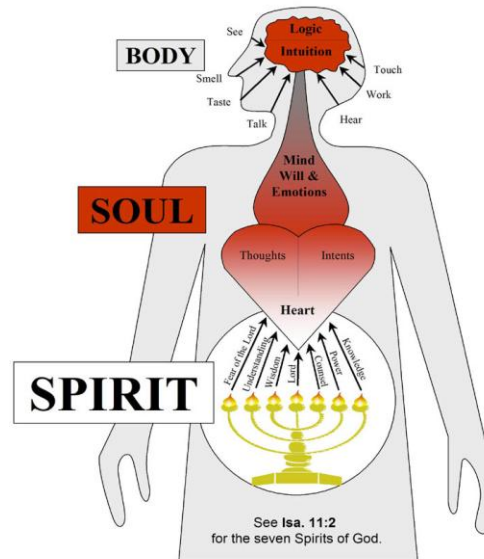
#### **5. Is God shaped like man?**

- a. Read Ezekiel 1:26**





- 6. We are a 3 part being just as God is a Triune God-**  
**a. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23 and 1 John 5:7**  
**b. (Body, Soul, and Spirit)**



- 7. Body – made from dust –**  
**a. Read Genesis 2:7**  
**b. Genesis 3:19**



- 8. Spirit again is from God and is housed in body-**  
**a. Job 10:11 (confirms it's housed in this body)**  
**b. Ecclesiastes 12:7**

**9. Soul is the real you in this body – Read Genesis 2:7**



**10. Your soul is your blood embodied-**

- a. In life your blood identifies you and tells all about you. Life is in the blood. In Physiology, your blood is blue (meaning no oxygen or life), then it travels to your heart and picks up OXYGEN OR BREATH and turns red. This means it now has life. No Breath = No life = Read Job 12:10



**11. Leviticus 17:11 – confirms that the soul and blood are one.**

**12. When a person dies their body separates at death=**

- a. Body – goes back to dust – Ecclesiastes 12:7
- b. Spirit – goes back to God – Ecclesiastes 12:7
- c. Soul – goes either Heaven or Hell-



1. Read Genesis 35:18- Soul leaves body
2. 1 Kings 17:21-22 – Soul called back into body after child called back from the dead
3. Job 33:18, 27-28- God can deliver your soul from going to Hell
4. Psalm 16:10- Jesus Soul went to Abrahams bosom to rescue all who died before His coming.
5. Matthew 10:28 – God can throw your body and soul into Hell
6. Mark 8:36-37 – Never trade your soul, nothing is worth spending eternity in Hell.

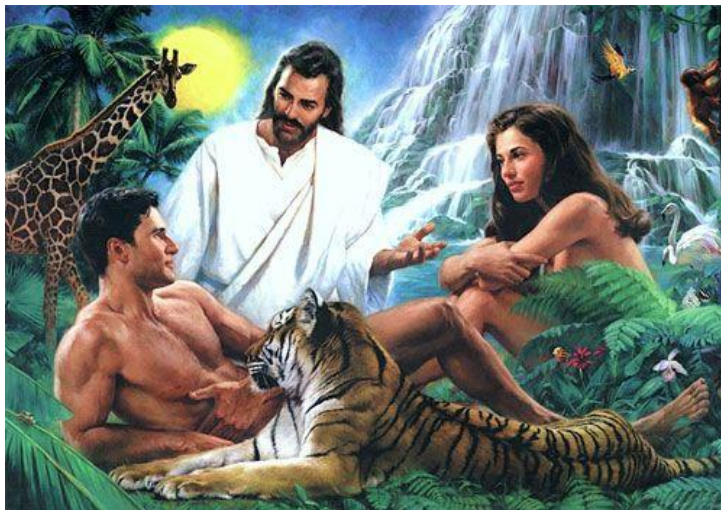


## Mankind loses His Kingdom and fellowship with God

- I. God gave man a Kingdom and domain called Earth
  - a. Earth was made for man- Psalm 115:16
  - b. Commanded man to have dominion over Earth- Genesis 1:27-28



- c. Man was created to be god on Earth- Psalm 82:6
    - d. Satan knew he could not rule in Heaven and now he is on Earth and God puts man over him.
    - e. Man ruled as god on Earth as long as he maintained fellowship with God.



- f. Satan knew the only way he could rule the world is to get man to lose fellowship with God. NO GOD, NO AUTHORITY



g. He knew how he got kicked out of Heaven, because he misused the gift called wisdom (knowledge of Good and evil) so he knew the only way to get man to mess up is to expose him to this same gift of knowledge of good and evil.

h. What was God's commandment to Adam?

1. Read Genesis 2:15-17



i. How did they sin and break mankind's relationship with God?

1. What was the sin - Genesis 3:1-6



**2. God's Judgment – Genesis 3:14-19**

**3. God exiles man – Genesis 3:22-24**



**4. God cannot dwell in man anymore – Genesis 6:3 and Galatians 5:16-17**

**j. The effects of Adam and Eve's sin**

**1. They lose the Kingdom and Satan now rules the world - Read 2 Corinthians 4:4 and Matthew 4:8-10**



**1.) They open door for sin to enter the lives of mankind – Genesis 4:8**

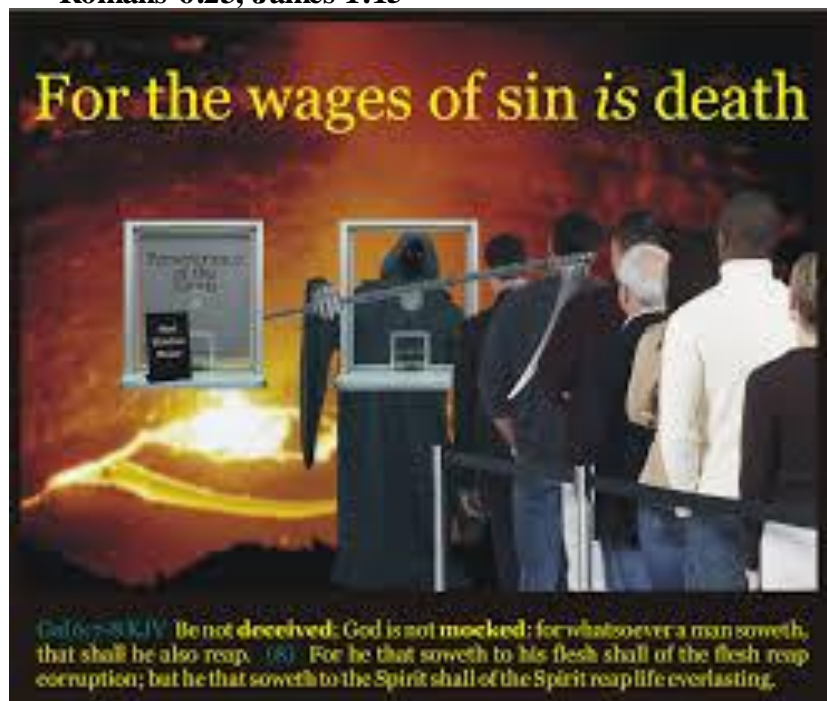




- 2.) Because of Adam now our bloodline is contaminated – Read Romans 5:12  
Sin travels through bloodline of man - 99.7% of blood in any child is from daddy and the daddy of all mankind is ADAM- Read Acts 17:26
- 1.) So we are all born sinners - Psalm 51:5 and Psalm 58:3



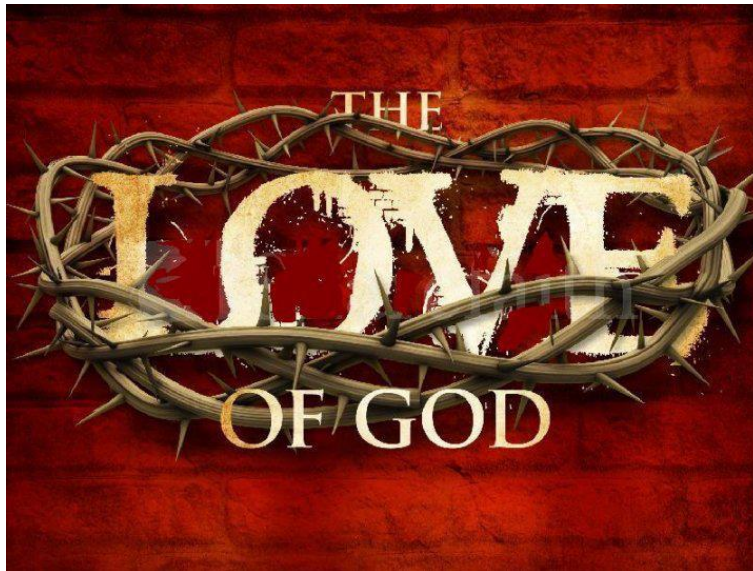
- 2.) All have sinned –  
Romans 3:23, Romans 3:10-12, Romans 11:32, James 2:10
- 3.) The Penalty of Sin –  
Romans 6:23, James 1:15



**4.) What God requires as The Payment for SIN-  
Leviticus 4:1-6, Leviticus 17:11**



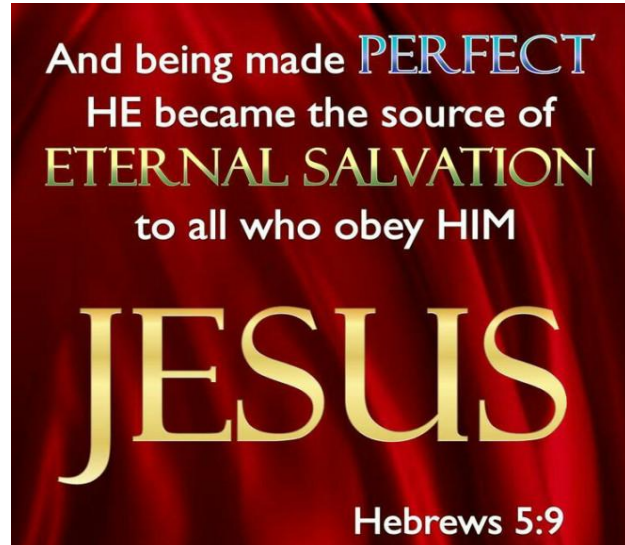
- II. How are we saved**
- a. God had a plan to save us from our sins**
    - 1. Love of God –**
      - a. John 3:16**
      - b. 1 John 4: 9-11**



- 2. God provided a way to pay for our sins before the foundation of the World (IT IS A FIXED FIGHT AND WE WIN) –**
  - a. Hebrews 4:3**
  - b. Revelation 13:8**



3. Why was Jesus the Perfect sacrifice -
- a. Perfect Blood and no sin-
  - b. Read Luke 1:35
  - c. 2 Corinthians 5:21



4. One payment for sin – Hebrews 9: 11-14 and Hebrews 10:12- 14

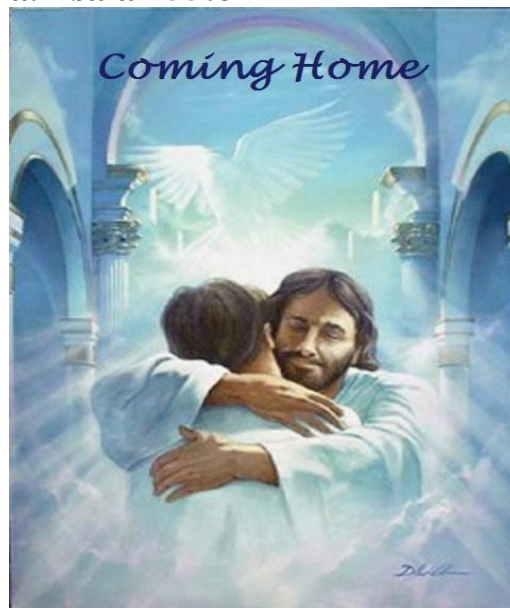


- b. How did we get saved ?
- 1. Grace and Faith saved us
    - a. Ephesians 2:5,8-9

2. Ask Jesus to come into our hearts – Romans 10:9



3. God called us back home  
a. Isaiah 55:6-7



III. Election and Reconciliation  
a. Define Election -

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- b. Did we choose God or did God choose us?  
 God chose us before we were born to be saved-
- a. Ephesians 1:4
  - b. John 15:16
  - c. James 2:5
  - d. Acts 13:48

c. Define Reconciliation-

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**d. Christ reconciled us to God –**

- 1. Colossians 1:20-22**
- 2. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19**

#### **IV. Justification**

**a. Define Justified -**



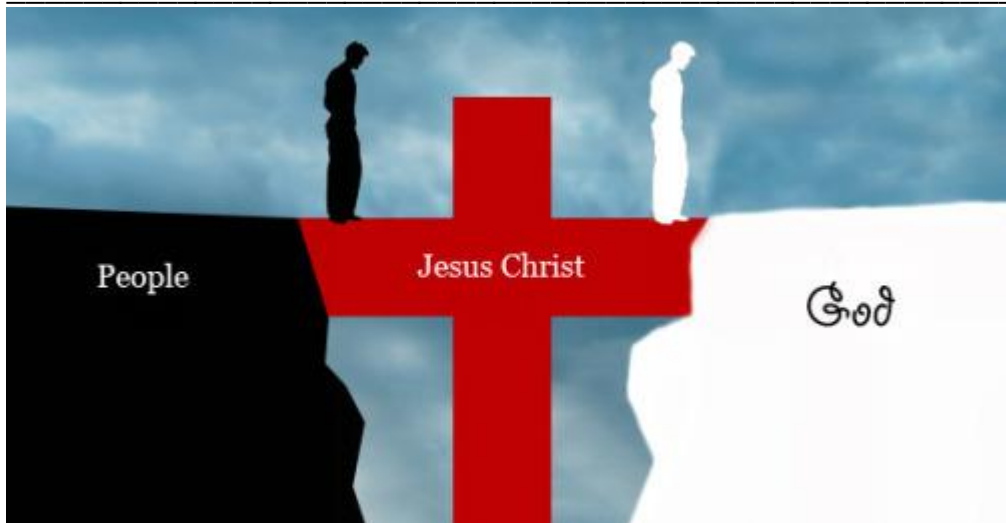
**b. God Treats us as if we never sinned before**

- 1. You can't work your way in – Galatians 2:16-20**
- 2. The law showed us our failures – Galatians 3:24**
- 3. All that believe are free – Acts 13:39**
- 4. Faith is the key- Romans 3: 28 and Romans 5:1**
- 5. Justified by the blood of Jesus Christ – Romans 5:9**
- 6. God planned from beginning to justify us – Galatians 3:8**



## V. Sanctification

### a. Define Sanctification -



b. Do you feel holy right now, honestly?

c. Name 3 sins you know you recently committed.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

d. Sanctification means that since God has already made me holy I will now strive to live holy. Everyday God is making me better and better.

1. A new you = A new goal – Philippians 3:13-14
2. Take off the old you – Ephesians 4:22-32
3. Keep yourself right – 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4
4. Crucify the flesh – Colossians 3:3-10

e. Perfective Sanctification means that when the Lord returns He will truly make us totally holy.

1. Change wicked flesh to holiness- Philippians 3:21
2. Changed for good – 1 Corinthians 15:50-53
3. Christ commits to present you holy- Ephesians 5:27, Colossians 1:22, Jude 1:24

## **VI. Redemption**

### **a. Define redemption -**

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### **b. God has set us at liberty from hell- Psalm 49:15, 56:13, Hosea 13:14**



### **c. Redeem (Made free or bought back) from the curse of the law which is death – Galatians 3:13 and Galatians 4:5**

### **d. Christ redeemed us Himself - Titus 2:14**

### **e. Full redemption will occur at Christ coming – Ephesians 4:30, Luke 21:28, and Romans 8:23**



### **f. Picture of saints praising God for redemption – Revelations 5:9-10**



## **Section 2 – The Holy Spirit**

### **I. Who is He**

**a.) The Holy Spirit is not an it, He is a person also known as God the Spirit. He also is known as – Comforter, Paraclete, Holy Ghost, and Spirit of Truth**



**b.) Scripture confirms He is God – 1 John 5:7**

**c.) Omnipresence, Omniscience, and Omnipotence are all attributes of God and are attributed to the Holy Spirit.**

**1.) Omniscience – Romans 8:26, 1 Corinthians 2:10-11**

**2.) Omnipotence – 1 Corinthians 12:11**

**d.) He was there at the beginning – Genesis 1:1-2**

**e.) Because of man's sin the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament did not come inside of man but came upon him for special miracles.**

**1.) Gideon – Judges 6:34**

**2.) Samson – Judges 15:14-16**



**Jesus Christ when He came He showed us that when we follow Him we will receive the Holy Spirit just as He did after He was baptized.**

**Read Matthew 3:16-17**



**g.) Since Christ came and made us righteous in God through His blood, now we are able to have the Holy Spirit inside of us.**

**f.) After Jesus Christ paid for all of our sins He gave man the right to have the Holy Spirit come back and dwell within us like He was in Adam before he sinned.**

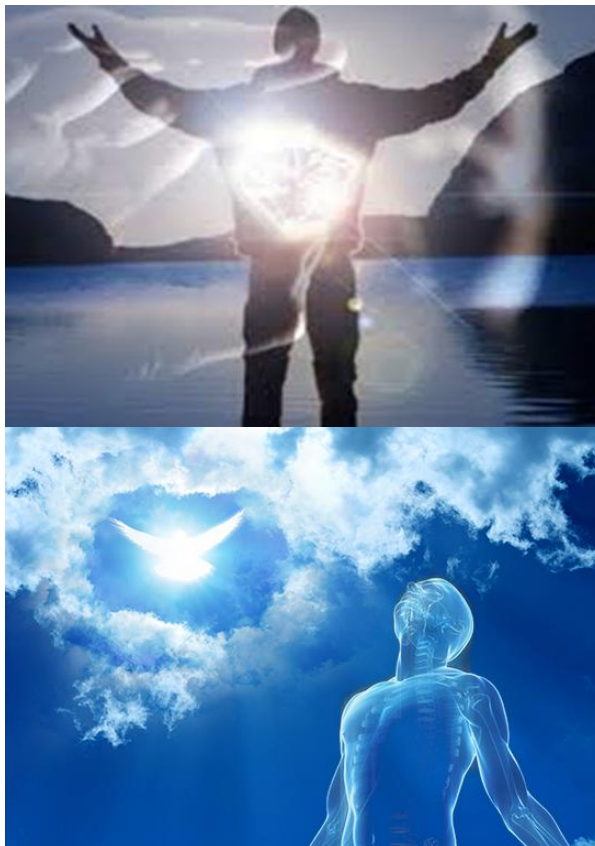
**g.) God poured out His Spirit on the world for the believer – Acts 2:1-3**







- 1.) 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 6:19
- 2.) Read Acts 2:38-39
- 3.) Read Galatians 3:2,14
- 4.) 1 John 4:13
- 5.) Read John 7:37-39



**h.) The Purpose of the Holy Ghost**

- 1.) He shall teach us – John 14:26**
- 2.) He shall bear witness of Christ in us – John 15:26**
- 3.) He shall convict us – John 16:7-8**
- 4.) He shall guide us – John 16:13**
- 5.) Give us power as witnesses – Acts 1:8**
- 6.) Lead us – Acts 16:6-7**

**II. Sealed with the Holy Spirit**

- a.) To be sealed means to be stamped with mark for security and preservation or to keep us until Jesus comes back for us.**
- b.) Example - Ephesians 1:13-14, 2 Corinthians 1:22, and 2 Cor. 5:5**

**III. Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

- a. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the process of being born again or born of the Spirit.**
- b. Example – Read John 3:1-8**
- c. Baptism of the Spirit is the process of REGENERATION or to be put back to your original holy state (born again).**
- d. John the Baptist confirms that belief in Christ will cause this in Luke 3:16**
- e. Water Baptism was baptism of John or repentance, but Spirit Baptism was of Christ or being born of God again.**
- f. Example – Acts 11:15-17**
- g. Spirit Baptism means you are raised a new person in Christ – Read Romans 6:3-4 , Galatians 3:26-27, 1 Corinthians 12:13**
- h. Upon the ground of repentance and faith, man is baptized with the Spirit and from that moment on the Spirit takes possession and dwells within.**

**IV. Filling of the Holy Spirit**

- a. The filling of the Holy Spirit is for the purpose of performing works for the Lord. Just like in the Old Testament the Holy Spirit came upon men to do special works, now He comes within or fills them to do them in the New Testament.**
- b. Jesus Christ was the perfect example, Scripture shows His filling coming right before He walked into His Ministry – Matthew 3:13-17 and 4:1**



- c. Just as Christ once we are saved God doesn't just want us baptized in the Spirit but also filled with the Spirit which means ready to spread the gospel.
- d. Example of those filled with Spirit –
  - 1. Paul – Acts 9:17

**Important Fact:**

**The Filling of the Spirit can be lost but can be restored: Example-**

- 1.) Apostles initial filling in Acts 2:1-3
- 2.) After they lost it due to fear they regained in prayer – Acts 4:29,31

**V. The Gifts of the Spirit**

- a. The Holy Ghost gives us His gifts – Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-10
- b. Everyone may have different gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:11
- c. Tongues and the purpose- 1 Corinthians 14:1-15
- d. Being hospitable, merciful, etc. also are gifts – Romans 12:6-13

## **Section 3 – The Church**

### **I. Who are we**



- a.) We are the body of Christ- 1 Corinthians 12:12-13
- b.) There are many members in the body and every one is important
- c.) Read 1 Corinthians 12:14-24
- d.) There should be no division in the church – 1 Corinthians 12:25
- e.) The church ought to watch out for each other – 1 Corinthians 12:26

Everybody can't do the same job we all have gifts – Romans 12:4-5

### **II. What is our purpose**

- a.) To spread the gospel – Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:15
- b.) To bring sinners into the house of God – Luke 14:23
- c.) To be the example to the world of the love and power of God -

#### **1. Matthew 5:13-16**







- III. When and why we come together**
- a. We come together as the Lord has commanded on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week – Following the Apostles doctrine –**
    - 1. Acts 2:42**
    - 2. Acts 20:7**
    - 3. 1 Corinthians 16:2**
  - b. The reason for coming together on Sunday and not Saturday is because Sunday is the Lord's Day or the Day in which He rose from the dead. - Read John 20:1-2**



**Why do we come together ?**

- a.) It is commanded by the Lord – Hebrews 10:25**
- b.) Only wicked people don't want to come together – Jude 1:17-19**
- c.) To comfort one another and build up one another – 1 Thessalonians 4:18 and 5:11**
- d.) To break bread, fellowship, and pray – Acts 2:42**

## **Section 4 – Tithing**

### **I. What is a Tithe**

- a. A tithe means a tenth – Genesis 28:20-22**
- b. The Bible call us the seed of Abraham in Romans 4: and even Abraham gave a tithe to the priest Melchezidek- Genesis 14:18-20**

**Is the tithe mandated?**

**Yes or No ( Please circle)**

- 1.) Read Deuteronomy 14:22-25 – Tithe is only money**
- 2.) Read Leviticus 27:30-34**
- 3.) Malachi 3:8-10**



### **II. The Blessing and reason for it**

- a. God does not need your money. He uses the tithe as a means of getting blessing to the believer through obedience.**
- b. Read Malachi 3:11-12**
- c. Giving to receive - Luke 6:38**
- d. How are you suppose to give – Read 2 Corinthians 9:7**
- e. The tithe is to take care of God's house and the priest – Haggai 1:4**





### **III. The Obedience in it**

- a. Many times we can't afford to tithe, but I beg to differ we can't afford not to tithe.
- b. God promises that He will provide all He wants is obedience—Philippians 4:19 and 2 Corinthians 9:8
- c. There are curses to not tithing - Haggai 1:4-9 and Deuteronomy 30:19-20

### **IV. Is it in the New Testament**

- a. Jesus commands to continue it – Matthew 5:17-19
- b. The church went beyond the tithe in Acts 4:
- c. The New testament even tells us when to bring the tithe –
- d. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-2