

BASIC TRAINING

A Biblical Understanding of the Gospel and the Church

Two Sections

- What is the Gospel?
- What is the Church?

One Purpose

- The _____ of Christ in all the earth.

Section One

What is the Gospel?

Four Parts (God, Man, Christ, Response)

I. God

God the Creator

- God eternally exists as three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and each person is fully God, and there is one God.¹
- Out of _____, God created all things through His spoken Word.²
- In the Garden of Eden, everything was _____.³ There was a perfect relationship between...
 - Man and _____.
 - Man and _____.
 - Man and _____.
- Because God created us, He owns us and has the right to tell us how to live.⁴

God is Good and Merciful and Just

- Goodness: God is good and there is no _____ in Him.⁵
- Mercy: God is loving, gracious, merciful, compassionate and slow to _____.⁶
- Justice: God does not clear the _____.⁷

¹ Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994), 226.

² Genesis 1

³ Genesis 1:31

⁴ Genesis 1:28; 2:16-17

⁵ 2 Chronicles 19:7; 1 John 1:5

⁶ Exodus 34:6-7a

⁷ Exodus 34:7b

II. Man

Creation – We are fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God.⁸

- We are made to reflect God's _____.
 - We have minds, emotions and the ability to _____ – all things that God has.
 - We are called to be holy, loving, forgiving, truthful, faithful – as _____ is all those things.
 - Sin did great damage to those qualities. Because we are made in the image of God, we should be this way, but we are not.
- We are made to reflect God's _____.
 - Being made in God's image also has to do with _____ in the ways God would act, living in a way that represents him.
 - Adam and Eve were called to do what God commanded them to do – rule over the earth. They _____.
 - Jesus was called to obey His Father and do only what the Father commanded. He _____ – showing us what it means to be the image of God.⁹

The Fall

- Man _____.¹⁰
- God responds...
 - With a curse.¹¹
 - With a _____.¹²

What is Sin?

- How the Bible describes sin:
 - “The Bible uses a constellation of images to explain sin as everything from rebellion to folly, self-abuse, madness, treason, death, hatred, spiritual adultery, missing the mark, wandering from the path, idolatry, insanity, irrationality, pride, selfishness, blindness, deafness, a hard heart, a stiff neck, delusion, unreasonableness, and self-worship.”¹³
- How the Bible describes sin's _____ on all mankind:
 - We are included in _____ guilt and corruption.¹⁴
 - We willingly turn away from God in _____.¹⁵

⁸ Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 139:14

⁹ Bruce A. Ware, *Big Truths For Young Hearts: Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God*. (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2009), 87

¹⁰ Genesis 3

¹¹ Genesis 3:14-19

¹² Genesis 3:15

¹³ Gerry Breshears and Mark Driscoll, *Doctrine: What Christians Should Believe*. (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2010), 149.

¹⁴ Romans 3:23; 5:12-21

¹⁵ Romans 8:7

- We are by nature and by _____ cut off from God.¹⁶
- We are spiritually dead, followers of Satan, controlled by lust, and children of wrath.¹⁷

God will not clear the guilty

- Every mouth will be silenced and held accountable to God.¹⁸
- The wages of sin is _____.¹⁹
- The active, unending, incomprehensible wrath of God will be poured out on all the _____.²⁰
- All unrepentant, unbelieving sinners justly spend eternity in a place of unending, conscious torment called _____.²¹

III. Christ

Person of Christ

- Jesus is Fully Man and Fully God²²
 - Fully Man
 - Jesus _____ physically, spiritually, mentally, and socially.²³
 - Jesus has a physical body. He _____ suffered and died and rose again in his physical body.²⁴
 - Fully God
 - Jesus possesses the attributes of _____. Eternality, immortality, creator and sustainer to name a few. Because He is eternal in nature, He is able to pay our eternal debt.
 - Jesus did the works of God. Nearly _____ miracles Jesus performed throughout the NT reveal his divinity because they demonstrate his divine authority over creation as the Creator.
- The two natures of Jesus are joined together but with no confusion, no _____, no division, no separation.

Work of Christ

- Jesus Lived
 - Born of a virgin.²⁵
 - Tempted, yet _____.²⁶

¹⁶ Isaiah 59:2

¹⁷ Ephesians 2:1-3

¹⁸ Romans 3:19

¹⁹ Romans 6:23

²⁰ Revelation 1:7; 6:16-17; 16:1; 19:15

²¹ Revelation 20:10; Mark 9:43

²² Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1, 14; 8:58; Hebrews 1:1-3

²³ Luke 2:42, 52; 3:23

²⁴ Romans 8:3; Ephesians 2:15-16; Philippians 2:7-8; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 4:2-3; 1 Peter 2:24

²⁵ Matthew 1:18

- Jesus Died
 - *Penal Substitution* – Christ paid the _____ for our sin (penal) as he died in our place on the cross (substitution).²⁷
 - *Propitiation* – A sacrifice that satisfies the wrath of God to the point where His wrath is turned into _____.²⁸
- Jesus Rose
 - The power and penalty of sin is _____.²⁹
 - On the cross, Jesus...
 - Conquered the _____ of sin
 - Paid the _____ of sin.³⁰
 - Therefore, Jesus _____ from the dead.
- Jesus Rules
 - Two Comings of Christ:
 - 1st Coming – He came as a _____ to take away sin.³¹ All authority in Heaven and earth has been given to Him.³² He sits at the right hand of God the Father.³³
 - 2nd Coming – He will come as a _____ to judge nations, spread righteousness on earth and _____ the people of God.³⁴

IV. Response

Faith

- Faith in Christ
 - Faith is turning to Jesus and relying on Him to secure for us a righteous verdict from God the _____.
 - The Great Exchange – Our _____ for Christ’s righteousness.³⁵
 - When we trust in Jesus for salvation, _____ our sin, wickedness and rebellion is imputed to Jesus, and he dies because of it.³⁶
 - At the same time, the perfect life Jesus lived is imputed to us, and we are declared _____.
 - Christians can truly claim to be righteous before God. But this is not of our own doing. Jesus gives it to us by grace – it is not earned nor deserved. God looked at his Son and saw our sin, and He looks at us

²⁶ Hebrews 4:15

²⁷ Isaiah 53:4-6

²⁸ Romans 3:25

²⁹ Genesis 2:17; Romans 6:23

³⁰ 1 Corinthians 15:53-56;

³¹ Isaiah 53:4-6; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12

³² Matthew 28:18

³³ Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1

³⁴ Revelation 5:5; 19:11-16

³⁵ 2 Corinthians 5:21

³⁶ 1 Peter 3:18

and sees Jesus' righteousness. As the song says, "God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me."³⁷

- Faith in Christ _____
 - Putting your faith in Christ does *not* mean that you are hoping in your own _____, your own spiritual sharpness or even your own diligence in godly matters.
 - Faith in Christ means you are trusting that Jesus completed the work for the payment for your sin through His life, _____ and resurrection.³⁸
 - We are saved by _____ alone through _____ alone in _____ alone.³⁹

Repentance

- So is there any change to be expected in the life of a believer? _____.⁴⁰
- Jesus' message to his listeners was, " _____ and believe in the gospel."⁴¹
- Repentance is turning away from sin, hating it, and resolving by God's strength to forsake it, even as we turn to Jesus in faith.
- Repentance is not _____.
- Repentance is about allegiance.
 - Do I _____ sin and war against it?
 - Do I _____ sin and defend it?⁴²

The Gospel in a Nutshell

God being holy made us in his image to rightly reflect Him and multiply His glory on earth. We didn't do that. Instead, we sinned and we trusted in something or someone else other than God. Because God is just, He will extend a punishment that meets our crime. Because the crime is infinitely horrible, the punishment will be infinitely horrible. Because God is merciful, He sent his only Son Jesus who is fully God and fully man. He lived a perfect life thus fulfilling the law in Himself. He died on a cross thus taking on the punishment we deserve. He rose again proving that he completed the payment for sin. Now He calls all men everywhere to repent and believe in Him. If we turn from our sin and trust in Christ alone for salvation, we will be saved from the punishment we deserve, given the righteousness of Christ, adopted by God as sons, empowered to live a life that increasingly reflects the character of God and given the promise of eternal life with God and other believers in heaven. If we do not turn to Jesus, then the wrath of God remains on us and there is no hope, only a fearful expectation of eternal judgment.

³⁷ "Before the Throne of God Above," Charitie L. Bancroft, 1863.

³⁸ Galatians 2:21

³⁹ Ephesians 2:8-9

⁴⁰ John 15:5; Romans 6:1-4

⁴¹ Mark 1:15

⁴² Greg Gilbert, *What Is The Gospel?* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2010), 81.

Section Two

What is the Church?

The Church Pictured as Christ's:

- _____.⁴³
- _____.⁴⁴
- _____.⁴⁵
- _____.⁴⁶

Church Matters

- Universal Church
 - All Christians _____.⁴⁷
- Local Church
 - The local church consists of specific gatherings of Christians who meet together regularly for worship and for service.⁴⁸
 - A Christian joins a local church b/c it's the expression of what Christ has made him – a member of the _____ of Christ.⁴⁹
 - Being united to Christ means being united to every Christian. But that universal union must be given a living, breathing existence in a local church.⁵⁰

Offices Matter

- Pastor (Elder/Overseer/Bishop)
 - Function – govern and _____.⁵¹
 - Qualifications – Character traits and _____ attitudes that reflect a mature man of God who is able to teach.⁵²
- Deacon
 - Function – to _____ the local church in various areas.⁵³
 - Qualifications – Character traits and heart attitudes that reflect a mature man of God who is willing to _____ serve.⁵⁴

⁴³ John 10

⁴⁴ 2 Corinthians 6:18; Matthew 12:49-50

⁴⁵ 2 Corinthians 11:2-3; Revelations 19:7-9

⁴⁶ 1 Corinthians 12:12-16; Ephesians 1:22-23

⁴⁷ Matthew 16:18

⁴⁸ Hebrews 10:23-27

⁴⁹ See Article VI of The Baptist Faith and Message.

⁵⁰ Mark E. Dever, *What is a Healthy Church?* (Wheaton: Crossway 2007), 26.

⁵¹ 1 Timothy 3:4-5; 5:17; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:2-5

⁵² 1 Timothy 3:2-7; Titus 1:6-9

⁵³ Acts 6:1-6

⁵⁴ 1 Timothy 3:8-13

Membership Matters

- Commitment & Responsibility⁵⁵ (Gathering, Giving, Prayer and Service)
 - Gathering.⁵⁶
 - We regularly gather on the Lord's Day (first day of the week) for worship.⁵⁷
 - When we gather on the Lord's Day, we worship by...
 - _____ the Word.⁵⁸
 - _____ the Word.⁵⁹
 - _____ the Word.⁶⁰
 - Because the Bible is God's revelation of Himself to man, we submit to Scripture's authority in faith and _____.⁶¹
 - Giving
 - Two ways to view life and possessions:
 - Wrong way: Life and possessions belong to _____ alone.
 - Biblical way: Life and possessions belong to _____ and are to be invested for His purposes.
 - Tithe
 - God's people today are _____ required to tithe.
 - However, our 'grace giving' should aim to _____ Old Testament requirements of the law.
 - Therefore, for God's people, _____ should be a floor, not a ceiling, and a place to begin, not a place to end.⁶²
 - Prayer
 - We pray _____ one another.⁶³
 - We pray _____ one another.⁶⁴
 - We pray that Christ would be _____ in all the earth and all the various concerns that are connected to that end.
 - Service.⁶⁵
 - _____ one another.⁶⁶
 - _____ one another.⁶⁷
 - _____ one another.⁶⁸

⁵⁵ 1 Corinthians 5:1-2; Ephesians 4:11-16; Colossians 3:16

⁵⁶ Acts 2:42

⁵⁷ See Article VIII of The Baptist Faith and Message.

⁵⁸ Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16

⁵⁹ 1 Timothy 4:13

⁶⁰ 2 Timothy 4:2

⁶¹ See Article I of The Baptist Faith and Message

⁶² Gerry Breshears and Mark Driscoll, *Doctrine: What Christians Should Believe*. (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2010), 396.

⁶³ Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:25; 1 Timothy 2:1; James 5:16

⁶⁴ Matthew 18:20; Acts 4:24

⁶⁵ 1 Corinthians 12:7

⁶⁶ John 13:34-35; Romans 12:10; 1 John 4:7-8

⁶⁷ Galatians 5:13; 6:2; Philippians 2:3; 1 Peter 4:10

⁶⁸ 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:24

Ordinances Matter⁶⁹

- Baptism
 - The immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
 - The _____ of Jesus' death and resurrection.
 - The _____ of the believer's submission to the Lordship of Christ.
- The Lord's Supper
 - We _____ in the bread and the wine.
 - We _____ Jesus' death and resurrection.
 - We _____ Jesus' return.

Evangelism & Missions Matter⁷⁰

- We glorify Christ by making disciples of all nations.⁷¹
 - We _____.
 - We _____.
 - We _____.

The Church in a Nutshell

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is made up of all Christians from every people group, language group and country. This universal union is given a living, breathing existence in a local church. These believers share in the same faith and fellowship of the gospel. Therefore, they are committed and responsible to one another in gathering, giving, prayer and service. They regularly carry out the two ordinances of Christ in the appropriate manner. The mission is to glorify Christ by making disciples of all nations. Each congregation works under the Lordship of Christ by self-governing methods. The church's scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. Both men and women are given gifts by the Holy Spirit for service in the church. The office of pastor is limited to men that meet the qualifications found in Scripture.

** If you have questions concerning the gospel or the church, please feel free to contact a pastor on staff or your Sunday school teacher.*

*** Please let us know that you have completed Basic Training by informing your Sunday school teacher or the church office (334-347-5683 or tracy@fbcenterprise.com).*

⁶⁹ See Article VII of The Baptist Faith and Message

⁷⁰ See Article XI of The Baptist Faith and Message

⁷¹ Matthew 28:18-20