



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Word of God teaches that we should not abandon fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Heb. 10:24-25). Membership of an organized church is both a blessed privilege as well as a sacred commandment for those seeking completeness in Christ.

REQUIREMENTS OF (FULL) MEMBERSHIP

- New Members Orientation is provided every other month on the first Saturday of the month. You will receive an email notification indicating when the orientation is available.
- Consistent Attendance
(12 months absence with no contact requires reinstatement of membership)
- Completion of New Members Class is required before serving in leadership positions of various auxiliaries and ministries

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

- Make Disciples: bringing others into the Kingdom of God and the Church (Matt.28:18- 20)
- Seek Spiritual Growth: through Bible Study, Prayer, Tithing/Stewardship, Sunday School, serving
- Commitment to Christ: a lifelong process of growth through a relationship with Christ

FOLLOW-UP AND FELLOWSHIP

- Each new member will enjoy the benefits of our C.A.R.E. Ministry which consists of Elders, Deacons and seasoned members who will help to nurture new members for the first four (4) weeks of being a new church family member. C.A.R.E. is:
Call
Assist
Relate
Encourage

VISION STATEMENT:

A world class ministry of excellence, love, efficiency and beauty where the standard is high and Jesus is our message, the bible is our book, people are our mission, soul winning is our business, prayer is our priority, children are our focus and making a difference is our community goal.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are believers in Christ seeking to change lives by sharing positively the gospel of Jesus Christ through teaching, preaching and serving others with a focus on saving children.

Lesson 1: Basics of Faith, the Trinity, and the Bible

Salvation

A. ABC's: Acknowledge, Believe, Confess: From Sinner to Saved (Rom. 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9)

B. By Grace through Faith (Eph. 2:8-10)

C. Law & Grace (Matt. 3:15)

Law is the means by which God governed His covenant people in the Old Testament. The Law does not save from sin, but it makes us aware of sin. God established His covenant by grace — God's unmerited favor and love. Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and the manifestation of grace.

D. Predestination, Regeneration, Justification, Sanctification, Glorification

- For God so loved the _____ that He gave His only begotten Son that _____ believe in Him shall not _____ but have eternal _____. Scripture: _____
- In order for one to understand the need for salvation one must first acknowledge that he/she is a sinner. True or False
- The penalty of sin is _____.
- Christ died on the cross while we were still _____, which means that we can come to Christ as we are.
- We are saved by _____ through _____.
- In order to be saved, one must be baptized by water, if not, he/she cannot receive salvation. True or False.
- The Law does not save us from sin, it merely _____ our sin.
- Match these terms with the correct definition:

Predestination _____

Justification _____

Regeneration _____

Sanctification _____

Glorification _____

A. New life given by the Holy Spirit

B. God's complete, perfect work in us in heaven

C. Salvation predetermined in Christ for believers

D. The means by which we are righteous before God through Faith in Christ.

E. Process of conforming to Christ in new life

Jesus Christ

A. God Incarnate (Col. 1:15)

B. Suffering Servant Prophesied (Is. 7:14, 42:1-5, 50:6, 53:5)

C. Human & Divine Nature (John 1:1-2, 14)

- Jesus means _____
- Christ means _____
- Jesus Christ is _____ to the glory of God the Father. Scripture: _____
- Jesus was rejected by his own (Jews) because they did not believe that the true Messiah would _____.
- Jesus Christ suffered because He took our _____ upon Himself and was a substitute in our place.
- Jesus' death on the cross saved us from the penalty of _____ and _____.
- Jesus Christ was fully human and fully _____.
- We are awaiting the second coming or the return of Christ for His bride the Church
True or False
- Jesus Christ is the "image of the invisible God." Scripture: _____
- The gospel message is the good news that Jesus Christ died on the cross, was buried and _____. It is also the good news that Jesus Christ will _____ for the Church (Body of Believers).

God: Trinity — *term not found in the bible, but is an understanding clearly expressed in Scripture. It is the Christian understanding of one God in three persons.*

A. Father (Gen. 1:26; Deut. 6:4)

B. Son (Matt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 8:6)

C. Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:6)

- God the Father is the _____ of all things.
- God is a triune being, which means that we serve three different Gods. True or False
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God, but not actually God. True or False

- The trinity is a hierarchy, which mean that God is at the top, Jesus the Son comes next, and the Holy Spirit last. True or False
- The Concept of *Trinity* was developed and adopted by two councils: the Council of _____ in (325 A.D. and the Council of _____ in 381 A.D.)
- The early Christian theologian and Church father, _____ first developed the concept of *trinitas* one God in three distinct persons or functions.
- The Holy Spirit is a separate being from God. True or False.
- The gift of the Holy Spirit is the _____.
- Scripture clearly teaches that there is only one God. Match these scriptures:

Genesis 1:26. _____

A. I and My Father are one

John 10:30 _____

B. Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one

Deuteronomy 6:4 _____

C. Let Us make man in our image

1 Corinthians 8:6 _____

D. Yet for us is one God, the Father, from whom all things come and for whom we live; there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

God's Word: Bible

A. Infallible (Principles) & Inspired by God (Is. 40:8; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

B. Instructions for Man: *Authority & Doctrine* (2 Tim. 2:14-15)

- All scripture is inspired by _____ and written by _____.
- The Bible is inerrant and infallible. This does not necessarily mean that the Bible does not contain grammatical errors and contradictions, but it does mean that all its principles are perfect and without error if followed. True or False
- We should take everything written in the Bible literally. True or False
- How many books are in the Bible? _____
- The first five (5) books of the Old Testament are called the _____
- The first four (4) books of the New Testament are called the _____
- "But be _____ of the word, and not _____ only, deceiving yourselves." Scripture: _____
- The Word is the most authoritative source for Christians. True or False

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

There are 31,102 verses in the Bible.

There are 775,693 words in the Bible.

The longest verse is Esther 8:9

The shortest verse is John 11:35

The longest book in the Old Testament is Psalms

The longest book in the New Testament is Luke

The longest Psalm is Psalm 119

The shortest Psalm is Psalm 117

Ezra 7:21 contains all of the letters of the alphabet except "J"

TRANSLATIONS OF THE BIBLE

There are a number of translations of the English Bible. Some of the most popular versions are: King James Version, New King James Version, New American Standard Version, New International Version, Revised Standard Version, Good News Bible, Geneva Bible, Wycliffe's Bible, Tyndale's Bible, and the New English Bible.

A good study and applications Bible in any of the above translations is recommended.

CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS OF THE BIBLE OLD TESTAMENT

LAW:

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

HISTORY:

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
I and II Samuel

I and II Kings
I and II Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

POETRY:

Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon

MAJOR PROPHETS:

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

MINOR PROPHETS:

Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

CLASSIFICATION OF THE BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT

GOSPELS:

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Ruth

HISTORY:

The Acts

LETTERS/EPISTLES:

Romans
I Corinthians
II Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
I Thessalonians
II Thessalonians
I Timothy
II Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
I Peter
II Peter
I John
II John
III John
Jude

APOCALYPSE:

Revelation
