

Wednesday Night Study - The Great Commission

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We are commissioned to tell others about Jesus. So, it is important that we know what God's Word tells us: what we are to believe, and then what we are to tell others.

Jesus Christ is the Only Way to Eternal Salvation with God the Father

Without question, the first basic tenet of the Christian faith is that Jesus Christ and His sacrificial death on the cross is the only way to be able to receive eternal salvation with God the Father. The Bible makes it very clear that there is **no other name** and **no other way** into the kingdom of God other than through the name of Jesus Christ and His sacrificial death on the cross.

If any other church or denomination ever starts to preach that there are any other names or any other ways into the kingdom of heaven with God the Father other than through the name of Jesus Christ, they are in error. Avoid such teaching!

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only way that leads to eternal life with God the Father and that there is no other mediator or savior between God and man other than Jesus Christ.

Here are some of the Biblical verses that support this first and important statement.

- *“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)*
- *“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all ...” (1 Timothy 2:5)*

- *“There is one body and one Spirit ... one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” (Ephesians 4:4)*
- *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6)*
- *“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and find pasture ... I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” (John 10:9)*
- *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.” (John 11:25)*
- *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” (John 8:12)*
- *And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.” (John 6:35)*
- *“I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.” (John 6:51)*

- *“... whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life*
- *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*
(John 3:15-16)

Either we believe on His Son Jesus and come directly to Him through His Son’s sacrificial death on the cross, or we will all simply die in all of our sins and trespasses before Him. This is an all-or-nothing proclamation being made by the Lord to every single person He has ever created.

Bottom line on this first basic tenet – as a result of the first sin of Adam and Eve, we have now all been born into this world in sin and iniquity.

In other words, we have all been born into this world with a fallen and sinful nature. As a result of all of us now being born into this world with a fallen and sinful nature, there is now no one who is truly righteous enough before God the Father.

As a result of no one now being truly righteous enough before God the Father, we all now need a Savior who will save us and redeem us from our sins.

God the Father, since He loves all of us so much, sent down His one and only begotten Son Jesus Christ to our earth in the flesh so He could then be crucified on a cross for all of our sins. Jesus has paid the full penalty for all of our sins when He died on the cross for all of us – and unless a person is willing to admit that they are a sinner in need of Jesus’ saving grace, they will then die in their sins and fallen state before Him.

Any pastor, church, or denomination that ever starts to get away from this first basic tenet with the Lord is treading on very serious ground with Him. There is simply no other interpretation or spin that you can put on any of the above

verses. Jesus Christ, and His sacrificial death on the cross, is the central and most important fundamental, basic tenet of the Christian faith.

We Are Saved by Grace Through Faith – Not by Works

The second most important tenet of the Christian faith is exactly how we receive this free gift of eternal salvation from Jesus. And once again, the Bible is very clear on this issue. The Bible tells us that the gift of eternal salvation with God the Father can only be received by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, not by any type of works that we could do, no matter how holy and how pure those works may appear to be.

The Bible tells us that every single one of us has sinned and has fallen short of the glory of God and that there is no one who is now truly righteous before God the Father. As a result, no one can earn their way into heaven, no matter how many good works they may try and do for the Lord, and no matter how holy and pleasing they may try to make themselves in His sight.

The gift of eternal salvation is a direct free gift being given to all of us by the Lord and it is simply received by grace through our personal faith in Jesus. Here are 18 very powerful verses perfectly spelling all of this out for us:

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8)

“... knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ ... for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.” (Galatians 2:16)

“Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:20,23)

“... who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.” (2 Timothy 1:9)

“And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.” (Romans 11:6)

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” (Romans 5:1-2)

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men ...” (Titus 2:11)

“But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they.” (Acts 15:11)

“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:4-7)

“... that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” (Titus 3:7)

*“... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus ...”
(Romans 3:23-24)*

“For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” (John 1:17)

*“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace ...”
(2 Thessalonians 2:16)*

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence ...” (Ephesians 1:7-8)

*“For if by the one man’s offense, many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.”
(Romans 5:15)*

“... having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.” (Ephesians 1:6)

“But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 5:20)

“I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.” (Galatians 2:21)

This basic major tenet has to always be kept front and center in our walks with the Lord, as many Christians like to slip into a works mode with Him, thinking they have to try and earn their way into heaven by trying to do as many good works for Him as they possibly can before they die and cross over.

The Bible tells us that our faith without any types of works for the Lord will be dead. But again, we are not saved by any of these good works. They will not get us into heaven. God will want us to come and work for Him once we have become saved and born again through His Son's shed blood, but these good works will have no bearing on our eternal salvation with Him.

God the Father has really made it as easy as He possibly could for all of us to be able to receive eternal salvation with Him. We are simply saved by His grace, and the definition of the word **“grace”** in this context is God's unmerited favor, love and mercy toward all of us.

This is the beauty and simplicity of the Gospel, that God loved us so much, that He was willing to send down and sacrifice His one and only Son on a cross so His death on that cross could then pay the full penalty for all of our sins. Jesus has already done all of the work for us. That is why Jesus said it was finished right before He died on the cross for all of us. That is why the Bible tells us that we have already been crucified with Christ, as Jesus has already taken our place on that cross and died for all of our sins against His Father.

As such, God's gift of eternal salvation has to be accepted as a free gift and this is simply done by believing on Jesus and what His death on the cross really means for all of us. Here is the major key verse from the Bible spelling all of this out for us:

*“... if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation.”
(Romans 10:9)*

This is why the Bible says that we are simply saved by grace through our personal faith in Jesus. God the Father could not make things any more simple and any more easy with the way that He has all of the big picture set up. Every single church and denomination should make sure that they never, ever get away from this basic fundamental tenet.

Bottom line – *ritualism, legalism, and works can get in the way when it comes to being able to receive our eternal salvation through Jesus.* If any church, pastor, or denomination ever starts to change their stance on this basic, fundamental tenet, they will then have a very hard time in being able to lead any of the lost to a true salvation experience with the Lord. And from there, they could end up losing any good anointing they may have had on their church, as this kind of bondage and legalism will quench the Holy Spirit.

We have seen first-hand what this type of legalistic church can do to many believers across the world. We have received quite a few emails from people who were horribly bound up and beaten up over the years and who were in a lot of mental torment and misery in their walks with the Lord. And this was all as a direct result of the works message their pastors kept beating them up with.

Again, this is why all of these basic, fundamental tenets have always got to be kept front and center in our teachings to the flock, so pastors and churches do not start to stray from them and get too far over into legalism and ritualism, which will do nothing but bind all of their people up and make their walks with the Lord totally miserable and unproductive.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God

This next basic tenet is one that really separates the Christian faith from many of the other false religions that are in the world today. The false religion of

Islam states that there is no way that God would ever have any type of begotten Son. But our Bible is once more very clear on this doctrine and as such, we have to believe and accept this tenet as a basic fundamental tenet of the Christian faith.

Here are 6 very good verses all telling us, without any other possible interpretation, that Jesus Christ is truly the only begotten Son of God the Father.

*His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send **His Son** into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the **only begotten Son of God**.” (John 3:15-18)*

*“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the **Son of the Highest** ...” (Luke 1:31)*

*“And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that **Jesus is the Son of God**, God abides in Him, and He in God.” (1 John 4:14)*

*“And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in **His Son**. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the **Son of God** does not have life.” (1 John 5:11-12)*

*“God, who at various times and in different ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by **His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things ...” (Hebrews 1:1-4)*

*“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**, and that believing you may have life in His name.” (John 20:30-31)*

If you believe that all of the Bible is truly the inspired and infallible Word of God, then the above verses leave no room for any further discussion or any other type of interpretation. Jesus Christ is truly the Son of God the Father, once more ending any further discussion on this basic fundamental tenet.

The Incarnation of Jesus Christ

Another major tenet that has to be fully believed in the Christian faith is the doctrine of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. This one doctrine is so important and so powerful, that even demons cannot make this confession out to anyone when they are being properly tested by a believer.

The Incarnation is the belief that Jesus Christ, who is both God and Lord Himself in the Divine Trinity, became fully Man and came down to our earth in the flesh so He could then go to the cross to die for all of our sins. Jesus Christ was thus **fully Man** and **fully God** when He was down here walking in the flesh for 33 years.

Here are several good definitions on exactly what the word “incarnation” means in reference to Jesus from some of the different Bible Dictionaries and Commentaries:

1. **A theological term for the coming of God’s Son into the world as a human being**

2. Literally “in flesh.” Theologically, the doctrine that in Jesus of Nazareth God took on human flesh and became the God-man
3. The incarnation was the act of God the Son whereby He took to Himself a human nature
4. Doctrine that affirms Jesus Christ is the earthly manifestation in the flesh of the divine Logos, and that as a corollary, He is fully God and fully man
5. God becoming human, the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus of Nazareth

God the Father allowed His one and only Son Jesus, who is both God and Lord Himself and the second Person of the Divine Trinity, to incarnate into a human, flesh body so He could then become fully Man, but yet still retain His full divinity in the Triune Godhead.

“We believe that God’s only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, came to our earth in the flesh, was conceived of the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a perfect and sinless life, went to the cross to die and shed His blood for the sins of this world and then was buried. We believe that Jesus Christ then rose from the dead on the third day and then ascended into heaven where He now sits at the right hand of God the Father as Lord of lords and King of kings.”

Part of the doctrine of the Incarnation is also the belief that Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit, but was actually born into this world through the virgin Mary. The Holy Spirit thus conceived and brought Jesus into Mary’s womb supernaturally. Jesus was not conceived in Mary’s womb by natural means through Joseph. He was conceived in her womb supernaturally by the Holy Spirit. And from there, Jesus went through the normal birthing process with Mary to come into our world.

Since Jesus Christ is the second Person of the Divine Trinity, we are talking about God Himself coming down to our earth in a human flesh body, but yet still retaining His full divinity within that human flesh body.

Here is the verse showing that demons are not allowed to confess that Jesus Christ has come to our earth **“in the flesh.”** And if demons cannot make this

confession when they are being properly tested, then you know that this is a very powerful, divine fact and reality – that Jesus Christ really did come to our earth in the flesh, thus making Him both fully Man and fully divine.

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, BUT TEST THE SPIRITS, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.” (1 John 4:1-4)

Again, this basic fundamental tenet is what completely separates us from the rest of the other false religions that are in the world today. None of them will ever confess or admit that Jesus Christ is both God and Lord Himself. They will say that He was a great man and a great prophet, but they will never admit or confess that He is also God Almighty Himself. As such, we can never, ever lose this powerful tenet as part of our basic belief system in the Lord. Take away the incarnation of Jesus Christ and Christianity will completely fall apart.

Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The Bodily Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Grave

Without this next major tenet and belief, there is no eternal salvation for any of us. If Jesus does not fully resurrect from the grave on the third day after He had died on the cross for all of us, then our entire belief system in Jesus is totally in vain and it will thus fall completely apart. Jesus has to fully resurrect from the grave before His story with us can be made fully complete.

Here are 5 very good verses showing us that not only did Jesus fully resurrect from the grave on that third day, but all of our faith and teaching in Him would be in total vain had He not fully resurrected from that grave.

Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection** and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.” (John 11:25)

Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and **to rise from the dead the third day**, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” (Luke 24:46-47)

“**But now Christ is risen from the dead**, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.” (1 Corinthians 15:20)

“The former account I made, Theophilus, of all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, **to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.**” (Acts 1:1-3)

“**Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is vain and your faith is also vain ... For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.**” (1 Corinthians 15:12-18)

The last verse from Paul really drives home the point on how important the resurrection of Jesus from the grave really is. Notice Paul says that not only would all of our teaching and faith be in total vain had Jesus not fully resurrected from the grave, but there would also be no eternal salvation for any of us, as we would all still be dead in our sins and trespasses.

This last verse from Paul is more than enough to make this tenet an absolute, essential tenet of the Christian faith. This is why you always have this tenet put into a sinner's prayer when leading someone into a true salvation experience with the Lord.

The Ascension of Jesus Christ

The very last thing that Jesus did with the apostles was to literally ascend back up into heaven from where He had originally come from. With this being the very last thing that Jesus did with the apostles, this highly supernatural event should also be included as one of the main basic tenets of the Christian faith.

Here are 5 very good verses all showing us that Jesus literally ascended back up into heaven after He had fully completed His divine mission for all of us down here on our earth.

1. ***“And He led then out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.” (Luke 24:50-51)***
2. ***Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:9-10)***
3. ***Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have yet not ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’ ” (John 20:17)***
4. ***“No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.” (John 3:13)***

5. “What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?” (John 6:62)

Again, I believe that all of these verses should be interpreted literally. And just as Jesus ended the first part of His story with us by ascending back up into heaven, He is going to begin the second part of His story with us by coming back down to us in the same way that He left us – by visibly descending back down to us from heaven where every eye will be able to see Him.

The ascension of Jesus Christ back up into heaven now fully completes the greatest story ever told, and it thus should be fully accepted and fully taught as one of the main, basic, fundamental tenets of the Christian faith.

The Doctrine of the Trinity

This next doctrine is another major one that has to be fully believed and accepted. The Doctrine of the Trinity can be summed up in one key phrase:

One God in Three Persons

In our article titled, “The Doctrine of the Trinity,” we give you all of the major verses showing that both God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are all God and Lord Themselves. As such, God the Father can now say that we are only dealing with one God, but one God in three separate and distinct Persons.

This particular doctrine is where you can really catch many of the other false religions that are in the world today. All of them will deny the divinity and deity of Jesus. They will say that Jesus was a great man and a great prophet, but they will never admit that He is both God and Lord Himself like God the Father and the Holy Spirit are.

Again, any denomination that does not preach and teach that Jesus Christ is both God and Lord Himself is not a true branch of Christianity and thus cannot be accepted and followed. That is why the doctrine of the Trinity is such a basic and fundamental doctrine of the Christian faith and has to be totally believed and accepted.

Bottom line on this doctrine – there is only one God, but one God in three separate, distinct Persons. This Triune Godhead is God the Father, His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, with each Person of the Divine Trinity being co-eternal and co-equal.

The Holy Bible is the Inspired and Infallible Word of God

The next basic fundamental tenet that must be fully believed and accepted is that all of the Bible has come directly to us from God the Father through the Holy Spirit, and that all of it is totally infallible and inerrant as a result. Since all of the Bible has been totally inspired by the God through the Holy Spirit, this now makes all of the Bible totally infallible and inerrant since both God the Father and the Holy Spirit are totally perfect in Their actual personalities.

The Bible is the real Word of God. The Bible is God's direct Word to all of us. As such, God has made sure to make all of it **completely reliable, trustworthy, and truthful** so we could all be totally dependent upon it for our daily living with Him.

Here are two key, powerful verses giving us this direct revelation that all of the Bible has been given direct to us by the inspiration of God Himself through the Holy Spirit:

1. ***"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16)***
2. ***"... knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:20)***

These two verses specifically tell us, without any other possible interpretation, that all of the Bible has been given to us by the **"inspiration of God"** through holy men who were **"moved by the Holy Spirit"** to write what they wrote! In other words – all of the words in the Bible have come directly to us from God the

Father through the Holy Spirit. The specific authors of the Bible then wrote under the guidance, inspiration, and illumination of the Holy Spirit.

Again, if any church or denomination does not preach that all of the Bible is totally inspired by God, along with all of it being totally infallible and inerrant, then I would not trust that church and I would go to another one that does teach that all of the Bible is totally inspired by God the Father through the Holy Spirit, along with all of it being totally infallible and inerrant. I do not believe there is any slack with God the Father on this issue since the Bible is God's only direct Word to all of us down here on this earth.

If our Bible is the real Word of God, then we can totally trust that God has given us a fully finished and completed piece of work. As such, all of it will be totally infallible and inerrant since all of it is coming direct from God Himself. If God Himself is totally perfect, then we can count that all of His Word to us will also be totally perfect.

In our Statement of Faith, we once again state that we believe that the Holy Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God and that it was given to us by inspiration of God through the Holy Spirit for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction so that we may all be made complete and thoroughly equipped for every good work for the glory of God Himself.

Baptized With the Holy Spirit at Salvation

Once we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, we get to receive the Holy Spirit at the exact moment we get saved with the Lord, not sometime later. And when we receive the Holy Spirit at that moment of our conversions to the Lord, we are actually baptized with Him.

The Bible says that there is only **one baptism**, and that one baptism is when we receive the Holy Spirit into our human spirits at the exact moment of our conversions to the Lord. This one baptism is not water baptism.

Here are 13 key verses that will show us that we all receive the Holy Spirit at the exact moments of our conversions to the Lord, not sometime later. The first

verse will tell us that there is only one baptism. The second verse will show you that we all receive the Holy Spirit at the exact moments of our conversions to the Lord.

The third and fourth verses will show you that it is the Holy Spirit Himself that we are being baptized with, not water. The rest of the verses will then show you that we now have the Holy Spirit literally living on the inside of us as a result of our conversions to the Lord, along with being sealed with His actual presence.

1. ***“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism ...”*** (Ephesians 4:4-5)
2. *Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; **and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”* (Acts 2:38)
3. *“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**”* (Matthew 3:11)
4. ***“I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”*** (Mark 1:8)
5. ***“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”*** (1 Corinthians 6:19)
6. ***“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”*** (1 Corinthians 3:16)
7. ***“If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.”*** (1 Corinthians 3:17)
8. ***“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”*** (Romans 8:9)
9. ***“But if the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”*** (Romans 8:11)
10. ***“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”*** (Ephesians 4:30)

11. *“Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, **who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a deposit.**” (2 Corinthians 1:21)*
12. *“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, **you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.**” (Ephesians 1:13)*
13. *“Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, **who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.**” (2 Corinthians 5:5)*

As the last 4 verses will show us, not only do we get to receive the Holy Spirit at the exact moment of our conversions to the Lord, but we also get to be sealed with His actual presence. The word **“seal”** means – **“to confirm, authenticate, guarantee, to pledge.”** This seal will now act as a very powerful, spiritual bond between us and the Lord.

Again, all of these verses leave no room for any other possible interpretation. The Holy Spirit is God and Lord Himself and is the third Person of the Triune Godhead. When we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, we get to receive the Holy Spirit at that exact moment, not sometime later. As such, this revelation from the Lord has to also be considered a basic fundamental tenet of the Christian faith.

Renewed – Regenerated By Holy Spirit

Regeneration by the Holy Spirit

Once we receive the Holy Spirit into our human spirits at the moment of our conversions to the Lord, another very powerful thing will then happen. Our human spirits will be immediately and instantaneously regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

Here is the verse that will give us this specific revelation from the Lord:

“But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according

to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” (Titus 3:4-7)

Notice two very important things in this verse:

First, this regeneration is being directly tied to us getting saved in the Lord. The words **“but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit “** are definitely telling us that we are saved by God’s grace and mercy and that when He does save us, He is saving us **“through”** the regeneration of the Holy Spirit.

Second, this regeneration is being done directly by the Holy Spirit Himself. The words **“regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit”** are telling us that this regeneration is being done directly by the Holy Spirit Himself.

Here are some very good definitions from some of the different Bible Dictionaries and Commentaries on what the word **“regeneration”** means.

1. **Spiritually reborn**
2. **Spiritual rebirth producing a new beginning**
3. **A spiritual rebirth, being renewed, reformed or reconstituted**
4. **Renewed or restored after a decline to a low condition**
5. **New birth, the begetting of new life**
6. **Renewal of moral and spiritual nature**
7. **The rebirth of the human spirit to a restored relationship with God – Renewed to life and salvation by faith in God**
8. **An act of God through the Holy Spirit resulting in an inner, personal resurrection from sin to a new life in Jesus Christ**
9. **The radical spiritual change in which God brings an individual from a condition of spiritual defeat and death to a renewed condition of holiness and life**

We have another article in our site that covers this event very thoroughly. The title of this article is, “Regeneration by the Holy Spirit,” and it is in the Bible Basics section of our site.

As a result of this regenerative work that is immediately and instantaneously done by the Holy Spirit at the moment of our conversions with the Lord, our human spirits are immediately **“born again.”** Here is the verse direct from Jesus Himself telling us exactly what it means to be born again with Him:

“... I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God ... unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3,5)

Notice that being born again is referring direct to being born of the Holy Spirit Himself. In other words, if you do not have the Holy Spirit living on the inside of your human spirit, then you are not truly born again in the Lord.

It is only when the Holy Spirit comes and enters into your human spirit are you truly born again in the Lord – and the only way to be able to get the Holy Spirit to enter into your human spirit is to be willing to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. There is no other way into the kingdom of God. We either come through Jesus and the blood that He has personally shed for all of us on the cross or we do not come through at all.

As a result of being truly born again, our spiritual relationship with the Lord has now been fully restored. We are now brand new creatures who have now been given a brand new life with the Lord. The Bible tells us that all old things have now passed away and that all things have now been made brand new.

The regeneration of our human spirits by the Holy Spirit is a very powerful, supernatural work that is done by the Lord so He can get all of us back into right relationship with Him. Unless you have the Holy Spirit living on the inside of your human spirit, you will have no lifeline, no inner connection back to God the Father who dwells in heaven. You will be spiritually dead with Him until the Holy Spirit comes to live again in your human spirit.

Due to the extreme importance of this supernatural work that is done by the Holy Spirit at the exact moment of each believer’s conversion to the Lord, this revelation from the Word of God must also be included as one of the basic fundamental tenets of the Christian faith.

The Doctrine of Hell

The Bible is very clear on this next doctrine and tenet. Many in the liberal part of the Body are trying to do away with this doctrine, as their human minds cannot believe that God could possibly create such a horrible place of eternal torment and agony. As a result, some of them have fallen for a lie straight from the pit of hell called Universalism. This is a belief that no one goes to hell. They believe that every one will get to go straight to heaven once they die and cross over, no matter what they have ever done in this life, and whether or not they have ever made Jesus Christ their personal Lord and Savior.

Once again, here are some of the main verses from our Bible showing us that not only is there really a hell down in the center of our earth, but that all of those who are thrown down in there will be down in there for all of eternity.

1. *“For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, **but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment ...**” (2 Peter 2:4)*
2. *“If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; **and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.**” (John 15:6)*
3. *“But I will show you who you should fear: **Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell;** yes, I say to you, fear Him!” (Luke 12:5)*
4. *“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. **But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**” (Matthew 10:28)*

5. ***"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."*** (Hebrews 10:31)
6. *"The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, **and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.** Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to here, let him hear!"* (Matthew 13:41-43)
7. *"So it will be at the end of the age. **The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**"* (Matthew 13:49-50)
8. *"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, **'Depart from Me, you cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels ...'**"* (Matthew 25:41)
9. *"And if your hand makes you sin, cut it off. **It is better for you to enter into life maimed, than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched – where 'their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'**"* (Mark 9:43-44)
10. ***"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it."*** (Matthew 7:13)

11. “I tell you, no; **but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.**”
(Luke 13:3)
12. “His winnowing fan is His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; **but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.**” (Luke 3:17)
13. “And they shall go forth and look upon the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me. **For their worm does not die, and their fire is not quenched.** They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.” (Isaiah 66:24)
14. “Serpents, brood of vipers! **How can you escape the condemnation of hell?**” (Matthew 23:33)
15. “**These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power ...**” (2 Thessalonians 1:9)
16. “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, **and the gates of Hades (Hell) shall not prevail against it.**”
(Matthew 16:18)
17. “**But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of hell.**” (Proverbs 9:18)
18. “Let death seize them; **let them go down alive into hell,** for wickedness is in their dwellings and among them.” (Psalm 55:15)

19. ***“Her house is the way to hell, descending to the chambers of death.” (Proverbs 7:27)***
20. ***“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” (Psalm 9:17)***
21. ***“... then I will bring you down with those who descend into the Pit, to the people of old, and I will make you dwell in the lowest part of the earth, in places desolate from antiquity, with those who go down to the Pit, so that you may never be inhabited; and I shall establish glory in the land of the living. ‘I will make you a terror, and you shall be no more; though you are sought for, you will never be found again,’ says the Lord God. (Ezekiel 26:20-21)***
22. ***“But if the Lord creates a new thing, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive in to the pit, then you will understand that these men rejected the Lord. Then it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split apart under them, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up ... So they and all those with them went down alive in the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the congregation.” (Numbers 16:30-33)***
23. ***“For Sheol cannot thank You, death cannot praise You; **Those who go down to the pit cannot hope for Your truth.**” (Isaiah 38:18)***

24. ***“Her graves are set in the recesses of the Pit, and her company is all around her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who caused terror in the land of the living.” (Ezekiel 32:23)***
25. ***“... Deliver him from going down to the Pit ... He will redeem his soul from going down to the Pit, and his life shall see the light.” (Job 33:24,28)***
26. ***“Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. And to him was given the key to the bottomless pit.” (Revelation 9:1)***
27. ***“But those who seek my life, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.” (Psalm 63:9)***
28. ***“As for the head of those who surround me, let the evil of their lips cover them; let burning coals fall upon them; let them be cast into the fire, into deep pits, that they not rise up again.” (Psalm 140:9-10)***
29. ***“And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” (Luke 3:9)***

30. ***“And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 25:30)***
31. ***“Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ (Matthew 22:13)***
32. ***“Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. **And he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever, and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.**” (Revelation 14:9-11)***
33. ***“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. **And being in torments in Hades (Hell), he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, “Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to*****

them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to them, 'If they did not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'" (Luke 16:19-31)

34. ***"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*** (Revelation 21:8)
35. ***"... as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."*** (Jude 7)
36. ***"Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors."*** (Psalm 73:18-19)
37. ***"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going."*** (Ecclesiastes 9:10)
38. ***"For when he dies he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him. Though while he lives he blesses himself (for men will praise you when you do well for yourself)."*** (Psalm 49:17)

When you read all of these verses one right after the other, there can be no doubt in anyone's rational mind that a place called hell really does exist, and that God

is not using any type of metaphorical or symbolic type language in the above verses. All of these verses are meant to be taken very, very literally. As such, this is another basic doctrine that has to be fully accepted and fully taught on by every single church and denomination in the Christian faith.