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### PREFACE

Grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

When I first started pastoring years ago, I sought to answer the question: **what is the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Scriptures?** By the grace of God and for the glory of Jesus Christ, this workbook (formerly called *Essential Christian Doctrines*) is the result of 20 years of searching the Scriptures in striving to answer this essential question.

This workbook focuses on the teachings of Jesus Christ regarding His gospel, which He revealed entirely to His disciples through the Holy Spirit. According to the Scriptures, the gospel of Jesus Christ reveals the righteousness and the work of God. Therefore, believing in the gospel of Jesus Christ must include believing in what God has done in Christ, through Christ, and for Christ so that salvation and eternal life can be offered to all and granted to everyone who believes. My prayer is that God will use this workbook to lead you in reverently and biblically answering for yourself: what is the gospel of Jesus Christ?

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In the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 11:2-4),

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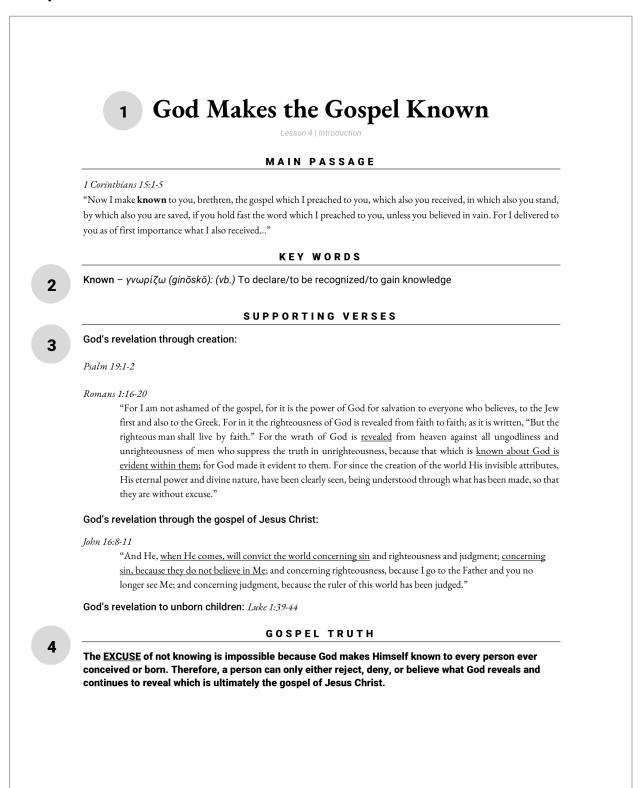
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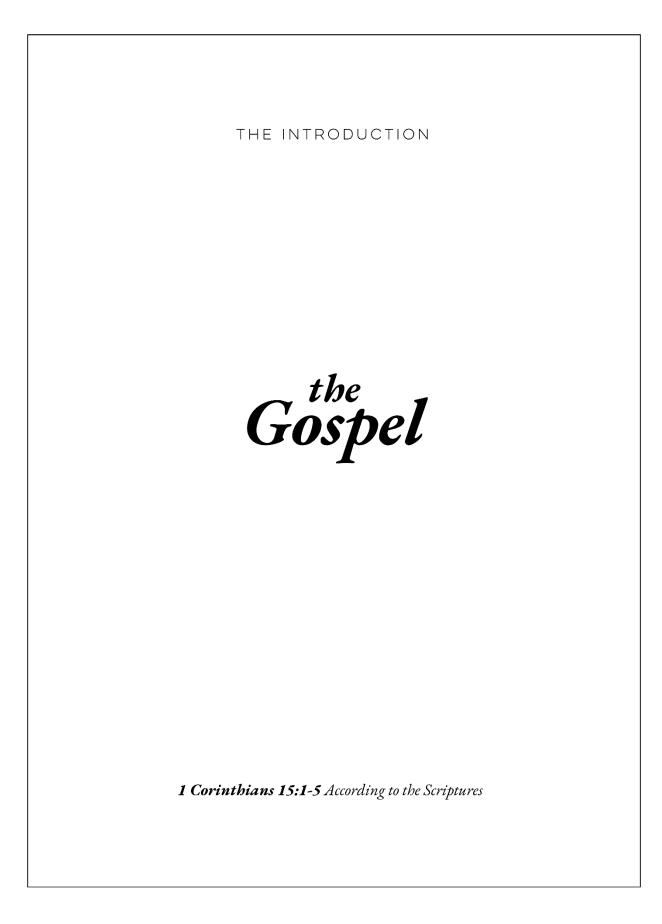


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- **1 LESSON.** Each lesson contains one main point that's intended to be studied in one sitting, if possible.
- 2 **KEY WORDS** are bolded in the Main Passage. The definitions of words are derived from the original language of the Bible and are taken from Hebrew/ Aramaic dictionaries (if Old Testament) or Greek dictionaries (if New Testament).
- **3 SUPPORTING VERSES.** All the verses listed are equally important. Students are encouraged to look up all Scriptures references in their own Bibles. If a passage is written as a reference only, or has a "..." anywhere, it means that the entire passage could not fit on the page so open your Bible. If any portion of the passage is underlined, that is the truth being highlighted for that lesson.
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## As of First Importance: Jesus Christ

Lesson 1 | Introduction

### MAIN PASSAGE

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve."

### **KEY WORDS**

First Importance –  $\pi\rho\tilde{\omega}\tau\sigma\varsigma$  (protos): (adjective) First in time, space, rank, influence, honor, and worth

### SUPPORTING VERSES

Mark 12:29-30

"Jesus answered, "The <u>foremost</u> is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Colossians 1:13-20

"... For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have <u>first place</u> in everything..."

John 5:39-40

"You search the <u>Scriptures</u> because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that <u>testify about</u> <u>Me</u>; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life."

### GOSPEL TRUTH

The most <u>IMPORTANT AND ULTIMATE</u> truth that God is revealing to people through the Bible or the Scripture is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## The Gospel is Jesus Christ

Lesson 2 | Introduction

### MAIN PASSAGE

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the **gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received..."

### **KEY WORDS**

### **Gospel** – $\varepsilon \dot{v}$ αγγέλιον (euaggelion): (noun) Good news/proclamation of God's grace

### SUPPORTING VERSES

### Acts 4:8-12

"... by the name of <u>Jesus Christ</u> the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this name this man stands here before you in good health. He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the chief corner stone. <u>And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved</u>."

### Romans 1:1-17

"Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the <u>gospel</u> of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son... For I am not ashamed of the <u>gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes</u>, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

### Ephesians 1:1-17

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, <u>the gospel of your salvation—having also believed</u>, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory..."

### GOSPEL TRUTH

Believing in the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Scripture is the power of God for salvation and the only way people <u>CAN AND MUST</u> be saved.

## Believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Lesson 3 | Introduction

### MAIN PASSAGE

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are **saved**, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you **believed** in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received..."

### **KEY WORDS**

**Believe** – πιστεύω (pisteuō): (verb) To be convinced of/to be confident in/to entrust to **Saved** – σ $\phi$ ζω (sōzō): (vb.) To rescue from destruction/suffering/judgment

### SUPPORTING VERSES

### John 3:16-18

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. <u>He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already</u>, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

John 3:35-36

"The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. <u>He who believes in the Son has eternal life</u>; but he who <u>does not</u> obey the Son will not see life, but <u>the wrath of God abides on him</u>."

### GOSPEL TRUTH

### Any person who <u>DOES NOT</u> believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Scriptures is not saved.

## God Makes the Gospel Known

Lesson 4 | Introduction

### MAIN PASSAGE

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make **known** to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received..."

### **KEY WORDS**

**Known** –  $\gamma v \omega \rho i \zeta \omega$  (ginōskō): (vb.) To declare/to be recognized/to gain knowledge

### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### God's revelation through creation:

Psalm 19:1-2

Romans 1:16-20

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith." For the wrath of God is <u>revealed</u> from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <u>because that which is known about God is</u> <u>evident within them; for God made it evident to them</u>. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that <u>they are without excuse</u>."

### God's revelation through the gospel of Jesus Christ:

John 16:8-11

"And He, <u>when He comes</u>, <u>will convict the world concerning sin</u> and righteousness and judgment; <u>concerning</u> <u>sin</u>, <u>because they do not believe in Me</u>; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged."

God's revelation to unborn children: Luke 1:39-44

### GOSPEL TRUTH

The <u>EXCUSE</u> of not knowing God is impossible because God makes Himself known to every person ever conceived or born. Therefore, a person can only either reject, deny, or believe what God revealed and continues to reveal which is ultimately the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Scriptures.

### The Gospel Reveals God's Righteousness and God's Work

Lesson 5 | Introduction

### MAIN PASSAGE

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make **known** to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received..."

### **KEY WORDS**

Known –  $\gamma v \omega \rho (\zeta \omega (gin \bar{o} s k \bar{o}): (vb.)$  To declare/to be recognized/to gain knowledge

### SUPPORTING VERSES

Romans 1:16-17

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it <u>the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith</u>; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

Colossians 2:9-12

"For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, <u>in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God</u>, who raised Him from the dead."

1 Corinthians 1:30-31

"But <u>by His doing you are in Christ Jesus</u>, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."

### GOSPEL TRUTH

The gospel of Jesus Christ reveals the righteousness of God and the work of God <u>IN</u> Jesus, <u>THROUGH</u> Jesus, and <u>FOR</u> Jesus so that salvation and eternal life can be offered to all and granted to everyone who believes.

## The Gospel Reveals God's Love

Lesson 6 | Introduction

### MAIN PASSAGES

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel... For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ** died for our sins according to the Scriptures..."

1 John 3:16

"We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

### **KEY WORDS**

Christ - Χριστός (Christos): (n.) Messiah/Anointed One/divine election

Love – άγάπη (agapē): (n.) Benevolence/charity/kindness/generosity/good will

### SUPPORTING VERSES

John 1:29

"The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who <u>takes away the sin of the</u> <u>world</u>!"

John 3:16

"For <u>God so loved the world</u>, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

1 John 4:9-10

"By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that <u>He loved us and sent His Son</u> to be the propitiation for our sins."

Romans 1:16-17

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the <u>power of God for salvation to everyone who believes</u>, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

### GOSPEL TRUTH

The reason for the gospel is God's righteousness in <u>LOVE</u> which has been given to the world in, through, and for Jesus Christ, the anointed <u>SACRIFICE</u>.

## The Gospel Reveals God's Humility

Lesson 7 | Introduction

### MAIN PASSAGES

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel... For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ** died for our sins according to the Scriptures..."

#### Philippians 2:5-11

"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled** Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is **Lord**, to the glory of God the Father."

### **KEY WORDS**

**Christ** – Χριστός (*Christos*): (n.) Messiah/Anointed One/divine election **Humbled** – ταπεινόω (tapeinoō): (vb.) To abase/to make low/reduce/humiliate oneself **Lord** – κύριος (kyrios): (n.) Master/ruler/owner, one who exercises authority over

### SUPPORTING VERSES

### John 10:14-18

"... For this reason the Father loves Me, because <u>I lay down My life</u> so that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but <u>I lay it down on My own initiative</u>. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

Matthew 20:25-28

"But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and <u>to give His life a ransom for many</u>."

Romans 1:16-17

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the <u>power of God for salvation to everyone who believes</u>, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

### GOSPEL TRUTH

The reason for the gospel is God's righteousness in <u>HUMILITY</u>, which has been revealed to mankind in, through, and for Jesus Christ, the anointed <u>LORD</u>.

### The Gospel Reveals God's Salvation

Lesson 8 | Introduction

### MAIN PASSAGES

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel... by which also you are **saved**... For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ** died for our sins according to the Scriptures..."

Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

#### **KEY WORDS**

**Christ** – Χριστός (*Christos*): (*n*.) Messiah/Anointed One/divine election **Sin** –  $\dot{\alpha}\mu\alpha\rho\tau$ ία (*hamartia*): (*n*.) To miss the mark/to be without share in/to offend **Saved** – σ $\phi$ ζ $\omega$  (sozo): (vb.) To rescue from destruction/suffering/judgment

### SUPPORTING VERSES

Luke 24:44-47

"Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that <u>repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His</u> <u>name to all the nations</u>, beginning from Jerusalem."

Acts 4:8-12

"Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people, if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this name this man stands here before you in good health. He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the chief corner stone. And <u>there is salvation in no one else</u>; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which <u>we must be saved</u>."

Romans 3:10-26

Romans 1:16-17

### GOSPEL TRUTH

The reason for the gospel is God's righteousness in <u>SALVATION</u>, which is still being offered to sinners in, through, and for Jesus Christ, the anointed <u>SAVIOR</u>.

## Jesus Christ According to the Scriptures

Lesson 9 | Introduction

### MAIN PASSAGE

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins **according** to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve."

### **KEY WORDS**

### According- κατά (kata): (preposition) Down from/through out/once-for-all

### SUPPORTING VERSES

### John 5:39-40

"You search <u>the Scriptures</u> because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is <u>these that testify about Me</u>; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life."

John 14:26; John 16:13-15; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:16-21; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Luke 24:27, 44-47

#### Galatians 1:6-12

"I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ. For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ."

2 Peter 3:14-18

### GOSPEL TRUTH

### According to the Scriptures, our faith in Jesus Christ and our preaching of Jesus Christ must be according to the <u>BIBLE</u>.

## The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Lesson 10 | Introduction

### MAIN PASSAGE

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel... according to the **Scriptures**, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve."

#### 1 Timothy 4:13-16

"Until I come, give attention to the public reading of **Scripture**, to exhortation and teaching. Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery. Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. Pay close attention to yourself and to your **teaching**; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you."

### **KEY WORDS**

Scriptures – γραφή (graphe): (n.) Passage, thing written, content of the writing Teaching – διδασκαλία (didaskalia): (n.) Doctrine, instruction

### SUPPORTING VERSES

Faith in the person of Christ and the work of God in Christ: Colossians 1:13-20; Colossians 2:9-12

The gospel according to God: Matthew 4:23; Mark 1:1, 1:14-15; Luke 24:44-48; John 7:38-39, 17:17-21

**The gospel according to God's apostles:** *Acts 15:7; Romans 10:8-17; Ephesians 1:13-14, 3:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-8, 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:8-11, 2:8-10; 1 Peter 4:17* 

Teachings of God: 1 Timothy 4:13-16, 6:3-5; 2 Timothy 3:14-17, 4:1-4

Teachings of Men: Matthew 15:9; Colossians 2:20-23; Titus 1:13-14

Teachings of Demons: 1 Timothy 4:1-3; James 3:13-15; 1 John 2:18-25, 4:1-3

### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

The gospel of Jesus Christ reveals the person and works of Jesus Christ. Believing in the person and works of Jesus Christ is inseparable from the content of His Gospel. The content of His gospel must solely be based on the teachings of <u>GOD</u>, otherwise, the teachings are futile or in vain because they are either of people or of demons.

Saving faith is believing in what <u>GOD</u> teaches about the person and works of Jesus Christ which is revealed in His gospel according to the Scriptures.

## The Gospel According to the Scriptures

Lesson 11 | Introduction

### MAIN PASSAGE

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you **believed** in **vain**. For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve."

### **KEY WORDS**

Believe – πιστεύω (pisteuō): (vb.) To be convinced of/to be confident in/to entrust to First Importance – πρῶτος (prōtos): (adj.) First in time, space, rank, influence, honor, and worth Vain – εἰκῃ̃ (eikē): (adverb) With no result/for nothing/for no purpose

### SUPPORTING VERSES

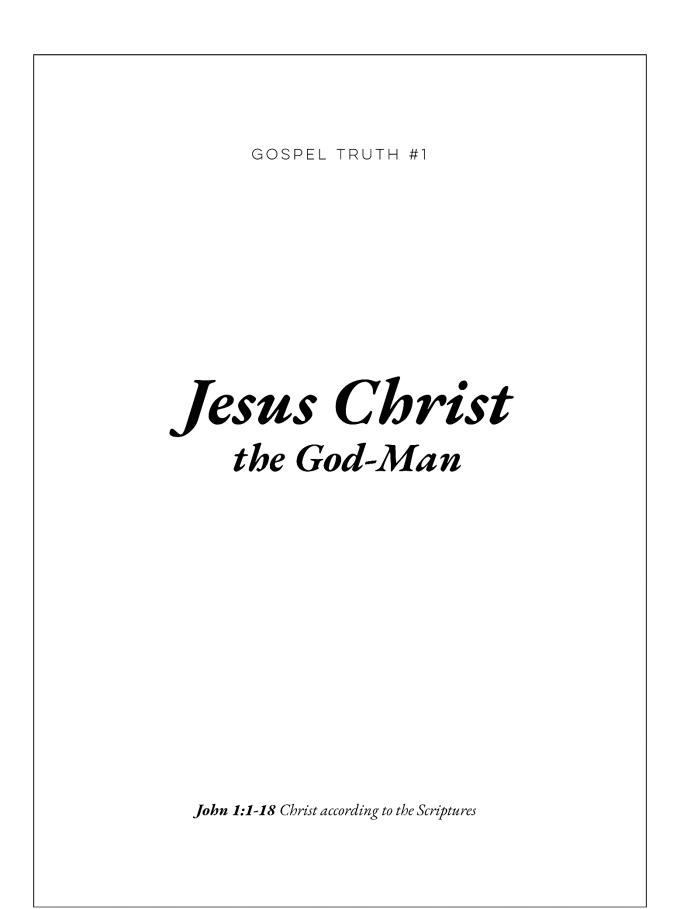
**The gospel according to God and His Word:** *1 Corinthians 1:17-18; John 5:22-23, John 5:39-40, John 16:13-15, John 20:30-31; Colossians 3:16-17* 

**Preach the gospel according to the Scripture:** *Colossians 4:2-4; Ephesians 6:18-20; Galatians 1:6-12; 2 Corinthians 4:1-6; 2 Corinthians 11:2-4* 

### GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, people's beliefs are in vain <u>UNLESS</u> they believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Word of God or the Bible.

According to the Scriptures, the gospel of Jesus Christ is as of first importance for it reveals the <u>GLORY</u> of Jesus Christ: Jesus Christ the God-Man; the death of Jesus Christ; the resurrection of Jesus Christ; saved by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.



### Jesus Christ the Son of God and the Son of Man

Lesson 1 | Jesus Christ the God-Man

### MAIN PASSAGE

#### 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

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### John 1:1-18

"...And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth... For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time; the **only begotten** God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him."

### **KEY WORDS**

**Only begotten** – μονογενής (monogenēs): (adj.) One of a kind/one and only **Christ** – Χριστός (Christos): (n.) The Anointed One

### SUPPORTING VERSES

### John 3:16

Colossians 2:8-9

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. For <u>in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form</u>."

Acts 10:36-38

"The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through <u>Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)</u>... You know of Jesus of Nazareth, <u>how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power</u>, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

John 14:6

### GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the uniqueness of Jesus Christ reveals Him as the only one who is both <u>FULLY</u> God and <u>PERFECT</u> man at the same time.

## The Son of God is Heir

Lesson 2 | Jesus Christ the God-Man: Son of God

### MAIN PASSAGE

### Hebrews 1:1-4

"God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us <u>in His Son, whom He appointed **heir** of all things</u>, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they."

### Luke 1:31-35

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the <u>Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.</u>" Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the **holy** Child shall be called the Son of God."

### **KEY WORDS**

Heir –  $\kappa\lambda\eta\rho ov \delta\mu o \zeta$  (klēronomos): (n.) One who receives the inheritance

Holy –  $\check{\alpha}\gamma\iota\sigma\varsigma$  (hagios): (adj.) Transcendent, set apart, set above

### SUPPORTING VERSES

### John 5:16-18

"For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. But He answered them, "<u>My Father</u> is working until now, and I Myself am working." For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, <u>but also was calling God</u> <u>His own Father, making Himself equal with God</u>."

Romans 1:1-4

Matthew 22:41-46

### GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, Jesus as the Son of God reveals His holiness as God and His inherent right to be <u>HEIR</u> of all creation.

### The Son of God is Worshipped

Lesson 3 | Jesus Christ the God-Man: Son of God

### MAIN PASSAGE

### Hebrews 1:5-9

"For to which of the angels did He ever say, "You are My Son, today I have begotten You"? And again, "I will be a Father to Him and He shall be a Son to Me"? And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "And let all the angels of God **worship** Him." And of the angels He says, "Who makes His angels winds, and His ministers a flame of fire." <u>But of</u> <u>the Son He says, "Your throne, O God</u>, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your companions."

### **KEY WORDS**

**Worship** – προσκυνέω (proskyneō): (vb.) Kneel before as an act of allegiance/regard/reverence

### SUPPORTING VERSES

### Luke 1:31-35

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#### Romans 1:1-4

"Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, <u>who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead</u>, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord."

Matthew 22:41-46

#### GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, Jesus as the Son of God reveals His holiness as God and His inherent right to be <u>WORSHIPPED</u> by all creation.

## The Son of God is Lord

Lesson 4 | Jesus Christ the God-Man: Son of God

### MAIN PASSAGE

#### Hebrews 1:10-13

"And, "You, **Lord**, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Your hands; They will perish, but You remain; And they all will become old like a garment, and like a mantle You will roll them up; Like a garment they will also be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not come to an end." But to which of the angels has He ever said, "Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet"?

### **KEY WORDS**

Lord - κύριος (kyrios): (n.) Master/ruler/owner, one who exercises authority over

### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Luke 1:31-35

And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the <u>Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.</u>" Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.

#### John 5:16-18

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### Romans 1:1-4

#### Matthew 22:41-46

"Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question: "What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?" They said to Him, "The son of David." He said to them, "<u>Then how does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, until I put Your enemies beneath Your feet"? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his son?</u>" No one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question."

### GOSPEL TRUTH

### According to the Scriptures, Jesus as the Son of God reveals His holiness as God and His inherent right to be <u>LORD</u> of all creation.

### The Son of Man is Humble

Lesson 5 | Jesus Christ the God-Man: Son of Man

### MAIN PASSAGE

### Philippians 2:5-8

"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the **form** of God, did not **regard** equality with God a thing to be **grasped**, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, <u>He humbled Himself</u> by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

### **KEY WORDS**

**Form**– μορφή (morphē): (n.) Visual external/outward appearance **Regard** – ήγέομαι (hēgeomai): (vb.) To esteem or to rule **Grasped**– άρπαγμός (harpagmos): (n.) Utilized or asserted

### SUPPORTING VERSES

### Romans 1:1-4

Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, <u>who was born of a descendant of</u> <u>David according to the flesh</u>, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord. "

#### Acts 10:36-38

"The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through <u>Jesus Christ</u> (He is Lord of all)... You know of Jesus of Nazareth, <u>how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power</u>, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

Prophecies about the Christ: Jeremiah 23:5-6, Daniel 7:13-14, Matthew 22:41-46

The Son of Man: Matthew 12:1-8, Mark 2:1-12

The glory of God revealed in Christ: Exodus 33:18-20, John 1:1-18, 14:7-9

### GOSPEL TRUTH

Jesus as the Son of Man reveals the humility and perfection of His humanity in light of the glory and authority of His divinity as God's Christ, the anointed <u>ONE</u> according to the Scriptures.

### The Son of Man is Obedient

Lesson 6 | Jesus Christ the God-Man: Son of Man

### MAIN PASSAGE

### Philippians 2:5-8

"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but **emptied** Himself, taking the form of a **bond-servant**, and being made in the **likeness** of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself <u>by becoming obedient</u> to the point of death, even death on a cross."

### **KEY WORDS**

**Emptied** – κενόω (keno): (vb.) Laid aside one's rights and privileges **Bond-servant** – δοῦλος (doulos): (n.) Willing servant/disregard of one's interest **Likeness** – όμοίωμα (homoiōma): (n.) Similar outward appearance

### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Matthew 3:15, 5:17

"But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him... Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; <u>I did not</u> come to abolish but to fulfill."

### John 6:38, 10:18

"For I have come down from heaven, <u>not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me</u>... No one has taken it away from Me, but <u>I lay it down on My own initiative</u>. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. <u>This commandment I received from My Father</u>."

Hebrews 10:5-10

Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but a body You have prepared for Me; In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have taken no pleasure. "Then I said, 'Behold, I have come (in the scroll of the book it is written of Me) to do Your will, O God.'" After saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have not desired, nor have You taken pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the Law), then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He takes away the first in order to establish the second. By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Isaiah 53:10-11

### GOSPEL TRUTH

Jesus as the Son of Man reveals the humility and perfection of His humanity in light of the fullness and righteousness of His obedience as God's Christ, the anointed <u>SERVANT</u> according to the Scriptures.

### The Son of Man is the Sacrifice

Lesson 7 | Jesus Christ the God-Man: Son of Man

### MAIN PASSAGE

### Philippians 2:5-8

"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled** Himself by **becoming** obedient to the point of death, <u>even death on a cross</u>."

#### **KEY WORDS**

Humbled - ταπεινόω (tapeinoō): (vb.) To abase/to make low/reduce/humiliate oneself

Becoming – γίνομαι (ginomai): (vb.) Come to exist

Even – δέ (de): (particle and conjunction) Moreover

### SUPPORTING VERSES

### Hebrews 2:9-17

Hebrews 10:11-14

"Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; <u>but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time</u>, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified."

### 2 Corinthians 5:21

"<u>He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf</u>, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

### Isaiah 53:5-6

"But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; <u>The chastening for our</u> <u>well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed</u>. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him."

### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

Jesus as the Son of Man reveals the humility and perfection of His humanity in light of His death, even death on a cross, as God's Christ, the anointed <u>SACRIFICE</u> according to the Scriptures.

### Jesus Christ is God in the Flesh

Lesson 8 | Jesus Christ the God-Man: Son of God and Son of Man

### MAIN PASSAGE

Colossians 2:8-9

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. <u>For in Him</u> all the fullness of **Deity** dwells in **bodily form**."

### **KEY WORDS**

**Deity** – θεότης (theotēs): (n.) The state of being God **Bodily form** – σωματικῶς (sōmatikōs): (adj.) Corporal/material

### SUPPORTING VERSES

Christ according to the Scripture: Colossians 1:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:17-21; Galatians 1:1-12; Romans 10:17

### Jesus Christ is God in the flesh:

John 1:14-18

"<u>And the Word became flesh</u>, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me." For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him."

1 John 4:1-3

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: <u>every spirit that confesses that Jesus</u> <u>Christ has come in the flesh is from God</u>; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world."

### 2 John 1:7-11

"For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds."

### GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, Jesus Christ is GOD in the flesh or in bodily form.

## Jesus Christ is the Son of God

Lesson 9 | Jesus Christ the God-Man: Son of God and Son of Man

### MAIN PASSAGE

### Colossians 2:8-9

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. <u>For in Him</u> all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form."

### Luke 1:35

"The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the **holy** Child shall be called the Son of God."

### **KEY WORDS**

**Deity** –  $\theta \varepsilon \delta \tau \eta \varsigma$  (theotes): (n.) The state of being God

Holy –  $\check{\alpha}\gamma\iota\sigma\varsigma$  (hagios): (adj.) Transcendent, set apart, set above

### SUPPORTING VERSES

### Luke 3:21-22

"Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "<u>You are</u> <u>My beloved Son</u>, in You I am well-pleased."

### Luke 4:1-4

"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. And the devil said to Him, "<u>If You are the Son of God</u>, tell this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone.""

### GOSPEL TRUTH

### According to the Scriptures, Jesus Christ as the Son of God reveals the holiness of His DEITY.

### Jesus Christ is the Son of Man

Lesson 10 | Jesus Christ the God-Man: Son of God and Son of Man

### MAIN PASSAGE

### Mark 10:45

"For even the <u>Son of Man</u> did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

### SUPPORTING VERSES

### Philippians 2:9-11

"<u>For this reason also, God highly exalted Him</u>, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that <u>at the name of Jesus every knee will bow</u>, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue <u>will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord</u>, to the glory of God the Father."

### Matthew 20:17-19

As Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and <u>the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death</u>, and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up."

### Matthew 24:29-30

"But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then <u>the sign of the Son of</u> <u>Man will appear in the sky</u>, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and <u>they will see the Son of Man</u> <u>coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory</u>."

### Matthew 25:31-33

"But when <u>the Son of Man comes in His glory</u>, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left."

### GOSPEL TRUTH

### According to the Scriptures, Jesus Christ as the Son of Man reveals the humility of His HUMANITY.

# Jesus Christ is the Worthy One

Lesson 11 | Jesus Christ the God-Man: Son of God and Son of Man

## MAIN PASSAGE

### John 1:29

"The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

## SUPPORTING VERSES

### Matthew 1:20-23

"But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. <u>She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins</u>." Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "<u>God with us</u>."

### Matthew 16:13-17

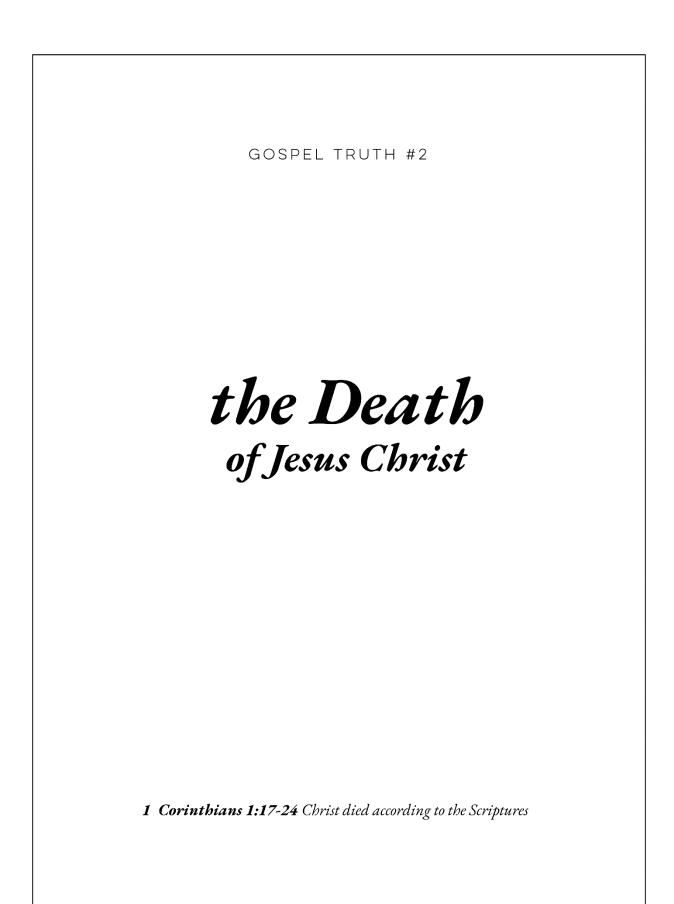
"Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that <u>the Son of Man is</u>?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "<u>You are the Christ, the Son of the living God</u>." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

#### Revelation 5:11-14

"Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "<u>Worthy</u> <u>is the Lamb</u> that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing." And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and <u>to the Lamb</u>, <u>be blessing and honor and glory and</u> <u>dominion forever and ever.</u>" And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Son of Man reveals Him as the only One worthy and who <u>ALONE</u> fulfilled the holy sacrifice required by God to save mankind from our sins.



# Jesus Christ Died in Our Place

Lesson 1: Substitution | The Death of Jesus Christ

### MAIN PASSAGES

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures**, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve."

#### Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

## **KEY WORDS**

#### For – $\alpha v \tau i$ (anti): (prep.) In place of/instead of

#### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### 1 Corinthians 1:17-24

"For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void. For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And the cleverness of the clever I will set aside." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but <u>we preach Christ crucified</u>, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

#### Jesus died for sinners: John 1:29; Romans 3:23; Hebrews 12:1-3

#### Philippians 2:5-8

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross served as <u>SUBSTITUTION</u>, whereby He suffered and died <u>IN PLACE</u> of us sinners.

# Jesus Christ Died in Our Behalf

Lesson 2: Substitution | The Death of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

Romans 5:8

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

### **KEY WORDS**

**For** –  $i\pi\epsilon\rho$  (hyper): (prep.) In behalf of/for the sake of

### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Ephesians 5:1-2

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and <u>gave</u> <u>Himself up for us</u>, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma."

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

Hebrews 2:9

"But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God <u>He might taste death for everyone</u>."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross served as substitution, whereby He suffered and died <u>IN BEHALF</u> of us sinners.

# Jesus Christ Died for Our Benefit

Lesson 3: Substitution | The Death of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

## 2 Corinthians 5:21

"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

### **KEY WORDS**

### For – $\alpha v \tau i$ (anti): (prep.) In place of/instead of

For –  $i\pi\epsilon\rho$  (hyper): (prep.) In behalf of/for the sake of

## SUPPORTING VERSES

## 1 John 3:5

"You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin."

#### 1 Peter 2:21-24

"For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, <u>who committed no sin</u>, nor <u>was any deceit found in His mouth</u>; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; and <u>He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross</u>, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for <u>by His wounds you were healed</u>."

### 1 John 3:16

"We know love by this, that <u>He laid down His life for us;</u> and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

#### 1 John 4:10

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that <u>He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins</u>."

#### GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the death of Jesus Christ was <u>SOLELY</u> for our benefit, wherein He took the place of us sinners on the cross and died <u>SACRIFICIALLY</u> for the sins of mankind.

# The Death of Christ Satisfied God

Lesson 4: Propitiation | The Death of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

## 1 John 4:10

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the **propitiation** for our sins."

### **KEY WORDS**

#### **Propitiation** – *i*λασμός (*hilasmos*): (*n*.) Satisfactory sacrifice

### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### 1 John 2:1-2

"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and <u>He Himself is the propitiation for our sins</u>; and not for ours only, but also for those of the <u>whole world</u>."

#### 1 John 3:4-5

"Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. You know that <u>He appeared in order</u> to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin."

John 1:29

"The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who <u>takes away the sin of the</u> <u>world!</u>"

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross served as <u>PROPITIATION</u>, whereby His <u>SATISFACTORY</u> sacrifice took away the sins of mankind.

# The Death of Christ Satisfied God's Righteousness

Lesson 5: Propitiation | The Death of Jesus Christ

# MAIN PASSAGES

#### Romans 3:21-26

"But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a **propitiation** in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His **righteousness**, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."

#### Exodus 30:10

"Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year; he shall make atonement on it with the blood of the sin offering of **atonement** once a year throughout your generations. It is most holy to the Lord."

#### John 1:29

"The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

## **KEY WORDS**

**Propitiation** – iλασμός (*hilasmos*): (*n*.) Satisfactory sacrifice

Righteousness – δικαιοσύνη (dilkaiosynē): (n.) What is right and just

Atonement – קפר (kapar): (vb.) To cover over

#### SUPPORTING VERSES

Romans 1:16-32

"... For in it the <u>righteousness of God is revealed</u> from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith." For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and <u>unrighteousness of men</u> <u>who suppress the truth in unrighteousness</u>, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them..."

Romans 2:5-16, Romans 3:10-20, Romans 6:23

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross served as propitiation, whereby He completely satisfied the <u>RIGHTEOUSNESS</u> of God for us sinners.

# The Death of Christ Satisfied God's Law

Lesson 6: Propitiation | The Death of Jesus Christ

### MAIN PASSAGE

Matthew 26:26-28

"While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins."

#### **KEY WORDS**

**Propitiation** – *i*λασμός (*hilasmos*): (*n*.) Satisfactory sacrifice

## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Matthew 5:17

"Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; <u>I did not come to abolish but to fulfill</u>."

The purpose of the Old Covenant/the Law: Galatians 3:15-26; Romans 7:7-13

#### Jesus Christ fulfilled the Old Covenant/the Law:

Romans 8:1-4

Hebrews 10:1-10

"For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, <u>can never, by</u> <u>the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near</u>. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins? But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, But a body You have prepared for Me; In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have taken no pleasure. "Then I said, 'Behold, I have come (In the scroll of the book it is written of Me) To do Your will, O God." After saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have not desired, nor have You taken pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the Law), then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." <u>He takes away the first in order to establish the second. By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.</u>"

The law of righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ: Romans 9:30-33, Romans 10:1-4

The New Covenant by faith in Jesus Christ: Hebrews 7:18-22, Hebrews 8:7-13, Hebrews 9:18-26

### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross served as propitiation, whereby He completely satisfied the <u>LAW</u> of God for our forgiveness.

# The Death of Christ Satisfied God's Wrath

Lesson 7: Propitiation | The Death of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

#### Isaiah 53

"...But the Lord was **pleased** to crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand. As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be **satisfied**; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities..."

#### **KEY WORDS**

**Propitiation** – *i*λασμός (*hilasmos*): (*n*.) Satisfactory sacrifice

#### SUPPORTING VERSES

Acts 8:25-35; Jeremiah 25:15; Revelation 14:9-10

Matthew 26:38-39

"Then He said to them, "<u>My soul is deeply grieved</u>, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me." And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, <u>let this</u> <u>cup pass from Me</u>; yet not as I will, but as You will."

#### Mark 15:33-34

"When the sixth hour came, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "<u>My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?</u>"

#### John 19:30

"Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "<u>It is finished!</u>" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit."

Luke 23:46

"And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "<u>Father</u>, into Your hands I commit My spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last."

#### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross served as propitiation, whereby He completely satisfied the <u>WRATH</u> of God for us sinners.

# The Death of Christ Saves From God's Coming Wrath

Lesson 8: Propitiation | The Death of Jesus Christ

# MAIN PASSAGE

#### Isaiah 53

"...But the Lord was **pleased** to crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand. As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be **satisfied**; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities..."

### **KEY WORDS**

Propitiation – ίλασμός (hilasmos): (n.) Satisfactory sacrifice

## SUPPORTING VERSES

Romans 5:8-9

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, <u>we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him</u>."

#### 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

"For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who <u>rescues us from the wrath to come</u>."

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

"<u>For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ</u>, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him."

# GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross served as propitiation, whereby His satisfactory sacrifice <u>SAVES</u> us sinners from the coming wrath of God.

# The Death of Christ Completely Satisfied God

Lesson 9: Propitiation | The Death of Jesus Christ

# MAIN PASSAGE

#### Isaiah 53

"...But the Lord was **pleased** to crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand. As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be **satisfied**; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities..."

#### **KEY WORDS**

Propitiation – iλασμός (hilasmos): (n.) Satisfactory sacrifice

## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Hebrews 5:7-9

"In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. <u>Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered</u>. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation."

#### Hebrews 10:29-31

"How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has <u>trampled under foot the Son of God, and</u> <u>has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified</u>, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

#### John 3:35-36

"<u>The Father loves the Son</u> and has given all things into His hand. He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but <u>the wrath of God abides on him</u>."

#### John 16:8-11

"And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, <u>because they do not believe in Me</u>; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross served as propitiation, wherein Scripture reveals the absolute <u>SUBMISSION</u>, <u>SEVERITY</u>, and <u>SUFFICIENCY</u> of His sacrifice for us sinners.

# Sinners Reconciled to God

Lesson 10: Reconciliation | The Death of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

## Romans 5:8-9

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him."

# SUPPORTING VERSES

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## 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

"For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, reconciliation with God is possible only through <u>FAITH</u> in Jesus Christ and His death on the cross which served as substitution and propitiation for us sinners.

# Sinners at Peace with God

Lesson 11: Reconciliation | The Death of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

Romans 5:10-11

"For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the **reconciliation**."

## **KEY WORDS**

**Reconciliation** –  $\kappa \alpha \tau \alpha \lambda \lambda \dot{\alpha} \sigma \omega$  (katallassō): (vb.) Restoration of favor/kindness/grace

## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Romans 5:1-2

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, <u>we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ</u>, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God."

John 1:16-17

"<u>For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace</u>. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scripture, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross served as reconciliation, whereby sinners like us are restored to God through faith in Him resulting in having <u>PEACE</u> with God and receiving the grace of God.

# Sinners Need to Be Reconciled to God

Lesson 12: Reconciliation | The Death of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

#### 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

"Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of **reconciliation**, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

### **KEY WORDS**

**Reconciliation** –  $\kappa \alpha \tau \alpha \lambda \lambda \dot{\alpha} \sigma \omega$  (katallasso): (vb.) Restoration of favor/kindness/grace

## SUPPORTING VERSES

### Colossians 1:19-23

"For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and <u>through Him to reconcile all things</u> <u>to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross</u>; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet <u>He has</u> <u>now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death</u>, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach— if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister."

#### Ephesians 2:14-16

"For <u>He Himself is our peace</u>, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and <u>might reconcile them both in</u> <u>one body to God through the cross</u>, by it having put to death the enmity."

#### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross served as reconciliation, wherein, people desperately <u>NEED</u> to be reconciled to God and those who already believe in Jesus Christ are to fulfill their <u>MINISTRY</u> of reconciliation.

# Payment for Our Debt

Lesson 13: Redemption | The Death of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGES

Ephesians 1:7-8

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight."

Colossians 2:13-14

"When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."

### **KEY WORDS**

Redemption –  $\dot{\alpha}\pi o\lambda \dot{v}\tau \rho \omega \sigma i \varsigma$  (apolytrosis): (n.) A release caused by payment of ransom

## SUPPORTING VERSES

Jesus Christ the Promised Redeemer: Luke 1:67-70; Luke 2:36-38; Psalm 130; Psalm 111:7-9

Psalm 49:7-9

<u>No man can by any means redeem his brother Or give to God a ransom for him</u>—<u>For the redemption of his soul</u> <u>is costly</u>, And he should cease trying forever— That he should live on eternally, That he should not undergo decay.

#### Psalm 16:10

#### Acts 13:32-39

And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, 'You are My Son; today I have begotten You.' As for the fact that He raised Him up from the dead, no longer to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.' Therefore He also says in another Psalm, 'You will not allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.' For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay; <u>but He whom God raised did not undergo decay</u>. Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and <u>through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses</u>.

Redeemed from the Law through faith in Christ Jesus: *Romans 3:23-24, Romans 6:23, Romans 7:12, Romans 8:2; Galatians 3:13-14; Galatians 4:4-5; Hebrews 9:11-14* 

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross served as <u>REDEMPTION</u>, wherein payment was made by Him for our <u>DEBT</u> to God's law/righteousness.

# Payment to be Lord of All

Lesson 14: Redemption | The Death of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

#### Philippians 2:5-11

"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is **Lord**, to the glory of God the Father."

## **KEY WORDS**

**Redemption** –  $\dot{\alpha}$ πολύτρωσις (apolytrōsis): (n.) A release caused by payment of ransom Lord – κύριος (kyrios): (n.) Master/ruler/owner, one who exercises authority over

### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Romans 14:9-12

"<u>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living</u>. But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall give praise to God." So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God."

### Jesus Christ the Master: 2 Peter 2:1

#### Jesus Christ the Judge and Ruler: 2 Corinthians 5:10; John 5:22-23

#### Revelation 19:11-16

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and <u>He will rule them</u> with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "<u>KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF</u> LORDS."

# GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross served as redemption, wherein payment was made by Him for His <u>LORDSHIP</u> over God's creation/mankind.

# **Payment to Own Christians**

Lesson 15: Redemption | The Death of Jesus Christ

### MAIN PASSAGE

#### Titus 2:11-14

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to **redeem** us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds."

#### **KEY WORDS**

**Redemption** –  $\dot{\alpha}\pi o\lambda \dot{v}\tau \rho \omega \sigma i \varsigma$  (apolytrosis): (n.) A release caused by payment of ransom

#### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Ephesians 1:7-14

Acts 20:28

1 Peter 1:17-19

"If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; knowing that <u>you were not redeemed with perishable things</u> like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, <u>but with precious blood</u>, <u>as of a lamb</u> <u>unblemished and spotless</u>, the blood of Christ."

#### 1 Peter 2:9-10

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, <u>a people for God's own possession</u>, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

### Col 1:13-18

"For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of <u>His beloved Son, in whom</u> <u>we have redemption</u>, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. <u>He is also head of the body, the church</u>; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

# According to the Scriptures, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross served as redemption, wherein payment was made by Him for His <u>OWNERSHIP</u> of God's people/Christians.

# Do This in Remembrance of Me

Lesson 16 | The Death of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

#### 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in **remembrance** of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you **proclaim** the Lord's death until He comes."

#### **KEY WORDS**

**Remembrance** –  $\dot{\alpha}$ νάμνησις (anamnēsis): (n.) To consider and to be mindful.

**Proclaim** – καταγγέλλω (katangellō): (vb.) To declare and preach publicly with conviction

## SUPPORTING VERSES

Substitution: 2 Corinthians 5:21

Propitiation: 1 John 4:10

Reconciliation: 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Redemption: Ephesians 1:7-8

#### 1 Corinthians 1:17-24

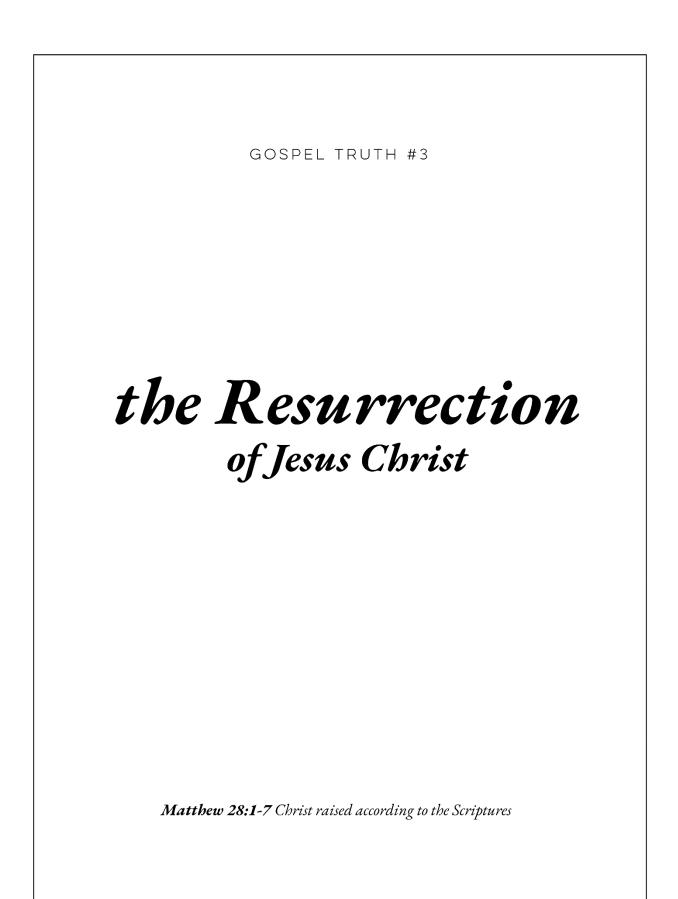
"For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to <u>preach the gospel</u>, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void. For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And the cleverness of the clever I will set aside." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but <u>we preach Christ crucified</u>, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

## GOSPEL TRUTH

In remembering and proclaiming the death of Jesus Christ on the cross, we must <u>BELIEVE</u> (know and understand) the significance of His substitution, the importance of His propitiation, the excellence of His reconciliation, and the glory of His redemption.

The significance, importance, excellence, and glory of the death of Jesus Christ on the cross are revealed in His substitution, propitiation, reconciliation, and redemption which are according to the Scriptures and as of <u>FIRST IMPORTANCE</u>.



# He is Risen, Just as He Said

Lesson 1 | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGES

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was **raised** on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve."

### Matthew 16:21-23

"From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be **raised** up on the third day. Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You." But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

## **KEY WORDS**

Raised –  $\dot{\epsilon}\gamma\epsilon\dot{\rho}\rho\mu\alpha\iota$  (egeiromai): (vb.) Raise to life/come back to life.

## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Mark 8:31-33; Luke 9:21-22

#### John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a place of business." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house will consume me." The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of the temple of His body. So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

## GOSPEL TRUTH

In the gospel of Jesus Christ, we must believe (know and understand) the truth of His bodily resurrection which is according to His <u>DECLARATION</u>.

# He is Risen, Just as it is Written

Lesson 2 | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

#### John 20:24-31

"But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed." Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."

#### **KEY WORDS**

Believe – πιστεύω (pisteuō): (vb.) Convinced/confident/entrust

### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Luke 24:36-49

"... Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. While they still could not believe it because of their joy and amazement, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish; and He took it and ate it before them. Now He said to them, "<u>These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you</u>, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, "<u>Thus it is written, that the</u> <u>Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day</u>, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

#### 1 Peter 1:6-9

"In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and <u>though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him</u>, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, <u>obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls</u>."

#### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

In the gospel of Jesus Christ, we must believe (know and understand) the truth of His bodily resurrection which is according to His <u>REVELATION</u>.

# He is Risen, Just as His Word Says

Lesson 3 | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

#### Acts 4:31-33

"And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness. And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them. And with great power the apostles were giving **testimony** to the **resurrection** of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all."

#### **KEY WORDS**

**Testimony** – μαρτύριον (martyrion): (n.) Eyewitness testimony **Resurrection** –  $\dot{a}v\dot{a}\sigma\tau a\sigma\iota\varsigma$  (anastasis): (n.) Rising from the dead

### SUPPORTING VERSES

The eyewitness testimony of the apostles: John 19-20; 1 Corinthians 15:6-8

The apostles before and after encountering the resurrected Christ: Matthew 26:55-56; Acts 8:1

The apostle Peter before and after encountering the resurrected Christ: Matt. 26:69-75; Acts 5:27-42

The apostle Paul before and after encountering the resurrected Christ: Acts 8:1-3, Acts 26:21-25

Faith comes from hearing the word of Christ:

Acts 2:22-24

"Men of Israel, <u>listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene</u>, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. <u>But God raised Him up again</u>, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power."

Romans 10:17

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."

### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

In the gospel of Jesus Christ, we must believe (know and understand) the truth of His bodily resurrection which is according to His <u>WORD</u> (the Scriptures/Bible).

# **Risen to Save Sinners from Judgement**

Lesson 4 | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGES

#### Hebrews 7:23-28

"The former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever."

#### Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is **death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

#### **KEY WORDS**

## Death - θάνατος (thanatos): (n.) Separation

### SUPPORTING VERSES

Genesis 2:16-17

"The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it <u>you will surely die</u>."

Death as the consequence of sin: Romans 3:23, Romans 4:8, Romans 5:12, Romans 6:23, Romans 7:13

Eternally separated from God as eternal punishment for sinners: *Revelation 20:11-15; Matthew 25:31-46; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10* 

#### Eternally in the presence of God through faith in Jesus Christ:

Romans 8:39

"Nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, <u>will be able to separate us from the love of God</u>, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

John 11:25-27, John 14:1-6; Revelation 21:1-4, Revelation 22:1-4

#### GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ testifies that He alone can save mankind from God's spiritual and physical <u>JUDGEMENT</u> for us sinners, which is death or hell.

# **Risen to Declare Believers Righteous**

Lesson 5: Justification | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGES

#### Romans 4:23-25

"Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our **justification**."

#### Romans 3:10-18

"As it is written, "There is none **righteous**, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, there is not even one. Their throat is an open grave, with their tongues they keep deceiving, the poison of asps is under their lips; Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness; Their feet are swift to shed blood, destruction and misery are in their paths, and the path of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes."

## **KEY WORDS**

**Justification** –  $\delta \kappa \alpha i \omega \sigma i \varsigma$  (*dikai* $\bar{o}$ sis): (n.) To declare righteous judicially

Righteous –  $\delta i \kappa \alpha i o \varsigma$  (dikaios): (adj.) Acceptable to, approved by, and right with God

## SUPPORTING VERSES

Justification through faith in Jesus Christ alone: Galatians 2:15-16; Philippians 3:7-11

#### Jesus Christ the Righteous One:

Isaiah 53:11

"As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge <u>the Righteous One, My</u> <u>Servant, will justify the many</u>, As He will bear their iniquities."

#### John 16:8-11

"And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and <u>concerning righteousness</u>, <u>because I go to the Father</u> and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged."

#### John 5:22-23

"For not even the Father judges anyone, but <u>He has given all judgment to the Son</u>, so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."

John 14:6

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the resurrection of Jesus Christ serves as <u>JUSTIFICATION</u>, wherein God judges or declares sinners like us righteous because of our <u>FAITH</u> in Him the righteous One. Therefore, believers are acceptable to God, approved by God, and right with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

# Risen to Become the Believers' Righteousness

Lesson 6: Justification | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

# MAIN PASSAGE

Romans 4:23-25

"Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our **justification**."

## **KEY WORDS**

Justification – δικαίωσις (dikaiōsis): (n.) To declare righteous judicially

**Credited** –  $\lambda$ ογίζομαι (logizomai) (vb.) To hold a view/consider/regard, to charge to account/keep records **Righteous** – δίκαιος (dikaios): (adj.) Acceptable to, approved by, and right with God

## SUPPORTING VERSES

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that <u>Christ died for our</u> sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that <u>He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures</u>, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve."

2 Corinthians 5:21

"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become <u>the righteousness of God in</u> <u>Him</u>."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, when Jesus Christ died on the cross, the sins of the world was <u>CREDITED</u> to Him. Because Jesus Christ resurrected from the dead, His divine righteousness is <u>CREDITED</u> to those who believe in Him. Therefore, believers are acceptable to God, approved by God, and right with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

# Hope in the Risen Christ

Lesson 7: Justification | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

Romans 4:23-25

"Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our **justification**."

## **KEY WORDS**

**Justification** – δικαίωσις (dikaiōsis): (n.) To declare righteous judicially **Righteous** – δίκαιος (dikaios): (adj.) Acceptable to, approved by, and right with God

## SUPPORTING VERSES

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

"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, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and <u>if Christ has not been raised</u>, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have <u>fallen asleep in Christ have perished</u>. If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. <u>But now Christ has been raised from the dead</u>, the first fruits of those who are asleep."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, because Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead, our preaching is truth, our faith is truth, and our faith is priceless. We who believe in Him are no longer in our sins and we who die in Jesus have eternal life. Since we have hope in Jesus in this life and the afterlife, <u>CHRISTIANS</u> of all people, are to be most joyful. Because He lives!

# Adopted as Children of God

Lesson 8: Adoption | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

#### Romans 8:1-17

"Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death... For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of **adoption** as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are <u>children of God</u>, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him."

### Ephesians 2:1-7

"And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the <u>sons of disobedience</u>. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature <u>children of wrath</u>, even as the rest. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, <u>made us alive together</u> with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

#### **KEY WORDS**

Adoption – υίοθεσία (huiothesia): (n.) God established relationship as His children Made Alive Together – συζωοποιέω (syzōopoieō): (vb.) Birth to life by God as His children

## SUPPORTING VERSES

Galatians 3:24-29

"Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise."

Galatians 4:4-6

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the resurrection of Jesus Christ serves as <u>ADOPTION</u>, whereby we are indwelt, made alive, established, and declared by God to be His beloved children through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

# Given the Right to be Children of God

Lesson 9: Adoption | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

John 1:12-13

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the **right** to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were **born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, <u>but of God</u>."

#### **KEY WORDS**

**Right** –  $\mathcal{E}\xi o \upsilon \sigma (\alpha \text{ (exousia): } (n.) \text{ Authority & ability & liberty$ 

**Born** –  $\gamma \varepsilon v v \dot{\alpha} \omega$  (gennaō): (vb.) Bring into being/birth to children

## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### John 3:1-3

"Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, <u>unless one is born</u> <u>again he cannot see the kingdom of God</u>."

#### 1 Peter 1:3-5

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to <u>His great mercy has caused us to be</u> <u>born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead</u>, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

#### 1 John 3:1-2

"<u>See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God</u>; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, <u>now we are children of God</u>, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is."

#### Romans 11:28-29

"From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but <u>from the standpoint of God's choice they</u> <u>are beloved</u> for the sake of the fathers; for <u>the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable</u>."

#### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, the resurrection of Jesus Christ serves as adoption, whereby we are authorized, enabled, and <u>FREED</u> by God to be His beloved children through faith in Jesus Christ.

# Blessed as Children of God

Lesson 10: Adoption | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

#### Ephesians 1:3-6

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed** us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in <u>the Beloved</u>."

#### **KEY WORDS**

#### **Blessed** – $\varepsilon i \lambda o \gamma \epsilon \omega$ (eulogeō): (v.) Praise/consecrate/prosper

## SUPPORTING VERSES

### Matthew 3:16-17

"After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw <u>the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him</u>, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "<u>This is My beloved Son</u>, in whom I am well-pleased."

#### John 14:16-21

"I will ask the Father, and <u>He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth</u>, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. "<u>I will not leave you as orphans</u>; I will come to you. After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. <u>In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.</u> He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

#### Romans 8:38-39

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, <u>nor any other created thing</u>, <u>will be able to separate us from the love of</u> <u>God</u>, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

#### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, the resurrection of Jesus Christ serves as adoption, whereby we are to <u>PRAISE</u> God, we are consecrated to God, and we are prospered by God as His beloved children through faith in the Beloved, Jesus Christ.

# Set Apart as God's Church

Lesson 11: Sanctified and Sanctification | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGES

#### Acts 26:12-18

"While so engaged as I was journeying to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, at midday, O King, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining all around me and those who were journeying with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you; rescuing you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been <u>sanctified by faith in Me</u>.""

1 Corinthians 1:2-3

"To the **church** of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been <u>sanctified</u> in <u>Christ Jesus</u>, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

#### **KEY WORDS**

#### Sanctified – $\dot{\alpha}\gamma\iota\dot{\alpha}\zeta\omega$ (hagiazō): (v.) To set apart

**Church** –  $\dot{\epsilon}$ κκλησία (ekklēsia): (n.) Gathering of citizens called out

#### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### 1 John 5:19

"We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."

The world under the dominion of Satan: John 16:11; Matthew 25:41

The church set apart to the dominion of God: 1 Cor. 1:2-3; John 17:17-21; Eph. 1:18-23; Col. 1:13-14

Matthew 16:15-18

"He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. I also say to you that you are Peter, and <u>upon this rock I will build My</u> <u>church</u>; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it."

#### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, the resurrection of Jesus Christ serves as being <u>SANCTIFIED</u>, wherein we are <u>SET APART</u> by God as His church through faith in Jesus Christ.

# Purified as God's Church

Lesson 12: Sanctified and Sanctification | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

#### 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

"For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God. But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and **sanctification**, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."

### **KEY WORDS**

Sanctification – άγιασμός (hagiasmos): (n.) Purification

## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Chosen and called to sanctification: 1 Peter 1:1-12; 1 Peter 3:14-16; 2 Thessalonians 2:13

1 Peter 1:14-19

"As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "<u>You shall be holy, for I am holy</u>..."

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

"For this is the will of God, your sanctification ... "

### God's discipline and cleansing:

#### Hebrews 12:4-10

You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reproved by Him; For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives." It is for discipline that you endure; <u>God deals with you as with sons</u>; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but <u>He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness</u>.

1 John 1:9

# GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the resurrection of Jesus Christ serves as sanctification, whereby through faith in Him, God's will is to <u>PURIFY</u> those who belong to Him as His church.

# Set Apart and Purified as God's Church

Lesson 13: Sanctified and Sanctification | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

### MAIN PASSAGE

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass."

#### **KEY WORDS**

Sanctified –  $\dot{\alpha}\gamma\iota\dot{\alpha}\zeta\omega$  (hagiazō): (v.) To set apart

**Sanctification** –  $\dot{\alpha}\gamma\iota\alpha\sigma\mu\dot{\alpha}\varsigma$  (hagiasmos): (n.) Purification

## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Philippians 1:1-6

"Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that <u>He who began</u> a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."

#### Romans 7:14-25

"For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate. But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good. So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am! <u>Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus</u> <u>Christ our Lord!</u> So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin."

### GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the resurrection of Jesus Christ serves as sanctified & sanctification, whereby through faith in Him, Christians are saved from the <u>PENALTY</u> of sin and are being saved from the <u>POWER</u> of sin and will be saved from the <u>PRESENCE</u> of sin.

# **Transformed in Christ**

Lesson 14: Future Glorification | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

## Philippians 3:7-21

"But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained. Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself."

## **KEY WORDS**

Glory –  $\delta\delta\xi\alpha$  (doxa): (n.) Excellence, honor, praise

## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Saved from our sinful flesh: Romans 7:14-25

Romans 8:22-25

"For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, <u>even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.</u> For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it."

The resurrection of our bodies in Christ: 1 John 1:1-5; 1 John 3:1-5; 1 Corinthians 15:42-58

# GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the resurrection of Jesus Christ will result in glorification, wherein those who believe in Him will also be transformed <u>PHYSICALLY</u> in conformity to His glory by His sovereignty.

## In the Presence of Christ

Lesson 15: Future Glorification | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

#### Romans 8:11-18

"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be **glorified** with Him. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

### **KEY WORDS**

## **Glorified** – $\sigma u v \delta o \xi \dot{a} \zeta o \mu \alpha i$ (syndoxazomai): (vb.) To be honored together/to approve together

## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### 2 Thessalonians 2:14, Revelation 3:21

#### Revelation 21:1-5

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "<u>Behold, the tabernacle of God</u> is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among <u>them</u>, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

### Revelation 22:1-5

"Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever."

#### GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the resurrection of Jesus Christ will result in glorification, wherein those who believe in Him will also share and dwell in the <u>PRESENCE</u> of His glory by His sovereignty.

## **Risen in Christ**

Lesson 16: Future Glorification | The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## MAIN PASSAGE

## John 11:24-27

"Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" She \*said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."

## Ephesians 1:3-6

"**Blessed** be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved."

## KEY WORDS

Blessed – εύλογητός (eulogētos): (adj.) Set apart/prospered/praise

## SUPPORTING VERSES

## 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:4-7

## Colossians 3:1-4

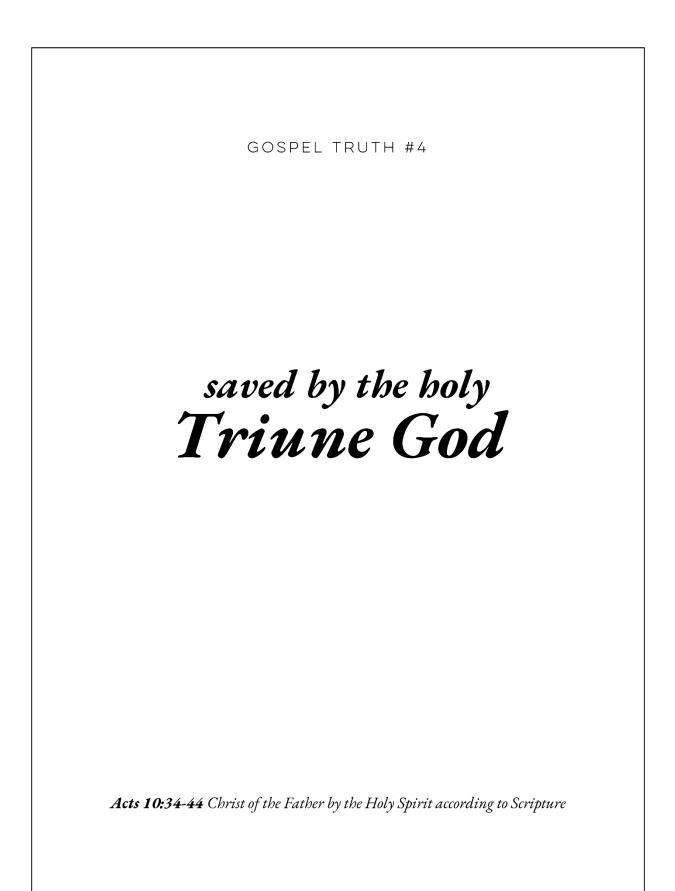
"Therefore if you have been <u>raised up with Christ</u>, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <u>When Christ</u>, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory."

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

"But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and <u>so we shall always be with the Lord</u>. Therefore comfort one another with these words."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the resurrection of Jesus Christ results in justification, adoption, sanctified, sanctification, and future glorification to those who believe in Him; whereby Christians are <u>BLESSED</u> with a new identity, purpose, and destiny in Him.



## Saved by the Triune God

Lesson 1 | Saved by the Holy Triune God

### MAIN PASSAGE

#### 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ** died for our sins **according to the Scriptures**, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve."

#### **KEY WORDS**

#### CHRIST – Χριστός (Christos): (n.) The Anointed One

#### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Acts 10:34-44

"Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him. The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)— you yourselves know the thing which took place throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee, after the baptism which John proclaimed. <u>You know of</u> <u>Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power</u>, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross. God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible, not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, that is, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins." While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message."

#### Jesus the promised Christ of the Father with the Holy Spirit:

Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 2:25-32; Mark 1:1-11; John 1:32-34; Acts 4:23-26

#### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, Christians are saved by the one true God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—through faith in Jesus Christ the <u>ANOINTED</u> One of the Father with the Holy Spirit.

## Saved by the Grace of the Triune God

Lesson 2 | Saved by the Holy Triune God

### MAIN PASSAGE

#### Titus 3:4-7

"But when the kindness of God our Savior and His **love** for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His **mercy**, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through **Jesus Christ** our Savior, so that being justified by His **grace** we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

#### **KEY WORDS**

**Jesus** –  $i\eta\sigma o\tilde{v}\varsigma$  (*lesous*): (*n*.) Jehovah is Salvation

Christ - Χριστός (Christos): (n.) The Anointed One

Love –  $\varphi \iota \lambda \alpha v \theta \rho \omega \pi i \alpha$  (philanthropia) (n.) Benevolence, goodwill, love of mankind, affection for people

Mercy –  $\tilde{\epsilon}\lambda\varepsilon\sigma\varsigma$  (eleos): (n.) Withholding deserved or merited misery-affliction-judgement

**Grace** – χάρις (charis): (n.) Undeserved/unmerited joy-kindness-favor

#### SUPPORTING VERSES

### Romans 1:1-4, 9, 16-17

"Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for <u>the gospel of God</u>, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, <u>concerning His Son</u>, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, <u>according to the Spirit of holiness</u>, Jesus Christ our Lord... For <u>God</u>, whom I serve in my spirit <u>in the preaching of</u> <u>the gospel of His Son</u>, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you... For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the <u>power of God for salvation to everyone who believes</u>, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

"But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because <u>God has chosen you</u> from the beginning <u>for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit</u> and faith in the truth. It was for this He called you through <u>our gospel</u>, that you may gain the glory of our <u>Lord Jesus Christ</u>."

#### GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, Christians are saved by the <u>GRACE</u> of the one true GOD—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—through faith in JESUS Christ the anointed <u>SAVIOR</u> of the Father with the Holy Spirit.

# Saved through Faith in the Triune God

Lesson 3 | Saved by the Holy Triune God

## MAIN PASSAGE

## 1 John 5:6-13

"This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that **testify**: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who **believe** in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."

#### **KEY WORDS**

**Testify** – μαρτυρέω (martyreō): (vb.) To bear witness/to vouch for/to reveal **Believe** – πιστεύω (pisteuō): (vb.) Convinced, confident, entrust

## SUPPORTING VERSES

The work of the Triune God in the incarnation and baptism of Christ: Luke 1:26-35; Matthew 3:13-17

The testimony of Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: Luke 9:28-36; Matthew 26:26-28; John 16:8-15

The work of the Triune God in salvation: 1 Peter 1:1-9

The work of the Triune God in the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ: Hebrews 10:4-10, Romans 8:11

## The work of the Triune God in the great commission:

Matthew 28:18-20

"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them <u>in the name of the Father and the Son and the</u> <u>Holy Spirit</u>, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, faith in the one true God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—gives eternal life and results in salvation to all who believe in Jesus Christ the anointed <u>SON</u> of the Father with the Holy Spirit.

## The Triune God is Holy

Lesson 4 | Saved by the Holy Triune God

### MAIN PASSAGE

#### Revelation 4:5-11

"Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "**Holy, holy, holy** is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come." And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

#### **KEY WORDS**

**Holy** – *ἄγιος (hagios): (adj.)* Consecrated, transcendent

## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Revelation 1:4-8

"John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood— and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

## Isaiah 6:1-3

#### 2 Peter 3:17-18

"You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, but <u>grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and</u> <u>Savior Jesus Christ</u>. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."

#### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, faith in the one true God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—requires acknowledging that God is holy, whereby there is nothing in creation that can <u>FULLY</u> know nor comprehend our Triune God.

## The Triune God is Beyond All

Lesson 5 | Saved by the Holy Triune God

## MAIN PASSAGE

#### Romans 11:25-33

"For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob. This is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins." From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all. Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How **unsearchable** are His judgments and **unfathomable** His ways!"

### **KEY WORDS**

**Unsearchable** –  $\dot{a}v \varepsilon \xi \varepsilon \rho a \dot{v} v \eta \tau \sigma \varsigma$  (anexeraunētos): (adj.) Beyond knowledge **Unfathomable** –  $\dot{a}v \varepsilon \xi \iota \chi v (a \sigma \tau \sigma \varsigma (anexichniastos): (adj.)$  Beyond understanding

## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Isaiah 55:8-9

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are <u>My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts</u>."

#### Deuteronomy 29:29

"<u>The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us</u> and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law."

#### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, faith in the one true God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—requires acknowledging that God is holy, whereby His judgments and ways are <u>BEYOND</u> the knowledge and understanding of any created being.

## The Triune God Reveals the Gospel

Lesson 6 | Saved by the Holy Triune God

### MAIN PASSAGE

#### Romans 10:1-17

"Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation. For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness. But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down), or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"—that is, the word of **faith** which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; for "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!" However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."

#### **KEY WORDS**

#### **Faith** – $\pi i \sigma \tau \iota \varsigma$ (*pistis*): (*n*.) Conviction of the truth

### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Romans 1:1-20

Hebrews 1:1-14

"<u>God</u>, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, <u>in these last</u> <u>days has spoken to us in His Son</u>, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world... But of the Son He says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever..."

Galatians 1:11-12

"For I would have you know, brethren, that <u>the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man</u>. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but <u>I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ</u>."

#### GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, faith in the one true God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—requires acknowledging that God is holy, wherein we must believe in the gospel of God that He has <u>REVEALED</u> through His creation, His Word, and His Son Jesus Christ.

## Believe in the Gospel of the Triune God

Lesson 7 | Saved by the Holy Triune God

### MAIN PASSAGE

John 20:30-31

"Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."

### **KEY WORDS**

#### Believe – πιστεύω (pisteuō): (vb.) Convinced, confident, entrust

#### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### John 5:39-40

"You search <u>the Scriptures</u> because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that <u>testify about Me</u>; and you are unwilling to come to Me <u>so that you may have life</u>."

#### John 16:13-14

"But <u>when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the trut</u>h; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. <u>He will glorify Me</u>, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you."

#### John 17:20-21

"I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for <u>those also who believe in Me through their word</u>; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me."

#### Acts 1:6-8

"So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and <u>you shall be My</u> witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Hebrews 2:1-4; Ephesians 1:9-14

#### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, faith in the one true God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—requires acknowledging that God is holy, wherein we must believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ that God has revealed even though we cannot fully know nor comprehend <u>EVERYTHING</u> about our Triune God.

## The Testimony of the One True God

Lesson 8 | Saved by the Holy Triune God

## MAIN PASSAGE

## 1 John 5:6-13

"This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the **truth**. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."

#### **KEY WORDS**

#### **Truth** – $d\lambda \eta \theta \varepsilon \iota \alpha$ (alētheia): (n.) Objective and absolute truth

## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Deuteronomy 4:39, 6:4

"Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the Lord, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; <u>there is no other</u>... "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, <u>the Lord is one</u>!"

#### Isaiah 44:6, 45:5-6

"Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, And <u>there is no God besides Me</u>... "I am the Lord, and <u>there is no other; Besides Me there is no God</u>. I will gird you, though you have not known Me; That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun That there is <u>no one besides Me</u>. I am the Lord, and <u>there is no other</u>."

#### Mark 12:29

"Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! <u>The Lord our God is one Lord</u>."

## 1 Corinthians 8:4-6

"Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that <u>there is no God but one</u>. For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, <u>yet for us there is but one God</u>, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him."

John 17:17

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, there is only one true God-the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit-and the <u>TESTIMONY</u> of the Three regarding the gospel of Jesus Christ is absolute.

## The Testimony of God the Father

Lesson 9 | Saved by the Holy Triune God

### MAIN PASSAGE

#### 1 John 5:6-13

"This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that **testify**: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."

#### **KEY WORDS**

**Testify** – μαρτυρέω (martyreō): (vb.) To bear witness/to vouch for/to reveal

## SUPPORTING VERSES

### 2 John 1:3

"Grace, mercy and peace will be with us, from <u>God the Father</u> and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love."

#### 2 Peter 1:17

"For when He received honor and glory from <u>God the Father</u>, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased."

#### James 1:27; 1 Timothy 1:2

#### John 20:17

"Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to <u>My Father and your Father, and My God and your God</u>.""

#### Acts 17:30-31

#### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

## According to the Scriptures, there is only one true God, whereby the <u>FATHER</u> is revealed as God and His testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ is absolute.

## The Testimony of God the Son

Lesson 10 | Saved by the Holy Triune God

### MAIN PASSAGE

#### 1 John 5:6-13

"This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus **Christ**; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."

#### **KEY WORDS**

CHRIST – Χριστός (Christos): (n.) The Anointed One

## SUPPORTING VERSES

John 1:18, John 20:28; 2 Peter 1:1

#### Titus 2:13

"Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus."

### Hebrews 1:8

"But <u>of the Son He says, "Your throne, O God</u>, is forever and ever, And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom."

#### Galatians 1:6-12

"I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ. For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ."

Revelation 19:13

### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, there is only one true God, whereby the <u>SON</u> is revealed as God and His testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ is absolute.

## The Testimony of God the Holy Spirit

Lesson 11 | Saved by the Holy Triune God

### MAIN PASSAGE

#### 1 John 5:6-13

"This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who **believe** in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."

#### **KEY WORDS**

**Believe** – πιστεύω (pisteuō): (vb.) Convinced, confident, entrust

## SUPPORTING VERSES

Acts 5:1-4

"But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to <u>lie to the Holy Spirit</u> and to keep back some of the price of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? <u>You have not lied to men but to God</u>."

1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Matthew 28:19

1 Peter 1:10-12

"As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you <u>through those who preached the gospel to you</u> by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look."

John 16:13-14; 2 Timothy 3:16

#### GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, there is only One true God, whereby the <u>HOLY SPIRIT</u> is revealed as God and His testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ is absolute.

## God the Father and the Gospel

Lesson 12 | Saved by the Holy Triune God

## MAIN PASSAGE

### John 3:31-36

"He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. What He has seen and heard, of that He **testifies**; and no one receives His testimony. He who has received His testimony has set his seal to this, that God is true. For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

## **KEY WORDS**

### Testifies - μαρτυρέω (martyreō): (vb.) To bear witness/to vouch for/to reveal

## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### John 5:22-23

For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. <u>He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him</u>.

#### John 6:39-40

This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

#### 1 John 3:23-24

<u>This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ</u>, and love one another, just as He commanded us. The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

#### Acts 4:8-12

"Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people, if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this name this man stands here before you in good health. He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the chief corner stone. And <u>there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other</u> <u>name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved</u>."

Romans 1:1-17

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, there is only one true God with one gospel message, wherein God the Father <u>COMMANDS</u> everyone to believe in His Son as revealed in the gospel of Jesus Christ which is the gospel of God.

# God the Holy Spirit and the Gospel

Lesson 13 | Saved by the Holy Triune God

### MAIN PASSAGE

### John 3:31-36

"He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. What He has seen and heard, of that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. He who has received His testimony has set his seal to this, that God is true. For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

#### John 16:8-15

"And He, when He comes, will **convict** the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you."

## **KEY WORDS**

#### Convict – $\dot{\epsilon}\lambda \dot{\epsilon}\gamma \chi \omega$ (elegchō): (vb.) To rebuke, to reprove, to refute

#### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### John 16:8-15

#### John 20:30-31

"Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but <u>these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."</u>

#### The Holy Spirit in the writing of the gospel according to the Scripture:

1 Peter 1:10-12; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Romans 1:1-17

### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, there is only one true God with one gospel message, wherein God the Holy Spirit <u>CONVICTS</u> everyone to believe in the Son as revealed in the gospel of Jesus Christ which is the righteousness of God.

## God the Son and the Gospel

Lesson 14 | Saved by the Holy Triune God

## MAIN PASSAGE

### John 3:31-36

"He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. What He has seen and heard, of that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. He who has received His testimony has set his seal to this, that God is true. For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who **does not obey** the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

## **KEY WORDS**

**Does not obey** –  $\dot{\alpha}\pi\epsilon\iota\theta\dot{\epsilon}\omega$  (apeitheo): (vb.) Refuse to believe/refuse to comply

### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Believe in the Father:

John 3:16

"For <u>God</u> so loved the world, that He gave <u>His only begotten Son</u>, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

John 5:24, John 20:30-31; Romans 4:23-25

#### Believe in the Holy Spirit:

John 3:5-7

"Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is <u>born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God</u>. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I said to you, '<u>You must be born again</u>.""

John 1:33, John 7:38-39, John 14:16-17; Matthew 12:30-32

#### Receive the Holy Spirit through faith in Jesus:

Acts 2:33-41, Acts 10:34-48; Galatians 3:1-14; Romans 1:1-17

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, there is only one true God with one gospel message, wherein God the Son <u>TESTIFIES</u> that everyone must believe in the Father and in the Holy Spirit as revealed in the gospel of Jesus Christ which is the power of God.

## Saved by the One True God

Lesson 15 | Saved by the Holy Triune God

### MAIN PASSAGE

#### Romans 1:1-17

"Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world. For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you, always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine. I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles. I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

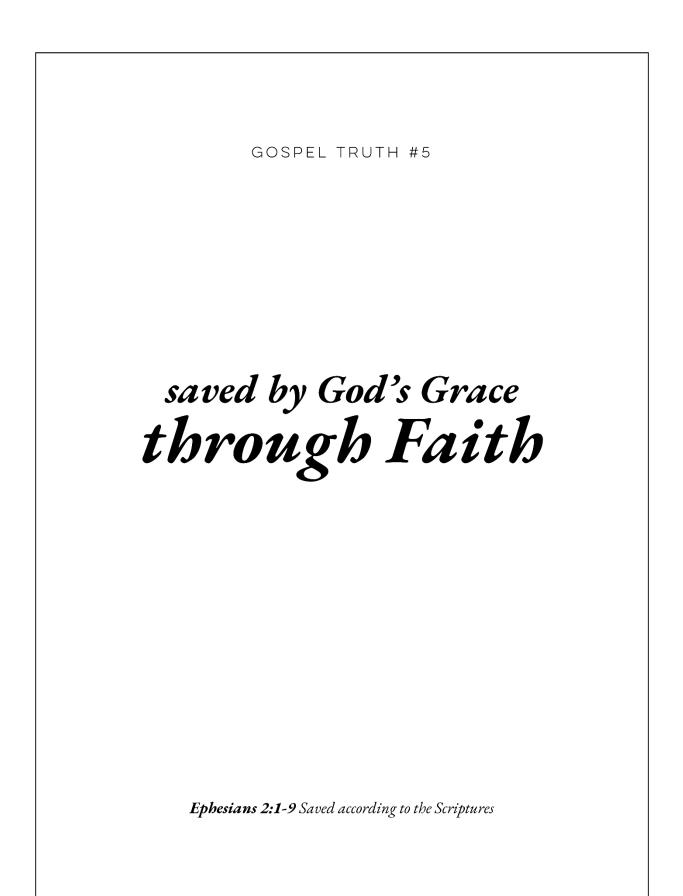
## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### Matthew 28:18-20

"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, <u>baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit</u>, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

#### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, Christians are saved through faith in the one true God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—as revealed in the gospel of Jesus Christ which is the gospel of God, the righteousness of God, and the power of God for salvation to everyone who <u>BELIEVES</u>.



## While We Were Helpless

Lesson 1 | Saved by God's Grace Through Faith

## MAIN PASSAGES

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are **saved**, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins **according to the Scriptures**, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve."

### Ephesians 2:1-9

"And you were **dead** in your **trespasses** and **sins**, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the <u>sons of disobedience</u>. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature <u>children of wrath</u>, even as the rest. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive together** with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

## **KEY WORDS**

**Trespasses** –  $\pi \alpha \rho \dot{\alpha} \pi \tau \omega \mu \alpha$  (parapt $\bar{o}ma$ ): (n.) Deviate from truth/righteousness of God

Sins –  $\dot{\alpha}\mu\alpha\rho\tau i\alpha$  (hamartia): (n.) Without share in/miss the mark of God's righteousness

Dead – νεκρός (nekros): (adj.) Destitute of power/spiritually dead/ unresponsive to and unable to respond to God

Made Alive Together – συζωοποιέω (syzōopoieō): (vb.) Birth to life by God as His children/ spiritually alive/belonging to God

## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### John 1:14-17

Christ died while we were helpless: Romans 5:6-10; Romans 3:10-28

Saved by the love, mercy, and grace of God alone: Colossians 2:9-14; Titus 3:4-7

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, while we were still helpless and <u>POWERLESS</u> to partake of God's grace, Jesus Christ died for us all. Therefore, Christians are saved and made alive with Christ entirely (we had nothing to do with it) by the love, mercy, and grace of God (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

## While We Were Ungodly

Lesson 2 | Saved by God's Grace Through Faith

## MAIN PASSAGE

### Ephesians 2:1-9

"And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. But God, being rich in **mercy**, because of His great **love** with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by **grace** you have been **saved** through **faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

## **KEY WORDS**

Mercy –  $\tilde{\epsilon}\lambda \epsilon o \varsigma$  (eleos) (n.) Withholding deserved or merited misery-affliction-judgement

Love –  $\dot{\alpha}\gamma\dot{\alpha}\pi\eta$  (agapē) (n.) Benevolence/goodwill

Grace – χάρις (charis): (n.) Undeserved/unmerited joy-kindness-favor

Saved –  $\sigma\phi\zeta\omega$  (sozo): (vb.) Rescue/deliverance from danger or destruction

**Faith** –  $\pi i \sigma \tau \iota \varsigma$  (*pistis*): (*n*.) Conviction of/faithfulness to the truth

## SUPPORTING VERSES

Dead in our sins: Romans 5:6-10, Romans 1:18-21

#### Saved by grace and the love of God alone:

#### John 1:12-13

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those <u>who believe in</u> <u>His name</u>, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, <u>but of God</u>."

#### 1 John 4:10

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, Jesus Christ died for us all while we were still ungodly and not acknowledging nor <u>HONORING</u> God. Therefore, Christians are saved and made alive with Christ entirely (we had nothing to do with it) by the love, mercy, and grace of God (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

## While We Were Sinners

Lesson 3 | Saved by God's Grace Through Faith

## MAIN PASSAGE

### Ephesians 2:1-9

"And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the <u>sons of disobedience</u>. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the **gift** of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is **death**, but the <u>free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord</u>."

## **KEY WORDS**

**Gift** – δῶρον (dōron): (n.) Offering of a gift **Death** – θάνατος (thanatos): (n.) Separation

## SUPPORTING VERSES

Dead in our sins: Romans 5:6-10; Romans 1:22-27

Saved by grace and the love of God alone:

1 John 3:16

"We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, Jesus Christ died for us all while we were still sinners and <u>WILLFULLY</u> doing evil in God's sight. Therefore, Christians are saved and made alive with Christ entirely (we had nothing to do with it) by the love, mercy, and grace of God (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

## While We Were Enemies

Lesson 4 | Saved by God's Grace Through Faith

## MAIN PASSAGE

### Ephesians 2:1-9

"And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and <u>were by nature children of wrath</u>, even as the rest. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may **boast**."

## **KEY WORDS**

Boast - καυχάομαι (kauchaomai): (vb.) To take pride in, to rejoice about, to glory in

## SUPPORTING VERSES

Dead in our sins: Romans 5:6-10, Romans 1:28-32

#### Saved by grace and the love of God alone:

2 Timothy 1:8-11

"Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the <u>gospel according to the power of God</u>, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but <u>according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity</u>, but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher."

#### Romans 5:1-5

"Therefore, having been justified <u>by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ</u>, through whom also we have obtained our introduction <u>by faith into this grace in which we stand</u>; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because <u>the love of God has been poured out within our hearts</u> through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, Jesus Christ died for us all while we were still enemies and <u>REBELLIOUS</u>, worthy of God's wrath. Therefore, Christians are saved and made alive with Christ entirely (we had nothing to do with it) by the love, mercy, and grace of God (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

## While We Were Dead

Lesson 5 | Saved by God's Grace Through Faith

## MAIN PASSAGES

#### Ephesians 2:1-9

"...But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ... For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, <u>so that no one may **boast**</u>."

### Romans 5:6-10

"For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

### Titus 3:4-7

"But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

## **KEY WORDS**

Boast - καυχάομαι (kauchaomai): (vb.) To take pride in, to rejoice about, to glory in

## SUPPORTING VERSES

### Dead in our sins:

Romans 5:6-10, Romans 1:28-32

Saved by the love, mercy, and grace of God alone:

2 Timothy 1:8-11, Romans 5:1-5

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, were all dead in our sins. But God died for everyone while we were all still helpless, ungodly, sinners, and enemies. Therefore, Christians are saved and made alive with Christ <u>ENTIRELY</u> by the love, mercy, and grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

## **God Reveals Our Condemnation**

Lesson 6 | Saved by God's Grace Through Faith

## MAIN PASSAGES

#### Ephesians 2:1-9

"...But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ... For by **grace** you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

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Grace – χάρις (charis): (n.) Undeserved/unmerited joy-kindness-favor

## SUPPORTING VERSES

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

"And even if <u>our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has</u> <u>blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ</u>, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has <u>shone in our hearts to</u> give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

Acts 26:15-18, 1 John 5:19, Ephesians 4:17-21

John 1:4-9, 8:12, 12:46

Ephesians 4:17-21

### GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, we were all dead in our sins and <u>BLINDED</u> to our condemnation and His gospel. But God revealed and continues to reveal to everyone our condemnation. Therefore, Christians are saved entirely by the love, mercy, and grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

## **God Makes Salvation Available**

Lesson 7 | Saved by God's Grace Through Faith

## MAIN PASSAGES

#### Ephesians 2:1-9

"...But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ... For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

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#### SUPPORTING VERSES

All have sinned; Jesus died for all: Romans 3:21-28, Romans 6:23; 1 John 2:1-2; Titus 2:11-15

#### Whoever believes:

Romans 10:13; John 3:16

Matthew 11:28, 7:13-14

"<u>Come to Me, all</u> who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest... "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For <u>the</u> gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it."

#### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, we were all dead in our sins and could not escape our condemnation. But God made <u>SALVATION</u> possible/available to everyone. Therefore, Christians are saved entirely by the love, mercy, and grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

## **God's Gracious Choice**

Lesson 8 | Saved by God's Grace Through Faith

## MAIN PASSAGE

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"Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day. Therefore the Jews were grumbling about Him, because He said, "I am the bread that came down out of heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, 'I have come down out of heaven'?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me **draws** him; and I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught of God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.... And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one **can** come to Me unless it has been **granted** him from the Father."

#### **KEY WORDS**

Draw – ἕλκω (helkō): (vb.) To impel/to drag Can – δύναμαι (dynamai): (vb.) To have the ability/power Granted – δίδωμι (didōmi): (vb.) To give/to cause

## SUPPORTING VERSES

Christ's invitation to all: Matthew 7:13-14, Matthew 11:28-30;

All rejected the invitation thus all are condemned: Romans 3:10-18, Matthew 6:23; John 3:16-19

The conviction and judgement of God: John 12:27-37, 16:8-11

**God's gracious choice/will/call/appointment:** *1 Corinthians 1:26-31; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10; Romans 9:15-24; Acts 2:37-39, Acts 13:46-48, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:8-11, 2 Timothy 2:10; James 1:13-18; Ephesians 1:1-6* 

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, we were all dead in our sins, we all loved darkness, and we all rejected God. But God <u>CHOSE</u> and <u>COMPELLED</u> Christians to repent from their unbelief, and believe in Jesus Christ. Therefore, Christians are saved entirely by the love, mercy, and grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

According to the Scriptures, everyone used his or her God-given <u>FREEWILL</u> to choose to reject God therefore we all should be condemned. But God exercised His <u>FREEWILL</u> and sovereignly chose to save some people. Therefore, people are condemned because they chose to reject God. But Christians are saved because God chose them: God's gracious choice!

## God Gives Christians Understanding

Lesson 9 | Saved by God's Grace Through Faith

## MAIN PASSAGES

Ephesians 2:1-9

"...But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ... For by **grace** you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Romans 5:6-10; Titus 3:4-7

#### KEY WORDS

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#### SUPPORTING VERSES

Unable to understand God and His gospel: Romans 3:10-12, 1:18-21; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

God gives understanding: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Ephesians 4:17-24; Matthew 13:18-23; Luke 24:44-48

1 John 5:19-20

"We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the <u>Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him</u> who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life."

Colossians 1:1-6

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which <u>you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel</u> which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is <u>constantly bearing fruit and increasing</u>, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth."

#### **GOSPEL TRUTH**

According to the Scriptures, we were all dead in our sins and we were unable to <u>UNDERSTAND</u> the gospel of Jesus Christ. But God chose and gave Christians the ability to understand the gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore, Christians are saved entirely by the love, mercy, and grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

## God Gives Christians Faith

Lesson 10 | Saved by God's Grace Through Faith

## MAIN PASSAGES

#### Ephesians 2:1-9

"...But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ... For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

#### Romans 5:6-10

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#### Titus 3:4-7

"But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy..."

## **KEY WORDS**

**Grace** – χάρις (charis): (n.) Undeserved/unmerited joy-kindness-favor **Faith** – πίστις (pistis): (n.) Conviction of/faithfulness to the truth **Believe** – πιστεύω (pisteuō): (vb.) Convinced, confident, entrust

## SUPPORTING VERSES

Whoever believes in the Lord Jesus: John 3:16-19; Romans 10:8-13; Matthew 7:13-23;

God gives faith: 1 Corinthians 12:1-3; Hebrews 11:1-6; 1 Peter 1:1-8; 2 Peter 1:1-4; Acts 13:44-48; Philippians 1:27-30

#### Hebrews 12:1-2

"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <u>fixing our eyes</u> <u>on Jesus</u>, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, we were all dead in our sins and we were unable to <u>BELIEVE</u> in the gospel of Jesus Christ. But God chose and gave Christians the faith to believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore, Christians are saved entirely by the love and grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

## **God Gives Christians Salvation**

Lesson 11 | Saved by God's Grace Through Faith

## MAIN PASSAGES

#### Ephesians 2:1-9

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#### SUPPORTING VERSES

#### 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Romans 8

#### Hebrews 13:15

"Through Him then, let us <u>continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God</u>, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name."

Philippians 1:27-28

"Only conduct yourselves in a manner <u>worthy of the gospel of Christ</u>, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind <u>striving together for the</u> <u>faith of the gospel</u>; in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, the absolute <u>ASSURANCE</u> of salvation and eternal life is established on the absolute truth of God's Word; Whereby, God declares that salvation is exclusively by the love, mercy, and grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ alone and that we had nothing to do with it!

Since there is nothing, we did or can do to earn it or deserve salvation then there is nothing we can do to lose it! Therefore, the only thing Christians should do is to <u>CONTINUALLY</u> offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise through Him by living a life worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Lesson 12 | Saved by God's Grace Through Faith

## MAIN PASSAGES

#### Ephesians 2:1-9

"...But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ... For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

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## SUPPORTING VERSES

#### God directs: John 14:15; 2 Corinthians 11:3-4

#### Mark 16:15

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

#### God desires: John 3:16; 1 John 2:2

#### 1 Timothy 2:1-6

"... This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth..."

#### God destined: 2 Timothy 2:8-10, Ephesians 1:3-14

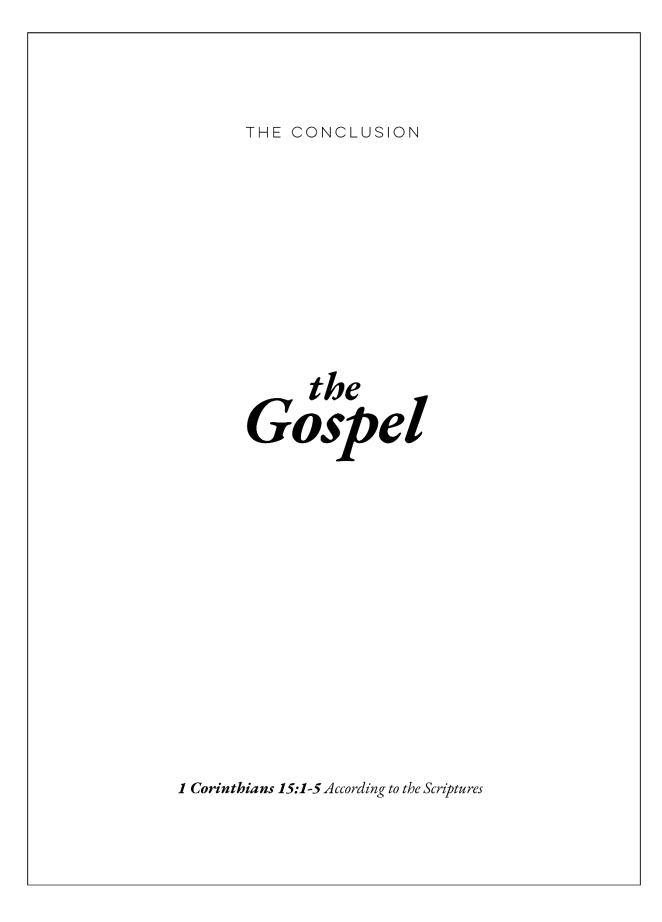
#### 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

"But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

God deserves: Romans 1:15-17, Philippians 1:12-21, Revelation 5:9-10

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, Christians should share to everyone the gospel of Jesus Christ because Jesus Christ directs us to preach the gospel, desires all to be saved, destined some for salvation, and <u>DESERVES</u> to be glorified.



# The Gospel According to the Scriptures

Lesson 1 | Conclusion

## MAIN PASSAGE

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you **believed** in **vain**. For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve."

## **KEY WORDS**

Believe – πιστεύω (pisteuō): (vb.) To be convinced of/to be confident in/to entrust to First Importance – πρῶτος (prōtos): (adj.) First in time, space, rank, influence, honor, and worth Vain – εἰκῃ̃ (eikē): (adverb) With no result/for nothing/for no purpose

### SUPPORTING VERSES

The gospel according to God and His Word: *1 Corinthians 1:17-18; John 5:22-23, John 5:39-40, John 16:13-15, John 20:30-31; Colossians 3:16-17* 

**Preach the gospel according to the Scripture:** *Colossians 4:2-4; Ephesians 6:18-20; Galatians 1:6-12; 2 Corinthians 4:1-6; 2 Corinthians 11:2-4* 

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, people's beliefs are in vain <u>UNLESS</u> they believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Word of God or the Bible.

According to the Scriptures, the gospel of Jesus Christ is as of first importance for it reveals the <u>GLORY</u> of Jesus Christ: Jesus Christ the God-Man; the death of Jesus Christ; the resurrection of Jesus Christ; saved by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

## Living a Life Worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Lesson 2 | Conclusion

## MAIN PASSAGES

## Philippians 1:27-28

"Only conduct yourselves in a manner **worthy** of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God."

## 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

"Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the **glory** of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the **glory** of God in the face of Christ."

## **KEY WORDS**

**Worthy** –  $d\xi i \omega \varsigma$  (*axi* $\bar{o}$ *s*): (*adj*.) Suitable or appropriate to its worth/His worth **Glory** –  $\delta \delta \xi a$  (*doxa*): (*n*.) Excellence or greatness of its worth/His worth

## SUPPORTING VERSES

Hebrews 13:15, Romans 1:16-17, Romans 12:1-2

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

"... But <u>by His doing you are in Christ Jesus</u>, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, "<u>Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord</u>."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

According to the Scriptures, Christians should live a life worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ by continually <u>OFFERING</u> to God a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving through Him and by continually <u>PROCLAIMING</u> the light of the gospel of the glory of Jesus Christ, who is the image of God.

## As of First Importance: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Lesson 3 | Conclusion

## MAIN PASSAGES

#### 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

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## SUPPORTING VERSES

Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:14-16; Luke 24:44-48; John 20:30-31

#### Revelation 2:1-7

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent. Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'."

#### Ephesians 6:24

"Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love."

## GOSPEL TRUTH

Living a life worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ must include going and preaching the gospel worthy of Him. The reason we go determines the gospel we preach. The reason we go determines the disciples we make. As Christians, who is our <u>FIRST LOVE</u>?





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