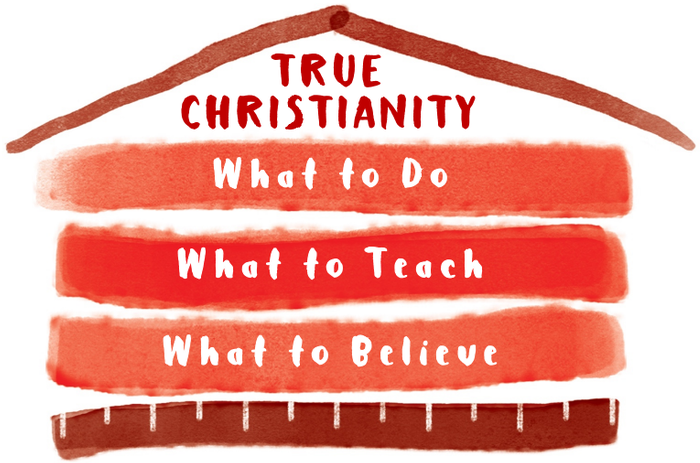


MEASURE EVERYTHING

Matthew 21:23 By what _____ do you do these things and who gave it to you?

Matthew 21:25 The baptism of John, from what source, from _____ or _____?

John 12:48 The word that I have spoken, the same shall _____ him.

Acts 17:11 _____ _____ the scriptures daily whether things were _____.

Revelation 22:18 If any man shall _____, God shall add unto him the _____.

Revelation 22:19 If any man shall _____ _____, God shall _____ _____.

SUMMARY

(1) We must ask ourselves by what authority we do all that we do in religion.
(2) Next, we must ask who gave us this authority – heaven or men?
(3) Just because you are right by a religion's standard does not mean that you are right by God's standard (the Bible) which shall be the standard to judge man in the last day.
(4) If a thing is taught in scripture, it is so. If not, it is not so.
(5) We know which is God's truth and which is man's error by what the apostles wrote.
(6) If we do, teach, or believe more than is in the Bible, we are adding to the Bible.
(7) If we do, teach, or believe less than is in the Bible we are taking away from the Bible.
(8) Anything shorter is too short; anything longer is too long.
(9) We must measure everything about Christianity by God's yardstick.
(10) The words of Jesus are God's foundation rock upon which to build our lives.

GOD'S STORY

How It All Fits

THE AUTHORITY OF THE STORY

MAN NEEDS A STANDARD

Jeremiah 10:23 It is not in _____ that walks to direct his steps.

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that _____ but the end thereof _____.

1 Corinthians 14:33 God is not the author of _____ but of peace.

Hebrews 8:5 See that you make _____ things according to the _____.

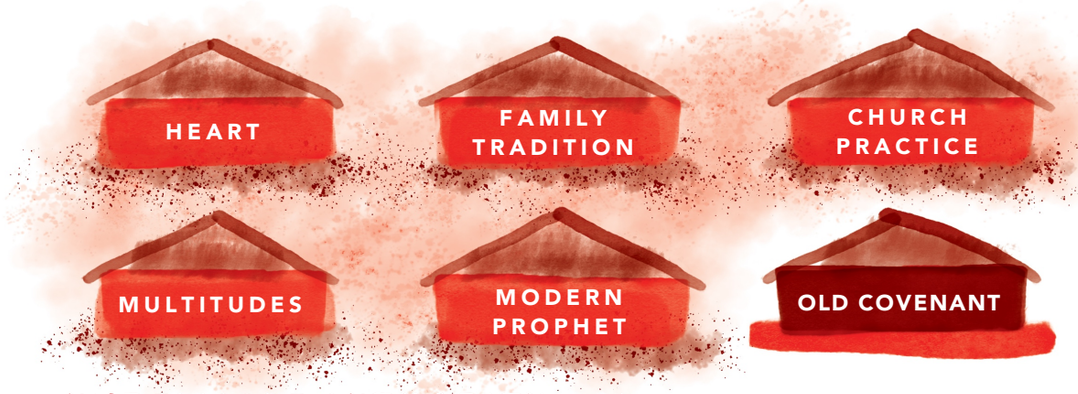
2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is inspired of God and is profitable for _____,
for _____, for _____, for _____ in _____.

Matthew 7:24 Does my word is a like wise man who built upon _____.

Matthew 7:26 Does not my word, a foolish man who built upon _____.

SUMMARY

(1) Without broadly accepted, reliable standards, the world would be in chaos.
(2) The Creator of man said that he didn't make man with inborn knowledge.
(3) No man, left alone, can determine what is right or wrong.
(4) Something may seem clearly right to a man but be clearly wrong to God.
(5) God would not confuse the world with differing, contradictory truths.
(6) Man must make all things in his life according to God's pattern.
All scripture is qeo,pneustoj (theopneustos) = God's own breath.
(7) The Bible is God's yardstick, his pattern, his measuring ruler.
(8) The words of Jesus are God's foundational rock which gives us reliable truth.
(9) To build upon anything else is to build upon unreliable, sinking sand.



UNRELIABLE AUTHORITY

HEART (FEELINGS/CONSCIENCE):

Jeremiah 17:9 The _____ is deceitful… who can know it?

TRADITIONS (HANDED DOWN):

Matthew 15:3 Why transgress the commands of God by your _____?

CHURCH PRACTICE (RELIGIOUS LEADERS):

ACTS 9:14 Authority from _____ _____ to bind all that call.

MULTITUDES (BIGGEST CROWD):

Matthew 7:13, 14 _____ enter by wide gate, _____ find narrow gate.

MODERN PROPHETS ("SPEAK FOR" GOD):

1 John 4:1 Many _____ prophets are gone out into the world.

OLD COVENANT (OLD TESTAMENT SYMBOLS):

Colossians 2:14 Jesus took it out of the way nailing it to his _____.

SUMMARY

(1) Our heart (feelings/conscience) is deceitful and cannot be trusted as God's authority.
(2) Our conscience is developed by our culture, if the culture is wrong on some point then our conscience will likewise be wrong.
(3) Though traditions may be often right, they are yet sometimes wrong.
(4) Saul thought it was right to kill Christians because his religious leaders said so.
(5) Saul was confident that each time he killed another Christian it made God happy.
(6) Because something is believed by many or by few does not determine if it is right or wrong.
(7) A man claiming to be a prophet must be tested by the written commandments of God.
(8) The symbols of the old law of Moses evolved into the real thing to which the symbols pointed when those decrees were nailed to the cross (Col. 2:16: the law which mentions the sabbath.)

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CHRISTIANS

RELIABLE AUTHORITY

Ephesians 4:6 God is _____ all and _____ all and _____ you all.

Matthew 28:18 All authority is _____ to me in heaven and on _____.

John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth has come, he will guide you into _____ _____.

Matthew 18:18 Whatsoever you shall _____ on earth shall be bound in heaven.

Ephesians 3:4 When you _____ you may understand my knowledge in the mystery.

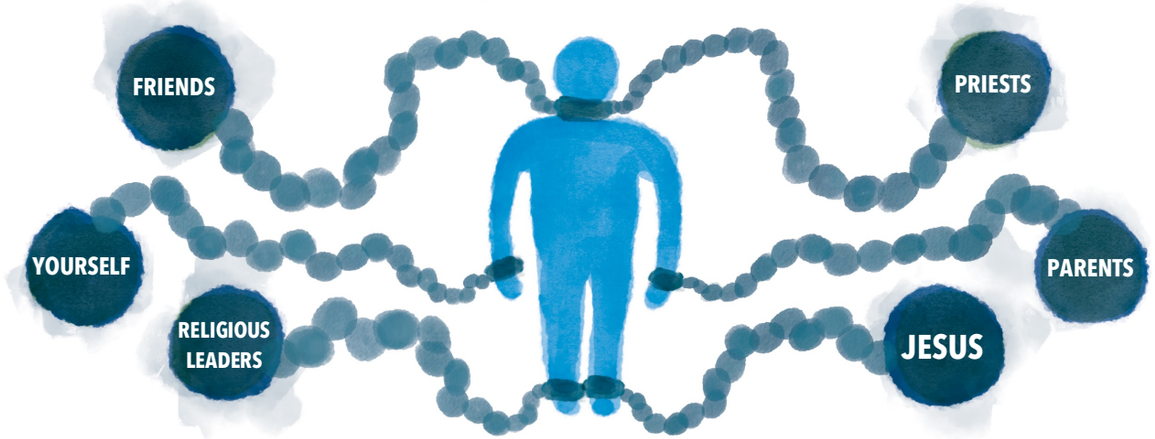
1 Corinthians 14:37 The things I _____ unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

John 10:35: The _____ cannot be broken.

SUMMARY

(1) Since God made us, he has the right to say what we should and what we should not do.
(2) God has given Jesus all authority in heaven and on earth.
(3) Christ sent the Holy Spirit to guide his apostles unto all truth.
(4) The apostles wrote the New Testament by the Holy Spirit.
(5) The New Testament scriptures are the binding authority of God.
(6) This was God's plan of authority - a written document, the most accurate kind.
(7) Jesus promised that the scriptures would reliably remain with us.
(8) The Spirit of truth guided the apostles into all truth to write the word of truth.
(9) I am respecting God's authority when I am respecting the authority of scriptures.

TO WHICH MASTER ARE YOU CHAINED?



WHO IS YOUR LORD?

Matthew 7:21 Not _____ unto me, "Lord, Lord," but he that _____.

Romans 6:16 You are _____ of the one whom you _____.

Matthew 23:8-10 Call no man your _____, or _____, _____.

Galatians 1:10 If I am trying to please men, not a _____ of Christ.

Matthew 10:37 Loves father or mother more than me, _____ _____.

John 6:38 Not to do _____ _____ will, but the will of him that sent me.

Joshua 24:15 As for me and my house, we will _____ the LORD.

SUMMARY

(1) Not only saying that Jesus is your Lord, but obeying Jesus as Lord.
(2) Though you call Jesus your Lord, whom you obey is your real lord.
(3) A man could meaningfully call Jesus his Lord but actually be Jesus' enemy.
(4) Exalting a man religiously as a father or teacher arrogantly makes him your lord.
(5) Pleasing man sometimes makes man (not Jesus) your lord.
(6) A true slave of Jesus ignores the world's commands.
(7) You become your own lord when you fulfill your own will.
(8) A true slave of Jesus joyfully obeys the words of Jesus.

GOD'S STORY

How It All Fits

OBEDIENCE TO ITS AUTHOR

THE PRINCIPLE OF LORDSHIP

Luke 7:8 I say unto one _____, and he _____.

Matthew 10:24 A slave is not _____ his lord.

Matthew 7:21 Not _____ unto me, "Lord, Lord" but he that _____.

John 6:38 Not to do _____ _____ will, but the will _____ _____ that sent me.

Matthew 24:46 _____ the slave, when his lord returns and finds him doing what he is supposed to be doing.

SUMMARY

(1) In the first century, lord, κύριος (kurios = boss or master) was an everyday word.
(2) A lord is one who has authority.
(3) A lord issues commands which must be obeyed.
(4) A lord will not tolerate slaves who place their own will above his own will.
(5) A lord is not only heard by his slaves but he is also obeyed by his slaves.
(6) Whom you call lord does not always show who is your real lord.
(7) In knowing who is your real lord, action speaks louder than words.
(8) Even Jesus placed the father's will above his own.
(9) A lord's desires replace a slave's desires.
(10) A lord will bless the slave who fulfills the lord's will.
(11) A lord will curse the slave who fulfills the slave's own will.

THE PRINCIPLE OF SLAVEHOOD

John 13:16 A slave is not _____ than his lord.

1 Corinthians 7:23 You were bought with a _____;
be not slaves of _____.

Romans 6:16 You are _____ to
the one whom you _____.

1 John 2:6 He that _____ he abides in him ought
himself also _____ _____ even as he walked.

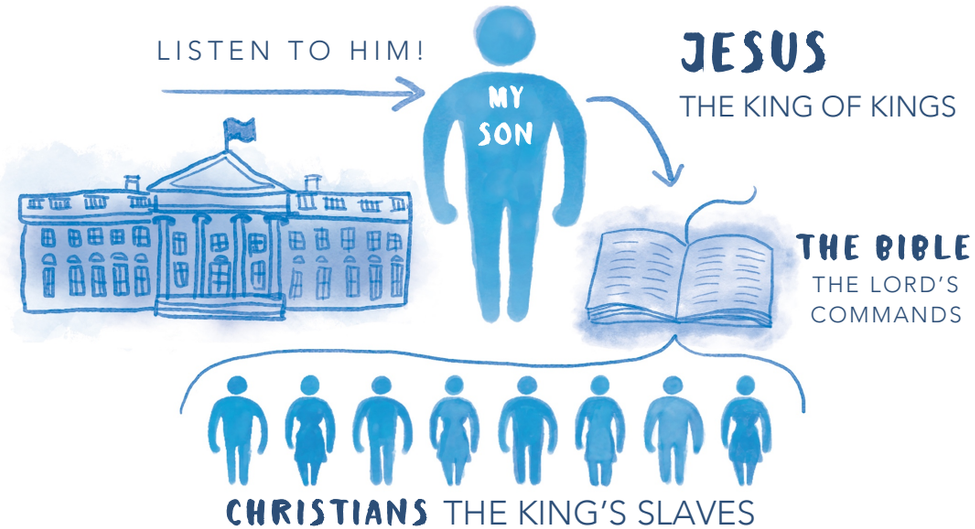
Romans 12:1 Give your bodies as a living _____.

SUMMARY

(1) One should not confuse a δοῦλος (doulous=slave) who has no rights with a διάκονος (diakonos=servant) who does have rights. All the above references to slaves or servants are actually the Greek word δοῦλος (slave)
(2) A slave's job is to serve his lord. Christians, as slaves, serve Jesus.
(3) A slave/Christian shows his lord's superiority by fulfilling his lord's will.
(4) A slave is a person who was purchased by his lord.
(5) A Christian was purchased by Jesus' blood; therefore, Jesus is a Christian's Lord.
(6) The one whom a slave obeys is his lord.
(7) If a Christian obeys a man or a culture then Jesus is not that Christian's Lord.
(8) A slave should follow his lord's commands and examples.
(9) A Christian follows Jesus' examples.
(10) Jesus' real slaves have completely given themselves to Jesus for Jesus' usage.

CHAINED TO THE MASTER'S WILL





JESUS, THE LORD OF CHRISTIANITY

Matthew 17:5 This is my Son. Listen to _____.

Matthew 28:18 All power is given to me in _____ and on _____.

Ephesians 1:21 Far above _____ rule, authority, power, and dominion.

1 Corinthians 14:37 The things I _____ unto you are the _____.

John 13:13 You _____ me Master and Lord and you _____ well.

Luke 6:46 Why do you call me, "Lord, Lord," and _____ _____ what I say?

SUMMARY

(1) God said that today Jesus is the commanding Lord of all Christians.
(2) As Lord, Jesus has received all authority.
(3) If Jesus rules as Lord with all authority every Christian only serves with no authority.
(4) Jesus' authority as Lord is not only above all others but far above all others.
(5) To simply call Jesus "Master and Lord" is not enough.
(6) As slaves we must respond to his commands with obedience to him as the Lord.
(7) When we obey the Bible, we are obeying Jesus as Lord.



REJOICING IN CHRIST

Romans 6:4 Like as Christ was raised, we too walk in _____.

Colossians 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein you are _____.

Acts 8:39 When they came up out of the water, he went on his way _____.

Acts 2:38 Repent _____ be baptized for the _____.

Mark 16:16 He that believes _____ is baptized shall be _____.

1 John 1:7 We have fellowship, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from _____ _____.

SUMMARY

(1) We are buried with Christ and raised with Christ.
(2) You cannot raise with him if you have not been buried with him.
(3) It is at our resurrection from a "grave of water" that we are brought back to spiritual life from spiritual death.
(4) The eunuch rejoiced not after hearing the message but after he was baptized since that's when his spirit was made alive again from death.
(5) We have forgiveness when we are buried with him.
(6) We have daily forgiveness when we are raised with him.
(7) Rejoicing comes from newness of life in Christ.

GOD'S STORY

How It All Fits

THE GOOD NEWS IN THE STORY

SIN SEPARATES FROM GOD (THE BAD NEWS)

Isaiah 59:2 Your iniquities have _____ between you and your God.

Romans 1:18 The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all _____.

Romans 3:23 All have sinned and _____ _____ of the glory of God.

Ephesians 2:12 Having _____ hope and _____ God in the world.

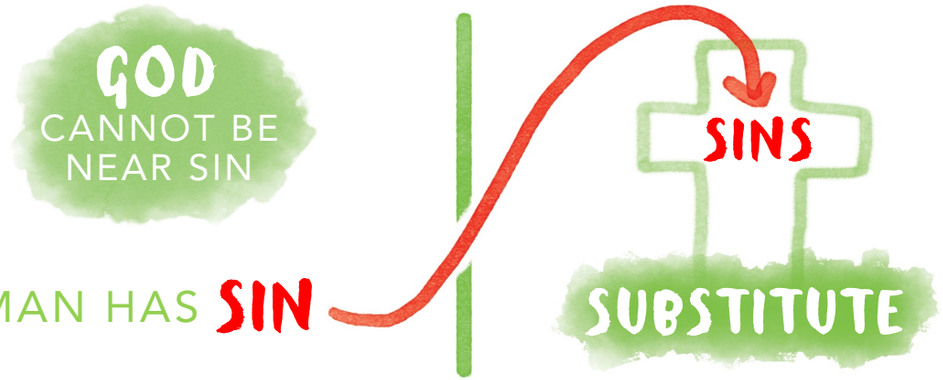
Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is _____ but the free gift is _____.

Hebrews 12:14 Follow holiness without which no man shall _____.

2 Thessalonians 1:9 Everlasting destruction _____ from the Lord.

SUMMARY

(1) God is perfectly holy and hates sin.
(2) Man is basically sinful and commits sin.
(3) God's holiness will not allow him to be near sin.
(4) Man's sin breaks his fellowship with god.
(5) The payment or sentence for sin is death.
(6) God's justice can only accept the correct payment, death.
(7) Sin's death penalty is inescapable and eternal.



CHRIST OUR ATONEMENT (THE GOOD NEWS)

Leviticus 16:22 The goat shall _____ upon him all their iniquities.

Isaiah 53:5 He was wounded for _____ transgressions, bruised for _____ iniquities.

Isaiah 53:6 The Lord has _____ upon Him the iniquity of us all.

John 1:29 The lamb of God which _____ _____ the sin of the world.

1 Peter 2:24 His own self _____ our sins in his body on the tree.

2 Corinthians 5:21 God made Jesus to be sin for us, that we might be made the _____ of God in Him.

SUMMARY

(1) God cannot draw near to man because of sin. Isaiah 59:2
(2) Atonement, at-one-ment כִּפֻּר (kippur) a covering resulting in being at one in fellowship.
(3) Once yearly the high priest entered the holy of holies with blood. Hebrews 9:7
(4) The goat bore upon himself all the iniquity of the people.
(5) The lamb died for man's sin (became their sin offering). Leviticus 4:32-35
(6) God's presence would come down in a cloud on the mercy seat once sin was removed via the death payment. Leviticus 16:1-2, Hebrews 9:5.
(7) Isaiah foretold the day when a man would replace the lamb and goat.
(8) God punished Jesus with death in our place for our sins.
(9) Jesus is our atonement (at-one-ment) with God.
(10) Because Jesus was punished for my sins, I don't have to be.

OUR RELATIONSHIP TO JESUS

IN CHRIST
ALL
SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

OUT OF CHRIST
NO
SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

I MUST GO INTO CHRIST

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST (RECEIVING, OR AVAILING OF, THE GOOD NEWS)

Ephesians 1:3 All spiritual blessings in heavenly places _____ Christ.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have _____ through his blood, the _____.

2 Corinthians 5:17 If any be _____ _____ he is a new creature.

Galatians 3:27 As many as have been baptized _____ Christ have _____ Christ.

Romans 6:3 As many of us as were baptized _____ Christ were baptized _____ his death.

Romans 6:4 We are _____ with him by baptism into death.

Acts 22:16 Arise and be baptized and _____ _____ your sins.

SUMMARY

(1) Each adult human outside of Christ is lost in sin.
(2) All spiritual blessings are in Christ Jesus.
(3) Out of Christ there are no spiritual blessings.
(4) I must be baptized into Christ in order to put on Christ.
(5) Baptism, βάπτισμα (baptisma), means immersion; in this case a burial.
(6) Baptism into Christ is from without to within.
(7) Once I am in Christ, Jesus' death can replace my death.



NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLY

THANKFULLY & GLADLY REGULAR

Hebrews 10:25 Not _____ the _____ of ourselves together.

Acts 20:7 First day when disciples _____ _____ to break bread.

Hebrews 3:13 Exhort _____ lest be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

1 Corinthians 11:30 For this cause many are _____ & _____ among you.

1 Corinthians 11:27, 29 Eat bread or drink cup in unworthy manner, shall be _____ of the body and the blood.

Luke 17:17 Were not ten [lepers] cleansed? But _____ are nine?

Romans 1:21 They _____ him not as god, neither were _____.

Psalms 122:1 Was _____ when said, let us go into house of the Lord.

SUMMARY

(1) Christians are commanded not to forsake assembling.
(2) They gathered regularly on the first day (Sunday) to participate in the Lord's supper.
(3) At the assembly, we receive and give needed encouragement lest we be hardened in sin.
(4) A special remembrance of the Lord's death through the Lord's supper revives our spiritual commitment lest we become spiritually weak or dead.
(5) If improperly participating in the Lord's supper brings judgement upon ourselves. How much more when we do not participate at all?
(6) As the lepers failure to show thankfulness for cleansing brought disappointment, the more Jesus will be disappointed when one fails to show thankfulness for cleansing sins.
(7) God's wrath will be revealed (Romans 1:18, 21, 24) for those who live unthankfully.

GOD'S STORY

How It All Fits

OUR WORSHIP BECAUSE OF THE STORY

GOD SEEKS OUR WORSHIP

Genesis 3:8-9 Voice of Lord walking in garden in the _____ of the day.

John 4:23 The father _____ such to worship Him.

Pro. 15:8 The prayer of the upright is his _____.

Isaiah 43:21 People I formed for myself will _____ my praise.

I Peter 2:9 A people for God's own possession that you may _____ His excellencies.

Rm. 1:21 They _____ Him not as God, neither were _____.

Rev. 4:11 (Father) thou art _____; **5:9**: (Lamb) thou art _____.

SUMMARY

(1) The English word "worship" is from the idea of "worth" or "worthy" ship
(2) Worship is our showing how much God is "worth" to us.
(3) God made us for companionship with Himself.
(4) God seeks our worship, just as we want to be with our children.
(5) As a parent enjoys talking with his children, God delights to hear our prayers.
(6) God enjoys hearing His creation declare and show God's greatness.
(7) God is hurt and angered when people are not thankful for His gifts.
(8) The Father & Son's worthiness to receive worship is seen in creation and salvation.

USELESS, NON-WORSHIP TO GOD



Genesis 4:5: Unto Cain and his offering God had not _____.

Leviticus 10:1-2: Offered _____ fire before the Lord . . . So fire came from the Lord's presence and _____ them.

Matthew 15:9: In _____ do they worship me teaching _____ of men.

Proverbs 28:9: (Turns away) even His prayer shall be _____.

PLEASING, TRUE WORSHIP TO GOD



John 4:23 The Father _____ such to worship Him.

John 4:23-24 True worshippers worship Him in _____ and in _____.

(FROM OUR SPIRIT / HEART)

Mark 12:30 Love God with _____, _____, and _____.

Matthew 15:8 Honors me with their lips but _____ is far from me.

1 Corinthians 14:15 I will pray . . . Sing also with the _____.

(FROM THE TRUTH)

Matthew 15:9 In _____ do they worship me teaching _____ of men.

2 John 1:10 Bring not this teaching, do not _____ in house (church).

SUMMARY

(1) Just as God would not accept Cain's incorrect worship, neither will he accept ours.
(2) To successfully worship God, it must be what pleases Him not what pleases us.
(3) Teaching doctrines which come from men results in worshipping men but not God.
(4) If we live / worship disobediently, then our prayers are even detestable to God.
(5) Incorrect worship so insults God that God once even consumed two priest by fire.
(6) God delights and seeks for those who worship him both correctly and from the heart.
(7) Obedient worship includes both the spirit (heart) and from the truth.
(8) To take part with those who do not remain in the teaching of Christ is to also take part in their evil deed.

THE CORE 7 ESSENTIAL TRUTHS FOR TRUE WORSHIPERS

THE UNITY DESIGNED BY THE SPIRIT

Ephesians 4:3 Make every effort to keep the _____ designed by the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:4-5 There is one body and one spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Gather of all who is over all and through all and in all.

ONE _____ (Has not denominated itself into a separate body)

ONE _____ Accepts the one source of truth from the spirit)

ONE _____ (Its only hope is the resurrection of Jesus)

ONE _____ (Submits to only Jesus, not to another head)

ONE _____ (Trust in only Jesus' work at the cross, not their own)

ONE _____ (The mode: immersion; Purpose: to receive salvation)

ONE _____ (Belief in only one deity from whom we all came)

SUMMARY

(1) The Holy Spirit designed a basis for unity which requires an acceptance of core truths.
(2) There are seven core truths which circle around the core of the gospel.
(3) Each disciple should make every effort to worship with others who have these core seven.
(4) If a community rejects or perverts these core seven that community endangers the gospel.
(5) 2 John warns us that one who goes beyond the doctrine about Christ does not have God.
(6) When we support such a community, John said we participate in their evil deed.
(7) Each disciple is responsible to find a community of believers who have those core truths.
(8) Celebrating those seven core truths are essential to being a pleasing worshiper in truth.

CHRISTIANS ARE VITAL ORGANS ON CHRIST'S BODY, THE CHURCH

"for the perfecting of the saints... for the work of ministry... for the building up of the body... for the teaching of the lost"



CALLED-OUT ORGANS IN UNITY AS THE BODY

(FINDING YOUR PLACE ON THE BODY)

Ephesians 5:23 Christ is _____ of the church, savior of the _____.

1 Corinthians 12:17 If the _____ body were an eye how would it _____?

1 Corinthians 12:18 God _____ parts in the body, each as it pleased him.

Ephesians 4:7 Unto _____ of us _____ has been given.

Ephesians 4:11 Christ _____ some to be prophets & evangelist [etc.].

Ephesians 4:12 For the _____ of the saints, unto building up of _____.

Acts 5:42 Everyday, they _____ _____ to teach and preach.

Acts 5:41 Rejoicing that worthy to _____ _____ for his name.

SUMMARY

(1) Organs on a human body illustrates how each called-out Christian is an important organ on Christ's body.
(2) God sets and organizes the needful organs on Christ's called-out body.
(3) Christ organizes the body so that the right organs are available for the whole body.
(4) We are each an organ placed on the body, so, we must realize our part and need.
(5) Each organ fulfils its function for building up (meeting the needs of) the body.
(6) When each organ does its part the body can meet its goal of taking gospel to the world.
(7) The called-out rejoice to suffer in carrying the gospel to all the world.

GOD'S STORY

How It All Fits

GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE STORY

THE CHURCH IN THE BIBLE WAS THE SAVED

Acts 8:3 Made havoc of church, committing _____ and _____ to prison.

Acts 2:47 The Lord added daily those being _____.

Acts 20:28 Feed the church of God which he _____.

Eph. 5:23 Christ is _____ of the church and _____ of the body.

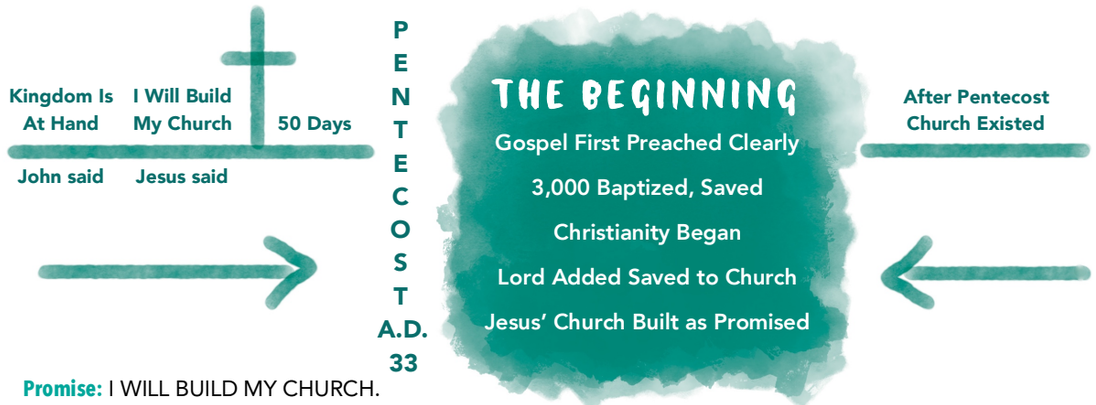
Eph. 5:25 Christ loved the church and _____ _____ up for _____.

Heb. 3:6 Christ as son over his own house, whose house are _____.

SUMMARY

(1) The word "church" is translated from the Greek word ἐκκλησία (ekklesia).
(2) ἐκκλησία (ekklesia) literally means "called out".
(3) Saul attacked the church by persecuting Christians not by destroying buildings.
(4) Christ "adds" the saved to the church, not mortar to buildings nor groups to cities.
(5) God purchased "individuals" (not groups nor buildings) with Christ's blood.
(6) Though a church sometimes meets in a building it is not a denomination nor building.
(7) Those who are in Christ are the saved and the house (family) of God.

DID JESUS KEEP HIS PROMISE TO BUILD THE CHURCH?



Promise: I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH.
Promise: THE GATES OF HADES SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT.

JESUS BUILT HIS CHURCH

Matthew 3:2 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is _____ _____.

Matthew 16:16-18 Upon this rock I will build _____ _____.

Acts 2:1 When the day of _____ was fully come.

Acts 2:38 Repent and be baptized for the _____ _____ _____.

Acts 2:41 Received His word were _____ and same day 3,000 added.

Acts 2:47 The _____ added to their number _____ those being saved.

SUMMARY

(1) John the Baptist proclaimed that the kingdom was coming soon.
(2) Peter proclaimed that Jesus is The Chosen One (The Christ).
(3) What Jesus was chosen to do was suffer and die to pay for man's sin.
(4) "Upon" the fact (the solid rock foundation) that Jesus is the Christ (The Chosen One) to die for man's sins he could therefore call or deliver men out of sin.
(5) Jesus promised to build (bring into being) His church (His called-out people).
(6) Those whom Jesus calls from sin by His blood-payment are His church (called-out).
(7) Three thousand souls were baptized for the remission of sins.
(8) The Lord added (called-out) 3,000 people to the church (the called-out people)
(9) Jesus kept his promise to build (bring into being) his church (called-out people).
(10) The fulfillment of Jesus' promise happened on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2.

DID JESUS KEEP HIS PROMISE TO SUSTAIN THE CHURCH?



THE CORE TRAITS OF JESUS' SUSTAINED CHURCH TODAY

BIBLE TRAITS IDENTIFY THE CHURCH

I Timothy 4:1 Spirit says that some shall _____ from the faith.

Matthew 16:18 Who is its founder and owner? _____

Acts 20:28 Who is its purchaser with his blood? _____

Ephesians 1:22 Who is its head? _____

Ephesians 1:20-21 Where is its headquarters (quarters of the head)? _____

I Corinthians 3:11 Who is its foundation?_____

Acts 2:1, 47 When did it begin? _____

Acts 2:5 Where did it begin? _____

Acts 2:47 Who adds saved men to it? _____

Matthew 28:18 Who has all power over it? _____

2 Timothy 3:16-17 What was its only book of authority? _____

SUMMARY

(1) The traits of my car identify it and make it distinct from all others.
(2) The traits of Christ's church in the bible identify it in the world today.
(3) Anyone who is saved by Jesus has been added to the church (called-out body) by Jesus.
(4) Therefore, as Jesus promised to preserve his church, he has preserved it.
(5) Jesus' church is in the world today.
(6) People called out of sin (saved) by the Christ through his death received at baptism are his called-out people (in other words, they are the church in the bible).