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Matthew 28

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16

14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Luke 16

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

John 20

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

Acts 1

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

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Ephesians 2:20-22	Luke 11:41	Mark 11:17
Acts 2:22	1 Timothy 5:3-4	1 Corinthians 1:22
Colossians 3:16	Ephesians 6:3	1 Corinthians 13:1
Hebrews 10:24-25	1 Timothy 5:1	1 Corinthians 14:17-19
Acts 2:47	Exodus 22:22	1 Corinthians 14:21
Matthew 28:26	Proverbs 20:20	Deuteronomy 18:15
Matthew 28:26	Psalms 82:3	Matthew 18:15
Matthew 16:18	James 1:27	Galatians 6:1
John 10	1 Timothy 5:8	Matthew 18:18-21
Colossians 1:17-18	Mark 7:11	1 Corinthians 5:11
1 Corinthians 12	Psalms 146:9	1 Corinthians 6:18-20
Matthew 18:18	Acts 1:8	Galatians 6:1
Matthew 3:16	Matthew 24:14	1 Corinthians 5:8-12
Acts 2:38	Isaiah 6:2	Hebrews 10:23
Colossians 2:12-13	Mark 16:15	Romans 10:17
Acts 2:41	Psalms 96:3	Colossians 3:16
1 Peter 3:21	Titus 2:7	Matthew 18:20
Matthew 3:11	Mark 16:15	Colossians 3:16
1 Corinthians 11:24-26	Matthew 28:19	Acts 2:47
1 Corinthians 11:28	1 Chronicles 16:24	Isaiah 56:7
1 Corinthians 11:29	Luke 24:47	Psalms 84:10
1 Corinthians 10:16-17	Mark 16	Romans 12:5
Mark 14:26	Luke 24:47	Acts 2:45
Ephesians 4:1-3	1 Corinthians 1-12:12-17	Ephesians 5
1 Timothy 1:12	Proverbs 22:7	John 15:4-8
1 Thessalonians 5:24	Matthew 6:24	Acts 20:28
2 Thessalonians 2:14	Luke 14:28	Acts 20:28
2 Timothy 1:9	Luke 16:10	Hebrews 13:17
1 Timothy 3:1	Luke 16:11	Peter 5:3
1 Timothy 3:2-7	1 Timothy 5:8	Acts 6:1-6
John 15:15-17	Proverbs 13:22	Romans 12:4-5
Malachi 3:8	Psalms 37:21	Ephesians 2:19-20
Proverbs 3:9	Proverbs 21:20	Hebrews 10:28
Genesis 14:20	Luke 16:10	Acts 8:40-42
Luke 18:12	Matthew 28:19	1 Corinthians 12
2 Corinthians 9:7	Proverbs 11:30	1 Corinthians 14:33
Matthew 6:1-4	Romans 1:16	Romans 2:11
Matthew 23:23	Matthew 10:32	Acts 20:28
2 Corinthians 9:7	Romans 1:16	Acts 2, 8, 9, 19
Matthew 6:3	John 15:16	1 Corinthians 14:40
Malachi 3:10	Galatians 6:2-8	Colossians 4:5-6
2 Corinthians 9:6	Titus 1:5-9	Colossians 3:12
Matthew 6:4	Jeremiah 3:15	1 Timothy 2:9
Genesis 14:20	1 Timothy 5:8	Acts 8:4
Luke 6:38	1 Timothy 3:8-12	1 Corinthians 14:26
Luke 12:33-34	Acts 6	2 Timothy 3:14
1 Timothy 6:17-19	Acts 2	John 13:15
Proverbs 11:24	Acts 10:46	Philippians 4:9
Matthew 6:1-4	1 Corinthians 14	Matthew 5:14

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2 Timothy 3:15-16	Ephesians 2:20	Proverbs 14:2
2 Timothy 3:17	2 Corinthians 2:1	Acts 20:35
2 Timothy 4:1	Ephesians 2:21-22	Proverbs 22:9
2 Timothy 4:5	2 Timothy 2:20-21	Isaiah 38:10
2 Timothy 2:2	1 Thessalonians 5:23	Proverbs 29:7
Matthew 28:29	1 Peter 1:14-16	James 1:27
Matthew 13	Leviticus 20:26	1 John 3:17
Romans 10:17	1 Peter 1:14	Proverbs 17:5
Hebrews 4:12	2 Corinthians 11:2	Proverbs 28:27
Hebrews 4:13	Ephesians 5:27	Proverbs 20:13
Psalms 19:7-11	Revelation 19:7-8	Proverbs 22:7
Matthew 26	Mark 2:19-20	Psalms 95:1
Romans 15:4	Ephesians 5:27	Psalms 71:23
Jeremiah 23:28	Revelation 19:9	Ephesians 3:19-20
Matthew 22:24	Revelation 19:7	Acts 16:25
Proverbs 4:20-27	John 3:29	James 5:13
Isaiah 55:10-11	Isaiah 62:5	Romans 13:1
2 Timothy 3:16	Revelation 21:2	Romans 13:7
Romans 16:25-26	Deuteronomy 15:11	1 Timothy 2:1-2
Corinthians 3	Mark 14:7	1 Peter 2:17
1 Peter 2:2	Proverbs 19:17	
1 Corinthians 3-6	Proverbs 22:9	

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Introduction

This is the second section of *BAPTIST DISTINCTIONS* with the emphasis on Ecclesiastical topics. The class outline is a guide for the Ecclesiastical lessons taken from the New Testament, and practically taught by Historic Baptist Church. This outline summarizes each topic, and subpoints of those topics, in order to provide a review of all aspects of the church's being and functions.

The objective of this outline is to preach and teach all aspects of the church, the ministry the church provides, and the laws by which its members should abide. Historic Baptist Church will use this guide to teach students of *Rhode Island Baptist Seminary* the Ecclesiastical doctrine of the church.

We define the New Testament church as “A Body of Baptized Believers who have Covenanted together to Carry out the Commandments of The Lord Jesus Christ.” As the churches in the New Testament were always local bodies, we reject the protestant definition (false idea) of the church, intended to justify their assemblies, stating the church is universal or invisible.

The New Testament churches were always local, and as such, were Baptist churches. Some 2,000 years later, we are still here, these first churches having reproduced through every century.

The lessons are simplified because we understand each church will teach the topics their way. We respect the independence and autonomy of each New Testament church. The student should rely on his teacher. The teacher and the student should rely on their New Testament and the Holy Ghost.

Connection to Love Commandment Doctrine

Every class must be connected to Jesus' great commandment, for this is the way of the Lord. We understand Jesus built his church and gave himself for it. He loves the church and cherishes and nourishes his church. He washes her with the water of the word. These outlines are taken from The Husband's words.

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Lesson 1: The New Testament Church

I. The Foundation – Ephesians 2:20-22

- A. Jesus – Matthew 16:18
- B. Jesus is the foundation of the Apostles
- C. New Testament
- D. KJV Bible

II. The Purpose

- A. Carry out the Great Commission – Matthew 28:18-20
- B. Feed – Acts 2:22
- C. Worship - Colossians 3:16
- D. Provoke to good works – Hebrews 10:24-25
- E. Exhort and edify – Hebrews 10:24-25
- F. Add – Acts 2:47/Matthew 28:26

III. The Protection

- A. Against Hell – Matthew 16:18
- B. Devil – John 10

IV. The Body

- A. The head (Christ) – Colossians 1:17-18
- B. The hands, feet, arms, etc. – 1 Corinthians 12
- C. Cherished and Nourished – Ephesians 5

V. The Self Government

- A. Independent – Matthew 18:18
- B. Discipline – Matthew 18:18
- C. Disassociation – Matthew 18:18

VI. Perpetuity

- A. Matthew 16:18 – Prevails against gates of hell
- B. End of the world (Matthew 28:18-20)

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Lesson 2: Baptism

I. Jesus' Baptism – Matthew 3:16

- A. As an ensample
- B. Under the authority of John
- C. Approved by God
- D. Fulfills all righteousness

II. For Believers, it is the Next Step After Salvation – Acts 2:38

- A. The Symbol of Baptism – Colossians 2:12-13
- B. Mark 16:26
- C. The Adding to Church Membership – Acts 2:41, 1 Corinthians 12
- D. Does Not Save – 1 Peter 3:21
- E. The Baptism of Fire is hell fire – Matthew 3:11

III. Required Elements for Scriptural Baptism

- A. Scriptural Candidate – one who is saved (Mark 16:15-15)
- B. Scriptural Mode – immersion (Acts 8)
- C. Scriptural Administrator – church authorized man
- D. Scriptural Action – Adding to the church

IV. Symbols Associated with Baptism

- A. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost
- B. Father represents members added to the body – 1 Corinthians 12
- C. Son represents death, burial, and resurrection – the Gospel in watercolors
- D. The Holy Ghost represents being sealed with the Spirit – Ephesians 1

V. Other Things

- A. Candidates become members of the baptizing church upon baptism; therefore the church should vote to approve baptism and membership – Acts 10
- B. Candidates should be presented to the church by the leader – Acts 10 (Peter)
- C. “Can any man forbid water?”
- D. Candidates should have a Credible Testimony of Salvation – Acts 10
- E. “Upon the authority invested in me by Historic Baptist Church, and upon the profession of thy faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, I now baptize thee, my brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”
- F. “Buried with him in the likeness of his death, and raised in the likeness of his resurrection” (candidate immersed and raised out of the water)
- G. “to walk in newness of life.”

Lesson 3: The Lord's Supper

I. Remembrance – 1 Corinthians 11:24-26

- A. Memorial
- B. Jesus death
- C. Jesus resurrection
- D. Jesus suffering

II. Self-Examination – 1 Corinthians 11:28

- A. Repent
- B. Be cleansed of sin – 1 John 1:9

III. The Warning – 1 Corinthians 11:29

- A. Damnation
- B. Sickness/diseases

IV. The Blessing

- A. 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

V. The Worship

- A. Mark 14:26
- B. Sing a hymn afterwards

VI. As oft as ye do it

- A. Frequency decided by each church for themselves
- B. More often may lead to taking the act lightly
- C. Too infrequent may forget gospel and second coming
- D. Ye do show the Lord's death until he comes

VII. Purity

- A. Purity of the believers – not *unworthily*
- B. Bread without leaven
- C. Grape juice (not fermented wine)
- D. Solemn assembly – sober and self-conscious

VIII. Deacons and Pastors to Lead

- A. Show leadership
- B. Be a pattern to follow
- C. Ministers of the Lord's Supper

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Lesson 4: Ordination

I. Find Yourself Worthy – Ephesians 4:1

- A. Lowliness and meekness – vs 2
- B. Longsuffering – vs 2
- C. Unifying – vs 3
- D. Faithful – 1 Timothy 1:12

II. Find Yourself Called

- A. 1 Thessalonians 5:24
- B. 2 Thessalonians 2:14
- C. 2 Timothy 1:9
- D. Desire – 1 Timothy 3:1

III. Find Yourself Qualified

- A. 1 Timothy 3:2-7

IV. Find Your Purpose – John 15:16

- A. Bring fruit
- B. Remaining fruit
- C. Love one another – vs 17
- D. Friend of God – vs 15

V. Find Yourself Sent

- A. Church authorized – Acts 13:1-3
- B. Laying of hands

VI. Not a Novice

- A. 1 Timothy 3:6
- B. Lay hands on no man suddenly – 1 Timothy 5:22
- C. Not a partaker of other men's sins

VII. Element for Ministerial Authorization

- A. Desire – 1 Timothy 3, 1 Peter 5
- B. Calling – Acts 13:1-3
- C. Church authorization – Acts 13:1-3
- D. Qualifications – 1 Timothy 3; Titus 1
- E. Gifts – 2 Timothy 1:8; Romans 12:6; Ephesians 4

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Lesson 5: Tithes

I. Find Yourself Worthy – Ephesians 4:1

- A. Lowliness and meekness – vs 2
- B. Longsuffering – vs 2
- C. Unifying – vs 3
- D. Faithful – 1 Timothy 1:12

II. The Command to Tithe – Malachi 3:8

- A. First fruits – Proverbs 3:9
- B. Victories – Genesis 14:20
- C. All possessed – Luke 18:12
- D. Tithe *IS* the Lord's – Leviticus 27:30

III. The Attitude of tithing

- A. Cheerful; Not grudgingly – 2 Corinthians 9:7
- B. Not to be seen of men – Matthew 6:1-4
- C. Not omitting other commands – Matthew 23:23
- D. Purpose to give – 2 Corinthians 9:7
- E. Left hand unaware of right hand – Matthew 6:3

III. The Reward of Tithing

- A. Blessing – Malachi 3:10
- B. Sparingly/bountifully – 2 Corinthians 9:6
- C. The Father sees – Matthew 6:4

IV. The Percentage of Tithing

- A. 10% - Genesis 14:20
- B. Of your abundance

V. Tithing in the Bible

- A. Before the Law – Abraham
- B. During the Law – Leviticus
- C. New Testament – Matthew 23:23 (Note: if one says this is no longer applicable, then that suggests that judgment, mercy, and faith are no longer applicable)
- D. Abraham paid tithes in Melchisedec – Hebrews 7:6
- E. Jesus is our Melchisedec
- F. Levi paid tithes in Abraham – Hebrew 7:9
- G. We show Jesus is alive by paying tithes – Hebrews 7:8
- H. We are children of Abraham by faith in Jesus Christ – Galatians 3:7

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Lesson 6: Offerings

I. Give Generously – Luke 6:38

- A. Good measure
- B. Pressed down
- C. Shaken together
- D. Running over

II. Give Wisely – Luke 12:33-34

- A. Godly profit
- B. Does not corrupt
- C. Thieves cannot steal

III. Be Ready to Give – 1 Timothy 6:17-19

- A. Humble
- B. Gratefully
- C. Heavenly
- D. Proverbs 11:24

IV. Alms

- A. Not to be seen of men – Matthew 6:1-4
- B. Such as ye have – Luke 11:41

V. Cheerfully – 2 Corinthians 9

- A. Ministering to the saints – missions, poor, etc.
- B. Your zeal provokes others
- C. Be ready to give
- D. Be prepared to give
- E. So that giving is out of bounty not as of covetousness
- F. Sow sparingly, reap sparingly
- G. Sow bountifully, reap bountifully
- H. As each man purposes in his heart
- I. Nor grudgingly or of necessity
- J. God loves a cheerful giver
- K. God is able to make all grace abound
- L. Have sufficiency in all things

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Lesson 7: Widows, Parents, and Orphans

I. Honor them

- A. 1 Timothy 5:3-4 – widows
- B. Ephesians 6:3 – parents
- C. 1 Timothy 5:1 - orphans

II. Defend them

- A. Exodus 22:22 – widows
- B. Proverbs 20:20 – parents
- C. Psalms 82:3 - orphans

III. Provide for them

- A. James 1:27 – widows
- B. 1 Timothy 5:8 and Mark 7:11 – parents
- C. Psalms 146:9 – orphans

IV. Deacons chosen for Ministration to Widows

- A. Acts 6
- B. 1 Timothy 3

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Lesson 8: Missions

I. The Man

- A. Filled with the Holy Ghost – Acts 1:8
- B. Following the Holy Ghost
- C. A witness – Matthew 24:14
- D. Willing – Isaiah 6:2
- E. Obedient – Mark 16:15
- F. Unbiased – Psalms 96:3 (Jew or Gentile)
- G. Pattern of good works – Titus 2:7
- H. Faithful – 1 Corinthians 4:2
- I. Church authorized – Acts 13:1-3; Romans 10

II. The Location

- A. All the world – Mark 16:15
- B. All nations – Matthew 28:19 and 1 Chronicles 16:24
- C. Starting from Jerusalem – Luke 24:47
- D. Both – Acts 1:8

III. The Purpose

- A. Preach
- B. Baptize
- C. Teach
- D. Save Souls
- E. Mark 16 and Luke 24:47
- F. Start Baptist Churches

IV. The People

- A. All nations – Matthew 28
- B. Every creature – Mark 16
- C. Every tongue – Acts 2
- D. Gentile and Jew
- E. Greek and Barbarian
- F. Whosoever will
- G. God is no respecter of persons

V. Every Baptist Church should support Missions

- A. Not a Baptist Church if it does not support missions
- B. Small and large churches have same responsibility to support missions
- C. Even mission churches should support missions, just as pastors should tithe on what church gives

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Lesson 9: Faith Promise

I. 2 Corinthians 8

- A. Grace of God – v. 1
- B. Deep poverty abounded unto liberality – they understood
- C. Beyond their power
- D. Willing of themselves
- E. Take on the fellowship of the ministering to the saints
- F. Gave their own selves
- G. Do what you will – v. 11
- H. First a willing mind
- I. Accepted according to what a man has
- J. None eased or burdened
- K. By an equality
- L. Provide things honest – v. 21
- M. Show the proof of your love

II. 2 Corinthians 9

- A. Called ministering to the saints – v. 1
- B. Forwardness of mind
- C. Be prepared – v. 4
- D. Reap what is sown
- E. God is able
- F. All sufficiency in all things
- G. Abound to every good work
- H. Supplies want of the saints
- I. Thanksgiving unto God
- J. Glorifies God

III. 2 Corinthians 10:12-17

- A. Not About Comparison – vs 12
- B. Not to Boast – vs 12
- C. Give as God has Blessed You – vs 13
- D. Not Above but a Reachable Goal – vs 14
- E. For the furtherance Of the Gospel – vs 16
- F. For Gods Glory, Not Your Own – vs 17

IV. Offerings are Sweet Odor unto God

- A. Philippians 4:14-19
- B. Do well to give
- C. Send once and again – v. 16
- D. Fruit to abound to giver's account
- E. An odor of sweet smell
- F. An acceptable sacrifice
- G. Acceptable unto God

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H. God shall supply all your need

V. Jesus gave himself

- A. Ephesians 5:2
- B. Christ loved us
- C. Gave himself for us
- D. As an offering and sacrifice unto God
- E. A sweet smelling savor

VI. We are unto God a Sweet-Smelling Savor

- A. 2 Corinthians 2:15
- B. In them that are saved
- C. In them that perish
- D. A savor unto death, a savor unto life

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Lesson 10: Debt

I. Your Putting Yourself Under Rule of Lender

A servant – Proverbs 22:7

Cannot serve God whole-heartedly – Matthew 6:24

You did not count the cost – Luke 14:28

II. Faithful in Earthly Riches – Luke 16:10

So God trusts you – Luke 16:11

So you can Provide – 1 Timothy 5:8

So you can Leave your Inheritance – Proverbs 13:22

So you can Give and show mercy – Psalms 37:21

III. To Keep a Good Name

Not wicked – Psalms 37:21

Not foolish – Proverbs 21:20

But faithful – Luke 16:10

IV. God redeemed us making us free

A. Redeemed – 1 Peter 1:18

B. Bought with a price – 1 Corinthians 6:20; 7:23

C. Stand fast in the liberty – Galatians 5:1

D. Not entangled with the yoke of bondage

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Lesson 11: Soul Winning

I. Is Obedient – Matthew 28:19

- A. To God's Call
- B. To God's moving/voice

II. Is Wise – Proverbs 11:30

- A. Obeys God's word
- B. Knows the worth of a soul

III. Is Bold – Romans 1:16

- A. Confesses Jesus before men – Matthew 10:32
- B. Not ashamed of Christ – Romans 1:16
- C. Ephesians 6:20

IV. Is Thinking on the Eternal – John 15:16

- A. Galatians 6:2-8

V. Is Profitable

- B. Matthew 16:26; Mark 8:36; Luke 9:25
- C. Philippians 4:1 – joy and crown
- D. Luke 11
- E. 1 Thessalonians 2:19

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Lesson 12: Workers in the Ministry

I. Pastors and Bishops

- A. Titus 1:5-9
- B. Feeders – Jeremiah 3:15
- C. Blameless
- D. One wife
- E. Not drinker, self-willed, angry, given to filthy lucre
- F. Hospitable, just, holy, temperate
- G. Holding fast God's word
- H. Double honor
- I. Provider – 1 Timothy 5:8
- J. Feeds flock of God – 1 Peter 5

II. Deacons – 1 Timothy 3:8-12

- A. Not grave, double-tongued, drinker, not greedy – vs 8
- B. Pure conscience – vs 9
- C. Blameless - vs 10
- D. Good wife
- E. Ruler of the house
- F. Takes care of widows – Acts 6

III. Teachers

- A. A servant
- B. A teacher of God's word

IV. Fellow Laborers

- A. Servant
- B. Fellow workers
- C. Fellow ministers
- D. helpers

V. Evangelists – Ephesians 4

- A. Perfecting of saints
- B. Work of ministry
- C. Edifying and encouraging

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Lesson 13: Tongues

I. The Beginning of Tongues – Acts 2

- A. Used to spread the Gospel
- B. Used to glorify God – Acts 10:46
- C. Not to glorify yourself – 1 Corinthians 14

II. It Was a Sign of God's Powers – Mark 11:17

- A. Jews required a sign – 1 Corinthians 1:22
- B. Add charity – 1 Corinthians 13:1
- C. Tongues are a sign to unbelievers when spoken rightly (in their language) – 1 Corinthians 14:22

III. The end of Speaking in Tongues – 1 Corinthians 14:17-19

- A. To teach
- B. To add charity
- C. It was for a sign – 1 Corinthians 14:21
- D. Tongues shall cease (wind down) – 1 Corinthians 13:8

IV. Tongues were actual languages spoken

- A. Acts 2
- B. Unknown to the speaker but known to the hearer
- C. Tongues are useful if someone understands – 1 Corinthians 14

V. Tongues are the Least Gift

- A. 1 Corinthians 12:28
- B. Not all had this gift – 1 Corinthians 12:30
- C. One should covet the best gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:31

VI. Tongues were misused by a Carnal Church

- A. 1 Corinthians chapter 14 written to correct
- B. Corinth was carnal – 1 Corinthians 3:1-4
- C. Gift of “tongues” found only in Acts 2, 10, 19; and 1 Corinthians 12-14
- D. Speaking in tongues is not a badge of spirituality

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Lesson 14: Prophets and Prophecy

I. The Old Testament Prophets Prophesied of Jesus (Isaiah 40:1)

- A. John 5:39
- B. Matthew 5:18
- C. Luke 16:17

II. John the Baptist the Last Prophet

Luke 16:16

III. Jesus Fulfilling the Prophecy

- A. Matthew 1:22
- B. Matthew 2:15-18
- C. Matthew 4:14-16
- D. Matthew 8:17
- E. Matthew 12:17-18
- F. Matthew 13:35
- G. Matthew 21:4-5
- H. Matthew 26:56
- I. Matthew 27:9, 35
- J. Etc.

IV. Jesus Was That Prophet – Deuteronomy 18:15

- A. John 1:21, 25
- B. John 6:14
- C. Acts 3:23
- D. Jesus is Prophet, Priest, and King (and Lord – Acts 10)

V. Over 40 Prophecies fulfilled by Jesus Christ – List of Fulfilled Prophecies:

1 Messiah would be born of a woman. Genesis 3:15; Matthew 1:20; Galatians 4:4

2 Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4-6

3 Messiah would be born of a virgin. Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:22-23; Luke 1:26-31

4 Messiah would come from the line of Abraham. Genesis 12:3; Genesis 22:18; Matthew 1:1; Romans 9:5

5 Messiah would be a descendant of Isaac. Genesis 17:19; Genesis 21:12; Luke 3:34

6 Messiah would be a descendant of Jacob. Numbers 24:17; Matthew 1:2

7 Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah. Genesis 49: 10; Luke 3:33; Hebrews 7:14

8 Messiah would be heir to King David's throne. 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Isaiah 9:7; Luke 1:32-33; Romans 1:3

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- 9 Messiah's throne will be anointed and eternal. Psalm 45:6-7; Daniel 2:44; Luke 1:33; Hebrews 1:8-12
- 10 Messiah would be called Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23
- 11 Messiah would spend a season in Egypt. Hosea 11:1; Matthew 2:14-15
- 12 A massacre of children would happen at Messiah's birthplace. Jeremiah 31:15; Matthew 2:16-18
- 13 A messenger would prepare the way for Messiah. Isaiah 40:3-5; Luke 3:3-6
- 14 Messiah would be rejected by his own people. Psalm 69:8; Isaiah 53:3; John 1:11; John 7:5
- 15 Messiah would be a prophet. Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:20-22
- 16 Messiah would be preceded by Elijah. Malachi 4:5-6; Matthew 11:13-14
- 17 Messiah would be declared the Son of God. Psalm 2:7; Matthew 3:16-17
- 18 Messiah would be called a Nazarene. Isaiah 11:1; Matthew 2:23
- 19 Messiah would bring light to Galilee. Isaiah 9:1-2; Matthew 4:13-16
- 20 Messiah would speak in parables. Psalm 78:2-4; Isaiah 6:9-10; Matthew 13:10-15, 34-35
- 21 Messiah would be sent to heal the brokenhearted. Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4:18-19
- 22 Messiah would be a priest after the order of Melchizedek. Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:5-6
- 23 Messiah would be called King. Psalm 2:6; Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 27:37; Mark 11:7-11
- 24 Messiah would be praised by little children. Psalm 8:2; Matthew 21:16
- 25 Messiah would be betrayed. Psalm 41:9; Zechariah 11:12-13; Luke 22:47-48; Matthew 26:14-16
- 26 Messiah's price money would be used to buy a potter's field. Zechariah 11:12-13; Matthew 27:9-10
- 27 Messiah would be falsely accused. Psalm 35:11; Mark 14:57-58
- 28 Messiah would be silent before his accusers. Isaiah 53:7; Mark 15:4-5
- 29 Messiah would be spat upon and struck. Isaiah 50:6; Matthew 26:67
- 30 Messiah would be hated without cause. Psalm 35:19; Psalm 69:4; John 15:24-25
- 31 Messiah would be crucified with criminals. Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 27:38; Mark 15:27-28
- 32 Messiah would be given vinegar to drink. Psalm 69:21; Matthew 27:34; John 19:28-30

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- 33 Messiah's hands and feet would be pierced. Psalm 22:16; Zechariah 12:10; John 20:25-27
- 34 Messiah would be mocked and ridiculed. Psalm 22:7-8; Luke 23:35
- 35 Soldiers would gamble for Messiah's garments. Psalm 22:18; Luke 23:34; Matthew 27:35-36
- 36 Messiah's bones would not be broken. Exodus 12:46; Psalm 34:20; John 19:33-36
- 37 Messiah would be forsaken by God. Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46
- 38 Messiah would pray for his enemies. Psalm 109:4; Luke 23:34
- 39 Soldiers would pierce Messiah's side. Zechariah 12:10; John 19:34
- 40 Messiah would be buried with the rich. Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60
- 41 Messiah would resurrect from the dead. Psalm 16:10; Psalm 49:15; Matthew 28:2-7 Acts 2:22-32
- 42 Messiah would ascend to heaven. Psalm 24:7-10; Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51
- 43 Messiah would be seated at God's right hand. Psalm 68:18; Psalm 110:1; Mark 16:19; Matthew 22:44
- 44 Messiah would be a sacrifice for sin. Isaiah 53:5-12; Romans 5:6-8

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Lesson 15: Church Discipline

I. Go to the Church not the Government First

- A. First go to brother alone – Matthew 18:15
- B. The purpose is to gain a brother and restore (Galatians 6:1) friendship – vs 15
- C. 2-3 witnesses
- D. Go to the whole church

II. What is bound in church is Bound in Heaven – Matthew 18:18-21

- A. The Church is unified with Heaven
- B. It is supported by the faith and the Son
- C. Jesus is in the midst of all church judgment

III. The Severity of Fornication

- A. We do not eat with them – 1 Corinthians 5:11
- B. It is a sin against the body – 1 Corinthians 6:18-20
- C. Token to the Church
- D. Repent or be cast out
- E. If repented, restore such a one – Galatians 6:1

IV. 6 Things to Discipline – 1 Corinthians 5:8-12

- A. Fornicators
- B. Covetous
- C. Idolaters
- D. Railer
- E. Drunkard
- F. Extortioner

V. Civil Judgments – 1 Corinthians 6

- A. Civil matters – v. 1
- B. We have God's judgment v. 2-3
- C. Least esteemed are able to judge
- D. Do not go to law before unbelievers
- E. Rather take a loss
- F. Do not defraud your brother
- G. 1 Peter 4:17

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Lesson 16: Service and Attendance

I. To Increase Faith

- A. Hold fast the profession – Hebrews 10:23
- B. To head God's word – Romans 10:17

II. Commanded Activity

- A. Hebrews 10:25

III. Pattern of Jesus

- A. Luke 4:16

III. To Provoke Others – Hebrews 10:25

- A. To love – vs 24
- B. To good works – vs 24
- C. Exhorting each other
- D. Even more as Christ returns
- E. Admonish – Colossians 3:16

IV. To be Closer to Christ – Matthew 18:20

- A. To learn of his life on Earth
- B. To listen to his words
- C. To live a victorious Christian life

V. To worship Jesus – Colossians 3:16

- A. Acts 2:47
- B. Isaiah 56:7
- C. Psalms 84:10

VI. To Bond with our Church Body

- A. Romans 12:5
- B. Acts 2:45

VII. Washing of Water by the Word – Ephesians 5

- A. No spot and wrinkle – vs 27

VIII. Fellowship

- A. Custom of the church – Acts 20:7
- B. Acts 2:42

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IX. Conduct Church Business

- A. 1 Corinthians 5

X. Giving Tithes, Offerings, and Alms

- A. 1 Corinthians 6:2

XI. House of Prayer

- A. Matthew 21:13
- B. Luke 19:46
- C. House of God – 1 Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 10:21

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Lesson 17: The Autonomy of the Church

I. Designed to be Independent – John 15:5

- A. Be dependent on Christ – vs 4-5
- B. Have liberty in Christ
- C. Bring forth much fruit – vs 5
- D. Be accountable for your actions – vs 6
- E. Glorify God – vs 8
- F. Under Christ, the Head

II. Independence in Messages and Teachings

- A. Not all taught from same handbook
- B. Some churches need preaching on certain subjects, others on different topics
- C. Different types of ground
- D. Follow leadership of the Holy Ghost in teaching and preaching

III. Independent in Criticism

- A. God does not judge us all when one falls
- B. 7 churches in Revelation
- C. Judged for our sin

IV. Autonomous – Self Governing

- A. Define autonomous: having the freedom to govern itself or control its own affairs.
- B. Christ is Head of the church – Ephesians 5
- C. 2 or 3 members are a quorum for judgment – Matthew 18:16-20
- D. Pastors or bishops take the oversight – 1 Peter 5:1-5; 2 Timothy 1:3
- E. Deacons are servants and have qualifications – Acts 6; 1 Timothy 3

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Lesson 18: The Authority of the Church

I. The Head – Jesus (Ephesians 5)

- A. Jesus/God – Acts 20:28
- B. The Holy Ghost – Acts 20:28
- C. The New Testament – Matthew 28:18-20

II. The Pastor

- A. They will give account – Hebrews 13:17
- B. Watch for your souls – Hebrews 13:17
- C. An example to follow – Hebrews 13:7 and 1 Peter 5:3
- D. Under-shepherd
- E. Overseer – Bishop (1 Timothy 3); 1 Peter 5

III. The Elders and Deacons

- A. Acts 6:1-6
- B. Under the pastor
- C. Appoint over business
- D. Serve widows
- E. Mature men
- F. All are accountable to Christ

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Lesson 19: Church Membership

I. Baptism

- A. Jesus was Baptist
- B. A visual representation of your salvation
- C. The next step as a believer
- D. Scriptural Baptism
- E. Done by an ordained minister or man approved by the church
- F. Voted in – see Acts 10

II. Welcomed into the Flock

- A. A part of the church body – Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12
- B. Treated as family – Ephesians 2:19
- C. Those from other churches/out of state moving membership/should feel welcome – see point VI.

III. Benefits of Church Membership

- A. Fellow citizen – Ephesians 2:19
- B. A foundation – Ephesians 2:20
- C. Exhortation – Hebrews 10:28
- D. Fellowship – Acts 8:40-42
- E. Part of the body – 1 Corinthians 12

IV. 4 Ways to Become a Church Member

- A. Baptism – 1 Corinthians 12
- B. Recommendation – letter of recommendation with good reason
- C. Reinstatement – after discipline
- D. Testimony – in cases where original church ceases to exist
- E. “Watch-care” is a *temporary* membership (upon recommendation of member’s church) for a time if the person resides in the community for an extended period of time. The watch-care member can participate in all functions of the church, is subject to the authority and discipline of the church. Membership ceases upon his return home.

V. Churches should not receive members by/from

- A. Letter from other denominations
- B. Baptism by other denominations
- C. Primitive Baptists
- D. Hard-shell (Calvinist) Baptists
- E. Freewill Baptists
- F. General Baptists
- G. Seventh-Day Baptists
- H. Modernist Baptists that preach a false gospel

VI. Pastors to Operate Justly

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- A. Do not “steal” other church’s sheep
- B. Report to pastor if their member shows interest in changing churches
- C. Inform other church members interested that they are not welcome for membership unless they have the blessing of their pastor
- D. Do not receive a member from a sister church without first talking to the pastor

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Lesson 20: Church Functions

I. Regular Services

- A. Prayer Meeting
- B. Worship
- C. Bible Study
- D. Sunday School

II. Voting

- A. New members
- B. Financial decisions (over an agreed amount)
- C. Soulwinning endeavors
- D. Mission support

III. Business meetings

- A. Special events
- B. Finances
- C. Church building repairs or improvements

IV. Discipline

- A. Bring someone before the church for judgment
- B. Removing membership – non-fellowship
- C. Removal of elder or leader

V. Special Meetings

- A. Revivals
- B. Fellowships
- C. Picnics or other outdoor events
- D. Outreaches in the community
- E. Evangelists and guest preachers
- F. Weddings
- G. Funerals
- H. Celebrations – birthdays, anniversaries, births, graduations, etc.

VI. Local Evangelism and Soul-winning

- A. Church should have regular evangelistic outreach programs
- B. Visitation
- C. Door-to-door
- D. Tract distribution
- E. Printing work

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VII. Missions Support

- A. Every Baptist church should support missions
- B. Mission support should be regular support – “once and again”
- C. Faith promise giving is very profitable financially to members, church, and missionaries
- D. Mission boards – church to decide how to use
- E. Church planters (pastors/missionaries)
- F. Indigenous missionaries more effective in many cases
- G. Other missions’ efforts – scripture publishing, evangelism projects, multi-church efforts

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Lesson 21: Church Support

I. Preach and Teach on Tithing

- A. The responsibility to tithe as a member
- B. The rewards of tithing
- C. The needs of the church are met through tithing
- D. God's method of supporting his workers – pastors and other ministers

II. Special Offering

- A. Emergencies
- B. Building expenses and improvements: utilities, new roof, repairs, etc.
- C. Love offering to guest preacher
- D. Other church needs
- E. Needs of Saints – poor, widows, or benevolent

III. Avoid Non-scriptural Fund-raising

- A. Use God's method – tithe, offerings, and alms
- B. Avoid all debt – bank becomes master over servant church
- C. Avoid yard sales or other fund-raising methods as this is unscriptural
- D. Avoid asking for money from world, lost people, or worldly businesses
- E. OK to pray and receive if offered freely (without *quid pro quo*)

IV. Faith Promise

- A. Make members more active in giving
- B. Closer relationship with missionaries
- C. Motivate members to trust in God with finances
- D. Make the need of missionaries known to the church
- E. Reap the benefits of giving
- F. Church members prosper financially when committing to faith promise giving
- G. Church prospers when committed to faith promise giving
- H. Pastor does a disservice to his church if he does not encourage faith promise giving
- I. Mission giving should be kept separate from general church funds and used only for missions
- J. Members should plan their giving – 2 Corinthians chapters 8-10
- K. Not give grudgingly or out of necessity
- L. God loves a cheerful giver

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Lesson 22: Church Bylaws

I. To Show Order – 1 Corinthians 14:33

- A. In what the church believes – statement of faith
- B. What to do, what not to do, and how to do
- C. Church's expectations and standards for members
- D. A good church covenant, constitution, statement of faith, and bylaws will save the church a lot of grief and confusion in its life

II. To Show No Respect of Person – Romans 2:11

- A. The bylaws are for everyone
- B. Not directed towards one person
- C. Anyone found breaking them will be up for discipline
- D. Any person considered for office in the church must agree to statement of faith and bylaws

III. To Show No Political Change in Bylaws

- A. Times change but God's word does not change
- B. The pressure of the world should not change the church's work or objectives
- C. All members (new and old) should be familiar with covenant and bylaws, etc.

IV. To Show We are Under God, Not Man – Acts 20:28

- A. The do's and don'ts should be backed by the bible
- B. To keep the church separate from the world

V. Required Church Documents and Why Required

- A. Church Covenant – written when church organizes and shows charter membership and church purpose
- B. Church Constitution – shows how church is organized and structured, and overarching principles
- C. Statement of Faith – although church follows New Testament, the Statement of Faith makes it clear to all the church's position doctrinally. Statement of Faith should be clear and unambiguous and delineate where the church stands.
- D. Bylaws – supplies information as to how the church operates and does its business, rules of order, and responsibilities of officers. The Bylaws should cover every logical question that may arise as to how the church functions.
- E. These document are available for public view and will prevent persons from trying to mis-guide the church.
- F. Church should have a process for making amendments
- G. Amendments will be needed depending on societal changes – sodomy, gay marriage, child molestation, drug use (marijuana and opioids), ordination of women, etc.
- H. Some things that were not an issue may become an issue

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Lesson 23: Protestant vs Baptist

I. List of Protestant Denominations:

- A. United Methodist
- B. Church of Christ
- C. Lutheran
- D. National Baptist convention
- E. Assembly of God
- F. Presbyterian
- G. Episcopal
- H. Church of God
- I. Seventh Day Adventist
- J. Pentecostal organizations
- K. Episcopalian
- L. Roman Catholic
- M. Greek Orthodox
- N. Presbyterian
- O. Evangelical
- P. Many other types

II. List of Baptist Denominations:

- A. Independent Baptist
- B. Southern Baptist Convention
- C. American Baptist
- D. Missionary Baptist
- E. ABA
- F. GARBC
- G. Hard-shell
- H. Free-will
- I. Seventh Day Baptist
- J. Six Principle Baptist
- K. Many other types

III. Baptist is Not Protestant

- A. Baptists started by Christ
- B. Catholicism started by Constantine in 4th century
- C. Protestants came out of Catholics 16th century
- D. Baptist have roots in First Baptist Church of Jerusalem – 32 A.D.
- E. Protestants have roots in Catholicism – 1500 A.D.
- F. Catholics have roots in Constantine – 320 A.D.

IV. Major Differences in Baptist compared to all others

- A. Definition of the Gospel – by grace through faith, repentance required, no predestination of who is saved, once saved, always saved, do not add baptism, good works, spiritual gifts, etc.

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- B. Definition of Baptism – does not save, by immersion, under authority of a scriptural church, adds to the membership, start of discipleship
- C. Lord's Supper – closed communion, for church members in good standing, self-examination first, not for any grace or indulgence, unleavened bread and unfermented grape juice
- D. Church polity – no headquarters, Jesus is Head, independent and autonomous, every member has an equal vote, under leadership of pastor or bishop, local and visible
- E. Protestants invented the universal invisible church to justify their existence since they came out of Rome
- F. Catholics invented the universal visible church to justify world-wide oppression and control

V. Baptism – Acts 2, 8, 9, 19, etc.

- A. Not for infants
- B. Not for salvation
- C. Not before salvation
- D. Full immersion
- E. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost
- F. Church authorized
- G. Church membership

VI. Local Governance

Independent

Teaching/preaching the Gospel and the New Testament

Not for pride or show – Stay out of newsletters

Separation of Church and State

God-like atmosphere

VII. Biblical Authority

- A. New Testament is plenary – sufficient and complete
- B. Sola scriptura
- C. Avoid traditions
- D. Avoid human-authored books
- E. Prove all things by the New Testament

VIII. 3 Forms of Church Government

- A. Episcopal – Hierarchical (Catholicism, Episcopal, Lutheran, etc.)
- B. Presbyterian – Elders rule, may or may not have members (Calvinist churches, Presbyterian, Evangelical, etc.)
- C. Congregational – Democracy under pastoral leadership (Baptist, church of Christ, some Bible churches, some Pentecostal, etc.)

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Lesson 24: Church Etiquette

I. Order – 1 Corinthians 14:40

- A. Scheduled services
- B. Songs, offerings, specials, etc.
- C. Leave room for Holy Ghost

II. Speech – Colossians 4:5-6

- A. No profanity
- B. No weird words
- C. Not loud or obnoxious
- D. Courteous
- E. No corrupt communication'
- F. Edifying
- G. Ministering grace

III. Attitude of Worship – Colossians 3:12

- A. Mercy
- B. Humble
- C. Longsuffering
- D. Kindness
- E. Meekness
- F. Sober
- G. Attentive
- H. Participative
- I. God-honoring
- J. Faithful
- K. Without hypocrisy

IV. Dress – 1 Timothy 2:9

- A. Modest
- B. Not taking away the attention from God
- C. Not for show
- D. God-honoring
- E. Respectful of the House of God

Lesson 25: Organizing a Church

I. Man is to Be Called to an Area

- A. No church in the area
- B. A burden for the area
- C. You see the need
- D. Scattered into that area by persecution – Acts 8:4
- E. Be sent by another church
- F. Spirit-led
- G. Not where Christ is named

II. Founded on Jesus Christ

- A. On his doctrine
- B. On his mission
- C. To glorify him

III. When You Gather – 1 Corinthians 14:26

- A. Same songs
- B. Same doctrine
- C. Same language
- D. Revelation
- E. Same interpretation

IV. Church Supported with God's Money

- A. Your local church finances
- B. Honest
- C. Responsible
- D. Careful
- E. Prayerful spending
- F. Avoid putting ministries in debt

V. Churches Start Churches

- A. Men do not start churches, churches do by sending men
- B. Church-sent men
- C. Same doctrine (constitution, bylaws, etc.)
- D. Sower and the seed

Lesson 26: Special Speakers

I. Various Speakers:

- A. Guest preacher
- B. Evangelist
- C. Visiting pastor
- D. Missionaries
- E. Fellow church member
- F. Singing group
- G. Revival preachers

II. No Heretics

- A. Wolf in sheep's clothing
- B. Beware of false prophets
- C. Preach the word
- D. Good testimony
- E. Good doctrine
- F. King James Bible

III. Welcoming attitude

- A. Friendly
- B. Feed them
- C. Finance them
- D. Hospitality
- E. Encourage and bless
- F. Respect
- G. Be on time
- H. Allow wife to minister if she desires

IV. Listen

- A. Be courteous and pay attention
- B. Eat meat throw away bones
- C. Engaging (saying amen and participation)
- D. Be thankful
- E. Give specially to the man
- F. Attend all services

V. Be a Blessing

- A. Good offering
- B. Tend to their needs
- C. Nice place to stay
- D. Dedicated time of fellowship – not just abandon the man till preaching time

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VI. Help the Man on his Way

- A. Bid Godspeed
- B. Fill gas tank
- C. Feed them
- D. Good love offering
- E. Other blessings

Lesson 27: Training of Men

I. A Good Example – 2 Timothy 3:14

- A. Jesus – John 13:15
- B. Be ye followers of Christ
- C. Follow me as I follow Christ
- D. Ensample (pattern) of Good Works
- E. The Pastor – Philippians 4:9
- F. Other church leaders – Matthew 5:14
- G. Ensample to the flock – 1 Peter 5:1-3

II. Strong in Scripture – 2 Timothy 3:15-16

- A. Doctrine
- B. Reproof
- C. Correction
- D. Instruction

III. Strive for Perfection – 2 Timothy 3:17

- A. Come holy
- B. Set a high standard
- C. Require practicum
- D. Develop the hearts
- E. Repetition of the mother of learning

IV. A Preacher of the word – 2 Timothy 4:1

- A. In season
- B. Out of season
- C. Reprove, rebuke, exhort
- D. Longsuffering
- E. Doctrine

V. A Watcher – 2 Timothy 4:5

- A. Endure
- B. Full proof of ministry
- C. Defender of the flock
- D. Seek God's discernment and wisdom

VI. Faithful

- A. 2 Timothy 2:2

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Lesson 28: Authority to do the Scripture Work

I. The Great Commission is given to Church Leadership

- B. Matthew 28:29 “Teach all Nations” is given by Jesus to the apostles
- C. The eleven apostles
- D. Continues under church authority
- E. Pastors, teachers, evangelists – Ephesian 4

II. Old Testament is committed to the Jews

- A. Romans 3:1
- B. Jot and tittle
- C. Masoretic text
- D. Reject the Septuagint

III. New Testament is committed to the church

- A. Gospels
- B. Church epistles
- C. Revelation sent to seven churches
- D. Pastoral epistles

IV. Great was the company publishing the word

- A. Psalm 68:11
- B. Bearing Precious Seed – Psalm 126:6
- C. Sower and the Seed

V. To Witness – Matthew 13

- A. Faith – Romans 10:17
- B. Piercing – Hebrews 4:12
- C. Revealing – Hebrews 4:13
- D. Converting – Psalms 19:7-11

VI. To Teach – Matthew 26

- A. Doctrine
- B. Patience and comfort – Romans 15:4
- C. Joy – Jeremiah 23:28
- D. Not to err – Matthew 22:24
- E. Health – Proverbs 4:20-27

VII. To Prosper – Isaiah 55:10-11

- A. 2 Timothy 3:16
- B. Doctrine
- C. Reproof

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- D. Correction
- E. Instruction

VIII. To Manifest – Romans 16:25-26

- A. God
- B. Jesus
- C. The N. T. commandments
- D. Jesus' Doctrine
- E. The prophets

IX. Authority to Translate

- A. Church members are kings and priest – Revelation 1:5-6
- B. Missionaries already translate in some cases
- C. Good doctrine required before handling or translating the word of God
- D. Translation should not be left to the world or lost people
- E. Church is closest body to Christ – it is his body
- F. Bible societies and Scholars are not Jesus chosen vessels to carry his seed – this is for his bride

Lesson 29: Teaching the Babes in Christ

I. The Communication

- A. Carnal – Corinthians 3
- B. Milk of the word – 1 Peter 2:2
- C. Cannot teach meat

II. The Needs – 1 Peter 2:2

- A. Sincere
- B. Milk of the word
- C. Growth
- D. Grace

III. The Traps – 1 Corinthians 3

- A. Envy – vs. 3
- B. Strife – vs. 3
- C. Division – vs. 3
- D. Man worship – vs. 4-6
- E. Being deceived – vs. 18

IV. Meat Belongs to Teachers – Hebrews 5

- A. Understand by reason of use
- B. Babes need to be taught again the first principles
- C. Teachers know milk and meat and teach rightly in order

V. Learn Milk and go on to Meat – Hebrews 6

- A. We leave the first principles to build on them as a foundation
- B. We always remember and teach the first principles, but as milk for babes
- C. After first principles we go on to perfection
- D. Not laying again the foundation

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Lesson 30: Holiness of the Church Body

I. Church is Built on Holiness

- A. Jesus – Ephesians 2:20
- B. God's word
- C. Commanded – 1 Peter 1:15-16
- D. Chaste – 2 Corinthians 11:2
- E. You are washed – 1 Corinthians 6:11

II. Perfecting Holiness

- A. Fear of God – 2 Corinthians 2:1
- B. Growing in the spirit – Ephesians 2:21-22
- C. Purging yourselves – 2 Timothy 2:20-21
- D. Goals – 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- E. Words – 1 Peter 1:14-16
- F. Repentance
- G. 1 John 1:9

III. Cautious of Uncleanness

- A. Separation from the world – Leviticus 20:26
- B. Former lusts – 1 Peter 1:14
- C. Fornication
- D. Need to keep feet washed – John 13:10

Lesson 31: Our Relationship with Other Churches

I. Help Them

- A. Prayer
- B. Evangelization
- C. Attending special service
- D. Pulpit filling
- E. Singing
- F. Cleaning
- G. Lend
- H. Repairs

II. Encourage Them

- A. Go when invited to special meetings
- B. Be helpful
- C. Text/call
- D. Edify them in ministry
- E. Friendly

III. Support Them

- A. Spiritually
- B. Prayer
- C. Financial help if applicable
- D. Preachers/singers

IV. By Love Serve One Another – Galatians 5:13

- A. Proper use of liberty
- B. Not for an occasion to the flesh
- C. Service
- D. Servant is greatest – Matthew 23:11
- E. Epistle written to churches (plural) 1:1-2

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Lesson 32: The Bride of Christ

I. Espoused to Christ – 2 Corinthians 11:2

- A. Godly jealousy back towards Christ
- B. Be chaste
- C. Uncorrupted mind
- D. Presented without blemish – Ephesians 5:27

II. Preparation for the Marriage

- A. Righteousness – Revelation 19:7-8
- B. Fasting – Mark 2:19-20
- C. Holiness – Ephesians 5:27
- D. Obedience to Head

III. The Marriage

- A. Be called – Revelation 19:9
- B. Honor – Revelation 19:7
- C. Great Joy – John 3:29 and Isaiah 62:5
- D. A beautiful sight – Revelation 21:2
- E. Submission to Lord

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Lesson 33: Dealing with the Poor

I. The Never-ending Problem

- A. Poor you always have – Deuteronomy 15:11 and Mark 14:7
- B. Have pity – Proverbs 19:17
- C. Do not close your eyes to it – Proverbs 22:9

II. Benefits of Giving to the Poor

- A. Happiness – Proverbs 14:2
- B. Blessing – Acts 20:35 and Proverbs 22:9
- C. Light shine – Isaiah 38:10
- D. Being righteous – Proverbs 29:7
- E. Shows pure religion – James 1:27; 2:3-6

III. Repercussions of not Giving

- A. No love of God – 1 John 3:17
- B. Reproach – Proverbs 17:5
- C. Cursed – Proverbs 28:27

IV. How Not to be Poor

- A. A little sleep – Proverbs 20:13
- B. Do not borrow – Proverbs 22:7
- C. Labor
- D. Wise financially
- E. Disciplined financially
- F. Avoid covetousness

V. Use Money Wisely

- A. Alms are good – after tithes and offerings
- B. Gospel is greatest gift
- C. Beware of supporting sinful habits with alms
- D. Beware of misuse of God's money that was given by God's people
- E. Saints are first priority in giving to the poor – Acts 4; Galatians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 9:9; Romans 15:26

VI. Pattern of Jesus

- A. 2 Corinthians 8:9
- B. Grace of our Lord
- C. He was rich but became poor for our sakes
- D. That we may be rich

Lesson 34: Current Problems Facing the Church

I. Lack of Youth

- A. Few young men
- B. Few young women
- C. Church typically do not connect with the youth
- D. Youth leave church for the world
- E. Church dies out in a few years without youth
- F. Every generation should be in church
- G. Every generation should be ministered to in church

II. Fatherlessness

- A. Children need good fathers
- B. Male role models
- C. Accountability
- D. Teaching

III. Lack of Reproduction

- A. Soul-winning
- B. Training preachers
- C. Training Godly women

IV. Sexual Revolution

- A. Fornication
- B. Sex changes
- C. Homosexuality

V. Legalization of Drugs

- A. Marijuana
- B. Opioids
- C. Vaping

VI. Internet

- A. Porn
- B. App for hookups/dating
- C. Uncontrolled communication
- D. Lack of dignity
- E. Lack of privacy
- F. Lack of discretion
- G. Lack of wisdom

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Lesson 35: Music

I. The Purpose of Music in Church

- A. Worship Jesus – Psalms 95:1
- B. Rejoice – Psalms 71:23
- C. Prepare our hearts – Ephesians 3:19-20
- D. Change our outlook – Acts 16:25
- E. Express feeling toward God – James 5:13

II. Instruments in the Bible

- A. Stringed instruments (Psaltery/Harp) – Psalm 150
- B. Horn instruments (flute/horn)
- C. Percussion (timbral)

III. The Mind of Worship

- A. God centered not self-central
- B. Magnify God, not one's self
- C. Gods glory, not one's talents

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

- A. Ephesians 5:19 – self speech
- B. Colossians 3:16 – teaching and admonishing
- C. Singing with grace in your heart
- D. Making melody in your heart
- E. Jesus and apostles sang an Hymn at last supper – Matthew 26:30

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Lesson 36: Politics

I. How to Treat Our Leaders

- A. Subjection – Romans 13:1
- B. Pay Taxes – Romans 13:7
- C. Prayer – 1 Timothy 2:1-2
- D. Thankfulness – 1 Timothy 2:1-2
- E. Honor – 1 Peter 2:17
- F. Pray for their salvation
- G. Pray we may live peaceably

II. What to Vote Against

- A. Anti-Semitism
- B. Abortion
- C. Church Regulation

III. Voting in the USA and other Countries

- A. Vote if consciences allow – some people do not vote
- B. Vote with abortion as a primary test
- C. Lesser of two evils, or neither
- D. Local issues – debt, policies, etc.