

On the rock

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Welcome to this Bible study series

Our purpose is to help in you grow spiritual and lead you step by step in your new life in Christ. Know and receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, it is the greatest thing that can happened to you. It is God's desire that you enjoy all the blessings that He has in store for His children.

The lessons we will study and serve as a basis for your spiritual growth. You will learn as you go into this experience, to grow firmly with your gaze fixed on Jesus, our Savior.

The adjective used to describe one of the attributes of our Lord Jesus Christ is the figure of the Rock. In the Old Testament. God was called "the rock" of his people.

The psalmist declared: "I made it out of the pit of despair, the sludgy-mud; Set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps "(Psalm 42: 2). The only place where our steps are firm is on a solid foundation. God himself is presented as the rock from which live water flowed for the Israelites in the wilderness (1 Corinthians 10: 4). This figure highlights the "Rock" our unshakeable God and eternal nature. This also, represents protection and refuge. Jesus Christ is the Rock of Ages. He is our eternal refuge and principal foundation of our faith.

Enjoy with our brethren in faith, this wonderful study.

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STUDY GROUP 1

YOUR NEW LIFE



BIBLICAL VERSES

Matthew 7:24; 1 Peter 2: 4-7 and 1 Corinthians
3: 11-14

EMPHASIS:

*We are sure that our life is in directions correctly
tion when we as fundamental to our faith in Jesus
Christ and his teachings.*

VERSE TO LEARN

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new
creation. The old has gone, it has become new!
(NIV)*

INTRODUCTION

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (NIV)

What does it mean to be a new creature in Christ ? The moment you believe in Christ, there is a spiritual change, everything is transformed! It is a question of faith not sight.

The greatest step of faith we can take in our lives is to believe what God says about who Jesus is and accept Him as our Lord and Savior. Knowing Jesus is the most significant and important experience that can happen to us. He is the foundation of our faith.

Therefore, an adjective used to describe one of the attributes of our Lord Jesus Christ is the figure of the Rock. In the Old Testament God was called "the rock" of his people. That gives a sense of security. This figure emphasizes the eternal nature of God. It represents also protection or refuge. He is the eternal refuge and principal foundation of our faith. The only place where our steps are firm is on a solid foundation.

Jesus told his followers: "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine it makes him a wise man who built his house upon a rock" (Matthew 7:24). In this study we will talk about Jesus as the foundation of our life.

CHRIST IS THE FOUNDATION

Matthew 7:24; 1 Peter 2: 4-7 and 1 Corinthians 3: 11-14

Having a good foundation gives us security and when adversity comes we stand firm. God's Word tells us about the importance of a solid foundation.

Read 1 Peter 2: 4-7 and 1 Corinthians 3: 11-14

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, precious; And whosoever believeth in him shall not be ashamed. To you therefore who believe he is precious; but for those who do not believe, the stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; Because no one can put any other foundation than of what has been laid, which is Jesus Christ. And in this I will build a foundation of gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, and straw, each one's work will become manifested; for the day shall declare it, because the fire will be revealed; and the work of each in what it is, the fire shall try. If anyone's work which he built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

A foundation is part of a building

It is underground and serves as a support or base before constructing a building. We can also say that it is a set of basic, first principles from which it is made or a thing is created. In accepting Jesus as Savior and Lord of our lives,

We are placing it as the main foundation upon which we can build and grow in our spiritual life. That is to build on the Rock. Now we will see some aspects that should be part of our doctrinal foundation.

SPIRITUAL CONCEPTS

1. We are saved by grace.

Grace is the undeserved gift from God to us. Ephesians 2: 7-9.

It is the generosity of God towards man. It is the gift of salvation. (Acts 15:11, Romans 4: 13-16) Ephesians 1: 7; 2: 8; 1 P 1:10) The entire New Testament theme revolves around the grace of God manifested in the life, work, death and resurrection of Christ. It is the basis of our justification (Romans 3:24; Titus 3: 7). That is the essence of the Gospel. By the grace of God, He reconciled us to himself on the cross (2 Corinthians 5: 14-21). We can not obtain it by our own merits or works; It is only through Jesus Christ. Knowing Jesus Christ is truly the most wonderful experience that a human being can have. It is the beginning of a new relationship and a new life of fellowship with the God who created the universe Who is Love, knowledge and power; He created you. He was the only one able to cross the gulf between God and man and came to reconcile with the Holy God Almighty.



2.WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

What is eternal life? Jesus himself said: And this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17: 3

Eternal life is to know the One True God, the God of the Bible, and His Son Jesus Christ whom He sent to save us. When we know the true God and Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, we obtain eternal life, which begins when we recognize this truth. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world might be saved through him. " (John 3: 16-17)

"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13).

3. WE RECEIVE THE GIFT OF ADOPTION

Now that we are children of God, salvation is offered freely to all. By receiving Christ as Savior and Lord, he makes you a child of God. Read John 1:12 "And he gave him the authority to be your son." As a child you enjoy rights and obligations. You can have the security and confidence that you have been completely forgiven and accepted by the Holy God. Remember that this is because the death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross was sufficient and effective to give this new relationship with God.

"For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, Abba, Father! The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, And if children, then heirs- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together . "(Romans 8: 15-17).

"To redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, crying: Abba, Father! So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ "(Galatians 4: 5-7)

"And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty" (2 Corinthians 6:18).

CONCLUSION

These great truths discovered by studying the Word of God. But Jesus said that "any one, then who hears these words of mine, and makes him a wise man who built his house upon a rock." Also in Luke 6: 46-48 says that anyone who comes to Him is like a man which built a house, dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock, he is talking about someone who was willing to make an individual commitment . Why? That would build "your own home". Your particular responsibility, is "home" your life. To perform, the teachings of the Word of God and seize every truth is like using the right materials for building and make a great solid foundation; This will enable your "House" to stand firm against the fatalities of life. You will be firm, unabated despite adverse sities. When the prognosis is not, you can be sure you will not fall because the unshakable Rock Christ sustains you.

Study 2

BUILD YOUR LIFE WITH THE WORD OF GOD



INTRODUCTION

God wants to reveal our thoughts, wants to give us direction and ensure a future free from fear and distress. And that is possible to see through His Word.

Read His Word, obeying his commands and making His promises ours, he ensures a blissful life. When there are storms in our lives and the problems want to take down our faith we trust that the Lord is our Rock of salvation.

Matthew's Gospel speaks of a wise man who hears the word of God and puts it by his works. Just as the builder needs to know the steps to lift a building, we know well in order to build our spiritual life we need the knowledge of the Word of God, it can find the blueprints to build our lives.

In Matthew 7: 24-25 and Luke 6: 48 we read that Jesus said:

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a prudent man, who built his house upon a rock. rain descended, and the floods came and the winds blew and strike upon that house; and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock.

He says the man dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.

BIBLICAL VERSES

Matthew 7: 24-25 and Luke
6: 48

EMPHASIS:

The Bible is our infallible guide for faith and conduct..

VERSE TO LEARN

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" II Timothy 3:16

I. Grow through HIS WORD

What is useful in the Word of God according to II Timothy 3:16 and 17?

What does God want to do in our lives through His Word? (119: 33-37).

WHAT DOES THE WORD OF GOD DO IN US?

1. Guide us: Psalms 119: 105
2. Clean us: John 15: 3
3. Transforms us: 1 Peter 1: 23,25
4. Nourish us: 1 Peter 2: 2
5. Perfects: 2 Timothy 3: 16-17
6. Gives Faith: Romans 10:17
7. Helps us not to sin: Psalm 119: 11

II. THE BIBLE IS A BOOK LIKE NO OTHER

The Bible is an exceptional book. It is a collection of 66 books. It contains history, biography, prophecies, poems, letters, etc. It is a very old book; some parts may have 3500 years or more. It is a book of a very different time and different cultures. It was written in a period of 1500-1600 years and covers a variety of issues, however, maintains a single unit.

It was written by forty or more writers from diverse backgrounds and cultures, were among others: Moses (political, educated Egyptian wisdom), Joshua (general), Daniel (Prime Minister), Solomon (King), Amos (shepherd), Nehemiah (courtier), Peter (fisherman), Lucas (doctor), Matthew (tax collector) and Paul (Rabbi). Etc.

The Bible's Old Testament and the New Testament is divided; located in sections.

Formed by books; These in turn are divided into chapters and each chapter into verses.

The central person in the Bible is Christ (1 Corinthians 15: 3-4; Acts 17 and 18).



Conclusión

We thank God for His Word, for it is the food for our soul and that lights our way. Through the Bible we can know God's will for our lives. No wonder the Psalmist said, " it is a lamp unto my feet your word and light to my path" (Psalm

119:
105).

LESSON 3

BUILD YOUR LIFE WITH PRAYER



BIBLICAL VERSES

Matthew 6: 9-13

EMPHASIS

Prayer is the oxygen that keeps us alive. To live victorious we must devote time to prayer as Jesus did.

VERSE TO LEARN

*So boldly to the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
Hebrews 4:16*

INTRODUCTION

What is prayer? It is simply talking to God; In doing so, we know and understand his ways. God knows everything but we do not. To pray about something that leaves us restless we still participate with Him in what He would do in that situation (John 15: 14-15). Prayer is a communication with God and it is indispensable in order to have a good foundation in our relationship with the Lord. As we consider the Word of God our food, prayer is like breathing for us. We can not live without prayer. In prayer we speak to God, He hears us and answers us. We pray to the Father in the name of His Son Jesus. Jesus told his disciples: "And whatever you ask the Father in my name, I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13). Every Christian needs the practice of prayer.

As you pray, the Holy Spirit helps us know what to say and how to say it (Romans 8: 26,27).

1. A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

As a believer you enjoy a relationship with Christ and have received a special privilege.

Read Hebrews 4:16 and answer What is that special privilege and why was it given?

Since God is the refuge of the believer,

What does He command us to do? Psalm 62: 8.

2. TYPES OF PRAYER

When you communicate with God, there are a variety of thoughts and ways to express to him. and there are different types of prayer. Read the following verses and check five types of prayer.

Verse	Type
Hebrews 13:15	Praise
Luke 11: 3	Petition
Ephesians 5:20	Giving Thanks
James 5:16	Intercession

3. The model prayer Jesus did

-Read Matthew 6: 9-13

a) What is the first thing Jesus did, at the beginning of this sentence?

b) What requests are centered on God?

c) What requests are centered on man?

d) In what specific ways can this model prayer help you to pray?

4. Paul's prayer

-Read Ephesians 3: 14-21.

Using Paul's prayer as a guide, list some requests that you can do for your fellow man and for yourself.

PETITIONING PRAYER

A list of prayer requests can help remind you of reasons or of people you could have possibly forgot to mention in prayer. You can include the following:

*Family	*State Authorities
*Friends and known nonbelievers	*Personal Needs
*Pastor and the church	
*The missionaries and workers you know	
*Those who are against you	

conclusion

We thank the Lord for having taught us to communicate with Him through prayer. Because we know that He hears and answers our requests.

LESSON 4

BUILD TO GROW



BIBLICAL VERSE

Hebrew 10: 24, 25; Ps 133: 1; Eph 2:19;
Matthew 18:20. Romans 10:17; John 14: 16-18

EMPHAS IS

*God's desire is that we grow in our spiritual life.
To achieve it requires our diligence.*

VERSE TO LEARN

*"And you, putting all diligence, add to your faith
virtue; to virtue knowledge ... "2 Peter 1: 5-8*

INTRODUCTION

The birth of a child is only the beginning of a life and continues to grow in this life until they reach maturity. It's the same when you're born again in Christ, it is only the beginning. God wants to see His children grow in their new life. This requires action; the apostle Peter refers to this when he says: "añadid"- "add"

Learning how to grow spiritually is a journey of a lifetime, which happens when you read and apply the Word of God in your life.

Spiritual growth includes increasing in the knowledge of the Word of God, grow in a life of prayer, grow in fellowship, testifying to others of Christ and allowing the intervention of the Holy Spirit in our daily walk . Now let's focus on three areas where we need to grow.



I. IN FELLOWSHIP

Why should we have fellowship? In the Bible we find it important that we congregate and harmonize with other Christians. Like a piece of wood on a fire it would burn with others, but if we removed the same piece it would be put out,. This is a Christian life; We receive encouragement and our faith is strengthened by listening to the experiences and the victory of our family of faith. Hebrew 10: 24, 25; psalms 133: 1; Eph 2:19; Matthew 18:20.

The believer grows in communion with others. Koinonia is a Greek word that appears often in the New Testament, which means "sharing, fellowship, affiliate, contribute."

In the following biblical passages referring to the word Koinonia is made:

1 John 1: 3; Phil 1: 5; 1Corintios Philemón 6 and 10: 16.17.

We need to have fellowship with one another. We need the support of our brethren. See for reading Acts 2:42; Eph 4: 2-7; John 1: 7.

II. IN TESTIMONY

Why should we testify to others? Testifying is to encourage others to know Jesus. When sharing your faith with others you help others to be saved and your spiritual life will be stronger.

Why should we talk to non-Christians about of Christ?

Why should we testify?

- a) It is the command of God (Matthew 28: 18-20)
 - b) Those who do not know God can not be saved unless you have someone to speak to them (Romans 10:17).
 - c) Serve to strengthen our own Christian experience (John 4: 27-34).
 - d) God has prepared a large number of people They are ready to accept Christ (John 4:35).
 - e) Because God wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2: 4).
- The good news must be shared!



III. WITH THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Read John 14: 16-18; Acts 9:31

What does the Holy Spirit do in a believer's life? The following points are part of the work of the Holy Spirit.

1. Inhabits: 1 Corinthians 3:16 (RVR1960) Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
2. A New Creation - The work of regeneration: John 3: 5 (RVR1960) "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he can not enter the kingdom of God . "
3. The convicts of sin, righteousness and judgment: John 16: 8-11 (RVR1960): "And when he comes, he will convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. Of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. "

4. We will guide you into all truth: John 16:13 (RVR1960): "When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth; He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will show you things to come. "

5. Glorify Jesus Christ and teaches the believer: John 16: 14-15 (RVR1960): "glorify me; for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. "

6. It is of power: Acts 1: 8 (RVR1960): "But ye shall receive power, after that come upon you the Holy Spirit, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth . "

7. Sanctification 1 Cor 6: 11.17 (RVR1960): "And such were some but ye are laundered, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. "But he who joins the Lord is one spirit with him."

CONCLUSION

We grow when we interact with our brethren through Bible study, praying together, sharing in communion with one another. Also testifying of Christ with those who do not know and be guided by the Holy Spirit helps us to reach a level of maturity in the Christian life.

It is the Holy Spirit who renews human nature when we accept Jesus, and every believer produces fruit, which are the distinctive features of Christian character.

Lesson 5

MY SAFETY IS BASED ON JESUSBIBLICAL
VERSE

Romans 6:23, John 1:12, I John 5: 11-13

EMPHASIS
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Our security is based on what God tells us in His Word.

VERSE TO LEARN

For by grace you have been saved through faith; this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. (Eph 2: 8,9)

I. INTRODUCTION

In our daily life we realize that security is a vital element. And in the times that we live we have experienced the need to feel SAFE. Our families are protected. If we travel somewhere we want to be sure to go in the right direction, the vehicle in which we travel to work properly, make sure we have the necessary provisions for every occasion. We are talking about the security in matters concerning our pilgrimage on this earth. How do we reassure ourselves when it comes to our eternal life and the salvation of our souls? The Bible contains several realities of which the believer must have security. Let's look at these great truths.

I. I have reassurance that God forgave my sins

There's promise of forgiveness when we confess	1 John 1: 9
God's forgiveness is complete	Salmo 103: 12
God forgives and does not keep remembering	Hebrews 8:12
God is merciful	Micah 7:18
We receive forgiveness in the name of Jesus	Acts 10:43
Forgiveness is found in Jesus	Eph 2: 7

1. Read Ephesians 2: 8-9. We will find three very important words that tell us why we enjoy this relationship with God.

a)_____ b)_____ c)_____

BY GRACE

It's a favor we did not deserve

We are SAVED

According to Romans 6:23, What has God rescued you from?

THROUGH FAITH

Believe and trust completely. There is intellectual faith and spiritual faith. Intellectual faith is one that acts according to intellectual knowledge, for example, if I insert the key in the car we are sure it will turn. Spiritual faith is produced by God in our spirit, with which we can believe in the invisible-and this is not from yourselves it is the gift of God ... (Hebrews 11: 1)

Instead of trusting yourself, Who do you trust now?

What did the Lord Jesus Christ do with your sins? I Peter 2:24

II. I HAVE CERTAINTY THAT CHRIST IS IN MY LIFE

1. Read John 1:12 What has to happen in order for you to become a child of God?

2. According to Revelation 3:20, what did you do and what did Jesus Christ do?

3. Read Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13: 5. According to this Reading, under what circumstances would God abandon you?

4. According to the above, how many times must you receive Jesus Christ?

Share a testimony of what happened in your life when you accepted Jesus. Include Before, Now, and After.

For example:

Before I felt lonely or alone.

Now, I accepted Jesus Christ changed my life.

After that, I no longer feel lonely.

III. CERTAINTY OF ETERNAL LIFE

Read I John 5: 11-13.

In whom do we find eternal life? _____

Who has eternal life? _____

Do you have an eternal life? _____

When did an eternal life begin for you? _____

This wonderful security is totally based on Jesus Christ. None of these blessings can be obtained otherwise, you acquire this from the moment you put your faith in Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION

What to do with doubts? Your friendship with Christ is based on what God says in His Word and not your emotions, because these change daily. Doubts, questions and different emotions, are common throughout the world, but do not determine our friendship with Christ. A Christian should not base the certainty of salvation only in the level of their feelings. We have compared feelings to be like a roller coaster, rising levels of elevation and then falling to the depths of despair and what if tomorrow you feel that you are not "Christian"? The Word of God has power in itself and does not depend on anything or anyone to move and act. Put your faith in the faithfulness of God and what He says in His Word. The more you learn from the Bible, the more you'll be able to confront doubts with reality.

Can you think of anything more wonderful than having eternal security of salvation? Take a moment right now and thank God for all that He did for you through Jesus Christ.

WHAT DOES EXPECT FROM ME ?

John 16:13 tells us that the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth; some phases of that truth will be extremely pleasant and easy, others will bring greater challenges as befits a child of God. However, this is part of our spiritual growth. In a human life, the child does not demand a lot of responsibility, but as it grows, so do its work; in the same way it happens to you, now that you have a new nature. Some of the following aspects are pleasing responsibilities and blessing for your life.

I. MAKE CHRIST THE LORD OF YOUR LIFE

What does it mean to have Jesus the Lord of your life? Read Matthew 16:13

To this question of Jesus: "Who do people say the Son of man is?" the disciples began to give answers according to the opinion of others, said: "Some say Jesus is John the Baptist, for others Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. " Those answers simply was the opinion of others; this revealed that they had a personal concept. But Jesus confronted them to say, "But what about you? Who do you say I am?" (Matthew 16:15). This at last was a direct question! to which Peter replied, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

The word Lord:

In the days when Jesus was on earth, this expression "lord" was of great importance and It is widely used in the New Testament and includes the following meanings:

Owner, Master: The Lord is the one who owns property rights on goods and even on people, in this case his servants.

Highest authority: The Lord is the one who commands, they give orders and instructions that must be obeyed. Example: In this sense, a father to their children, or an army officer with his subordinates. In a sense they are lords over others.

God. The Lord, in some cases is one that is considered divine. Such is the case of Jesus Christ (God for Christians) and the Roman Emperor (God for the Romans).

In conclusion, we can say that when a person was called Lord, implied acceptance of them as their owner, master, supreme authority and, in some cases their God.

In opposition to the Lord was the servant. And this was the meaning of servant in the time of Christ. Slave: The servant was a slave of another man. It is owned by "Lord" and as a result, loses all rights and privileges; He loses his freedom, will and even their identity.

It is unconditional: He is willing to serve his master without any conditions. He carries out his work because he has to.

A dependent and under authority servant is a person who depends on both the master, who does not dare to make their own decisions in matters of life. They consult the will of his master in order to know what they must do.

We can say that being a servant, meant accepting the authority, dependency and serve it unconditionally without reserving any rights.

The Bible teaches us that Jesus Christ is God and Savior who is supplier of all. However, there is a point that we can not put aside and it is highly important: Jesus Christ is Lord of our lives!

IT WAS THE FATHER WHO GAVE HIM THAT POSITION AS A RESULT OF HIS OBEDIENCE

We must understand that Jesus always possessed the title of God because of his divine nature. However, he obtained the position of Lord as a result of his obedience in his earthly life. Based on this obedience, God the Father made Him Lord of everything and everyone.

In Phil 2: 5-11, Paul describes a clear and complete process by which Jesus became Lord of all. Read the whole passage and then note the following:

- * The Son always existed as God. Had power and a privileged position for eternity. (v.5-6).
- * In obedience to the Father's will (God took form of man to die on the cross to save the world from sin), He emptied himself, not seeking their own will but the will of the Father. (v.6-7).
- * Passed by a triple humiliation. Being God: man (v.7) was made. Servant (v.7) was made. He died on a cross, stooping himself as a criminal; He did all this to save man (verse 8).

After this analysis answer the following:

What does Jesus mean to you?

What does it mean to have Jesus as Lord of your life?

What place does Jesus take in your life?

Remember that it was by his obedience to the Father gave him the title of Lord and that's the primary reason for his lordship.

Jesus wants you to make him the Lord of your life, and that means that you:

- 1. He is put first above everything else*
- 2. Give him your time*
- 3. Devote your talents to Him*
- 4. Give Him your possessions*
- 5. To commit to the church where they congregate, serving in various areas*
- 6. Help the financial support of good works*
- 7. Testify others of your faith.*

LESSON 7

WATER BAPTISM

Those who received his word were baptized; and they added about three thousand people that day. (Acts 2:41).

A water baptism is one of the ordinances the Church practices in obedience to the mandate set by Jesus.

For its importance and meaning
Of water Baptism and Holy Communion are regarded
by the Church as sacraments.

Origin of the word sacrament.

Comes from the Latin word “sacramentum” was originally applied to money deposited in a sacred place by the parties involved in a proceeding before a court. It was seen as a sign that the participants considered good, fair and just.

It also came to mean the oath of allegiance of a Roman soldier.

The first fathers of the church used the term to translate the Greek word (mysterion) as something eminent and especially sacred. That way the word has come to mean ordinance or sacred rite in which the believer receives blessing from God and deliberately agree with him into the covenant.

What is the meaning of a water baptism?

A water baptism is a public witness to our faith, to those who do not know the Lord. The word of God teaches us that our bodies immersed in water symbolizes the following:

- a) The death of our relationship with sin
- b) Our old nature is buried
- c) A resurrection to a new relationship with God

1. A baptism shows that Christians are identified with Christ in his death.

Through a baptism, when immersed in water, the believer testifies that when Christ died on the cross, they also died for the world. no longer to live the life of sin they had previously and; dead to their sin and their own selfish desires and plans (Romans 6: 4,6; Galatians 2:20; 5:24; 6:14).



Colossians 2: 12-14: "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven all sins, blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was us contrary, out of the way, nailing it to the cross. "

We break our relationship with sin. Our old sinful nature is crucified on the cross and no longer has any government or rule in our lives; then we can say that we are truly free from sin and death because our Lord Jesus Christ overturned and annulled that sentence passed on us (Romans 6: 10-11): "For in that he died, he died unto sin once and for all ; but in that he lives, for God lives. Even so, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. "

2. SHOWS THAT CHRISTIANS ARE UNITED IN CHRIST'S RESSURECTION.

In accepting Jesus into your heart the person receives eternal life, which lives spiritually.

Being baptized testifies to the world that as Christ was raised to a new life, he also has a new life. Has new desires and aspirations, rather than to please himself,, they seek to please God (Colossians 2:12; Romans 6: 8-13).

3. SYMBOLIZING RESURRECTION TO NEW LIFE WITH GOD

Just as Christ rose from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also should walk in newness of life (Romans 6: 4). If we are in Christ we are a new creation, as written in II Corinthians 5:17.

A water baptism is an act of obedience through external action, witnessing one change within in which takes place at the moment the Holy Spirit baptizes us into the body of Christ as found in Romans 6: 1 - 3.

So that new believers will dive into the waters of the baptism and representing the burial of the old nature leaving it completely buried in water, followed by resurrection to new life in Christ Jesus.

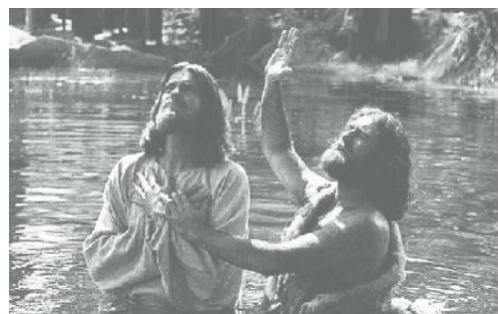
BAPTISM FORM

Many religious groups choose different ways of baptizing. Some pour water on the head of that person being baptized, others spray; and then there are those who submerge.. A biblical analysis indicates that the last one is the correct way to do it. By dipping or submersion.

The word "baptism" comes from the root meaning "bapto" meaning " dip " or "submerge"

Examples of Baptism in the Bible

'Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan (Mark 1: 9,10) "And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens parting, and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.'



The Ethiopian was baptized by Philip. "The eunuch commanded the chariot to stop and walked down into the water, and Phillip baptized him. When he rose from the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Phillip "(Acts 8:38, 39a). With this, emphasis the biblical method is immersion symbolizing death, burial and resurrection (Romans 6: 14).

THE BAPTISMAL FORMULA

The term, namely the baptismal phrase, which should be used is based on Matthew 28: 18-20 that says it must be in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Why must we be baptized?

1. Because it is an ordinance of Christ.

(Matthew 28:19): Therefore go and make disciples all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;(Mark 16:16)

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

2. Jesus gave us an example in
(Matthew 3:16)

3. Because it was an established practice in the early Church

(Acts 2:41) So those who received his word were baptized; and they added that day about three thousand people.

(Acts 8:36) They went down the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, here is water; What prevents me from being baptized?

(Acts 8:37) Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, you can fine.

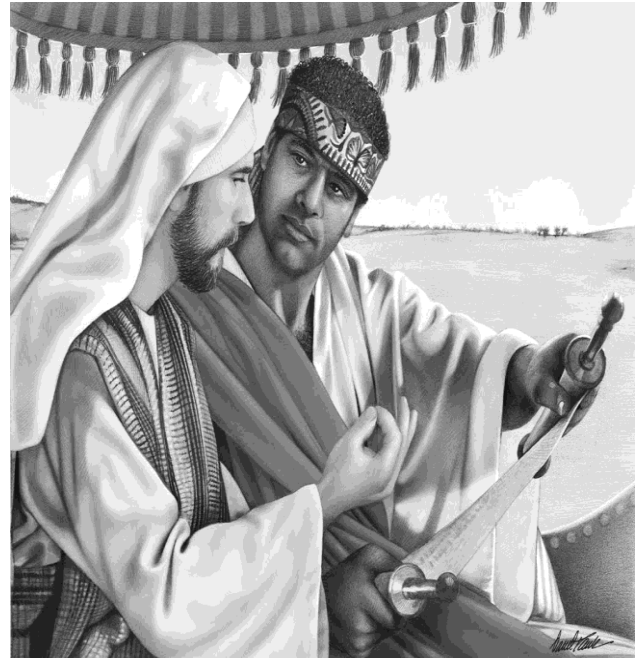
And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

(Acts 8:38) And he commanded the chariot; and down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

4. Because we are clothed spiritually

(Galatians 3:27) For all who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

5. Because testify publicly our commitment to live a new life in Christ.(Romans 6: 4) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.



WHAT IS THE REQUIREMENT TO BE BAPTIZED?

REPENTANCE

To accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives (Mark 1:15; Acts 2:38) desire to do God's will.

WHO ARE THE CANDIDATES FOR A BAPTISM?

Those who wish to die for the world and live for Christ.
Only believers should be baptized, Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16.

WHY DO WE NOT BAPTIZE CHILDREN?

The traditional church has a habit of baptizing children, which makes us wonder why the evangelicals do not? When Philip met the eunuch in distant Gaza, he explained the verses that he was reading in the book of Isaiah (53: 3-5). To understand its meaning, he repented of his sins and recognized the need for Jesus Christ. Upon learning of this mandate and at the same time knowing what a baptism meant, he said, “What prevents me from being baptized? Why not baptize children?” Well, that is because they are unaware of the need for repentance and one of the requirements of a baptism is repentance; This implies a recognition of sin and an act of forgiveness in the person themselves (no substitute);

FINAL WORDS

Having received this interesting talk we are confident that the steps that we give will demonstrate the strength of a believer who has had a real encounter with the true God. He has promised to always be with you and continue guiding you in your new life and show new and great experiences on this journey.

May God continue to bless your life and guide your steps in your new life in Christ