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INTRODUCTION

Bethel Leadership Institute is established for the purpose of training God's servants. It is founded upon the principle that all truth comes from the Spirit of God. It is revealed to God's people who have an open heart.

We need to study and obey God's Word. This should be the top priority of your Christian life.

Set aside a time and a place to prayerfully study this Bible Course. It will be very helpful and profitable to you.

People do not absorb all that God says the first time they hear it. This is why the Bible, in God's wisdom, is repetitious. For instance, He provided not only one or two, but four gospels in the New Testament. Through repetition we are assured and reassured that our faith may be strong, that we ourselves might stand strong in God.

God's Word is always good. We will review the things of God in a different and deeper way. We are to rightly divide the word of truth, so you will notice titles of categories, sub-titles of topics, and more subtitles of subjects.

WORKING ON THE QUESTIONS

Now if you just go through trying to answer the questions without reading the Scriptures, you will probably get a lower grade, not learn much, and miss the main purpose of the course. I exhort you to read all the verses and even the sub-titles. Also, should read the questions carefully, because the wording is a little tricky sometimes.

Please remember that the Scriptures were originally written in Hebrew and Greek; so, don't be bound to the verbalism of the 1611 English translation. Seek to get past the surface of the wordage and to comprehend the intended meaning of the true spiritual realities. In order to formulate the

questions, I first used 8 or 9 translations for comparison to analyze the main thrust of each passage of Scripture. I thank the Lord for anointing my understanding. This course represents many hours of careful work, but I have enjoyed it very much; and it is my sincere prayer that you will too.

1. DOCTRINAL UNITY

THE CALL FOR DOCTRINAL UNITY RATHER THAN DIVISION

I Cor. 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

THE EXAMPLE OF FOLLOWING DIVINELY AUTHORIZED LEADERS

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF SHALL FALL. DIVISION, A MARK OF CARNALITY. THE SERVANT OF THE LORD MUST NOT STRIVE. WE ARE TO ENDEAVOR TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE. BE YE ALL OF ONE MIND, AND THE GOD OF LOVE AND PEACE SHALL BE WITH YOU.

Luke 11:17 I Cor. 3:3 II Tim. 2:24 II Tim. 2:14 Eph. 4:3 I Pet. 3:8 II Cor. 13:11

2. THE SCRIPTURES

Both the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired of God and given as a revelation of God's word, will, and way to mankind. The Word of God is the infallible and authoritative rule of doctrine and practice, superior to conscience or reason.

PROPHECY GIVEN BY THE HOLY GHOST

II Pet. 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

ALL SCRIPTURE INSPIRED OF GOD.

II Tim. 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD.

I Thess. 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

GOD'S PROPHECY IS INFALLIBLE

I Pet. 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

THE WORD OF THE LORD ETERNALLY ENDURES.

Matt. 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

3. THE DIVINE GODHEAD

There is only one true and living God, eternally self-existent, who has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. He is unchangeable, omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent. He is the creator of heaven and earth and all that in them is, and to Him is due all our worship and obedience.

THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD.

Deut. 6:4 Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord.

GOD IS A SPIRIT.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.

Isa. 45:18 For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

A THREE-FOLD CREATOR (TRI-UNITY) MADE A THREE-FOLD CREATURE (SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY).

GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE.

Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping, thing that creepeth upon the earth.

GOD IS UNCHANGEABLE.

Mal. 3:6 For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

GOD IS ETERNAL, IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, OMNISCIENT, AND IS DUE WOESHIP.

I Tim. 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD.

I John 5:7 who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God.

THE FATHER IS GREATER THAN THE SON

In. 14:28 ye have heard how I said unto you I go away and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

THE FATHER AND THE SON ARE EQUAL

Phil. 2:6 who being in the from of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

THE HOLY SPIRIT PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON

Jn. 15:26 But when the comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me.

4. THE GOSPEL

The Lord Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, Messiah of Israel, and the only Savior of all mankind. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, lived sinless life, worked many miracles, died for our sins, bodily arose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is at the right hand of the Father, and will come again.

JESUS IS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD.

John 3:16

JESUS IS THE MESSIAH OF ISRAEL.

John 1:41, 49 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, we have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

JESUS IS THE ONLY SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD.

Acts. 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.

JESUS WAS CONCEIVED OF THE HOLY GHOST.

Luke 1:26-35

THE WORD (CHRIST) WAS GOD, AND WAS WITH GOD, AND WAS MADE FLESH (INCARNATION)

In. 1:1,14 In the beginning was the word, and the Word was with God. And the word was God. And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

THE INCARNATION IS A MYSTERY

I Tim. 2:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh...

JESUS WAS BORN OF A VIRGIN.

Isa. 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Matt. 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

JESUS LIVED A SINLESS LIFE.

Heb. 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

I Pet. 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.

Heb. 7:26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

Also see John 8:46; Isa 53:9; II Cor. 5:21; I Peter 1:19

JESUS WORKED MANY MIRACLES.

John 11:47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, what do we ? for this man doeth many miracles.

Acts 2:22 ye men of Isreal, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know.

JESUS HEALED THE SICK AND RAISED THE DEAD.

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Matt. 11:4,5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

THE SUPREME SACRIFICE OF THE LAMB OF GOD PROVIDED AN ATONEMENT FOR THE SINS OF HUMANITY.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SON IS TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL

I Jn, 3:8 For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS.

I Cor. 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.

WE ARE REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

I Pet. 1:18 forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers.

I Pet. 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Matt. 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

JESUS TOOK AWAY OUR SINS.

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world

THROUGH CHRIST BELIEVERS ARE JUSTIFIED.

Rom. 4:25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Acts 13:38,39 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD.

Matt. 12:39,40 But he answered and said unto them an evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas; For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Acts 13:29,30 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulcher. But God raised Him from the dead.

CHRIST WAS BODILY RESURRECTED.

I Cor. 15:4 And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

Luke 24:39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

Acts 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

CHRIST CONQUERED DEATH, HELL, AND THE GRAVE.

Acts 2:31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

JESUS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN.

Luke 24:50 And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

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

Acts 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Eph 4:8-10 Wherefore He saith, when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

V.9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

V.10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.)

THE PRESENT MINISTRY OF CHRIST AS PRIEST, MEDIATOR, ADVOCATE, AND INTERCESSOR

JESUS IS NOW EXALTED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.

I Pet. 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Heb. 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

CHRIST IS OUR HEAVENLY HIGH PRIEST.

Heb. 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

JESUS IS THE ONLY MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.

I Tim. 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

JESUS IS OUR RIGHTEOUS ATTORNEY.

I John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

CHRIST IS NOW MAKING INTERCESSION FOR US.

Isa. 53:12 **Romans 8:34** **Heb. 7:25**

5. SALVATION

Man was created in the image of God and in state of innocence, as a free moral agent to choose and act for himself. Adam fell by voluntary transgression, resulting in a sin nature, which brings physical and spiritual death upon all men. All men are lost, subject to eternal judgment, and in need of salvation. Salvation is the gift of God, offered to all who will repent from sin, turning to God and

exercising faith in Christ, We are forgiven through the atonement of Christ, and regenerated or born again by the power of the Holy Spirit. The evidence of salvation is the inward witness of the Spirit, love of the brethren, and the life manifesting the fruit of a new creature.

THE FALL OF MAN INTO MORAL DEPRAVITY

THE SIN OF ADAM BROUGHT DEATH ON ALL MEN. (SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL)

I Cor. 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even son in Christ shall all

ALL PEOPLE HAVE GONE ASTRAY.

Isa, 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

WE HAVE ALL SINNED.

Rom. 3:23 For we have all sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

I John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

A SPIRITUAL REBIRTH.

V.5 Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

SALVATION BY, THE MERCY OF GOD AND THE GRACE OF CHRIST, NOT BY HUMAN MERIT OR MAN'S MORALITY.

SIN RESULTS IN DEATH, BUT GOD GIVES LIFE THROUGH CHRIST.

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SALVATION IS BY GOD'S GRACE THROUGH OUR FAITH.

Eph. 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.

WE ARE SAVED BY GOD'S MERCY NOT OUR MERIT.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost:

COME TO CHRIST.

John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART AND SAY IT WITH YOUR MOUTH.

Rom. 10:9,10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD AND FAITH TOWARD CHRIST.

Acts 20:20,21 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

REPENTANCE, WATER BAPTISM, AND RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

THE PRINCIPAL DOCTRINE OF CHRIST IS REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

Heb. 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God.

BELIEVE ON CHRIST AND YOU WILL BE SAVED.

Acts 16:31 And they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

THE SPIRIT ASSURES US THAT WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

WE BECOME A NEW PERSON.

Eph. 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

WE DENY SINFUL THINGS AND BEGIN LIVING RIGHT.

Titus 2:12 Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

OLD THINGS ARE REPLACED BY NEW THINGS.

II Cor. 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new.

WE KNOW WE ARE SPIRITUALLY ALIVE BECAUSE WE LOVE CHRISTIANS.

I Jn 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

WE KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BECAUSE WE WANT TO OBEY GOD'S WORD.

I Jn 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected; hereby know we that we are in him.

TO HAVE THE SON IS TO HAVE LIFE, NOT HAVING THE SON IS NOT HAVING LIFE

I Jn. 5:12 He that hath the son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

6. WATER BAPTISM

New converts are to be baptized (immersion) in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Ghost by a divinely authorized minister of God, as soon as practical. This is the believer's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. It is a Bible command, and a witness to the world of entering into a personal Christian covenant with Christ.

WATER BAPTISM IS A BIBLE COMMAND.

Acts 10:48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

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

THROUGH WATER BAPTISM WE IDENTIFY WITH THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

Rom. 6:3-5 Know ye not, that so many of us were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

V.4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

V.5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.

WE MUST BE BURIED IN THE WATER.

Col. 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

CHRIST PROVIDED AN EXAMPLE FOR US TO FOLLOW.

Matt. 3:15 And Jesus answering said unto him, suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

MODE: JESUS WENT UP OUT OF THE WATER AND THE SPIRIT DESCENDED UPON HIM.

V.16 And Jesus when he was baptized went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

THREE THOUSAND RECEIVED THE WORD, WERE BAPTIZED, AND ADDED TO THE CHURCH.

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousands souls.

A WHOLE FAMILY WAS BAPTIZED AFTER MIDNIGHT.

Acts 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

BY A DIVINELY AUTHORIZED MINISTER (JOHN, PHILIP, ANANIAS, PAUL)

Mark 1:4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 9:18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Acts 19:4,5 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

V.5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

JOHN THE BAPTIZER REQUIRED MUCH WATER TO PERFORM BAPTISM.

John 3:25 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

PHILIP AND THE EUNUCH WENT DOWN INTO THE WATER THEN CAME UP OUT OF THE WATER.

Acts 8:38,39 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

V.39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

FORMULA: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST.

Matt. 28:19 Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

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