

Where's it's all About the Love of Jesus!





### **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to win this world for Christ, not by what we say but by what we do.

To live a life before God that is worthy of our calling, and not conform to the world's desires as we did when we lived in ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, be holy (1 Peter 1:14-15). This will be our witness and our channel for God to bless us.



# Words from Senior Pastor Kirkland A. Smith

It is with great excitement that Grace Bible Fellowship of Antioch is opening our doors to minister in the Antioch and Contra Costa County Region. We are serious about affecting the "world" with the gospel (Good news) of Jesus Christ.

Yes, we mean the world, but in order to affect the world, we must impact Antioch first! With close to 70 charter members, we intend to model the Acts 2 church to ensure our success. We are pleased you decided to join with us in this effort. We have decided that we are not going to be just another church planted in the area, but one that is known by the fruit we bear.

We will feed the hungry, visit those in prison, clothe those that are naked, and love those others would not. Keep the Grace family in your prayers as we are going to impact the kingdom of God in 2021-22.

Get ready, the ride will be great!!!!



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## SALVATION

## **Case Study:**

Many people have experienced their vehicles being destroyed (totaled) or just badly damaged by years of wear and tear. Many people are unaware that there is a group known

or	s auto repair specialist who can repair any car problem (internally or externally), damaged rallegedly totaled. The only challenge would be can you afford to pay for all the repairs to et your car back to mint condition?			
	sus has paid the price for all of us and is returning us back into mint condition; and this ocess is called" ". John 15:16			
En	alvation comes from the Greek word 'Yasha', which means to save; from where we get the aglish word Salvage, which means to save something that was damaged. Once salvaged can be repaired then used again. Most salvaged vehicles are found in wrecking yards. any of us were found by God in destructive places.			
en tha wh	nce your mind has been cleared from salvaged thinking realize that since you left, the lemy (devil) wants you back. It's amazing how important you are now that you've gone an when you were with him. Jesus told all believers that they would facein life but wouldthem John 16:33. Therefore nen you fall short (make mistakes, i.e. sin) you must remember that Salvation is a!			
Fo Fo	or there are times we don't feel like parents, but we still are! or there are times we don't feel like providers, but we still are! or there are times we don't/eel like working, but we still do! has everything to do with the "facts", not how we FEEL!			
Th	ere are 3 ways to be sure of your Salvation:			
1.	Promises in God's word			
2.	Integrity of God			
3.	Spirit of God			
1.	PROMISES IN GOD'S WORD:			
	Read these promises in the word of God and tell me what they convey about how God feels about you and your salvation. John 3:16; Jeremiah 31:3; 1 John 5:11-13; Romans 10:9			



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# Grace Bible Fellowship of Antioch New Members Orientation Class Workbook

## Salvation Class cont'd

### 2. INTEGRITY IN GOD:

Integrity by definition is honesty (freedom from deceit). An individual is judged most often by their ability to keep their word. Your salvation hinges on the integrity of God and his character. You must understand that God is absolutely sure about your salvation.
Read these promises in the word of God and tell me what they convey about how God feels about you. 1 Cor 1:9; 10:13, 1 Thess 5:24; 2 Tim 2:13; Heb 10:23; Num 23:19
Yes, your heavenly Father is absolutely What He promised to do, He will! If he said you are in a covenant relationship with him (John 10:28-9), then you are in just that. Nothing or no one can change that fact, no matter what you do! Romans 8:38-39
SPIRIT OF GOD:
The final step in your initial covenant relationship with God is evidence of this change. Read <b>Ephesians 1:13-14</b> and tell me what is the indisputable proof of your salvation.
The <u>Holy Spirit</u> has and is working in the life of every believer. Some of the changes happen right away, others will come in time. They could be as simple as remorse for an action or as great as deliverance from alcohol or drugs.
Every believer should be able to name at least one change that the Holy Spirit has made in their lives.
Please take the time to name one change the Holy Spirit has made:

Therefore, we pray through God's word that you are convinced that your Salvation is a gift from God given to you. He now wants you to walk in it! See *Isaiah 65:17-9; 2 Cor 5:17* 



# **Baptism Class**

## Case Study:

It is widely known for all those that join a street gang that they me initiation whereby they prove their loyalty and commitment to the member's way of truly with the gang. They something they necessarily wouldn't like to, but in order to fit in allegiance to the team, they submit their will to the will of the grown experience the same type of sacrifice upon accepting Christ. This Luke 12:8-9	gang. This is the potential may have to end up doing orrectly and show your up. We as believers must s is known as".
Baptism comes from the Greek word Baptizo, which means to dip by dipping, to make clean with water (symbolically). You must reaction (Eph 2:8-9), but it is also not just intellectual salvation; you must have a union with God, a real outer change of	alize that baptism doesn't al assent that is enough for
Example: Imagine if the first thing asked of a husband to a wife e initially speak volumes to the husband. This is the first thing com 16:31-33).	
Therefore, since God's word speaks clearly about baptism, there believer should know.	are some points every
1. WHAT HAS GOD COMMANDED RELATIVE TO BAPTISM	
ahis example. Matt 3:13-17	
b. Towith Jesus Christ death and resu Romans <mark>6:3-4</mark>	rrection through baptism.
<b>c.</b> Leave no doubt in the mind of the	<mark>1 John 2:3</mark>
<b>d.</b> Encourage others tohim.	Matt 28:19-20
e. Align yourself to beby him. Acts	<b>2:38</b>
Notes:	



# Baptism Class cont'd

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- a. Immersed by water. Mark 1:10
- b. By a New Testament church. Acts 2:38, 41-44
- c. Witnessed by believers and family (Mark 1:4-5)

No	otes:
3.	OTHER SPECIFICS ABOUT BAPTISM
>	should not be baptized, until they are ready.
	Baptism, like salvation is a personal decision that every individual must make for himself or herself. Though parents desire the best for their children, we must ultimately leave the decisions up to the child. <b>Prov 22:6</b>
>	There is no specific age that an individual should have been baptized by each child is different.
>	Parents maytheir children unto the Lord, in lieu of baptism.  1 Samuel 1: 26-28
>	If you haven't been baptized upon your own confession of faith, you should do so



# **Bible Study Class**

Case Study: 2 Timothy 2:14-15, 3:16-17

Alt	s well known in college that many students wait until the last minute to study for exams. though their parents and instructors have warned them of this method, many will still low this path. This process of delaying is affectionately known as			
Fo	er even if the student passes the test, most of the information from the test will not be tained.			
pu	nas also been proven that if you want something to become, you must tit into practice for Your mind will then keep this occurrence as a ority.			
ou Go ret bib be pra	is it with, though we have been warned the dangers of not studying r bibles, we wait until the last minute (storms) that come into our lives and try to cram od's word into our circumstances, and expect immediate change. Even then, we don't tain much of what God was trying to teach us from that trial. Therefore, we need to make ole study a and a Bible study keeps you from coming 1 Cor 2:10-16; for it is the main way God talks with you. For when we ay, we are talking with God, but He directly desires to speak with us each day through sword! Do you really want to listen to what he is saying?			
RE	EALITY:			
all	alvation is the one point that regardless of race, ethnicity, education, or financial status we begin at the same starting block. Therefore, the study of God's word is a lifelong process, d should be done,and			
НС	OW TO STUDY YOUR BIBLE			
	order to effectively study the Holy Bible, there are some rules that should be put into place or to endeavoring to bear from God accurately.			
1.	Pray and ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom as you study James 1:5			
2.	Make sure you have proper tools (bible dictionary, concordance, maps, commentaries, and Word study books) that will aid and assist you in your study. 2 Tim 2:15			
3.	Don't rush to finish chapters, meditate on what you have just read. Psalm 119:15			
4.	Always read the scriptures in their right context. (See below)			
5.	Scripture will never militate against scripture. Matt 12:25			
6.	Don't make scripture say what isn't there. Rev 22: 18-19			
7.	Minimum time of study should be 15 minutes. Jos 1:8			

Thank God for the Victory Today



## Bible Study Class Cont'd

### **PRATICAL BIBLE STUDY METHODS**

Understand you either believe what the Word of God says, or you don't.
Ask who is the author?
What are the circumstances when he is writing?
To whom is the book written to, where is it written, when is it written?
Why is it written, what are the major problems, what solutions were given?
What is the central meaning of the book?

How does this book and the issues of that time affect me today?

### UNDERSTANDING THE CONTEXT OF SCRIPTURE

Although the bible is to be interpreted literally, it is important to remember that, as with other writings styles that contain figures of speech (a word, a phrase, or an expression used in an imaginative rather than in a literal sense), which must be interpreted for what they are in light of their intended purpose. Below are types of figurative language that is used in the Bible.

- 1. <u>Metaphor:</u> compares two things by identifying on thing with another. Ex: <u>Matt 5:13;</u> <u>Luke 22:19-20; Isa 64:8; Ps 95:7</u>
- 2. <u>Simile</u>: compares two things usually the words "like" or "as" are used to introduce them. Ex: Matt 3:16, 28:3; 1 Thess 5:2
- 3. <u>Hyperbole</u>: deliberate exaggeration for effect or emphasis. Ex: Matt 7:3; Mark 10:25; Matt 23:24, Matt 5:29
- 4. <u>Personification</u>: giving human characteristics to God or an object. Ex: Isa 55:12; John 10:29; Gen 4:10; Ps 77:16
- Parables: Earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Ex: John 15:11-33; Luke 10:29-37;
   Matt 22:1-14
- Allegory: description of one thing, using the image of another. A story with an underlying meaning different from the surface facts of the story. Ex: Matt 25:1-13; Mark 8:1-9; 2Sam 12:1-4; Dan 2:31-35
- Proverbs: a compilation of sayings, which give wisdom and instruction. Ex: Prov 3:5-6,
   22:6; Prov 12:15
- Psalms: book of praises Ex: Psalm 150



# Bible Study Class Cont'd

What is the most important lesson you pulled out from this study?	on you pulled out from this study?		
Choose a time of day that would be best for you to study your bible and stick to it.	. Write down the time		



# **Prayer Class**

## Case Study:

Remember when you first met your mate or first real girl/boyfriend? Before the first date, phone call, or the goo-goo eyes, it all started very general, plain, and distant. Someone either introduced us to this person or we gingerly approached them and asked for a phone number or more of their time (date). There was originally no relationship between the two, and from the first phone call you were building from scratch. Regardless of where the relationship is today, it wasn't always so intimate. So, it is with our relationship with Christ. From the beginning, Jesus has waited for you from the first day of your life to establish this Psalm 139:13-16 and if you are not in an intimate relationship with him, he is desiring one. Rev 3:20				
	this relationship with God through his Son Jesus Christ is called			
Prayer comes from the Greek word 'Deomai', which means to want or to entreat. We unknowingly have an innate desire for God. It is apparent whenever things get greatly out of control, we immediately run to God in prayer (Jer 31:3). It is at this time that we ask, beg, make request, question, and beseech Him.				
thi	ealize thein your intimacy with God thru prayer. In order to achieve intimacy, we must follow the <i>Who</i> , <i>What</i> , <i>When</i> , <i>Where</i> , <i>Why</i> . and How approach of ayer.			
1.	<b>Who</b> do we pray to?Psalm 34:15-18; Exodus 20: 2-3; Deut 28:1-2			
2.	What should we pray for?			
3.	When should we pray?1 Thess 5:17-18; Psalm 50:15; Isa 55:6			
4.	Where should we pray? Matt 6:5-6; Acts 3:6; Acts 16:25-26			
5.	Why do we pray?Heb 4:14-16; Matt 6:11-12			
6.	How should we pray? Phil 4:6-7, James1:6, Luke 18:1			



# Prayer Class cont'd

**TYPES OF PRAYER** 

Adoration: Ps 48:1; 145:3; 147:5				
Confession: Ps 103:12; Isiah 38:17; 1 Jo	o <mark>hn 1:9</mark>			
Thanksgiving: Phil 1:6; 1 Thess 5:18; Ep	<mark>h 5:20</mark>			
Supplication: Ps 20:4; Phil 4:19; Heb 4:16				
♣ Fasting without prayer is just	yourself			
Spouses treating the other wrong will	hinder your prayer 1 Peter 3:7			
♣ Know your	. <mark>1 Cor 7:3-5</mark>			
	for your life, pray Rom 12:1-2			



# Stewardship Class

## Case Study:

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though we now live also must understown while we are wait that are either out similar to us, in the He was sometime	ve in a microwave soc cand there are times we ing on him, he does re of your control, or thit at though they walked es unaware of their ne	when God wants us to not want younot want younot the futured with Jesus each day	everything right now), we patiently wait on Himabout things ure. The disciples were for three years, they felt I some nuggets of truth
For many of us, one of the most difficult things we struggle with is trusting God to meet our material needs. We have grown accustomed to to meet our own needs only to find ourselves sometimes in fulfilling that need. God has never failed you! Why then are we challenged in trusting him with the things we find most important to us our! If you can trust him with your Salvation, Health, Family. and in defending your very Soul against the devil, certainly you can trust him with your finances.			
In order to absorb fully the principle, you must first understand that we are in a covenant relationship with God through Christ Jesus. A covenant is a contract or agreement between two parties. Covenant in Hebrew is 'Berith', which means to cut. A covenant is cutting or dividing two contracting parties between them and formulating an agreement. Because of our covenant with God through Christ, we have the opportunity to receive from God many things if we adhere to the promises, He has laid out for us to follow. We call it a Reciprocal Relationship.			
"Giving Is The Ke			
Command	Promise		
Pray:	To Genesis 24: 10-14)	an answer. ( <mark>Matthe</mark>	ew 6: 5-9; 7: 7-12;
Fast:	To 1 Sam 1:7-18) denyi	break through. ( <mark>M</mark> ng yourself.	atthew 6:16-18;
Give:	To	a harvest.	



# Stewardship Class cont'd

"God teaches us how to align ourselves to His will to receive from Him His perfect will so that our needs are met to the glory of His kingdom."

### TRUST HIM, HIS WORD IS TRUE!!!

"Being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. Romans 4:21			
A.	Follow the		
B.	Abel from God. Gen	esis 4:1-7	
C.	Nation of Israel of Sin. 20	hr 7:14	
D.	Widows Faith	1Kings 17: 10-16	
E.	Fulfill (live by it) the	and experience the	

### LAW OF RECIPROCITY

	<u>Command</u>	<u>Promise</u>
Luke 6:38	Give	It will be given to you.
Luke 16:10-12	Give	Trusted with more.
II Corinthians 9:1-11	Give	You will have what you need.
Psalm 55:22 (Living)	Give	He will carry them for you (your burdens)
Matt 10:8	Give	You will continue to receive

### OTHER SPECIFICS ABOUT GIVING

- 1. God's primary focus isn't on the big giver. Luke 21:14
- 2. There is a difference between the tithe and the offering. Ex 20:3
- 3. God does not want just the 10%he wants to be first! Matt 6:33. We are accountable for the other 90% as well.
- 4. If you do not enjoy honoring God, then keep honoring yourself 2 Cor 9:7.

Therefore, we at Grace Bible Fellowship encourage you to join in with us as we give our best and first fruits to our Lord and Savior through this ministry!



# Evangelism (New Way to Fish) Class

### Case Study:

There was an experienced fisherman who had caught thousands of fish in one location for many years. Many different types of fish, at many different times of day were his claim to fame to all who knew him. Then suddenly, no matter what he tried, no matter what time he fished, or what pole he used, he couldn't catch anything? At the same time, a younger, more inexperienced fisherman began catching fish in the same locations regardless of what time he fished or where he cast his pole. Everyone was aware of the situation. Humbling himself, the older fisherman asked the younger guy the secret of his success, the young guy reply was simply "whenever the fish aren't biting, I change my bait".

How many Christians are out in the world fishing for men, but using the wrong bait? Many of us will no longer fish because we feel we can no longer effectively catch anything. Some of us have never changed locations, bait, or even thrown a pole in the water? Jesus shows us how to properly fish (Evangelize) for men. Matt 28:19-20; Acts 1:8

### Facts for an Effective Witness

1.	Know	_can't be changed witho	ut you. Rom 10:14-15
2.	Know God ultimately holds	responsible fo	or sharing. <mark>Prov 24:11-12</mark>
3.	Don't fear man, you're going v	vith	_ Psalm 56:3-4
1.	If the gospel is rejected, keep	moving, it's	they're denying Luke 9:5
5.	Know that the	is plentiful. <mark>Mat</mark>	t 9:37-38
6.	Know the	_must be preached to the	e world. <mark>Matt 24:14</mark>
7.	Know you are to	the people. $^{ extsf{N}}$	Matt 25:33-40
3.	Every	needs him. Rom 3	:23
9.	If you,	then you will	Gal 6:7-
3 ′	<mark>10.  </mark> Your	is already assure	ed. <mark>Rev 5:8-10</mark>
n	Numbers 16 come Israelite Isr	adore who thought thou	know and had as much

In Numbers 16, some Israelite leaders, who thought they knew and had as much authority with God as Moses did, approached Moses unexpectedly? Well God didn't like their personal agenda and dealt with Korab, Dathan, Abiram, and On's disobedience against his plan. God took all those men who were plotting against his anointed vessel and unsuspectingly surprised them with a tragic end to their lives (v21, 31-3).



# Evangelism (New Way to Fish) Class cont'd

Moses felt compassion on the people and had Aaron intercede on their behalf for their lives (v22, 46-8). God relented as Moses stood between the living and the dead; 14,700 died.

- We too are currently standing between the living and the dead (damaged marriages, abused kids, unsaved people) and have a chance to make a difference in their lives.
- ➤ We have to make a concerted effort in 2021-22 to impact the kingdom by sharing our faith with a lost and dying world.
- We can accomplish" this goal by fishing (Evangelizing) in a new way. It will include 5 ways to go about it: Inreach, Outreach, Street, Prayer walking, and Administrative.

### **INREACH**:

The ministry will contact the current members who are missing from the fellowship, by phone and encourage them. Contact all guests who've attended a worship service and all new members to see if they have any questions, concerns, prayer needs, etc.

#### **OUTREACH:**

The ministry will go to the homes of the members (New and Existing) who have been missing from the fellowship and ensure that they know their church cares for them. Also going to malls and grocery stores doing questionnaires to see what they like and dislike about the church and using this to make our ministry more effective.

#### STREET:

The ministry will go into designated areas and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ from street corners. We will visit troubled neighborhoods, train depots, Parks, Apartment complexes, and known hang out spots. We will take food and clothing into areas of need and share the love of Christ with those in need.

### PRAYER WALKING:

The ministry will send intercessors into every area that we go into and minster (In Reach, Outreach, and Street) and cover the teams and its members in prayer. We will also encourage some of the saints to do warfare from the sanctuary.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

The ministry will provide all the potential names for follow-up placed on Grace Inreach/ Outreach forms and maps for all homes to be visited. They will input all info placed into our database for further follow-up from our Pastor and Servant Leader's ministry.



## Missions Class

### Case Study:

In 2003 as the United States was seeking peace in the Middle East, (i.e. raq) which was to bring some form of safety aid unity for the world. We deployed soldiers from this country that in case something went wrong, the soldiers while stationed there would be given orders to carry out the mission, where the end result would be world peace. These soldiers had a clear plan to follow and were continually being briefed relative to any changes that may have needed to occur pertaining to the mission.

Every organization should have a mission, a reason for existing. Any organization without one should be avoided!

Jesus Christ gave his disciples clear instructions prior to his going to heaven to be with the Father. He spent 3 years pouring into the disciples with the expectation that if they would follow his plans, the world would come to know him in the pardon of their sins; and learn to live a victorious Christian life while on earth. Matt 28:19-20

Missionaries are not just those that take the gospel to the outer parts of the world but are the everyday person who shares the love of Christ with those in need. We can win this world for Christ in 3 ways Realizing, Planning, and Providing. Habakkuk 2:2

### Realizing:

At Grace Bible Fellowship, we too have been given through the Holy Spirit a clear vision relative to how we can impact this world for Christ. The first thing we must understand is								
	hat to impact the World, we must begin with the head							
Ezek 22:30 Once we reach the father, then we have the								
Once the family is in	place, then we can have th	e With the community						
behind us, we can w	in the	If we have the city behind us, we	car					
impact this	mpact this will							
follow. When we cha	ange this nation, then and c	only then can we change the						
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Family: Strength	City: Influence	Community: Voice						
State: Notoriety	Nation: Power	World: Purpose						

## Missions Class cont'd

### **Planning:**

Includes having evangelistically oriented events to reach the community with the gospel (good news of Jesus Christ). 1 Cor 9:19-22

Community Resource Fair
Block Party
Church Picnic
Holy Eve Carnival
Thanksgiving Baskets Giveaway
Thanksgiving Meal for the community
Christmas Breakfast
Comedy Show
Back to School Backpack Giveaway
Brother Be Loosed
Summer Basketball Tournaments for community
Back to Church Day
Midnight Basketball
Juneteenth

### **Providing:**

Having answers to troubled people's questions. We will meet these needs by providing these services to the community: Matt 25:34-40.

We've got to do something besides talking about it. We shall overcome begins now!

Homeless or Hopeless (Grace House)
Addictions/Recovery Ministry (Overcomers)
Financial Problems (Grace Counseling Team)
Youth Rebellion (Youth 4 Real)
Marriage Problems - Couple's Cell Groups
Economic Development
Homework Club (After School Program)
Food/Clothing needs (Grace Closet)
Community Development Center/Computer Lab

Therefore, we at Grace Bible Fellowship are excited that you have decided to join withus and are looking forward to God moving mightily in your lives. Welcome to Grace Bible Fellowship of Antioch. We are Family!

Now, please began attending our Transitional 1 Class next door.



# EMERGENCY NUMBERS MAY BE DIALED DIRECT NO OPERATOR ASSISTANCE IS NECESSARY

Call John 14 When in sorrow. When men fail you, Call Psalm 27 If you want to be fruitful, Call John 15 When you have sinned, Call Psalm 51 Call Matthew 6:19 When you worry, When you are in danger, Call Psalm 91 Call Psalm 139 When God seems far away, Call Hebrews 11 When your faith needs stirring, Call Psalm 23 When you are lonely and fearful, When you grow bitter and critical, Call I Corinthians For Paul's secret to happiness, Call Colossians 3:1 Call II Corinthians For understanding of Christianity, When you feel down and out, Call Romans 8:31 When you want peace and rest, Call Matthew 11:25 When the world seems bigger than God, Call Psalm 90 When you want Christian assurance, Call Romans 8:1-30

When you want Christian assurance,

When you leave home for labor or travel,

When your prayers grow narrow or selfish,

For great invention/opportunity,

When you want courage for a task,

For how to get along with fellow men,

When you think of investments and returns,

Call Romans 8:1-3

Call Psalm 121

Call Isaiah 55

Call Joshua 1

Call Romans 12

Call Mark 10

If you are depressed, Call Psalm 27

If you are losing confidence in people, Call I Corinthians 13

Call Psalm 37

If people seem unkind, Call John 15

If discouraged about your work,

Call Psalm 126

If you find the world growing small and yourself great, Call Psalm 19

Alternate Numbers:

If your pocketbook is empty,

For dealing with fear, Call Psalm 34:7
For security, Call Psalm 121:3
For assurance, Call Mark 8:35
For reassurance, Call Psalm 145:18

All lines to Heave are open 24 hours a day! Feed your faith, and doubt will start to death.