



Grace Bible Fellowship Of Antioch Spiritual Counseling Curriculum Class Workbook

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

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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.

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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 as auto repair specialist who can repair any car problem (internally or externally), damaged or allegedly totaled. The only challenge would be can you afford to pay for all the repairs to get your car back to mint condition?

Jesus has paid the price for all of us and is returning us back into mint condition; and this process is called _____ " ". **John 15:16**

Salvation comes from the Greek word 'Yasha', which means to save; from where we get the English word Salvage, which means to save something that was damaged. Once salvaged, it can be repaired then used again. Most salvaged vehicles are found in wrecking yards. Many of us were found by God in destructive places.

Once your mind has been cleared from salvaged thinking realize that since you left, the enemy (devil) wants you back. It's amazing how important you are now that you've gone than when you were with him. Jesus told all believers that they would face _____ in life but would _____ them **John 16:33**. Therefore when you fall short (make mistakes, i.e. sin) you must remember that Salvation is a _____ not a _____!

For there are times we don't feel like parents, but we still are!
For there are times we don't feel like providers, but we still are!
For there are times we don't feel like working, but we still do!
It has everything to do with the "facts", not how we **FEEL!**

There 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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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

3. SPIRIT OF GOD:

The final step in your initial covenant relationship with God is evidence of this change. Read **Ephesians 1:13-14** and tell me what is the indisputable proof of your salvation.

The **Holy Spirit** 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**



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Baptism Class

Case Study:

It is widely known for all those that join a street gang that they must go through a process of initiation whereby they prove their loyalty and commitment to the gang. This is the potential member's way of truly _____ with the gang. They may have to end up doing something they necessarily wouldn't like to, but in order to fit in correctly and show your allegiance to the team, they submit their will to the will of the group. We as believers must experience the same type of sacrifice upon accepting Christ. This is known as _____".

Luke 12:8-9

Baptism comes from the Greek word Baptizo, which means to dip or immerse. To cleanse by dipping, to make clean with water (symbolically). You must realize that baptism doesn't _____ (**Eph 2:8-9**), but it is also not just intellectual assent that is enough for salvation; you must have a union with God, a real outer change communicated to the world.

Example: Imagine if the first thing asked of a husband to a wife ended in **NO** that would initially speak volumes to the husband. This is the first thing commanded of God (**Acts 16:31-33**).

Therefore, since God's word speaks clearly about baptism, there are some points every believer should know.

1. WHAT HAS GOD COMMANDED RELATIVE TO BAPTISM

- a. _____ his example. **Matt 3:13-17**
- b. To _____ with Jesus Christ death and resurrection through baptism. Romans **6:3-4**
- c. Leave no doubt in the mind of the _____. **1 John 2:3**
- d. Encourage others to _____ him. **Matt 28:19-20**
- e. Align yourself to be _____ by him. **Acts 2:38**

Notes:



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Baptism Class cont'd

2. HOW SHOULD A NEW BELIEVER BE BAPTIZED

- 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**)

Notes:

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. **Prov 22:6**

- There is no specific age that an individual should have been baptized by each child is different.

- Parents may _____ their 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 immediately.



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Bible Study Class

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

It is well known in college that many students wait until the last minute to study for exams. Although their parents and instructors have warned them of this method, many will still follow this path. This process of delaying is affectionately known as _____.
For even if the student passes the test, most of the information from the test will not be retained.

It has also been proven that if you want something to become _____, you must put it into practice for _____. Your mind will then keep this occurrence as a priority.

So is it with _____, though we have been warned the dangers of not studying our bibles, we wait until the last minute (storms) that come into our lives and try to cram God's word into our circumstances, and expect immediate change. Even then, we don't retain much of what God was trying to teach us from that trial. Therefore, we need to make bible study a _____ and a _____. Bible study keeps you from becoming _____ **1 Cor 2:10-16**; for it is the main way God talks with you. For when we pray, we are talking with God, but He directly desires to speak with us each day through His word! Do you really want to listen to what he is saying?

REALITY:

Salvation is the one point that regardless of race, ethnicity, education, or financial status we all begin at the same starting block. Therefore, the study of God's word is a lifelong process, and should be done _____, _____ and _____.

HOW TO STUDY YOUR BIBLE

In order to effectively study the Holy Bible, there are some rules that should be put into place prior 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. **Psalms 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**



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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. **Metaphor**: compares two things by identifying on thing with another. Ex: **Matt 5:13; Luke 22:19-20; Isa 64:8; Ps 95:7**
 2. **Simile**: 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. **Hyperbole**: deliberate exaggeration for effect or emphasis. Ex: **Matt 7:3; Mark 10:25; Matt 23:24, Matt 5:29**
 4. **Personification**: 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**



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Bible Study Class Cont'd

What is the most important lesson you pulled out from this study?

Choose a time of day that would be best for you to study your bible. Write down the time and stick to it.



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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**

The way we _____ this relationship with God through his Son Jesus Christ is called _____. Many of us are in our infancy stage (children) with God, and in need of growth. Prayer is what helps to build the intimacy.

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.

****Realize** the _____. In your intimacy with God thru prayer. In order to achieve this intimacy, we must follow the **Who, What, When, Where, Why**. and How approach of Prayer.

1. **Who** do we pray to? _____ **Psalm 34:15-18; Exodus 20: 2-3; Deut 28:1-2**
2. **What** should we pray for? _____ **James 5:16; Luke 22:41- 42; 1 John 5: 14-15**
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, James 1:6, Luke 18:1**



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Prayer Class cont'd

TYPES OF PRAYER

Adoration: Ps 48:1; 145:3; 147:5

Confession: Ps 103:12; Isiah 38:17; 1 John 1:9

Thanksgiving: Phil 1:6; 1 Thess 5:18; Eph 5:20

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 _____. 1 Cor 7:3-5
- + Want to know _____ for your life, pray Rom 12:1-2



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Stewardship Class

Case Study:

There's a saying, "the more things change, the more they remain the same." Even though we now live in a microwave society (where we want everything right now), we also must understand there are times when God wants us to patiently wait on Him. While we are waiting on him, he does not want you _____ about things that are either out of your control, or things that are in the future. The disciples were similar to us, in that though they walked with Jesus each day for three years, they felt He was sometimes unaware of their needs. So, he deposited some nuggets of truth that still today are profound in their application. **Matt 6:19-21, 25-34**

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 Key To Receiving"

Command	Promise
Pray:	To _____ an answer. (Matthew 6: 5-9; 7: 7-12; Genesis 24: 10-14)
Fast:	To _____ break through. (Matthew 6:16-18; 1 Sam 1:7-18) denying yourself.
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. **Genesis 4:1-7**
- C. Nation of Israel _____ of Sin. **2Chr 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.
Psalms 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!



EMERGENCY NUMBERS MAY BE DIALED DIRECT NO OPERATOR ASSISTANCE IS NECESSARY

When in sorrow,	Call John 14
When men fail you,	Call Psalm 27
If you want to be fruitful,	Call John 15
When you have sinned,	Call Psalm 51
When you worry,	Call Matthew 6:19
When you are in danger,	Call Psalm 91
When God seems far away,	Call Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring,	Call Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful,	Call Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical,	Call I Corinthians
For Paul's secret to happiness,	Call Colossians 3:1
For understanding of Christianity,	Call II Corinthians
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 leave home for labor or travel,	Call Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish,	Call Psalm 6
For great invention/opportunity,	Call Isaiah 55
When you want courage for a task,	Call Joshua 1
For how to get along with fellow men,	Call Romans 12
When you think of investments and returns,	Call Mark 10
If you are depressed,	Call Psalm 27
If your pocketbook is empty,	Call Psalm 37
If you are losing confidence in people,	Call I Corinthians 13
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:

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.