

# Grace Ministry

*Living and sharing the good news!*

## *Powerful Christian Living*

Foundational Bible Class

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Session 1 Segment 1

## *Knowing God's Word / God's Plan of Salvation*

Matthew 4:1-4

Jeremiah 15:16

Job 23:12

Jeremiah 29:11

Mark 1:14, 15

John 3:1-3, 16, 17

Isaiah 9:6, 7

John 10:10

I John 1:1-4

John 8:31, 32

II Timothy 3:13-17

Psalm 1:1-3

Psalm 119:97-105

Psalm 37:4

We face a famine of the knowledge of God

The study of God improves our minds, comforts our hearts and challenges our will

**The Bible is the revealed Word of God = The Word of God is the Will of God**

God has a plan to give you a future and a hope

The kingdom of God is at hand / You must be born again

The Scriptures are able to make us wise for salvation—profitable for doctrine, reproof, and correction

Delighting in the Lord gives you the desires of your heart.

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Session 1 Segment 2

## *The Integrity of God's Word*

II Timothy 3:16  
II Peter 1:16-21  
Galatians 1:11, 12  
Psalm 19:7-11  
Psalm 23:1-3  
Psalm 119:142,151,160  
Psalm 12:6

Proverbs 30:5-6  
Deuteronomy 4:2  
Revelation 22:18, 19  
II Peter 1:2-4  
Isaiah 55:8-11  
John 3:16  
John 6:27, 35

**“Prophecy”**—to speak forth, declare; not always the future. Abram was called a prophet even though no records exist of him telling future events.

No prophecy of Scripture is of any **“private interpretation”** literally meaning origin.

**“Scripture is given by inspiration of God”** literally meaning God-breathed.

### **The Word of God is:**

1. infallible- incapable of error, sure, certain
2. inerrant- without error in its totality
3. complete-no need to add anything
4. effective- it does what God wants it to do

Suggested readings:  
Foundations of Faith, Chapter 1  
God's Plan, Pages 9-12

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## Session 2 Segment 1

### *The Authority of Scripture / Building Our House on the Rock*

I Thessalonians 2:13  
Jeremiah 2:11-13  
Matthew 7:21-27  
Philippians 4:19  
Colossians 1:9-11  
Psalm 103:1-5  
John 13:34, 35  
Matthew 22:35-40

John 3:16, 36  
Hebrews 11:6  
John 9:1-7  
Hebrew 11:4, 7, 8  
Philippians 2:12, 13  
I Corinthians 15:9, 10  
Romans 4:18-21  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Christianity is marked by a certainty of beliefs and by clear duties.

“One ship drives east and another west with the self same winds that blow.  
Tis the set of the sails and not the gales which tells us the way to go.  
Like winds of the sea are the ways of men as we voyage along through life.  
Tis the set of the soul that decides its goal and not the calm or the strife.”

Ella Wilcox

#### **To build our house or life on the rock we must know four principles:**

1. We must know what God promises and commands (Philippians 4:19)
2. We must know how to receive the blessings and do what God commands (John 3:16)
3. We must be convinced that God’s ability equals His willingness (Romans 4:18-21)
4. We must be committed to obey and be faithful (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)

#### **Believing is acting on God’s Word.**

Once you begin to act, God responds by acting *in* you.

Other verses of interest:  
Hebrews 11:11, 12  
Colossians 2:6-10

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Session 2 Segment 2

## *Fear and Believing / Attributes of God*

Psalm 56:1-4

Psalm 9:9, 10

Genesis 1:1

Exodus 15:11

I John 1:3-5

II Chronicles 20:5, 6

Isaiah 46:9,10

Isaiah 40:28-31

Psalm 36:5-8

Psalm 119:89, 90

Isaiah 49:13-16

I Corinthians 10:13

Romans 10:17

Genesis 3:1-10

Matthew 1:18-21

John 3:16, 17

Ephesians 1:3-4

II Corinthians 5:21

Psalm 34:4

Romans 8:31, 32

John 14:27

**To live is to take risks**, you can live in fear or with confidence and boldness.

The **key to living** without fear is **trusting in God**.

Why do we find it hard to trust God?

1. Ignorance of God (II Chronicles 20: 5,6)
2. Sin (Genesis 3:1-10)

**God is the Creator** and He **gives meaning** and **significance to life**.

**God is holy**; there is no evil in Him.

**God is Powerful and Faithful**.

Sin separates us from God – Jesus Christ saved us from our sins.

Suggested Reading:

Foundations for Faith, Chapter 2

The Gift of the Holy Spirit, Pages13-19

Other verses of interest:

Lamentations 3:22, 23

Psalms 37:4

Luke 12: 31, 32

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Session 3 Segment 1

## *How to Understand the Bible*

Hosea 4:1-6

Psalms 119:18, 33, 34

I Corinthians 10:32

Romans 15:4

II Corinthians 12:7

Numbers 33:55

Joshua 23:13

Ezekiel 28:24

Ephesians 6:10-13

II Corinthians 11:22-28

II Corinthians 12:7-10

Philippians 4:6, 7, 13

I John 4:4, 5:4, 5

The purpose of **preaching** the Word is to **stimulate faith**.

**People are destroyed for a lack of knowledge of God's Word.**

Keys to understanding God's Word:

1. Read the Bible - easily understood in the verse or context.
  - What is the theme of the verse or section
  - What is not being said/ what is unusual
  - What does God want me to believe/do
2. Pray and ask God for insight
3. Understand to whom the section of Scripture is addressed - understand administrations
4. Understand the meaning of words and figures of speech
5. Translator's and editors additions to the Bible are not divine

Other verses of interest:

Luke 11:28

Colossians 2:16,17

I Corinthians 15:10

John 1:16

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Session 3 Segment 2

## *Rightly Dividing the Word of God*

II Timothy 2: 1, 2, 15

John 7:53

Luke 23:32-43

Genesis 2:7-9

Genesis 3:22, 24

Daniel 12:1-2

Psalms 17:15

John 5:24-29

Matthew 22:32 (23-32)

Psalms 6:4,5

Psalms 115:17

Psalms 146:3, 4

Ecclesiastes 9:2-10

John 3:16

Romans 6:23

Psalms 16:10

Luke 12:4,5

Revelation 20:11-15, 21:8

As we study and teach God's Word, we must rightly divide it.

Rightly divide = *orthotomeo* = accurate or straight cut

### **Keys to understanding God's Word:**

Translator's and editors additions to the Bible are not divine.

"I say to **you, today** you will be with me in paradise."

Or "I say to you **today, you** will be with me in paradise."

### **The hope for everlasting life rests in a future resurrection.**

John 3:16 – "perish" = *apollumi* to be totally destroyed, brought to nothing.

### **Everlasting life will be enjoyed on the earth.**

"Hell" = *sheol*; Greek: *hades* = the realm of the grave

**Gehenna** = the name of the burning garbage dump outside of Jerusalem

Suggested Reading:

The Gift of the Holy Spirit, Pages 21-31

Other verses of interest:

I John 5:1,2

I Corinthians 15: 12-26

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

I John 3:1-3

Revelation 21: 1-5

Matthew 5:5

Psalms 37:9

II Peter 3:13

Romans 4:13

Galatians 3:29

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Session 4 Segment 1

## *Sin and Salvation*

John 3:16

Ezekiel 18:4

Ecclesiastes 7:20

Isaiah 64:6

Romans 3:10-12

Romans 6:23

Jeremiah 17:9

Matthew 15:16-20

Genesis 1:11-12, 21, 24-25

Genesis 2:7

Genesis 1:20-21, 24, 30

Leviticus 17:11

Genesis 2:7

Psalms 42:5

Acts 4:32, 33

Genesis 7:18-22

John 3:16

**Everyone is born into the world is a sinner.**

Sin is a corruption of our human nature – sins are the result of that corruption

“according to its kind” – there is a precise distinction between all things in their nature, looks and characteristics

*vatsar* – to fashion or make

*nephesh chai* – living being or soul

*ruach* – breath or spirit of life

*For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son. That whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.*

John 3:16

Other verses of interest:

Jeremiah 18:3,4

I Samuel 18:1



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Session 4 Segment 2

## *Sin and Salvation*

Genesis 1:26-28

Psalm 8:3-6

Genesis 2:7-17

Genesis 3:1-7

Revelation 20: 1, 2

Genesis 5:1-5, 8,11,14,17

I John 5:19

Ephesians 2:1-3

Genesis 3:15

Romans 5:12-17

II Corinthians 5:17

I Peter 1:22, 23

Titus 3:3-7

Romans 10:9, 10

Colossians 1:9-14

I John 5:19

### **Mankind is made in the image of God**

**“You shall surely die” = dying you shall die**

#### **The Fall:**

1. Satan questioned the integrity of God’s Word - Gen 3:1
2. Eve responds and omits some of what God had said - Gen 3:2,3
3. She adds to God’s command - Gen 3:3
4. The consequence is changed and softened - Gen 3:3
5. Satan’s lie - Gen 3:4,5
6. Eve relies upon her senses and passion - Gen 3:6

The ability to **reign in life** that was lost by Adam is **regained in Christ!**

Believers are a new creation, a partaker of the divine nature, born again of incorruptible seed, regenerated through the Spirit of God, transferred into the kingdom of God

#### **Suggested Readings:**

Foundations for Faith, Chapter 6,7

The Gift of the Holy Spirit, Pages 33-4

#### **Other verses of interest:**

II Peter 1:1-4

II Corinthians 3:17, 18

I John 3:1-3

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Session 5 Segment 1

## *The New Birth*

II Corinthians 5:17

John 3:1-3, 6

Romans 10:9-11

I Peter 1:22, 23

II Peter 1:2-4

I Corinthians 15:45, 46, 48, 49

Philippians 3:20, 21

I John 3:1-3

Romans 8:5-9

Ephesians 1:15-23

Ephesians 2:1-10

Ephesians 2:8-22, 3:1-3

**A believer in Jesus Christ is a new creation,  
born again of incorruptible seed, a partaker of the divine nature.**

*Teknon* – a child by natural descent

**Our union with Christ:** (Ephesians 2:1-10)

1. Crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20)
2. Died with Christ (Romans 6:3)
3. Buried with Christ (Romans 6:4)
4. Made alive with Christ (Romans 6:4, Ephesians 2:5)
5. Raised up with him (Ephesians 2:6)
6. Seated in authority (Ephesians 2:6)
7. Appears with him in glory (Colossians 3:1- 4)

**There is one people of God made up of both  
Jews who believe and Gentiles who believe**

Other verses of interest:

Psalm 17:15

Genesis 12:2,3

Isaiah 11:10

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## Session 5 Segment 2

### *The Mystery*

Ephesians 3:1-7  
Ephesians 2:12-22  
Galatians 3:26-29  
Galatians 6:15, 16  
Ephesians 3:6  
Colossians 1:18, 19, 24-27

Romans 6:1-4  
I Corinthians 1:30, 31  
Philippians 4:13  
II Corinthians 5:17-21  
Ephesians 3:3

**“mystery”=mysterion**—something kept secret but now revealed.

**“dispensation”=oikonomia**—the administration of a household, a stewardship, management

**Mystery:** Gentiles who believe in Christ are fellow heirs with believing Jews, of the same body with believing Jews, partakers of God’s promise in Christ with believing Jews  
(“If you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise” Galatians 3:29.)

**The fullness of Christ fills all in all.**

It is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.** (Colossians 1:27)

Suggested Reading:  
Foundations for Faith, Chapter 8-10

Other verses of interest:  
Romans 5:1-6      Romans 12:4, 5  
Colossians 1:9-13      Colossians 1:27-29  
John 1:16      Colossians 2:6-9  
Galatians 3:7      I Peter 2:1-10  
Ephesians 1:13-23

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Session 6 Segment 1

## *The Renewed Mind is the Key to Power*

I John 5:13

John 6:37

John 10:25-32

II Corinthians 3:17, 18

Romans 12:1, 2

Matthew 17:1, 2

Isaiah 26:3

Philippians 4:6, 7

Ephesians 6:5-9

Proverbs 3:9, 10

Proverbs 11:24, 25

II Corinthians 10:3-6

Ephesians 4:17-32

Ephesians 5:1, 2

**There are only two ways to live life – the world’s way or the Word’s way!**

**“Conformed”** = *suschematizo* = to be molded or squeezed to a form.

Don’t be pressured into living like an unbeliever (Romans 12:2).

**“Be transformed”** = *metamorphoomai* = to be changed or transfigured from within (Romans 12:2).

**Metamorphosis** = a change in composition or character or from one life form to another

**“Renewing”** = *anakainosis* = to new up in quality (Romans 12:2).

“With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him and acceptable by him. Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remake you so that your whole attitude of mind is changed. Thus you will prove in practice that the will of God is good, acceptable to him and perfect.”

(Romans 12:1,2 The New Testament in Modern English)

“ So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking around life- and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well adjusted to your culture that you fit in without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out...unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level...God brings out the best in you.”

(Romans 12:1, 2 – The Message)

### **How to renew your mind:**

1. Refuse ungodly thoughts.
2. Refuse to allow the thoughts to board or take up residence.
3. Remind yourself of the Word.
4. Replace wrong thoughts with Truth.

Other verses of interest:

Proverbs 28:1

Galatians 2:20

Colossians 3:1-17

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## Session 6 Segment 2

### *The Church*

I Timothy 3:14,15  
Acts 2:42-47  
I Peter 2:1,2  
Hebrews 10:19-25  
I Peter 4:7-11

Matthew 26:41  
I Thessalonians 5:17, 18  
II Corinthians 9:6-8  
II Corinthians 5:18-20  
Acts 1:6-8

“**Church**” = *ekklesia* = called out assembly or congregation

#### **Principles of a vital church—being committed to:**

- the apostle’s doctrine (I Peter 2:1,2)
- fellowship (Hebrews 10:25)
- breaking of bread (Acts 2:46)
- prayers (Matthew 26:41; I Thessalonians 5:17,18)
- giving (II Corinthians 9: 6-8)
- witnessing for Christ (II Corinthians 5:18-20; Acts 1:6-8)

Suggested Reading:  
Foundations for Faith, Chapter 11  
The Gift of the Holy Spirit, Chapters 4-5

#### Other verses of interest:

Matthew 4:4  
Hebrews 13:15, 16  
Romans 10:17  
Colossians 4:12, 13

Ephesians 4:15, 16  
Romans 12:4-9a  
Proverbs 3:9, 10

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Session 7 Segment 1

## *The Gift of the Holy Spirit*

Genesis 1:1-3

Job 26:13

Psalm 33:6

Isaiah 42:1-4

Luke 4:14-19

Acts 10:38

Luke 1:30-35

Luke 24:46-49

Acts 1:4-8

Titus 3:4-6

I Timothy 2:1-5

I Corinthians 8:4-6

John 17:3

II Timothy 1:6-8

Galatians 5:16-23

Acts 2:1-18, 29-39

Ephesians 1:13,14

II Corinthians 1:20-22

“Spirit” = (Heb.)—*ruach*; (Gr.)—*pneuma*

Jesus Christ ministered by the power of the Holy Spirit.

“the promise of My Father” and “power from on high” (Luke 24:46-49)

equals

“baptized with the Holy Spirit” and “receive power” (Acts 1:4-8)

The Spirit is not a person. It is the empowering presence of God.

There is only **one God** and one person who is God – the **Father of the Lord Jesus Christ**.

The gift of the promised Holy Spirit was poured out upon believers at the feast of Pentecost, fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:4 – “filled” = *pletho* – filled to overflowing

The gift of the Spirit is our guarantee (*arrobón*) of the future divine inheritance.

The gift of the Spirit brings new life, new power, and a guarantee of redemption.

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Session 7 Segment 2

## *The Gift of the Holy Spirit / Manifestations*

Acts 1:8

I Corinthians 12:1-10

I Corinthians 14:5

Mark 16:17, 18

James 5:13-15

I Corinthians 11:17

I Corinthians 12:11 ff

“receive” = *lambano* – to receive into manifestation, to receive and to use  
“spiritual” = *pneumatikos* – spiritual matters or things

### **The Spirit gives:**

- Gifts – each of us is gifted in order to serve the church
- Ministries – there are different ways of serving
- Activities – the different effects produced by the gifts and ministries

Every believer can manifest the Spirit for the benefit of the church.

(I Corinthians 12:7).

### **Nine Manifestations or evidences of the Spirit:**

- Word of Wisdom
- Word of Knowledge
- Faith
- Gifts of Healing
- Working of Miracles
- Prophecy
- Discerning of spirits
- Kind of Tongues (speaking in tongues)
- Interpretation of tongues

Suggested Reading:

The Gift of the Holy Spirit, Chapters 1-2



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Session 8 Segment 1

## *The Gift of the Holy Spirit*

I Corinthians 12:1-10

I Corinthians 14:1-5

Matthew 8:3

John 13: 34, 35

I Corinthians 13 1-13

Mark 16:15-17

“**gifts**” – *charismata* – an unearned gift of God’s Grace Ministry.

“**wish**” = *thelo* – a strong, determined desire

“**love**” = *agape* – deep and constant love of God

### **The love of God:**

- Suffers long
- Kind
- Does not envy
- Is not puffed up
- Does not behave rudely
- Does not seek its own
- Is not provoked
- Thinks no evil
- Bears all things
- Believes all things
- Never fails

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Session 8 Segment 2

## *Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues and Prophecy*

I Corinthians 14:1-40

**Three fundamental principles** that must govern every public meeting of the church:

- Everything we do must edify the other believers.
- All that we do must be understood and have meaning.
- The service should flow with godly order and divine design.

When you speak in tongues and interpret or prophecy, you bring forth a message from or for God (first person – “I am the Lord our God/ or/ third person = “The Lord God is great”)

If we speak in tongues in a public meeting of the church, we must interpret.

When you speak in tongues in your private prayer life, it is never interpreted.

Suggested Reading:

The Gift of the Holy Spirit, Chapters 7-10, Appendix 3

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Session 9 Segment 1

## *The Manifestation of the Spirit*

I Corinthians 14:1-40  
Luke 11:9-13

John 7:37-39  
Jude 20,21

The **gift of the Spirit** in a believer is the **empowering presence of God**.

When you **speak in tongues**, you **edify yourself**.

**God wants** His people to **speak in tongues** and edify themselves.

**What** you speak is God's business – **that** you speak is your business.

# **Powerful Christian Living**

Session 9 Segment 2

## ***Having Done All, Stand***

Galatians 5:16-18

Romans 8:5-6

John 6:63

Romans 12:1,2

Galatians 5:19-25

Nehemiah 8:10

Isaiah 26:3

Ephesians 6:10-18

## **The Bible is the Word of God!**

When we live according to God's will our lives will be blessed.

We are led by the Spirit when we set our mind on the truth of the Word.

The fruit of the Spirit brings vitality and godliness to our lives.

Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might.

***Having done all stand!***