

Class

Manual

April 7, 2002

Dear Student:

Welcome to our new class just for you, Children's Basic Beliefs.

We hope this will be a wonderful experience of getting to know God better for all of us. With this in mind, please come prepare each class meeting by doing the following:

- Read one chapter in the Gospel of Mark each week.
- Record observations from reading in a notebook using the "2PROAPT" guide.
- Bring notebook to class.
- Master your weekly memory verse.
- Think ahead of time about any questions you might have, especially regarding the topic for that week.

Here's a summary of the class:

1. The Bible
2. Attributes of God
3. The Trinity
4. Christian Character
5. Man
6. Jesus
7. Atonement & Salvation
8. The Church
9. The Sacraments
10. Open Questions

Looking forward to a great time,

Elder Bruce Mateko

2PROAPT

PRAY: *That God would help you to listen; that He shows you something today. This is also the time to open up and confess or admit any sin or distractions between you and Him.*

PREVIEW: *Take a few moments to review the context of the passage you will read. This may include skimming over previous notes or reading a few paragraphs prior to your chapter for this week.*

READ: *Take your time! Allow yourself to just read it a few times so that you are familiar with all the key details.*

OBSERVE: *This time is crucial! Don't feel you have to come to any deep, profound spiritual insights or applications. Jot down whatever thoughts come to your mind as you read. These may be questions, surprises, an outline, contrasts you see, or even pictures you draw to visualize what the author is talking about. Write your observations here.*

APPLY: *Ask yourself, "What does this mean to me?" Without making something out of nothing, be open to considering what God may be saying to you from this passage. We'll talk more about application in class.*

PRAY: *Ask God to help you follow through on what you've learned. Thank Him for spending time together and praise Him for His goodness.*

TELL: *Share with someone at home or school one thing you important to you about this Bible passage.*

WEEK ONE -- The Bible

Introduce myself

Give my testimony:

- Raised in church
- Heard the gospel in junior high
- Not taught how to grow
- Missed the lightening bolt
- Never rebelled
- Grew in love and knowledge in college

Give outline of class -- encourage questions

Notebook for notes, homework & memory verses

ASK: How did you feel when you got the letter?
How did you know who wrote the letter?
Who do you like to get letters from? Why?
What kinds of notes or letters do you get?

TELL: God's Word -- the Bible -- is a letter to us.

Why did God need to write a letter for us? (let them respond)

- 1) To tell us the truth
 - Many stories about God
 - Nature shows He exists (Ps 19:1,2)
- 2) So we could know God (Rom 18:18-25)
- 3) We do what is wrong naturally; need to know the right way
(1 Tim 3:16; Gen 6:5)
- 4) Plan of Salvation (1 Cor 1:18-21)
- 5) We don't think like God (Is 55:8)
- 6) So we would believe (John 20:31)

How do we know He wrote it?

- 1) He says so: 2,000 times "Thus saith the LORD"
- 2) Jesus says so: He taught it, quoted it (Matt 4:3-10)
Says He fulfilled it (Luke 24:25-28)
Sermon on the Mount
- 3) Character of the message: man's ruin, can't save self

Do 2PROAPT with them for Mk 1:1-13

Week One Homework: (due beginning of week two)

Read chapter one of Mark

Memorize *John 20:31*

*But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

In these remarks are hidden the names of 15 books of the Bible. It's a lulu. Kept me looking so hard for facts I missed the revelation. I was in a jam, especially since the names were not capitalized. The truth will come to numbers of our readers. To others it will be a real job. For all it will be a most fascinating search. Yes, there will be some easy to spot' others hard to judge. So we admit it usually results in loud lamentations when we can't find them. One lady says that she brews coffee while she puzzles over it. One book is underlined to help you start. Can you find the other 14?

WEEK TWO -- The Bible (cont'd)

Have children share what they learned in reading Mark, chapter one.
Have each child say the memory verse (John 20:31)

INTRODUCTION

Give them a game they do not know how to play

Give them time to react

Show them how this is like becoming a Christian without reading the Bible

Ask them why we read the Bible?

- 1) To know God
- 2) Path illustration

DOCTRINE

Show me the path to walk on

INSTRUCTION

How to stay on the path

REPROOF

Show when get off path

CORRECTION

how to get back on path

- 3) Holy Spirit speaks to us through Scripture
Read glasses illustration

Practice memory verse together -- **2 Tim: 3:16,17**

How does the Bible help Christians in their daily lives?

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Read James 1:19-27

- 1) What things get in the way of God's Word really working in your life?
- 2) What 3 things does James say are necessary to study the Bible? (Verses 21,22)
- 3) What does 1 John 1:8,9 say is part of step one? (Verses 19,26,27)
- 4) What God wants me to do?
When did I do this?
When didn't I do this?
- 5) Read James 1:25
- 6) Pray by yourself. Ask forgiveness.
Ask God to help you to learn from His Word and to do what He wants you to do.

Week Two Homework

Read 2nd chapter of Mark: record one new thing you read.

Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17

WEEK THREE -- Attributes of God

Read "God and Me"

Read verses that God is a Spirit: John 4:24; 1 Tim 1:17; 6:13-16

Generate list of other things they know about God

John 4:24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

1Tim. 1:17 now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1Tim. 6:13 In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you

1Tim. 6:14 to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1Tim. 6:15 which God will bring about in his own time —God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

1Tim. 6:16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Look up verses about God -- help them discover the attribute and match them

Psalm 139:7-10	All-knowing
Psalm 90:2	Eternal
Psalm 102:26,27	Good
Job 12:13	Unchangeable
Ephesians 1:11	Holy
Psalm 149:9,15,16	Infinite
Psalm 119:137-139	Just
Exodus 15:11	Love
Numbers 23:19	Sovereign
John 3:16	Truth

Look up verses about Jesus -- does He have the same attributes?

John 18:37

Acts 17:27

John 5:30

Matt 28:20

John 14:6

Hebrews 13:8

Matt 19:17

Luke 24:27

John 19:4

1 John 4:7,8

John 15:13

Christian character -- which of these attributes should be evident in our lives?

Romans 8:29

2 Cor 3:18

Gal 5:22

Leviticus 20:7

1 John 5:13

Memory verse -- ***John 1:1***

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Continue reading in Mark.

Basic Beliefs for Children

Session 3

Attributes of God

(1) Review

Discuss observations of Mark 2

Review Memory verse from last week: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

(2) This Week's Assignment

Read Mark 3 using PROAPT technique

Record observations from your reading Mark 3 in a notebook.

Memory verse this week: John 1:1

Review Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q4-6

(3) Opening Questions

(a) What is an attribute?

(c) Name some of the attributes of God:

(4) Relevant Questions from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q4: What is God?

4: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Q5: Are there more Gods than one?

5: There is but one only, the living and true God.

Q6: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

6: There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

(5) Attributes of God: For each of the following verses, circle key words that identify attributes of God. In the column at the right, summarize these attributes in your own words

Verse(s)	Attribute(s)
John 4:24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”	
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<p>1Tim. 6:15b —God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords,</p> <p>1Tim. 6:16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.</p>	
<p>Ps. 139:7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?</p> <p>Ps. 139:8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.</p> <p>Ps. 139:9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,</p> <p>Ps. 139:10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.</p>	
<p>Ps. 90:2 Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.</p> <p>Ps. 90:4 For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.</p>	
<p>Ps. 102:25 In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.</p> <p>Ps. 102:26 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded.</p> <p>Ps. 102:27 But you remain the same, and your years will never end.</p>	
Job 12:13 “To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his.	

<p>Eph. 1:11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,</p> <p>Eph. 1:12 in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.</p>	
<p>Isaiah 45:5 I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me,</p> <p>Isaiah 45:6 so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.</p>	
<p>Ps. 119:137 Righteous are you, O LORD, and your laws are right.</p> <p>Ps. 119:138 The statutes you have laid down are righteous; they are fully trustworthy.</p>	
<p>Num. 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?</p>	
<p>John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.</p> <p>John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.</p>	
<p>Isaiah 6:3 And they were calling to one another: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”</p>	
<p>Jeremiah 32:17 “Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.</p>	

(6) What difference does it make?

(a) Why is it important to know the attributes of God? What difference should it make in our lives?

(b) Which attributes does he give to His children? Which attributes will he not share with any other (Which attributes belong to God alone?)?

2Cor. 3:18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Rom. 8:29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

**(7) For Fun: What is in a name? The following are names given to Jesus in the scriptures.
What attributes of Jesus can you see from these names?**

Advocate (I John 2:1)
 Almighty (Rev 1:8)
 Alpha & Omega (Ge 48:16; Ex 23:20-21)
 Angel of His Presence (Isaiah 63:9)
 Anointed (Psalms 2:2)
 Apostle (Heb 3:1)
 Arm of the Lord (Isa 51:9-10)
 Author and Finisher of our Faith (Heb 12:2)
 Beginning and end of the creation of God (Re 3:14; 22:13)
 Beloved (Eph 1:6)
 Bishop (I Pet 2:25)
 Blessed and only Potentate (I Ti 6:15)
 Branch (Jer 23:5; Zec 3:8)
 Bread of Life (Jn 6:48)
 Bridegroom (Mt 9:15)
 Bright and morning star (Rev 22:16)
 Brightness of the Fathers glory (Heb 1:3)
 Captain of salvation (Heb 2:10)
 Captain of the Lord's host (Jos 5:14)
 Carpenter (Mk 6:3)
 Carpenters son (Mt 13:55)
 Chief Corner Stone (I Pet 2:6)
 Chief Shepherd (I Pet 5:4)
 Chiefest among ten thousand (S of Sol 5:10)
 Child (Isa 9:6; Lk 2:27,43)
 Chosen of God (I Pet 2:4)
 Christ (Mt 1:16; Mk 14:61)
 Christ Jesus (Ac 19:4; Ro 3:24; 8:1; I Cor 1:30)
 Christ Jesus our Lord (I Ti 1:12; Rom 8:39)
 Christ of God (Lk 9:20)
 Christ the Lord (Lk 2: 11)
 Christ the power of God (I Cor 1:24)
 Christ the wisdom of God (I Cor 1:24)
 Christ, a King (Lk 23:2)
 Christ, Son of the Blessed (Mk 14:61)
 Christ, the Son of God (Acts 9:20)
 Christ, tire chosen of God (Lk 23:35)
 Commander (Isa 55:4)
 Consolation of Israel (Lk 2:25)
 Corner stone (Eph 2:20)
 Counselor (Isa 9:6)
 Covenant of the people (Isa 42:6)
 Day star (2 Pet 1:19)
 Daysman (Job 9:33)
 Dayspring (Lk 1:78)
 Deliverer (Rom 11 :26)
 Desire of all nations (Hag 2:7)
 Door (Jn 10:7)
 Elect (Isa 42:1)
Emmanuel (7: 14)
 Ensign (Isa 11:10)
 Eternal Ufe (I John 5:20)
 Everlasting Father (Isa 9:6)
 Faithful and True (Rev 19:11)
 Faithful and true witness (Rev 3:14)
 Faithful witness (Rev 1:5)
 Finisher of faith (Heb 12:2)
 First and last (Rev 1:17; 2:8; 22:13)
 First begotten (Heb 1:6)
 First begotten of the dead (Rev 1:5)
 Firstborn (Isa 28:16)
 Forerunner (Heb 6:20)
 Fountain (Zec 13:1)
 Friend of sinners (Mt 11:19)
 Gift of God (Jn 4:10)
 Glory of Israel (Lk 2:32)
 God (Jn 1:1)
 God blessed for ever (Rom 9:5)
 God manifest in the flesh (I Ti 3:16)
 God of Israel, the Savior (Isa 45:15)
 God of the whole earth (Isa 54:5)
 God our Savior (I Ti 2:3)
 God's dear Son (Col 1: 13)
 God with us (Mt 1:23)
 Good Master (Mt 19:16)
 Governor (Mt 2:6)
 Great shepherd of the sheep (Heb 13: 20)
 Head of every man (I Cor 11:3)
 Head of the church (Col 1:18; Eph 5:23)
 Head of the corner (Mt 21:42)
 Heir of all things (Heb 1:2)
 High Priest (Heb 4:4)
 Holy child Jesus (Ac 4:30)
 Holy one (Ps 16:10; Acts 3:14)
 Holy one of God (Mk 1:24)
 Holy one of Israel (Isa 41:14; 54:5)
 Holy thing (Lk 1 :35)
 Hope (our) (I Ti 1:1)
 Horn of salvation (Lk 1:69)
 I am (Jn 8:58)
 Image of God (Heb 1:3)
 Israel (Isa 49:3)
 Jehovah (Isa 40:3)
 Jehovah's fellow (Zec 13:7)
 Jesus (Mt 1:21)
 Jesus Christ (Mt 1:1)
 Jesus Christ our Lord (From 1:3; 6:11,23)
 Jesus Christ our Savior (Titus 3:6)
 Jesus of Nazareth (Mk 1:24)
 Jesus, the King of the Jews (Mt 27:37)
 Jesus, the Son of God (Heb 4:14)
 Jesus, the Son of Joseph (Jn 6:24)
 Judge (Acts 10:42)
 Just man (Acts 3:14, 7:52, 22:14)
 Just person (Mt 27:24)
 King (Mt 21:5)
 King of glory (Ps 24:7-10)
 King of Israel (Jn 1:49)
 King of kings (I Tim 6:15; Rev 17:14)
 King of saints (Rev 15:3)
 King of the Jews (Mt 2:2)
 King of the Jews (Mt 2:2)
 King of Zion (Mt 21:5)
 King over all the earth (Zec 14:9)
 Lamb (Rev 5:6, 6:16, 7:9)
 Lamb of God (Jn 1 :29)
 Last Adam (I Corinthians 15:45)
 Lawgiver (Isa 33:22)
 Leader (Isa 55:4)
 Light of the Gentiles (Isa 42:6)
 Light, true (Jn 1:9)
 Lion of the tribe of Judah (Rev 5:5)
 Living bread (Jn 6:51)
 Living stone (I Pet 2:4)
 Lord (Rom 1:3)
 Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Pet 1:11; 3:18)
 Lord Christ (Col 3:24)
 Lord from Heaven (I Cor 15:47)
 Lord God Almighty (Rev 15:3)
 Lord Jesus (Acts 7:59; Col 3:17)
 Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 11:17; 16:31)
 Lord Jesus Christ our Savior (Titus 1:4)
 Lord of all (Acts 10:36)
 Lord of glory (James 2:1)
 Lord of Hosts (Isa 44:6)
 Lord of lords (Rev 17:14; 19:16)
 Lord of the dead and living (Rom 14:9)
 Lord of the Sabbath (Mk 2:28)
 Lord our Righteousness (Jer 23:6)
 Lord over all (Rom 10:12)
 Lord, mighty in battle (Ps 24:8)
 Lord, our righteousness (Jer 23:6)
 Lord, strong and mighty (Ps 24:8)
 Lord, your holy one (Isa 43:15)
 Lord, your redeemer Lisa 43:14)
 Lords Christ (Lk 2:26)
 Man Christ Jesus (! Tim 2:5)
 Man of sorrows (Isa 53:3)
 Master (Mt 23:8)
 Mediator (I Tim 2:5)
 Messenger of the Covenant (Mal 3:1)
 Messiah (Jn 1:41)
 Messiah the Prince (Dan 9:25)
 Mighty God (Isa 9:6)
 Mighty one of Israel (Isa 30:29)
 Mighty one of Jacob (Isa 49:26)
 Mighty to save (Isa 63:1)
 Minister of the sanctuary (Heb 8:2)
 Morning star (Rev 22:16)
 Most holy (Dan 9:24)
 Most mighty (Ps 45:3)
 Nazarene (Mt 2:23)
 Offspring of David (Rev 22:16)
 Only begotten (Jn 1:14)
 Only begotten of the Father (Jn 1:14)
 Only begotten Son (Jn 1:18)
 Only wise God, our Savior (Jude 25)
 Passover (I Cor 5:7)
 Physician (Mt 9:12)
 Plant of renown (Eze 34:29)
 Potentate (I Tim 6:15)
 Power of God (I Cor 1:24)
 Precious corner stone (Isa 28:16)
 Priest (Heb 7:17)
 Prince (Acts 5:31)
 Prince of life (Acts 3:15)
 Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6)
 Prince of the kings of the earth (Rev 1:5)
 Prophet (Deut 18:15,18; Mt 21:11; Lk 24:19)
 Propitiation (I Jn 2:2)
 Rabbi (Jn 1:49)
 Rabboni (Jn 20:16)
 Ransom (I Tim 2:6)
 Redeemer (Isa 59:20)
 Redemption (I Cor 1:30)
 Resurrection and life (Jn 11:25)
 Righteous Branch (Jer 23:5)
 Righteous Judge (2 Tim 4:8)
 Righteous servant (Isa 53:11)
 Righteousness (I Cor 1:30)
 Rock (I Cor 10:4)
 Rock of offense (I Pet 2:8)
 Root of David (Rev 5:5; 22:16)
 Root of Jesse (Isa 11:10)
 Rose of Sharon (S of Sol 2:1)
 Ruler in Israel (Mic 5:2)
 Salvation (Lk 2:30)
 Sanctification (I Cor 1:30)
 Sanctuary (Isa 8:14)
 Saviour (Lk 2:11)
 Saviour of the body (Eph 5:23)
 Saviour of the world (I Jn 4:14)
 Saviour, Jesus Christ (II Tim 1:10; Titus 2:13; 2 Pet 1:1)
 Scepter (Num 24:17)
 Seed of David (2 Tim 2:8)
 Seed of the workman (Ge 3:15)
 Servant (Isa 42:1)
 Servant of rulers (Isa 49:7)
 Shepherd (Mk 14:27)
 Shepherd and Bishop of souls (I Peter 2:15)
 Shepherd of Israel (Ps P9:1)
 Shepherd, chief (I Pet 5:4)
 Shepherd, good (Jn 10:11)
 Shepherd, great (Heb 13:20)
 Shiloh (Ge 49:10)
 Son of David (Mt 9:27)
 Son of God (Heb 4:14)
 Son of he Father (2 Jn 3)
 Son of Man (Mt 16:27)
 Son of righteousness (Mal 4:2)
 Son of the blessed (Mk 14:61)
 Son of the highest (Lk 1:32)
 Star (Num 24:17)
 Stone (Mt 21:42)
 Stone of Stumbling (I Pet 2:8)
 Sure foundation (Isa 28:16)
 Surety (Heb 7:22)
 Teacher (Jn 3:2)
 The Christ (Mt 16:20; Mk 14:61)
 True God (I Jn 5:20)
 True Vine (Jn 15: 1)
 Truth (Jn 14:6)
 Life (Jn 14:6)
 Light (Jn 8:12)
 Unspeakable Gift (2 Cor 9:15)
 Very Christ (Acts 9:22)
 Vine (Jn 15:1)
 Way (Jn 14:6)
 Which is, which was, which is to come (Rev 1:4)
 Wisdom (Prov 8:12)
 Wisdom of God (I Cor 1:24)
 Witness (Isa 55:4; Rev 1:5)
 Wonderful (Isa 9:6)
 Word (Jn 1:1)
 Word of God (Rev 19:13)
 Word of life (I Jo 1:1)

WEEK FOUR -- The Trinity

Read "Three In One" by Joanne Marxhausen

Review the purposes listed for each member of the Godhead

The Father

- Protector
- Creator
- Provider
- Punishes

The Son

- Takes our punishment
- Real man who suffered for us (Phil 2:6)
- Intercedes for us

The Holy Spirit

- Makes (enables?) us (to) believe in Jesus
- Puts faith in our hearts
- Makes us grow (John 14:26)
- Prays for us (Rom 8:26)
- Helper (Counselor) (John 15:26)

Where does Scripture hint that God is a unity with more than one part? (Gen 1:26)

Where can we see all three in action? (Matt 3:16,17)

- What is the occasion?
- What does each do?

Read John 14:15-26.

- How does this passage describe the Holy Spirit?
- How does the Holy Spirit help Christians?
- How does the Godhead inter-relate?
 - What part does the Father play in Jesus' life?
 - How does the Holy Spirit relate to the Father and Son?

Do the chart.

Memory verse -- **John 14:26**

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

WEEK FIVE -- Christian Character

Ask class to list characteristics/attributes of God

Ask them to list attributes of Christians

Read Galatians 5:22-26 -- if we belong to Christ, these should be evident.

Write out on large piece of construction paper pieces of fruit -- or use handout.

Write in the fruit of the Spirit on the fruit, plus a description of that characteristic and how they can practice it at home.

Distribute handout of definitions and opposites of the fruit.

Match both with the correct fruit.

<p>LOVE</p> <p>Why is it difficult to love? How does God show love to us? 1 Cor. 13:4-7 1 John 4:10-11,16,19-21 Rom 5:8</p>	<p>JOY</p> <p>Why can we be joyful? John 15:11 What produces joy? Psalm 16:11 What keeps us from joy? Rom 15:13</p>	<p>PEACE</p> <p>Kinds of peace: John 16:33; Job 22:21; Col 1:20 Between God, others, self Eph 2:14; Prov 16:7 How to have peace. How not to have peace.</p>
<p>PATIENCE</p> <p>What causes impatience? How to increase patience. Lam. 3:25 Rom 5:3 James 1:2-4 Why patience is important 1 Peter 2:11</p>	<p>KINDNESS</p> <p>What happens when we aren't? Matt 7:12 Eph 4:23 2 Tim 2:23-26 Rom 11:12</p>	<p>GOODNESS</p> <p>If not demo this. Rom 11:22 1 Peter 2:12 Eph 5:8,9</p>
<p>FAITHFULNESS</p> <p>What choice made if not? Psalm 31:23 Rewards Psalm 15:2 Who is faithful? Faithful to what?</p>	<p>GENTLENESS</p> <p>How to get a gentle spirit Phil 2:2 1 Peter 2:3</p>	<p>SELF-CONTROL</p> <p>Result when lacking Relation to sin James 1:26; 3:2</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">FAITHFULNESS</p> <p>Description: _____ _____</p> <p>How practiced: _____ _____</p> <p>What choice made if not? Psalm 31:23 Rewards Psalm 15:2 Who is faithful? Faithful to what?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GENTLENESS</p> <p>Description: _____ _____</p> <p>How practiced: _____ _____</p> <p>How to get a gentle spirit Phil 2:2 1 Peter 2:3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SELF-CONTROL</p> <p>Description: _____ _____</p> <p>How practiced: _____ _____</p> <p>Result when lacking Relation to sin James 1:26; 3:2</p>

Notes about the fruit:

1. Each fruit is the result of God _____ our lives.
2. Each fruit is for _____ Christian.
3. We are all _____ in the fruit, we are not _____ yet!

Homework for next time:

- (1) Do 2PPROAPT on Mark 5 (2) Memorize Gal. 5:22,23

WEEK SIX -- Man Made in the image of God, but fallen.

We're going to talk about who we are . . .

List 6 nouns that describe who you are. (I am a _____.) NO adjectives.

Then list 2 nouns that tell about you in 2030. (We have a potential, a future.)

Then list 1 that tells about you in 2090. (We have a future with God.)

The Bible says something about who we are.

What do these verses teach about who we are?

Gen. 1:27 Rom 3:9,10 1 Cor 6:19

Psalms 8:5 Rom 5:1 1 Peter 2:9

We are all people -- what makes people special?

List 4 differences between yourself and flower.

List 4 things that are similar.

Now list the differences between a chimp and us.

What is the most critical difference? Look at Gen 1:26-31

Are people like God? (righteous, holy, good)

What changed them?

Did sin remove the image of God? (see James 3:9)

Look at Genesis, Chapter 3

1) What do Adam and Eve do when they become sinners?

2) How did sin affect man's relationship with God?

3) How was God good to man, even after he sinned?

Scripture tells us the results of sin in our lives

Our thinking Rom 1:21 Our communication Rom 3:11

Our worship Rom 1:25 Our speaking Rom 3:13,14; Jas 3:8,9

Our hearts Rom 2:5 Our lifestyle James 5:5

Romans 3:23 summarizes it all -- MEMORIZE IT.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

The Egg Experiment (see hidden text)

The egg was like man before _____.

Smashed egg is like man's _____ into _____.

Only Jesus can make us new again.

WEEK SIX -- Man
Made in the image of God, but fallen.
HANDOUT

Memory verse: *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

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List 6 nouns that describe who you are. (I am a _____.) NO adjectives.

Then list 2 nouns that tell about you in 2030. (We have a potential, a future.)

Then list 1 that tells about you in 2090. (We have a future with God.)

(2) The Bible says something about who we are. What do these verses teach about who we are? Write your notes in the margin on the left.

Gen. 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Rom. 3:9 What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin.

Rom. 3:10 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;

1Cor. 6:19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

Ps. 8:5 You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

Rom. 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

1Pet. 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

(3) We are all people -- what makes people special?

List 4 things that are similar between you and a flower.

List 4 differences between yourself and a flower.

Now list the differences between a chimp and us.

What is the most critical difference? Look at Gen 1:26-31

(4) Are people like God? (righteous, holy, good)

What changed them?

Did sin remove the image of God? (see James 3:9)

(5) Look at Genesis, Chapter 3

1) What do Adam and Eve do when they become sinners?

2) How did sin affect man's relationship with God?

3) How was God good to man, even after he sinned?

(6) What are the consequences of sin in the following aspects of our lives?

	Consequence of sin on our lives
<p>Our thinking</p> <p>Rom. 1:21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.</p>	
<p>Our communication</p> <p>Rom. 3:11 there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God</p>	
<p>Our speaking</p> <p>James 3:8 but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. James 3:9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness.</p>	
<p>Our worship</p> <p>Rom. 1:25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.</p>	
<p>Our hearts</p> <p>Rom. 2:5 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.</p>	
<p>Our lifestyle</p> <p>James 5:5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.</p>	

WEEK SEVEN -- Jesus

Individually list all the things you know about Jesus
Then make a group list on the board.

Why was Jesus' death important?

Fully God and fully man

God's character

born of a woman

Grew in stature

servant

Learned obedience through suffering

Sinless

One sins, all sin; one dies, all die

Rom 5:7-10

God shows love for us

Christ died while we were sinners

Justified by His blood

Saved from God's wrath

* Example of God's wrath toward sin

Reconciled with God

* Why did He die?

* What kind of people died on crosses?

What would it mean if Jesus had not risen?

Rom 6:5,6

If united with Christ in death

Then united in His resurrection

Old self crucified with Him

Rom 6:7-11

No longer slaves to sin

Anyone who has died is dead to sin

If we die in Him, we live in Him

He can't die again

Master over death

He died for sin, once for all

What happened while Jesus was here after resurrection?

John 20:19-31

Acts 1:1-3

What happened at the end of 40 days?

Luke 24:50,51

Acts 1:6-11

Where is He now?

Col 3:1

Mark 16:19

WEEK SEVEN – Jesus HANDOUT

List as many things as you can about Jesus. Record them according to whether they are like us or not. “Like Us” & “Not Like Us”

<u>LIKE US</u>	<u>NOT LIKE US</u>

Why was Jesus’ death important?

He _____ it Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34, John 3:14; 8:28; 12:32-33

His death was _____

Heb 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the _____ there is no forgiveness.

Mark 8:31 List the things Jesus mentions, “Son of Man must suffer”:

What kind of people died on crosses?

What would it mean if Jesus had not risen?

Rom 6:5 - 11

“We will certainly also be united with him in his _____

“That we should no longer be _____”

“We will also _____ with him”

What happened while Jesus was here after resurrection?

John 20:19-31

Acts 1:1-3

What happened at the end of 40 days?

Luke 24:50,51

Acts 1:6-11

Where is He now?

Col 3:1

Mark 16:19

HOMEWORK:

1. Memory Verse: *Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
2. Mark 7

TEXT

NOTES

Mark 7 NIV) The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and {2} saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were "unclean," that is, unwashed. {3} (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. {4} When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) {5} So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?" {6} He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. {7} They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.' {8} You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men." {9} And he said to them: "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! {10} For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be

put to death.' {11} But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban' (that is, a gift devoted to God), {12} then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. {13} Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that." {14} Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. {15} Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'" {16} {17} After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. {18} "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him 'unclean'? {19} For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods "clean.") {20} He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.' {21} For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, {22} greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. {23} All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'" {24} Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. {25} In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at his feet. {26} The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. {27} "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." {28} "Yes, Lord," she replied, "but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." {29} Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." {30} She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. {31} Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. {32} There some people brought to him a man who was deaf

and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man. {33} After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. {34} He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). {35} At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. {36} Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. {37} People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

June 2002

Dear Students and Parents:

As the Children's' Basic Belief class nears an end we want to have some fun, reflect on the meaningfulness of the class, and give interested kids a chance to consider church membership.

Regarding Fun: *End of Class Party, Swim & Potluck for all the kids!*

Sunday, June 23rd about 1:30 (after church) to 4:00

Mateko's home, 9254 Jellico, Northridge, CA 91325 (cross streets of Jellico & Prairie)

RSVP and coordinate what you will be bringing 886-1233

Reflection & Church Membership

The goals of the class are to give 5th & 6th graders an opportunity to learn many of the "basics" of what it means to be a Christian and what it means to be a member at Valley Presbyterian Church. This also includes giving them a chance to take their own initiative to express what God has been doing in their lives. We encourage parental involvement and we realize that all of us need to have a personal faith. Church membership requires a commitment to the Body of Christ and also would enable mature children to participate in communion. With these thoughts in mind, we want all of the children in the class to fill out and discuss the following questions (See CBB End of Class Questions) with their parents. There is also a brief question for the parents to respond to. **Kids, hand this in on our last Sunday school meeting, June 16th.**

(Remember to jot down any questions you may have!)

June	2	Elder Mateko	The Church
	9	Elder Mateko	The Sacraments
	16	Elder Mateko	Questions & Answers
	23	Mateko's Home	Graduation Celebration (After Church)
		(16th, 23rd, 30th - Elder interviews of potential new members)	

In Christ's Name,

Elder Mateko

CBB End of Class Questions

(Hand in June 16th)

What class discussions have been most helpful to you? Why?

Of the topics we discussed (The Bible, Attributes of God, Trinity, Christian Character, Man, Jesus, Atonement, Church), which has been most difficult for you to understand? Why? Which has been easiest? Why?

Membership at Valley Presbyterian Church is a serious commitment. It means you commit to our Membership Covenant discussed during our meeting on the Church and that you agree with the five questions asked of new members before the congregation. This does not mean that you think you know everything or understand everything about God, but it does mean you are mature enough to agree to grow with this church, whether or not others make this choice. **Do you believe you are ready for church membership? Explain.**

Parents. Comment on your child's spiritual maturity with regard to their responses above.

If the child and parents agree it is a good time to consider church membership, what date(s) for a 15-minute Elder interview would be convenient? (Circle number in front of available dates)

1. Sunday, June 16th, 12:45 pm
2. Sunday, June 23rd, 12:45 pm
3. Sunday, June 30th, 12:45 pm

Please write your phone number for our follow-up to confirm Elder interview time.

PH #: _____

Child's Name _____

WEEK EIGHT -- Atonement & Salvation

Memory verse *1 Peter 2:24*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

Ask how many of the kids live in a house?

Ask how many own their house?

Probably most of you don't -- the bank owns your house.

Your parents pay back the bank a little each month.

Some people are trying to be saved by the installment plan.

They think they can pay for their sins by doing good things each week.

They have the idea that God will erase a sin for each time they do something good.

But God doesn't do that.

We can never do enough good.

He can't stand our sin.

It's like trying to paint over crayon.

(Do a crayon resist; write "sin" in bold letters, then try to paint over it.)

Old Testament

The priest had to make a sacrifice for sin to restore relationship with God.

New Testament

Jesus was the final sacrifice.

All our sins are canceled.

He represented all sin.

This was God's plan so we could always be with Him.

God chose us from the beginning to be His children.

Read Eph 1:4 to class

Two parts to becoming a Christian (Play hangman to guess)

Requirements of true confession of faith

1) Repentance

2) Faith

In your testimony, these two things should be included.

Need to see how Jesus has changed your life.

Repentance

1) Admission of sin

Acknowledge that we sin
Attitude toward sin must change
Believe you are guilty
Not just see we are not as guilty as someone else

HOMEWORK: pray for God to show your sin to you,
Record your sins for one week.

2) Sorrow for sin

Sorry for sin
Not just remorse for getting caught
Must be God-centered
Realized we sinned against God and grieved Him

3) Turning from sin to righteousness

Forsake our sin
Turn from sin to new obedience
Can't earn forgiveness by tears or work
Make us conscious of helplessness

Is repentance enough to save us?

Faith in Jesus and Lord and Savior

1) Based on knowledge

Knowing who Jesus is
Don't need to know everything
Must know
 Jesus came to save sinners
 Sinless life
 Rose from the dead
 Died for my sins

2) A Conviction

Convinced Christ is the truth
Conviction based on evidence
Intellect must believe

3) Trust

Taking Jesus at His word
Believing every promise He makes
Faith is doing nothing and receiving everything
Rest in Christ

WEEK NINE -- The Church

Ask why do we need a church?

Why can't we just study and pray and be friends with Jesus?

Eph 3:10 through the church the wisdom of God is known

Col 1:18 Jesus is the head

Eph 2:21,22 being built together; don't forsake gathering together

Bible talks about a body of believers--the universal church

Bible teaches there are certain officers in the church

Special officers -- filled by pastors, elders, deacons

General offices -- we all fulfill

Christ's offices -- Prophet, Priest and King, the offices we fulfill reflect these

As Christians

We don't just join a church

We become part of the body

So Jesus' work becomes ours

Discuss "Membership Covenant" as it relates to kids

Do chart together

There are different kinds of churches

We are Presbyterian

God over the 6 points of Presbyterian Church government

WEEK TEN

The Sacraments

Write 1 Timothy 3:1

(1) What is a sacrament?

WC Shorter Catechism Question 62:

A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein by sensible sign, Christ and the benefits of the new covenant are represented, sealed and applied to believers.

Genesis 17:7,10; 1 Corinthians 11:23,26

WC Shorter Catechism Question 93:

The sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism and The Lord's Supper

Matthew 28:19; 26:26-28

WC Shorter Catechism Question 163:

The parts of a sacrament are two: the one an outward and sensible sign, used according to Christ's own appointment; the other an inward and spiritual grace thereby signified.

(2) What is Baptism?

WC Shorter Catechism Question 94:

Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost does signify and seal our engrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

Romans 6:4, Galatians 3:27

WC Shorter Catechism Question 95

Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to Him, but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

Acts 8:36-37, 2:38-39, Genesis 17:10, Colossians 2:11-12

(3) What is Communion?

WC Shorter Catechism Question 96:

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament wherein the giving and receiving of bread and wine according to Christ's appointment by his death is showed forth and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26, 1 Corinthians 10:16

WEEK TEN

The Sacraments (cont'd)

WC Shorter Catechism Question 169:

Christ has appointed the ministries of his word, in the administration of this sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to set apart the bread and wine from common use, by the word of institutions, thanksgiving, and prayer, to take and break the bread and to give both the bread and the wine to the communicants; who are, by the same appointment, to take and eat the bread, and to drink the wine, in thankful remembrance that the body of Christ was broken and given, and his blood shed, for them.

1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:19-20

(4) Homework:

A. Memory verse 1Corinthians 11:26

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s

B. Read Mark Chapter 10 and write out your observations (2PROAPT)

WEEK ELEVEN

Questions & Answers

Write 1 Corinthians 11:26

QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

At Valley Presbyterian Church

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

End of Communicant's Class Questionnaire

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Of the topics we've discussed (Bible, Attributes of God, Trinity, Christian Character, Man, Jesus, Atonement, Church) which has been most difficult to understand and why?

Which has been the easiest and why?

Communicant Class Member: Membership at VPC is a serious commitment. It means you commit to our Membership Covenant which we will be reviewing during our last week of the course (see week 12 material in your manual) and that you will be willing to commit to the 5 questions asked of new members before the congregation. This does not mean that you think you know everything or understand everything about God, but it does mean you are mature enough to agree to grow with this church, whether or not others make this choice. Do you believe you are ready for church membership? Explain:

Parents: Comment on your child's spiritual maturity with regard to their responses above and tell me if you believe they are ready to commit to becoming a church member and receiving communion.

(Tear Off / Cutout)

If the you both (child and parent) agree it is a good time to consider church membership, please indicate which date(s) below you would be available to meet with a few of the Elders for a 15-20 minute interview session (circle number in front of available date):

1. Sunday afternoon June 25 after church (interviews from 12:45 to 2:00)
2. Sunday afternoon July 2 after church (interviews from 12:45 & 2:00)
3. Sunday afternoon July 9 after church (interviews from 12:45 to 2:00)

Signature of Student: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

Phone No.: _____

(You will be contacted with date and time of your interview)