

Discipleship 101

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The command of our Lord Jesus Christ that we make disciples has always been the ongoing responsibility of each generation of the true church. If we fail to disciple this generation we fail our Lord. It is the calling of the Lord on my life to walk with Him and learn of Him. While I have had extensive formal training in theology, including studying the scriptures in their original languages, I can not say that I feel like I have been fully discipled. However, in my personal walk with Jesus through life I have learned what I hope are the basic essentials of what a disciple needs to know to be spiritually balanced. The desire of my heart is to share a more systematic presentation of the elements of discipleship revealed in the scriptures focusing on the Lord Jesus and those whom He discipled.

I. The Invitation (call) to become a disciple

A. Come and follow me

1. Matthew 4: 18-22
2. Matthew 8: 19-22

B. Take up your cross

1. Matthew 10: 38; 16: 24
2. Luke 9: 23; 14: 27

C. Find someone

1. Andrew and Simon (Peter)
2. Philip and Nathanael (Bartholomew)

D. The Messiah Prophesied (one disciples looked for)

1. The right time Daniel 9:24-27
2. Preceded by Elijah Malachi 4:5-7, The voice Isaiah 40:3

(John Baptizer Matthew 17: 9-13)

3. Birth by woman with no mention of male Genesis 3: 15
4. Virgin Birth Isaiah 7: 14
5. Galilee Location of primary ministry Isaiah 9: 1-2
6. Sex of the Christ is male Isaiah 9: 6
7. Seed of Abraham Genesis 12: 2,3; 22:18
8. Tribe of Judah Genesis 49:10
9. Family line of Jesse Isaiah 11:1
10. Family of descent David Isaiah 9: 7
11. Nature of his government
 - a. Isaiah 9: 6-7 No end to government of peace
 - b. Daniel 7: 14 Everlasting and indestructible
 - c. Isaiah 8: 14- 16; 28:16; Psalms 118:22 He would be a cause of stumbling Matthew 21:42 Romans 9: 33
12. Manifestation of the Holy Spirit Isaiah 11: 2
13. Town of birth Micah 5: 2
14. Jesus' ministry to extend to all people Isaiah 49:6; 60:3

II. Disciples must use the same standard for authority that Jesus used.

Jesus consistently used the scriptures of the Bible of His day for His authority. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, while written by men, are divinely inspired and without error in the original

manuscripts. We believe that they have God for their author, salvation for their purpose and truth without any mixture of error for their matter. The Bible reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The Bible testifies of itself that it is God breathed 2 Timothy 3: 16; flawless (without error) Psalms 12: 6; 18: 30; the standard by which we will be judged John 12: 48; and that we are not to add to nor take away from its words Deuteronomy 4: 2, Proverbs 30: 5-6, Revelation 22: 18 - 19

A. Born to fulfill the scriptures

Luke 4: 17 - 21, Matthew 1: 22-23

B. Used the scripture to teach

1. In Capernaum, "He preached the word to them" Mark 2:2
2. Parable of the Sower exemplifies Jesus' method of teaching
Mark 4: 1-20; Matthew 13
3. Crowds gathered around Jesus to listen to the "word of God" Luke 5:1
4. Parable of the wise and foolish builder reveals results of either obeying or disobeying his word Matthew 7: 24- 27; Romans 10: 8
5. Jesus pointed out that the scriptures testify to Him as the source of eternal life. John 5: 37- 40

C. His view of scripture illustrated

1. Not one jot or title will pass away Matthew 5: 17-19
2. Scripture cannot be broken John 10: 34- 35

D. His view of His own words

1. You must abide in Jesus' word to be his disciple John 8: 31

2. Judged by His words John 12: 47-48
3. Saved by keeping His word John 12: 49-50

E. The Last act of Jesus before leaving this world was to open the disciples minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

III. Disciples must know about Jehovah God

The Bible clearly teaches that there is only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. He is infinite in His holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being. (2000 BFM)

A. God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purpose of His grace. God is Father in truth only to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. (BFM)

1. Characteristics

- a. God is spirit John 4:24
- b. God is invisible Romans 1: 20
- c. God is the living God
- c1. 1 Thessalonians 1: 9 you turned from idols to serve the living God
 - c2. Hebrews 10: 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
 - c3. 1 Timothy 4: 10 we trust in the living God who is the Savior of all men especially of believers.
- d. God is personal
 - d1. Genesis 2- 3 talks with Adam and Eve
 - d2. Romans 11: 33- 36 personal attributes of wisdom and knowledge revealed
 - d3. Exodus 4: 14 Talks to Moses

2. God is self- existent

Exodus 3: 14 I Am

Isaiah 57: 15-16 High and lofty one who lives

Forever

3. God's Immensity

- a. Isaiah 66: 1 Heaven is my throne the earth is my footstool
- b. Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?
- c. 1 Kings 8: 27 But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven

cannot contain you.

4. God is eternal

- a. Genesis 21: 33 Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the Lord, the Eternal God.
- b. Ecclesiastes 3: 11 He has set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from the beginning to the end.

5. Attributes of God

- a. God is omnipresent (every where)
 - 1a. Jeremiah 23: 24 Can a man hide himself in a secret place so that I cannot see him? says the Lord. Do I not fill the heaven and the earth? says the Lord.
 - 2a. Psalms 139: 7 - 12 Where shall I go from thy spirit? Or where shall I go from thy presence? If I ascend to the heaven, thou art there! If I make my bed in sheol, thou art there!
- b. God is omniscient (knows all)
 - 1b. Psalms 147: 5 His understanding is beyond measure
 - 2b. Hebrews 4: 13 And before him no creature is hidden.
 - 3b. Isaiah 40: 28 ...His understanding is unsearchable
- c. God is omnipotent (all powerful)
 - 1c. Isaiah 45: 12 I made the heavens and earth, and created man upon it.
 - 2c. Isaiah 40: 9- 29 ... behold your God".... Who has

measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and
marked of the heavens with a span, enclosed the
dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the
mountains in a scales and the hills in a balance?

- d. God never changes (immutable)
 - d1. James 1: 17 ...there is no variation or shadow due to change
 - d2. Malachi 3: 6 For I the Lord do not change; therefore ...
- e. God is holy
 - e1. Isaiah 6: 3 "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of hosts;
 - e2. 1 Peter 1: 15- 16 ... as he who called you is holy, be holy
- f. God is righteous and just
 - f1. 2 Timothy 4: 8 ... the Lord the righteous judge will award to me on that day
 - f2. Psalms 119: 137 Righteous art thou O Lord
 - f3. Nahum 1:3 .. The Lord will by no means clear the guilty
- g. God is good
 - g1. Mark 10: 18 None is good but God alone.
 - g2. Nahum 1: 7 The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day
- h. God is love 1John 4: 8 God is love
- i. God is merciful Ephesians 2:4 God who is rich in mercy
- j. God is Grace Ephesians 2: 8-9, 2 Corinthians 12: 9
- k. God is a giver Matthew 5: 45; Romans 6: 23;
 - k1. Ecclesiastes 3: 13 God's gift to man that every one should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil.

k2. James 1: 17 Every good endowment and perfect gift is
from above, coming down from the Father of lights

1. God is the source of all truth 1 John 5: 20; John 17: 17

B. God the Son

Jesus Christ is the one and only eternal Son of God. In His one and only incarnation as Jesus of Nazareth, He was conceived by a work of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God by taking upon Himself real humanity, identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law of by His personal obedience, and in His death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of mankind from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, partaking of the nature of God and of man, and in whose person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

1. Deity of Jesus Christ

a. Claim to be Jehovah John 8: 58 with Exodus 3: 14;
Revelation 1: 8 with Revelation 1: 17- 18 and 22: 13

- b. As light John 1: 4-9 with 1 John 1: 5
- c. As the Father John 10; 30; John 14: 8-11
- d. As the Holy Spirit 2 Corinthians 3: 17-18 with John 4: 24
- e. Christ in you Colossians 1: 27 is God in you 1 John 4: 15
- f. Jesus forgives sin Matthew 9: 1-7; Luke 5: 20-25
- g. Jesus is the Shepherd John 10: 11; God is the Shepherd in Ezekiel 34: 11-16
- h. Jesus receives worship Matthew 2: 11; 14: 33; 28: 9
Exodus 20: 1-5 we worship no other God but Jehovah
- i. Jesus is the creator John 1:3, God in Genesis 1
- j. Jesus stills the storm Matthew 8: 26, God in Psalm 89: 9
- k. Jesus reveals God and is the true God 1 John 5: 20;
Matthew 11: 27; John 1: 18; 12: 44- 50

2. Humanity

- a. Born of woman
 - 1a. Galatians 4: 4; Genesis 3: 15
 - 2a. Conceived by the Holy Spirit
Matthew 1: 18; Luke 1: 26-37
- b. Human emotions
 - 1b. Felt sorrow John 11: 35 Jesus wept
 - 2b. Peace John 14: 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace
I give to you.
 - 3b. Love John 13: 34 Love one another as I have loved
you.
- c. Human needs

- 1c. Grew hungry Matthew 4: 2
- 2c. Grew tired John 4: 6
- 3c. Grew thirsty John 19: 28
- d. Human temptations Hebrews 4: 15; Matthew 4: 1-11
- e. Human finality He died
Matthew 27: 45-50; Mark 15: 33- 39; Luke 23- 44-46;
John 19: 28- 37;

3. Testimonies to the incarnation

- a. Simeon Luke 2: 22 -35
 - 1a. Led by the Spirit
 - 2a. Given knowledge about the child by the Spirit
 - 3a. Spoke words of wisdom and insight
- b. Anna
 - 1b. Great age
 - 2b. Spiritual insight
- c. The Wise men Matthew 2: 1-12
 - 1c. After Jesus was born
 - 2c. Came from East to Worship Him
 - 3c. Asked wrong person
 - 4c. Received Biblical answer - Bethlehem
 - 5c. Saw star again and followed
 - 6c. Came to house and saw child
 - 7c. Fell down and worshiped Him
 - 8c. Gave gifts

9c. Did not return to Herod

4. The works of Jesus

a. To reveal the Father

- 1a. Matthew 11: 27 ..no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.
- 2a. John 1: 18 No one has ever seen God but the only begotten Son of God who is at the Fathers side, has made Him known.
- 3a. Revealed the Fathers words John 12: 47-49
- 4a. Revealed the Fathers love
 - 4a1. Luke 15: 11- 32 (lost son)
 - 4a2. John 13: 34 love one another as I have loved you
- 5a. Revealed the Fathers authority (power
 - 5a1. Miracles John 14: 11 believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves
 - 5a2. Power over demons Luke 4: 33-36 with authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out.
- 6a. Revealed Fathers name John 17: 6 I have revealed your name to those you gave me out of the world.

b. To Live the perfect life

- 1b. Servant hood John 13, Luke 22: 27 I am among you as one who serves.
- 2b. Total obedience Philippians 2: 8 became obedient to death

- 3b. John 14: 31 I do exactly what the Father has commanded me.
- c. To pay the price for sin - Atonement
 - 1c. Need for atonement
 - 1c1. All have sinned Romans 3:23; 1 Kings 8: 46; Psalm 14:3; Mark 10: 18
 - 1c2. There is no excuse for mankind Romans 1: 18- 20
 - 1c3. Jesus Christ died for us (expiation)
 - 2 Corinthians 5: 14 - 15; Romans 5: 8;
 - John 3: 16; 1 Corinthians 15: 3-4
 - 1c4. Jesus Christ bore our sins (propitiation)
 - Romans 4: 25; Hebrews 1:3; 1 Peter 2: 23;
 - 1 John 2: 2; 2 Corinthians 5: 21
 - 1c5. Substitution
 - Mark 10: 45; Isaiah 53:5; 2 Corinthians 5: 21;
 - Galatians 3:3; Hebrews 10: 28; 1Timothy 2:6
 - 2c. What Atonement does
 - 2c1. Justifies us before God Romans 5: 1
 - 2c2. Meets just requirement of the Law
 - Romans 8: 1-4
 - 3c3. Appeases God's righteousness 1 John 2: 2

C. God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He inspired holy

Men of old to write the scriptures. Through Illumination He enables believers to understand truth. He exalts Jesus Christ. He convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls mankind the Savior, and effects regeneration. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the assurance of God to bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

1. He is spoken of in personal and individual terms.

- a. As the advocate and counselor 1 John 2: 1; John 14: 16
- b. Has understanding 1 Corinthians 2: 6-16; Romans 8: 27
- c. Has feelings
 - 1c. Can be grieved Ephesians 4: 30
 - 2c. Can be enraged or insulted Hebrews 10: 26
- d. Has a will or plan for each of us individually
 - 1d. Gives spiritual gifts 1 Corinthians 12: 11
 - 2d. Selects for service Acts 13: 2
- e. He speaks Revelation 2: 7
- f. He makes intercession for us Romans 8: 26 - 27
- g. He teaches (guides us to truth) John 14: 26; 16: 13
- h. Convicts world of sin John 16: 8
- i. Opens and closes places of service Acts 16: 6

2. The Work of the Holy Spirit

- a. General work
 - a1. Creation of the all things Genesis 1: 2
 - a2. Life of mankind Genesis 2: 7 (ruah)
 - a3. Strives with mankind Genesis 6: 3

 - a4. Convicts world of sin, righteousness, and judgment
John 16: 8- 11
 - a5. Agent of new birth John 3: 3-8 (pneuma) Titus 3: 4-7
- b. Believers
 - b1. Made possible Jesus' once for all offering Hebrews 9: 11-14
 - b1a. Old (Testament) covenant work on God's people
 - b1aa. Samson Judges 14: 6 Lion attack
 - b1ab. Saul 1Samuel 10: 10-11 Is Saul also among the prophets
 - b1ac. Ezekiel 8: 3 Spirit lifted me up.. took me ..
 - b1b. Different work to begin with Jesus' baptizing Holy Spirit and by fire Luke 3: 16
 - b1c. Jesus' declaration John 7: 37- 39
 - b1d. New work began at Pentecost Acts 2: 1- 39
 - c. Teaches us (guides us into truth) John 14: 26; 16: 13 -15
 - d. Makes intercession for us Romans 8: 26-27
 - e. Bears witness to us about the truth Hebrews 10: 15
 - f. Gives us real life 2 Corinthians 3: 6; John 6: 63; 10: 10
 - g. Indwells the believer
 - g1. By faith Galatians 3: 1-14

g1a. Questions v. 1-4

g1b. Affirmations

g1b1. Abraham believed God

g1b2. People become Abraham's children by faith

g1b3. Scripture foresaw gentile inclusion and
blessing of being Abraham's descendants

g1b4. Reliance on law brings curse

g1b5. Faith brings righteousness

g1b6. Basis of law works

g1b7. Christ Jesus took our curse so that

(1) The price for redemption was paid

(2) We could receive the Holy Spirit by faith

g2. Universality of indwelling of Holy Spirit Romans 8: 9

g3. Fact of it 1 Corinthians 6: 19; Ephesians 1: 13

g4. Significance of indwelling

g4a. Promise of Jesus John 14: 15-17

g4b. Down payment Ephesians 1: 14; 4: 30

g4c. It (He) is The spiritual gift Acts 1: 5; 2: 38

g4d. It is the seal of God on our life Ephesians 4: 30;
2 Corinthians 1: 22

g4e. Baptizes the believer 1 Corinthians 12: 13; Acts 2: 38

h. Gives spiritual gifts for the up building of the church

1 Corinthians 12- 14; Romans 12: 6-8; Ephesians 4: 11

h1. The same source for all the true spiritual gifts

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

h1a. Same God

h1b. Same Lord Jesus

h1c. Same Holy Spirit

h2. Every believer is gifted 1 Corin. 12: 7

h3. Gifts listed 1 Corin. 12: 8-10

h3a. Wisdom

h3b. Knowledge

h3c. Faith

h3d. Gifts of Healing

h3e. Working of Miracles (operations of power)

h3f. Prophecy

h3g. Discerning of spirits

h3h. Kinds of tongues (languages)

h3i. Interpretation of tongues

h4. Spiritual gifts given by the Spirit's will 1 Corinthians. 12: 11

h5. God's gifts, through the Holy Spirit, governed by Jesus will
bring unity and health to the Church (the body of Jesus)

1 Corin. 12:12 - 27

h5a. Body made up of many members vv. 12-14

h5b. Diversity of gifts and body parts vv. 15- 24

h5c. Body can not fight against itself and be healthy

vv. 25- 2

h5c1. If one part is sick the body feels the effects

h5c2. If one part is blessed the body is blessed

- h6. Believers are part of the body (Church) 1 Corin. 12: 27
- h7. The gifts listed in order of authority 1 Corin. 12: 28
 - h7a. First Apostles
 - h7b. Second Prophets (Ephesians 4 lists Evangelist after this gift)
 - h7c. Third Teachers (in Ephesians 4 this gift is linked with Pastor)
 - h7d. Miracles
 - h7e. Gifts of healing
 - h7f. Helps
 - h7g. Governing
 - h7h. Kinds of languages (tongues)
- h8. Questions exemplifying that not all can have, nor should have, the same gift 1 Corin. 12: 29- 30
- h9. Godly counsel 1 Corin 12: 31
 - Desire the best gifts
- i. Produces fruit in the Christian life Galatians 5: 22- 23
- j. Opens and closes places of service Acts 16: 6
- k. Has messages for churches who will listen Revelation 2- 3

IV. The Enemy Satan

The adversary of God is Satan. His existence is taught by seven books of the Old Testament and by every New Testament book. Jesus was tempted by Satan and was opposed by those who were deceived by him to do his will. The will of God the Father and our

Lord Jesus Christ is opposed in every believer as we are tempted and deceived by Satan and his workers.

A. Satan is a real individual spiritual being

- 1. He has intellect 2 Corinthians 11: 3**
- 2. He has emotion Revelation 12: 17; John 8: 44**
- 3. He has his own will 2 Timothy 2: 26**
- 4. He is morally responsible for his actions Matthew 25: 41**
- 5. He has names indicative of his character**
 - a. Satan (adversary)
 - b. Devil (slanderer)
 - c. Beelzebub (lord of flies)
 - d. Belial (worthless)
- 6. He has titles**
 - a. Evil One 1 John 5: 19 (ASV)
 - b. Tempter 1 Thessalonians 3: 5
 - c. Prince of this world John 12: 31
 - d. God of this age 2 Corinthians 4: 4
 - e. Prince of the power of the air Ephesians 2: 2
- 7. Representations**
 - a. Serpent Revelation 12: 9
 - b. Dragon Revelation 12: 3
 - c. Angel of light 2 Corinthians 11: 4
 - d. Roaring lion 1 Peter 5: 8

B. Satan's work

1. Tempts Matthew 4: 1-11

2. Possesses: Possession is for real

2a. Satan can possess John 13: 27

2a1. Entered Judas

2a2. Result betrayed Jesus

2a3. Filled with remorse and killed self

2b. Demons can possess

2b1. Mark 1: 23- 26

(a). In synagogue

(b). Had secret knowledge (knew who Jesus really was)

(c.) Jesus would not let the demon continue to speak

2b2. Mark 5: 1- 20

(a). Man had extreme strength

(b). Man self destructive

(c). In torment mentally

2b3. Mark 9: 14- 29

(a). Totally controlled

(b). Self destructive

2c. No biblical example of a Christian being possessed

2c1. Christians can be harassed 2Corinthians 12: 7

2c2. Christians must not let sin reign in their body

Romans 6: 12 -14

3. Deceives Revelation 20: 3

a. Blinds unbelievers 2 Corinthians 4: 4;

2 Thessalonians 2: 9-10

b. Snatches word of God from hearts Luke 8: 12

c. Captures 2 Timothy 2: 26

d. Snares 1 Timothy 3: 7

e. Lies John 8: 44

4. Destroys

a. Devours 1 Peter 5: 8

b. Murders John 8: 44

V. Jesus' authority is given to disciples

A. Mission of the 12 Luke 9: 1-6 Given authority over demons

B. Mission of the 70 Luke 10: 1- 12

C. Great commission Matthew 28: 18 -20

D. Authority of the disciple affirmed Luke 10: 17-20

E. Satan's overthrow includes victory over temptation

1. Use God's word (the Bible)

a. Jesus' example Matthew 4: 1-11

b. Admonitions from Proverbs 2: 1-9; 5: 1-14; 6: 20-35

2. Use the Christian armor Ephesians 6:11-18

3. Resist Satan 1 Peter 5: 8-9; James 4: 7

4. Rebuke him in Jesus' name Jude 9; Acts 16: 18

Warning: don't try to rebuke Satan or demons in you are not a Christian or in a backsliden state Acts 19: 13- 16

5. Always rely on Jesus' intercession

a. John 17: 15 Keep them from the evil one

b. Jesus is always making intercession for us

Hebrews 7: 25; Romans 8: 34

VI. The Kingdom

The Kingdom of God is the realm of salvation into which people enter by trustful, childlike commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age. (BFM)

A. The Kingdom prophesied

1. Isaiah 9: 1- 7; 11: 1-5; 12: 1-6; 42: 1-9; 49: 1- 7
 - a. Never ending Isaiah 9: 1-7
 - b. Lineage of the Christ and kind of rule (righteousness) 11: 1-5
 - c. Christ is God's salvation for everyone (nations) 12: 1-6
 - d. Kingdom focus on the Messiah as servant to give hope and righteousness for all 42: 1-9
 - e. The messiah for Israel is for all the nations 49: 1-7; 51: 4-6; 53: 1- 12
2. Jeremiah 23: 1- 8
 1. God will raise up the descendant of David who will be the savior for God's people
3. Daniel 2: 44- 45; 7: 9 -14
 - a. Rock destroys statue is Kingdom of God and is eternal
Dan. 2: 44-45

- b. The Son of Man receives the eternal Kingdom 7: 9- 14

B. The Kingdom verified

1. John the Baptist

- a. Matthew 3: 2 - 17 Includes reference to fulfillment of Isaiah 40: 3
- b. John 1: 6- 34; Fulfills Isaiah 40: 3, 5
 - 1b. Voice crying in the wilderness v. 3
 - 2b. God's (Jehovah's) glory revealed v. 5

2. Matthew

- a. Matt. 4: 12-17 verifies fulfillment of Isaiah 9: 1-2
- b. Matt. 8: 16- 7 references fulfillment of Isaiah 53: 4
- c. Matt 8: 24- 27 winds and waves obey verifies God's power spoken of in Psalms 104: 6-7

d. Matt. 12: 15-21 cites fulfillment of Isaiah 42

3. Jesus' power over demons verifies the presence of the Kingdom of God in His work

- a. Matthew 12: 25- 30 demons cast out by the Spirit of God kingdom has come (Greek word is ephthasen) upon you;
- b. Luke 11: 14 -22 finger of God

C. Kingdom Exemplified (Parables of the Kingdom)

1. Sower Matthew 13: 1- 23 responses to gospel

- a. Wicked one Satan snatches word
- b. Deny faith because of trials or tribulation
- c. Cares of the world choke out word

d. Word bears fruit

2. Wheat and tares Matthew 13: 24 - 30; 36 - 43

Enemy sows his people to cause discord and division

3. Mustard seed Matthew 13: 31- 32

Kingdom starts small but grows huge

4. Leaven Matthew 13: 33

Kingdom affects all around it because it is here

5. Hidden Treasure Matthew 13: 44

Found unexpectedly but value beyond all possessions.

6. Pearl of great price Matthew 13: 45- 46

One diligently seeking finds kingdom and recognizes its true value

7. Parable of Dragnet Matthew 13: 47-50

Many will pretend to be a part of the Kingdom but the real will be separated from the false at judgment

8. Final word Matthew 13: 51- 52 Kingdom includes both the old and new treasures. This applies to both old and new covenants

D: Kingdom Multiplied (the Church)

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the

gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ, committed to His teachings, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by the Word, and

seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. This church is an

autonomous body, operating through democratic processes under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In such a congregation, members are equally

responsible. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. The New Testament also speaks of the church as the body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages. (BFM)

The Church is the local gathering of the Kingdom of God which is made up of baptized believers in Jesus Christ the Messiah King. Many times people talk of the church as if it is not one and the same as the Kingdom of God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ this is a misconception scripturally.

1. The basic elements of the Gospel 1 Corinthians 15: 1-8
 - a. Christ Jesus died for our sins (He paid the price for our sins)
 - b. He was buried (in a known tomb) Luke 23:50-56; John 19: 38-42
 - c. He rose again the third day (the tomb was empty)
 - d. Scripture foretold all this, it was "according to the scriptures"
 - e. His real resurrected body appeared to disciples in different places and on other occasions Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20 -21
2. Body of believers in Jesus Christ 1 Corinthians 12: 13
 - a. By Faith part of the church
 - b. Faith makes us a part of the Kingdom of God
3. Church part of God's eternal plan Ephesians 1: 1-23
 - a. Chosen before the foundation of world Eph. 1: 4
 - b. Predestined to be sons of God Eph. 1: 5, 10
 - c. Mystery of God's will revealed Eph. 1: 9, 10
In the fullness of time God chose to unite all things under one head which is Jesus Christ
 - d. All according to God's will and plan Eph. 1: 11
 - e. Faith in Jesus seals us with the Holy Spirit Eph. 1: 12- 14
 - f. All things have been placed under Jesus' feet Eph. 1: 15-22
4. Relation to Israel (remnant of faith) Ephesians 2: 1 - 3:12
 - a. Excluded before faith in Jesus Eph. 2: 11- 12

- b. Brought near in Jesus Eph. 2: 13
 - c. Dividing wall of Mosaic Law abolished Eph. 2: 14
 - d. New body reconciles all Believers Eph. 2: 15- 18
 - e. Citizens of God's household built on foundation of the apostles Eph. 2: 19- 21; Revelation 21: 14
 - f. Included in the Israel of promise Romans 11:
5. Mystery of Christ's inclusion of Gentiles in Kingdom
- a. Not revealed in former times Eph 3: 3
 - b. Revealed to Paul, the apostles, and prophets Eph. 3: 5
 - c. All believers in Jesus regardless of nationality are
 - 1c. Joint heirs with believers in God of all time Eph. 3: 6
 - 2c. Same body Eph. 3: 6
 - 3c. Same promises Eph. 3: 6
 - 4c. Same citizenship Eph. 2: 19
 - d. This mystery was hidden in God from the beginning of time but revealed to the principalities and powers in heavenly places through the church revealing God's wisdom. Eph. 3: 8-10
 - e. This was God's eternal plan which was made known in Jesus Christ Eph 3: 11
 - f. We now have boldness and access to the throne of God through faith in Jesus Christ. Eph. 3: 12
6. Christ's relation to believers (He is the)
- a. Sheperd John 10
 - b. Vine John 15

- c. Cornerstone Ephesians 2: 20
- d. High Priest Hebrews 4: 14; Romans 12: 3-8
- e. Head of the body Romans 12: 4-5
- f. Bridegroom Ephesians 5: 32
- g. The Last Adam Romans 5:12
- 7. New Covenant Kingdom Ordinances
 - a. Baptism Romans 6: 3- 4; Matthew 3: 11
 - b. Lord's Supper 1 Corinthians 11: 23- 26
- 8. New Covenant Kingdom Officers
 - a. Pastor 1 Timothy 3: 1-7(overseer); 5: 17- 22 (elder)
 The Biblical role of pastor is described as being male
 Historically the role of pastor has been male
 - b. Deacon 1 Timothy 3: 8-11

E. Kingdom Magnified

- 1. Put your past behind Ephesians 4: 17- 28
 - a. No longer live as unbelievers (gentiles)
 - a1. Futility of thinking
 - a2. Understanding darkened
 - a3. Separated from God by ignorance
 - a4. Hardening of their hearts
 - a5. Loss of sensitivity
 - b. Given over to sensuality
 - c. Continual lust for more

- 2. Put your mind on what you have learned from Christ (Jesus)

We are a new creation by our faith in Jesus (2 Corin. 5: 17)

- a. Taught to put off old self
- b. Taught to have new attitude in mind
- c. Put on new self
 - c1. Created to be like God
 - c2. True righteousness and holiness
- 3. Put ungodly actions out of your life
 - a. Falsehood
 - b. Anger
 - b1. Anger is normal
 - b2. Grudges give the devil a foothold
 - c. No stealing
 - c1. Work for own needs
 - c2. Give to needs of others
- 4. Things that should not be Ephesians 5: 3-14
 - a. Immorality
 - b. Impurity
 - c. Greed
 - d. Obscenity
 - e. Foolish talk
 - f. Coarse joking
- 5. Things that should be
 - a. Thanksgiving
 - b. Holiness reflective of the life of Jesus
- 6. Warning

- a. The one doing wicked things has no part in the Kingdom
 - b. Don't be deceived wicked actions are reason for God's wrath coming on the disobedient
 - c. Do not partner with them
7. Be careful how you live v. 15 - 16
 - a. Make wise choices
 - b. Make most of your opportunities
 8. Understand what the will of the Lord is v. 17
 - contrasted with being foolish
 9. Be filled with the Spirit v. 18
 - contrasted with being drunk
 10. Speak in a way that upbuilds others v. 19
 11. Sing from the heart to the Lord
 12. Always give thanks
 - a. For everything
 - b. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ

E. Kingdom Organized Ephesians 5: 21-33

1. One God over all Eph. 4: 6
2. Christ the head of the church Eph. 5: 23
3. Believers are Christ's body Eph. 2:16; 1Corin. 12: 27
4. Husband head of the home v. 23
 - a. Submission
 - a1. To each other v. 21
 - a2. Wives to your own husband v.22

- a3. To the Lord
 - a3a. In the fear of the Lord v. 21
 - a3b. As unto the Lord v. 22
- b. Love Husbands love wife
- c. Example Christ loved church
 - c1. Gave himself
 - c2. Sanctify (make her holy)
 - c3. Cleanse by word v. 26
 - c4. Present church v. 27
 - c4a. Radiant
 - c4b. Blameless
- d. Husbands
 - d1. Love like Jesus
 - d2. Love wife like you love yourself
- e. Mystery of relationship revealed v. 31- 32
 - e1. Quotation husband and wife one flesh Genesis 2: 24
 - e2. Illustration of Christ and the church

F. Kingdom Fulfillment Realized Matthew 24: 1-

- 1. The observation - the beauty of the temple v. 1
- 2. The prophecy - the destruction of the temple v. 2
- 3. The Question is three fold v. 3
 - 3a. When will these things be
 - 3b. What will be the sign of your coming
 - 3c. (What will be the signs) of the end of the age?

4. **The warning v. 4 don't be deceived there will be evidences**
 - a. Deceivers in "Jesus name" v. 5
 - b. Wars and rumors of wars v. 6
 - c. Conflict combined with natural disasters v. 7
 - d. These are only the beginning v. 8
5. Multiplied and intensified signs
 - a. Persecution of believers v. 9: Rev. 6: 9-11, 12:17, 13: 7-8
 - b. Betrayal v. 10
 - c. False prophets will deceive many v. 11; Rev. 13:14
Rev. 17:8; 2 Thessalonians. 2: 9-12
 - d. Lawlessness abounds v. 12; 2Thess. 2: 8- 9
6. Promise to those who endure v. 13
7. Gospel of the Kingdom proclaimed to whole earth. v. 14
8. The Great Tribulation
 - a. At Abomination of desolation v. 15
Flee v. 16 - 20
 - b. Greatest persecution (thlipsis) ever v. 21 -22
 - c. God shortens the time of tribulation for believers
9. Coming of Jesus is not secret do not believe false reports v. 23
 - a. Miracle working False Christs and prophets will come v. 24
See Paul's statement in 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-12
 - b. Jesus himself warns you v. 25
 - c. Warning repeated v. 27 Paul also warns 2 Thessalonians 2: 3
10. Jesus' return will be as visible as lightning that flashes across the entire sky v. 27 not secret snatching away

11. His return (prousia) will be as obvious as Buzzards at a dead body
 - a. Jesus return will be after the tribulation and accompanied by cosmic evidences v. 29
 - b. Unbelievers will see Jesus coming in His glory v. 30,
Repeated in Revelation 1: 7 specifically to the church
 - c. All the elect (believers) will be gathered to their Lord in the Clouds at the Last Trumpet 1 Thessalonians 4:17

G. The Kingdom Justified

Matthew 24: 31- 46

1. Continuation v. 31
 - a. Follows parousia of Matt. 24: 29 -31
 - b. When Son of man comes in glory
 - b1. The angels with Him
 - b2. Sit on throne in heavenly glory
2. Separation v. 32- 46
 - a. Sheep on right v. 34- 40
 - a1. Invitation
 - a2. Come take your inheritance
 - a3. The Kingdom prepared for you since creation
 - b. Affirmation
 - b1. I was hungry you fed me
 - b2. I was thirsty you gave me a drink
 - b3. I was a stranger you invited me in
 - b4. I was needed clothes you clothed me
 - b5. I was sick and you looked after me

- b6. I was in prison and you came to visit me
 - c. Question "When did we do these things?"
 - d. Explanation v. 40
3. Goats on left v. 41- 46
- a. Accusation
 - b. Question v. 44 "When did we see you and not help you?"
 - c. Explanation v. 45
 - d. Condemnation "eternal punishment"

VII. VII. Salvation

Salvation is God's gift, of forgiving our sins against Him. Salvation is made available to us by God's grace when we believe in Jesus as our Savior and Lord, repenting of our sins. Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Jesus, by his own blood, obtained this salvation guaranteeing the believer eternal redemption. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, sanctification, and glorification. (BFM)

A. Steps of salvation

1. Recognize God's plan
 - a. Jesus is the Way John 14: 6
 - b. Jesus gives abundant life John 10: 10
 - c. Jesus gives everlasting life John 3: 16
2. Realize man's problem
 - a. All have sinned Romans 3: 23
 - b. The wages of sin is death Romans 6: 23

c. God demands perfection (holiness) Matthew 5: 48

3. Review God's provision

a. Jesus died for us while we were still sinners Romans 5: 8

b. Jesus the way John 14: 6, his name the only name Acts 4: 12

c. Jesus the only mediator 1 Timothy 2:3- 6

d. Jesus bore our sins (1 Peter 2: 24) to bring us to God

(1 Peter 3: 18) becoming sin for us (2 Corinthians 5: 21)

canceling the bond against us (Colossians 2: 14) on the cross.

4. Receive Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior

a. Repent Acts 3: 19- 20; Acts 2: 38

b. Believe Acts 16: 31; John 3: 15- 18; 5: 24; 6: 28- 29;

1 John 3: 23; Gods commandment is to believe in Jesus

5. Follow in Jesus' steps

a. Baptism Acts 2: 38

b. Suffering 1 Peter 2: 21

6. Tell others Matthew 28: 18-20

B. Results of salvation

1. Saved from darkness to light 1 Peter 2: 9

2. From alienation to citizenship 1 Peter 2: 10; Ephesians 2-3

3. From slavery to freedom Galatians 5: 1

4. From fear to assurance 1 John 4: 18

5. From Sin Matthew 1: 21; condemnation John 3: 17; death

John 11: 25; wrath 1 Thessalonians 5: 9; from the devil 1 John 3: 8;

the law Galatians 3: 13; To eternal life John 6: 40; children of

Abraham Galatians 3: 7, 29; fellow heirs of the promises to Israel

Ephesians 2: 11-3: 6;

6. Past, Present, and future

- a. Salvation accomplished fact Luke 7: 48-50; Luke 19: 9;
Ephesians 2: 8-9
- b. Present God started something that He is continuing in us
1 Corinthians 1: 18; 2 Corinthians 2: 15; Philippians 2: 12- 13
- c. Future What God has begun he will complete
Romans 8: 23; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 2 Timothy 4: 18

C. Blessings of Salvation

1. What Jesus has accomplished for us

- a. Justified and redeemed Romans 3: 24; 5: 1; Ephesians 1: 7
- b. Forgiven Romans 3: 25; Ephesians 1: 7
- c. Delivered from kingdom of darkness Colossians 1: 13
- d. Chosen Ephesians 1: 3-6
- e. Holy and blameless Ephesians 1: 4

2. What has been bestowed on us

- a. Citizenship in Israel of God Ephesians 2: 19; Romans 11: 17
- b. Royal priesthood as God's own people 1 Peter 2: 5-10;
Revelation 1: 5-6
- c. Position; Seated with Jesus in heavenly places Ephesians 2: 6
- d. Provision Every spiritual blessing Ephesians 1: 3
- e. His indwelling presence Colossians 1: 27; 1 Corinthians 6: 19
Galatians 2: 20

D. Certainty of Salvation for the Believer

"Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is a glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility. All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, where by they grieve the spirit, impair their graces and comforts, bring reproach on the cause of Christ, and temporal judgments on themselves, yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." BFM

1. Children by faith Romans 8: 14- 17; 1 John 3: 1-2; John 1: 12
2. We have received eternal life as a gift by faith
Romans 5: 17, 6: 23; John 3: 16- 18, 6: 47
3. We are chosen John 15: 16
 - a. The Father draws to Jesus John 6: 44, 65
 - b. We have been predestined to be like Jesus
Romans 8: 29-30; Ephesians 1: 5
4. We are saved by Grace through faith not works
Ephesians 2: 8-9; Galatians 2: 15- 16
5. We are in the hands of both Jesus and the Father
John 10: 27- 30
6. Nothing can separate us from the Love of God

Romans 8: 33- 39

7. All our sins are forgiven Colossians 2: 13- 15; 1 John 2: 12;
8. We are God's possession now, bought with the price of Jesus' death on the cross 1 Corinthians 6: 19 - 20
9. Our redemption is eternal Hebrews 9: 12

VIII. Jesus taught His disciples to pray

Prayer is as essential to the disciple as breathing is to the human. If the disciple does not follow Jesus' example of prayer, he will never be able to be victorious in the Christian life. Prayer is communication with God. Real communication is inherently two way. You will never know God's will if you do not seek it.

A. Guideline for prayer

1. Don't pray to be seen Matthew 6: 5
2. Pray in secret Matt. 6:6
3. Do not use repetitive phrases Matt. 6:7
4. Do not harbor unforgiveness Matt. 6:15

B. Model prayer Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11: 1-4

1. Acknowledge God's position
2. Acknowledge his Kingdom and power
3. Thank the Lord for his continual provision
4. Seek the Lord's forgiveness
5. Seek the Lord's deliverance

C. Jesus's prayer recorded John 17

D. Be persistent Luke 11: 5-8

E. Expect God to give you what you need Luke 11: 9-13

F. Don't give up on God Luke 18: 1-8

G. Jesus prayer practice revealed Luke 22: 39- 46

1. He had a regular place
2. He advised the disciples to pray to prevent temptation
3. He prayed about real issues he was facing
4. He sought to know the Father's will
5. He sought to submit his will to the Father
6. His prayer involved his total being
7. Jesus prayed while he was dying Luke 23: 34, 46
 - a. For forgiveness for others
 - b. For the Father to take his spirit