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The Doctrine 100 Curriculum

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The Gospel

The word gospel is translated from the Greek (**euaggelos**), which means good news. Bad news, therefore, such as doctrines pertaining to evil or to personal sins, do not properly belong under the category of the gospel.

The gospel includes all of the doctrines pertaining to salvation, including: redemption, expiation, reconciliation, propitiation, imputation, justification, positional truth, and sanctification. It also includes the doctrines pertaining to the Lord Jesus Christ, including: the hypostatic union, impeccability, the deity of Christ, etc.

There are six uses of the term gospel in the New Testament:

- The gospel of Christ; Rom. 1:16,17, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ..." This is an emphasis on the person of the gospel.
- My gospel, Rom. 2:16. This means that the gospel belongs to every believer.
- Our gospel, 2 Cor. 4:3,4. This verse speaks of the believer's possession of the gospel and the importance of communicating it as God gives opportunity in witnessing.
- The gospel of peace, Eph. 6:15. This emphasizes the doctrine of reconciliation in the gospel.
- The everlasting gospel, Rev. 14:6. This emphasizes the proximity of eternity for unbelievers during the tribulation.
- The gospel of the kingdom, Matt. 24:14. This emphasizes the fulfillment of the unconditional covenant to the born again of Israel.

The fundamentals of the gospel are given in 1 Cor. 15:1-4.

- Christ died as a substitute for our sins. His spiritual death means It is finished!
- Christ died physically and was buried
- Christ rose from the dead

The enemy of the gospel is Satan who is the ruler of this world, 2 Cor. 4:3,4.

The believer's attitude toward the gospel is expressed in these verses:

Rom. 1:16, 20;; 1 Cor. 1:17;9:1

Salvation Doctrines

Your Christian life began the moment you believed the Gospel, putting your complete confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.

At that moment, God provided you with a great number of unique and permanent blessings.

"...and hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." (Eph. 1:3) These blessings are a part of your inheritance as a Christian; they are the doctrines and promises upon which you may draw during the remainder of your lifetime.

The following is a listing of salvation doctrines, a catalogue of the things God did for you when you accepted Christ. These basic teachings are the underlying principles for the mechanics of Christian living, the techniques such as faith rest and occupation with Christ, and are foundation principles for all other Bible doctrine.

This listing can provide you with hours of quality study and meditation. You may well find other topics that could be added to the list. It is valuable and important that you understand thoroughly your relationship with the Lord; a good knowledge of these doctrines can be of great help to you in solving problems and making decisions according to God's viewpoint.

You are in the eternal plan of God, sharing the destiny of the Lord Jesus Christ. As such you are:

Foreknown

Acts 2:23. this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

Romans 8:29. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

1 Peter 1:2. according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

Elect

Romans 8:33. Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

Colossians 3:12. So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

1 Thessalonians 1:4. knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you;

Titus 1:1. Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,

1 Peter 1:1, 2. Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen

Predestined

Romans 8:29, 30. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Ephesians 1:5. He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will

Ephesians 1:11. also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

Chosen in Christ

Matthew 22:14. For many are called, but few are chosen.

1 Peter 2:4. And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God

Called

1 Thessalonians 5:24. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

You have been reconciled ...**Reconciled by God**

2 Corinthians 5:18. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

Colossians 1:20. and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

Reconciled to God

Romans 5:10. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

2 Corinthians 5:20. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Ephesians 2:14-16. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

You have been redeemed (purchased from the slave market of sin).

Romans 3:24. being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Colossians 1:14. in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1 Peter 1:18. knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

Ephesians 1:7. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

You have been removed from condemnation.

John 3:18. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 5:24. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

Romans 8:1. Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

You are under grace and not under judgment (doctrine of propitiation).

Romans 3:24–28. being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

1 John 2:2. and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

Your sins have been judged by the spiritual death of Christ on the cross:

Romans 4:25. He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

Ephesians 1:7. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

1 Peter 2:24. and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

You have been made dead to the old life and alive unto God. You are:**Crucified with Christ**

Romans 6:6. knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

Galatians 2:20. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Dead with Christ

Romans 6:8. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

Colossians 3:3. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

1 Peter 2:24. and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

Buried with Christ

Romans 6:4. Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Colossians 2:12. having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Risen with Christ

Romans 6:4. Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Colossians 3:1. Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

You are free from the law.

Romans 6:14. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 7:4-6. Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death. But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

2 Corinthians 3:11. For if that which fades away was with glory, much more that which remains is in glory.

Galatians 3:25. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor [the Law].

You have been adopted (placed as an adult heir in the family of God)

Romans 8:15. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

Romans 8:23. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

Ephesians 1:5. He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

You have been justified (declared righteous).

Romans 3:24. being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Romans 5:1. Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 5:9. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

Romans 8:30. and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He

also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

1 Corinthians 6:11. Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Titus 3:7. so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

You have been regenerated (born spiritually into the family of God)

John 13:10. Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

1 Corinthians 6:11. Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Titus 3:5. He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

By regeneration you are:

Born Again

John 3:7. Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.

1 Peter 1:23. for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

Children of God

Galatians 3:26. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Sons of God

John 1:12. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

2 Corinthians 6:18. And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord Almighty.

1 John 3:2. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will

be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

New Creations

2 Corinthians 5:17. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Galatians 6:15. For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

Ephesians 2:10. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

You have been made acceptable to God.

Ephesians 1:6. to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

1 Peter 2:5. you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

To make a believer acceptable to Himself, God sees to it that you have been:

Made righteous

Romans 3:22. even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;

1 Corinthians 1:30. But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,

2 Corinthians 5:21. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Philippians 3:9. and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

Sanctified positionally

1 Corinthians 1:30. But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,

1 Corinthians 6:11. Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Perfected forever

Hebrews 10:14. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Made qualified

Colossians 1:12. giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

You have been forgiven all trespasses or sins

Ephesians 1:7. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

Ephesians 4:32. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Colossians 1:14. in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 2:13. When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

Colossians 3:13. bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

You have been made a **heavenly citizen** based on reconciliation.

Luke 10:20. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."

Ephesians 2:13,19. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **19** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

Philippians 3:20. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

You have been delivered from the kingdom of Satan.

Colossians 1:13. For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

Colossians 2:15. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

You have been transferred into God's kingdom.

Colossians 1:13. For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

You have been placed on a secure foundation.

1 Corinthians 3:11. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:4. and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.

Ephesians 2:20. having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,

You are a gift from God the Father to the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 17:2, 6, 9, 11, 12, 24. even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. **6** I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. **9** I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours. **11** I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. **12** While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so

that the Scripture would be fulfilled. **24** Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

You have been delivered from the power of the sin nature.

Romans 2:29. But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

Philippians 3:3. for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

Colossians 2:11. and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;

You have been appointed as a priest unto God.

1 Peter 2:5,9. you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Revelation 1:6. and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever.

You are under the care of God as a chosen generation and a protected people.

Titus 2:14. who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

1 Peter 2:9. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

You have been given access to God.

Romans 5:2. through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

Ephesians 2:18. for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

Hebrews 4:14,16. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. **16** Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 10:19,20. Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,

You are within the much more care of God.

Objects of His love

Ephesians 2:4. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Ephesians 5:2. and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Objects of His grace

For salvation, Ephesians 2:8,9. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

For keeping, Romans 5:2. and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

1 Peter 1:5. who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

For service, John 17:18. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

Ephesians 4:7. But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

For instruction, Titus 2:12. instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

Objects of His power

Ephesians 1:19. and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might

Philippians 2:13. for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Objects of His faithfulness

Philippians 1:6. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 13:5. Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,"

Objects of His peace

John 14:27. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

Objects of His consolation

2 Thessalonians 2:16. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,

Objects of His intercession

Romans 8:34. who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Romans 7:25. Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

Romans 9:24. even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

You are a beneficiary of the inheritance from God (an heir of God and a joint-heir with the Lord Jesus Christ).

Romans 8:17. and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

Ephesians 1:14,18. who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. **18** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Colossians 3:24. knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

Hebrews 9:15. For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

1 Peter 1:4. to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

You have a new position in Christ.

Ephesians 2:6. and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Colossians 3:4. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

1 Corinthians 1:9. God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 3:9. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

2 Corinthians 3:3,6. being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. **6** who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter

but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2 Corinthians 5:20. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 6:1,4. And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain **4** but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,

You are the recipient of eternal life.

John 3:15. so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

John 10:28. and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

John 20:31. but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

1 John 5:11,12. And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

You are a member of the family of God.

Galatians 6:10. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Ephesians 2:19. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

You are Light in the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8. for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

1 Thessalonians 5:4. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief;

You are united with the Father.

1 Thessalonians 1:1. Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

cf **Ephesians 4:6.** one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

United with Christ

John 14:20. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

cf. **Colossians 1:27.** to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

A member of His body

1 Corinthians 12:13. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

A branch in the vine

John 15:5. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

A stone in the building

Ephesians 2:21,22. in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

A part of His bride

Ephesians 5:25-27. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

A priest in His kingdom

1 Peter 2:9. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

A saint of the new species

2 Corinthians 5:17. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

United with the Holy Spirit

Romans 8:9-11. However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

You are the recipient of the ministry of the Holy Spirit.**Born of the spirit**

John 3:6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Baptized by the spirit

1 Corinthians 12:13. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indwelt by the spirit

John 7:39. But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Romans 5:5. and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 8:9. However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

1 Corinthians 3:16. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is

in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

Galatians 4:6. Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

1 John 3:24. The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Sealed by the spirit

2 Corinthians 1:22. who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

Ephesians 4:30. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Recipient of spiritual gifts

1 Corinthians 12:11. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

1 Corinthians 12:27-31. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues. All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? But earnestly desire the greater gifts.

1 Corinthians 13:1,2. If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

You have been glorified in Christ.

Romans 3:20. because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

You have been made complete in Christ.

Colossians 2:10. and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

You are the possessor of every spiritual blessing.

Ephesians 1:3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

You are the recipient of a human spirit.

Romans 8:16. **The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,**

1 Corinthians 2:12. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

2 Corinthians 7:13. For this reason we have been comforted. And besides our comfort, we rejoiced even much more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all.

1 Thessalonians 5:23. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:5. even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

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Eternal Life

Definition of Eternal Life

John 3:36, "He that believes on the Son has eternal life, but he who does not believe on the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Our attitude toward Christ belief or unbelief determines whether we have eternal life.

The Greek word PISTEUO in the present tense means you have eternal life the moment you believe and you continue to have it.

A person has eternal life the moment he believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. This person is also called a believer.

Eternal life is imputed to the human spirit, which is created for you by God the Holy Spirit at regeneration.

Three Categories of Eternal Life

For the believer in Jesus Christ who dies prior to the second coming of Jesus Christ also known as the resurrection of the believers in Christ, there are three categories of eternal life.

1. The believer has eternal life while living on the earth, having both earthly and eternal life.
2. The believer has eternal life after death while living in heaven and waiting for his resurrection body. This can be classified as having both interim life and eternal life.
3. The believer has eternal life forever in a resurrection body, which is resurrection life and eternal life.

Those believers of the rapture generation who do not die physically have two categories of eternal life

1. Temporal life plus eternal life.
 2. Resurrection life plus eternal life.
- Each category of eternal life reveals a new aspect of God's perfect integrity and plan.

There is a body for each stage of eternal life.

Temporal life plus eternal life has the body of corruption with the old sin nature.

The interim life plus eternal life has the interim body, which experiences no more pain, tears, sorrow, old sin nature or sickness. In this interim body, you are recognizable. This is the body you occupy while awaiting your resurrection body, 2 Cor. 5:8; Rev. 21:4.

The interim life and eternal life stage makes no distinction between winners and losers in the Christian life. It provides supreme happiness for every believer.

This gives the greatest comfort to loved ones at a funeral. Losers and winners have it just as good in heaven in an interim body.

Resurrection life plus eternal life has the resurrection body.

Therefore, eternal life exists in two or more categories of life. The person who does not die experiences two categories of eternal life; the person who does die experiences three categories of eternal life.

A person can obtain eternal life only while he is alive on earth..

A person cannot get eternal life once he dies as an unbeliever in Jesus Christ.

Eternal life begins during a believer's lifetime, 2 Cor. 6:2.

You cannot get eternal life in eternity; you have to get it now on earth.

Eternal life belongs only to the believer in Jesus Christ.

The three categories of eternal life do not apply to the unbeliever, who is described by John 3:18.

Eternal life belongs only to the believer who is never without a body. You always have a body with your eternal life.

Union with Christ

At the time of his personal salvation, the Christian believer enters into a spiritual union with Jesus Christ and remains in that position forever.

"Positional Truth" is the formal title for that wide class of Bible teaching on the subject of the Christian's position in or union with Jesus Christ.

Union with Christ makes available to the believer a great number of spiritual benefits. These benefits can be used and enjoyed continuously during the believer's remaining lifetime and will continue into eternity.

The nature of the believer's position in Christ was foretold by the Lord Jesus Himself: (1) in the Bread of Life discourse, JOHN 6:56; (2) in the Good Shepherd discourse, JOHN 10:16; and (3) in the Upper Room discourse, JOHN 14:20.

The Christian is placed spiritually in Christ through a mechanism known as the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. These mechanics are described in 1 COR. 12:13 and GAL. 3:27,28. (A study of the seven baptisms of the Bible is a prerequisite to an understanding of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.)

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit was foretold by Christ in ACTS 1:5,8. This occurred for the first time on the Day of Pentecost, ACTS 2:1-4 cf.

11:15,16. Therefore, Union with Christ was experienced by believers for the first time on the Day of Pentecost, making it an experience unique to Church Age believers.

Union with Christ is a fact for all believers, spiritual or carnal. 1 COR. 1:2; cf. 1:11; 3:1-4 The believer's position in Christ makes him a "new creature" in Christ, 2 COR. 5:17.

The Christian is "in Christ" and has become a "new creature" in that he has a new birth, a new human spirit, and has the ability now to have fellowship with God. "Old things have passed away", spiritual death is done away, and "all things are become new", spiritual life is begun.

Union with Christ has several immediate results for every believer:

Regeneration

Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

John 3:5,6, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

The Indwelling Holy Spirit

1 Cor. 6:19

The Sealing of the Holy Spirit

Eph. 1:13

Eph. 4:30

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

1 Cor. 12:13

Spiritual Gifts

1 Cor. 12:11

The following is a list of the characteristics of the believer's Union with Christ:

- Union with Christ is a fact, not an experience. One is united with Christ regardless of how he feels.
- Union with Christ is not progressive; it cannot be improved upon; we receive it completely at salvation.
- Union with Christ is not commanded by God; it is given as a gift by God at salvation.

- This Union is permanent; it will never be taken away; it does not depend upon our faithfulness; it depends on the faithfulness of God.

- This doctrine can be understood only with a thorough study of the related Bible passages.

Union with the Lord Jesus Christ is a guarantee of eternal security, ROM. 8:35-39; 1 JOHN 5:11,12; ROM. 8:1.

Union with Christ is current in that the believer is identified with Christ in His life and shares with Christ in certain aspects of His life, Eph. 3:1-14.

- We share in His election, EPH. 1:4.
- We share in His destiny, EPH. 1:5,11.
- We share in His son ship, EPH. 1:5; HEB. 2:10; GAL. 3:26.
- We obtain the Righteousness of Christ, 2 COR. 5:21.
- We share in Christ's inheritance, ROM. 8:16,17; GAL. 4:7.
- We share in His holiness, 1 COR. 1:30.
- We share His priesthood, 1 PET. 2:5,9.
- We share in His Kingdom, COL. 1:13; 2 PET. 1:11.
- We share in His resurrection, EPH. 2:6.
- We share in His life, EPH. 2:5; COL. 2:13; 1 JOHN 5:11,12.
- In Him we have redemption and forgiveness of sins, EPH. 1:7; COL. 1:14.

Union with Christ makes every believer equal at the point of salvation, GAL. 3:27,28.

Union with Christ makes the believer perfect in the sight of God, COL. 2:9,10.

BIBLE ILLUSTRATIONS OF UNION WITH CHRIST:

- Vine and Branches, JOHN 15:1-17
- Head and Body, EPH. 1:22,23
- Bridegroom and Bride, REV. 19:7-9; 21:9; EPH. 5:27
- Shepherd and Flock, JOHN 10:16
- Chief cornerstone and building, 1 PET. 2:4,5
- High Priest and Priesthood, HEB. 4:14; 5:5,6,10, cf. 1 PETER 2:5

Union with Christ is the doctrinal basis for spirituality, ROM. 6:1-14.

Union with Christ is the basis for the spiritual technique of occupation with Christ, COL. 3:1-4.

Union with Christ is illustrated and testified to by water baptism. The believer is identified with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.

Regeneration

Regeneration is the theological term for the Christian's "new" or "second" birth in Christ. By definition, regeneration is the act of God by which He imparts divine life to man upon the single condition of faith in Jesus Christ as personal Savior. Several words and phrases in the Bible express the concept of regeneration. The following passages show how frequently the doctrine of regeneration is found in the Bible.

- In John 3:7 the words "born again" express regeneration.
- In Eph. 2:5, the words "made alive" refer to regeneration, the new life
- In 2 Cor. 5:17, the words "new creation" speak of the new birth
- In 1 John 3:1, 2, the expression "children of God" refers to regeneration.
- In Titus 3:5, the word "regeneration" itself is used.

There are several aspects about regeneration which are important to give attention.

All People Need Regeneration

Our condition demands it. Eph. 2:1 declares us to be "dead" in sins. Death is a condition for which "life" (regeneration) is the only solution.

Our family connection demands it. Rom. 5:12 indicates that we are dead because of a family relationship. Therefore, we need a new birth, a new family, a new Father, all of which are provided by regeneration.

The Author of Regeneration: GOD

John 1:13 informs us that we must be "born of God." The word "of" points to the source and

origin of the new life - God is the origin and source of regeneration.

John 1:13 eliminates all human aspects of regeneration. The phrase "not of blood" shows that regeneration cannot be inherited. The phrase "not of the will of the flesh" shows that God's life is not the fruit of a man's search for God. "Not of the will of man" - man cannot generate eternal life.

The Means of Regeneration - The Word

1 Pet. 1:23 makes it clear that the written word of God is the means of the new birth, because the written word is actually the living Word (see also Heb. 4:12; John 6:63; Acts 7:38). In practice, this means knowledge must precede the new birth. The miracle of the new birth cannot occur where the Word of God is not taught in some form.

The Power of Regeneration - The Resurrection

We are "born again...by the resurrection of Jesus Christ", 1 Pet. 1:3. This shows us the kind of power needed for regeneration. According to Eph. 1:19, 20 the power that raised Christ from the dead is the greatest power ever displayed. This same power is applied in bringing regeneration to us.

The Instrument of Regeneration - Faith

Gal. 3:26 explains that faith is the hand by which we receive the gift of eternal life.

The Basis of Regeneration - Blood

Those who call on the Father, 1 Pet. 1:17-19, the family concept of regeneration. It is the blood of Christ that makes this possible (v. 19).

The Agent of Regeneration - The Holy Spirit

John 3:5, 6, the necessity of birth through the agency of the Holy Spirit. "Flesh" begets "flesh", "spirit" begets "spirit". Divine life requires divine parents.

John 1:12 "...to them gave He power to become the children of God"