



# **BASIC TRAINING**

## **FOR FAITH AND LIFE IN CHRIST (CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION)**

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# Christianity in a Nutshell

## The Basics of Salvation

<sup>11</sup>And the testimony is this, that **God has given** us eternal life, and this life is **in His Son**. <sup>12</sup>**He who has the Son has the life**; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. <sup>13</sup>**These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.**

John 5:11-13

### The Testimony of God.

Who gives eternal life? (11a) \_\_\_\_\_

Where is eternal life found? (11b) \_\_\_\_\_

Who has eternal life? (12) \_\_\_\_\_

Why was this written (13) \_\_\_\_\_

**How am I saved?** By \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>8</sup>For **by grace you have been saved through faith**; and that **not of yourselves**, it is the **gift** of God; <sup>9</sup>**not as a result of works**, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

- Salvation is by based on God's \_\_\_\_\_. (8)

**[Grace** (gr) means \_\_\_\_\_. A helpful acronym: Grace is

G\_\_\_\_\_ R\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_

- Salvation is NOT based on \_\_\_\_\_ (9)

- Salvation is NOT dependent upon \_\_\_\_\_.

- Salvation is God's \_\_\_\_\_ received through \_\_\_\_\_ (8)

**[Faith** (gr) means to \_\_\_\_\_

### How Can I Be Sure?

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

John 3:16



# SOME KEY WORDS

**DISCIPLE** – to Fo\_\_\_\_\_

**FAITH (BELIEVE)** – to Tr\_\_\_\_\_

**GOSPEL** – G\_\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_

**SIN** – To M\_\_\_\_\_ the M\_\_\_\_\_

**GRACE** – G\_\_\_\_\_

**MERCY** – L\_\_\_\_\_ K\_\_\_\_\_

**SACRAMENT** – S\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_

**BAPTIZE** – to W\_\_\_\_\_

**JESUS** – S\_\_\_\_\_ (Or literally, The L\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_)

**CHRIST (MESSIAH)** – Anointed One

**BIBLE** – B\_\_\_\_\_

**SCRIPTURE** – W\_\_\_\_\_

**CONFESS** – to A\_\_\_\_\_

**FORGIVE** – to R\_\_\_\_\_

# Books of the Bible

## Old Testament

### **Pentateuch**

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy

### **History**

Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth  
1 Samuel  
2 Samuel  
1 Kings  
2 Kings  
1 Chronicles  
2 Chronicles  
Ezra  
Nehemiah  
Esther

### **Poetry**

Job  
Psalm  
Proverbs  
Ecclesiastes  
Song of Solomon

### **Major Prophets**

Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Lamentations  
Ezekiel  
Daniel

### **Minor Prophets**

Hosea  
Joel  
Amos  
Obadiah  
Jonah  
Micah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk  
Zephaniah  
Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi

## New Testament

### **Gospels**

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John

### **History**

Acts

### **Pauline Epistles**

Romans  
1 Corinthians  
2 Corinthians  
Galatians  
Ephesians  
Philippians  
Colossians  
1 Thessalonians  
2 Thessalonians  
1 Timothy  
2 Timothy  
Titus  
Philemon

Hebrews

### **General Epistles**

James  
1 Peter  
2 Peter  
1 John  
2 John  
3 John  
Jude

### **Prophecy**

Revelation

# God's Word

## (Understanding the Bible)

The **Old Testament**: \_\_\_\_\_ books

- ◆ was originally written in the \_\_\_\_\_ Language
- ◆ was written \_\_\_\_\_ Christ
- ◆ can be divided into five parts:

**Pentateuch** (Genesis – Deuteronomy): The first \_\_\_\_\_ books written by \_\_\_\_\_, also are called the books of the law

**Historical Books** (Joshua – Esther): The next \_\_\_\_\_ books record the history of God's chosen people including the establishment of the kingdom of Israel, Israel's repeated turning from God to sin, God's punishment, Israel's repentance and God's gracious restoration.

**Poetry** (Job – Song of Solomon): Of the next \_\_\_\_\_ books, Psalms—the Hebrew hymn book is probably the best known.

**Major Prophets** (Isaiah – Daniel): There are \_\_\_\_\_ major prophets, they *foretold* the coming of Messiah but more often *forth-told* the word of God in terms of the impending disaster if Israel would not repent.

**Minor Prophets** (Hosea – Malachi): There are \_\_\_\_\_ minor prophets. They are called minor only because they are shorter, not because they are less important.

The **New Testament**: \_\_\_\_\_ books

- ◆ was originally written in the \_\_\_\_\_ language
- ◆ was written \_\_\_\_\_ Christ
- ◆ can be divided into five parts.

**Gospels** (Matthew – John). The first four books of the New Testament tell of Christ's life and ministry.

**History**. The book of Acts, written as a follow-up to Luke's Gospel, tells the history of the early church.

**Pauline Epistles and Hebrews** (Romans – Hebrews) The next 13 books were epistles (letters) written by Paul (Hebrews is not identified, but many believe it was written by Paul). They are all named for the church or specific person to whom they were sent.

**General Epistles** (James – Jude). These are seven general epistles which were not written to any specific audience and so they are named not for the recipients but for the authors.

**Prophecy**: The final book of the Bible, Revelation, is a prophetic book written to comfort Christians by describing the end times and the triumph of Christ.

## Key Truths about the Bible

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from infancy you have known the **holy Scriptures**, which are **able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus**.

<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is **inspired by God** and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Tim 3:14-17 (NIV)

**[Bible** (gr) means \_\_\_\_\_. **Scripture** (gr) means \_\_\_\_\_]

◆ The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ which means it is not just "about" God but \_\_\_\_\_ . (15)

◆ The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ , which means it is \_\_\_\_\_ (16)

<sup>20</sup>know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:20-21

**[Inspired** (gr) literally means \_\_\_\_\_]

◆ The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ which means it is \_\_\_\_\_ .

John 17:17 [Jesus says] *Sanctify them by the truth. Your Word is **truth**.*

◆ The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ centered.

*beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*

Luke 24:27

*...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.*

John 20:31

By the way...

The Bible contains a total of \_\_\_\_\_ different books written by \_\_\_\_\_ authors over a period of about \_\_\_\_\_ years.

The Bible covers the history of the time from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ .

The Bible is the Sole source for everything that we \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Christian Church

**[Sola Scriptura** (latin) means Scripture Alone and was the doctrinal basis for the Reformation Movement of the 16<sup>th</sup> century]

# Knowledge of God

(Understanding God)

## How I Can **Prove** the Existence of God?

◆ I can \_\_\_\_\_!

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

Hebrews 11:1

## **Two Kinds** of Knowledge about God

◆ \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge and \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge

## The **natural** world tells about God...

◆ By looking \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.*

Psalm 19:1

◆ By looking \_\_\_\_\_ at our \_\_\_\_\_.

*<sup>14</sup>For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, <sup>15</sup>in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them*

Romans 2:14-15

## How does the **Bible** talk about God? (Attributes of God)

The Bible \_\_\_\_\_ His existence (Genesis 1:1)

In the Bible God \_\_\_\_\_ Himself as

◆ \_\_\_\_\_

*I am God Almighty...*

Genesis 17:1

*And looking at them Jesus said to them, With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.*

Matthew 19:26

◆ \_\_\_\_\_

*<sup>1</sup>O LORD, You have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. <sup>3</sup>You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all.*

Psalm 139:1-4

◆ \_\_\_\_\_

*Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill the heavens and the earth? declares the LORD.*

Jeremiah 23:24

*I am with you always...*

Matthew 28:20

◆ \_\_\_\_\_

*I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithful-ness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great congregation.*

Psalms 40:10

◆ \_\_\_\_\_

*...I, the LORD your God, am holy*

Leviticus 19:2

◆ \_\_\_\_\_

*God is love*

1 John 4:8

◆ \_\_\_\_\_

*For I, the LORD, do not change;*

Malachi 3:6

### What's this thing called the **Trinity**

Triune means \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

[Trinity (Latin) comes from the prefix \_\_\_\_\_, meaning \_\_\_\_\_ added together with the word \_\_\_\_\_.]

God has revealed himself as \_\_\_\_\_ God, and yet with three unique \_\_\_\_\_

*Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!*

Deuteronomy 6:4

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit*

Matthew 28:19

*<sup>16</sup>After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.*

Matthew 3:16-17



# I Believe

## The Essential Doctrines

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven  
and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the Body  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*--The Apostles' Creed*

# God the Father

Where do I come from and why am I here?

The Primary work of the Father is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**How did God create the World?**

◆ From \_\_\_\_\_.

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

Genesis 1:1

◆ In an \_\_\_\_\_ way

*For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day...*

Exodus 20:11

◆ By the power of His \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then God said, Let there be...*

Genesis 1:3

◆ Essentially \_\_\_\_\_

*God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good*

Genesis 1:31

**How does God preserve my life?**

◆ Like a \_\_\_\_\_!.

*Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God*

1 John 3:1

**Why is the understanding Creation so important?**

◆ Creation gives us a \_\_\_\_\_ to be and therefore a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Creation Vs. Evolution

	<u>Creation says</u>	<u>Evolution Says</u>
Physical Laws (order)	Created by God	Eternal
Matter	Created by God	accident (or eternal)
Universe	Created by God	accident
Earth	Created by God	accident
Life	Created by God	accident
Animal species		
Humans		
Me		

# God the Son

(Jesus Christ)

## The Person of Jesus (**Two Natures**)

Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
<sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. <sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-4, 14

By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh

1 Timothy 3:16

## The Work of Jesus

◆ **Incarnation**: Jesus took on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

**Application:** God is not distant. God is \_\_\_\_\_.

◆ **Passion**: Jesus \_\_\_\_\_, was \_\_\_\_\_ on a cross, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Cf. Matthew 27

**Application:** God is passionate for us!

He will do \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ to make things right between Himself and us.

◆ **Resurrection**: On the \_\_\_\_\_ day, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ victoriously from the grave and showed Himself alive to His disciples.

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; <sup>7</sup>then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; <sup>8</sup>and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.*

1 Corinthians 15:4-8

**Application:** God is \_\_\_\_\_! (as some seem to think)

If God can do this, God can do \_\_\_\_\_!

- ◆ **Ascension:** \_\_\_\_\_ days after his resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven where he now sits at the right hand of God, the position of \_\_\_\_\_.

*While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. Luke 24:51*

**Application:** God \_\_\_\_\_

God is in \_\_\_\_\_ of the world and my life!

- ◆ **2nd Coming:** Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ again at the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the living and the dead

*<sup>9</sup>And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>They also said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven. Acts 1:9-11*

**Application:** This world is \_\_\_\_\_.

The Faithful will be \_\_\_\_\_.

The significance of His work.

- ◆ Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_

*<sup>5</sup>Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

*<sup>9</sup>For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and that every tongue will confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.*

Philippians 2:5-11

- ◆ Jesus means \_\_\_\_\_

*She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. Matthew 1:21*

Christ means \_\_\_\_\_

*...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. John 20:31*

[Christ (Greek) is equivalent to \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrew)]

**Three-Fold Office of Christ:** Three kinds of servants were anointed in the Old Testament

- \_\_\_\_\_: Proclaimed God's Word
- \_\_\_\_\_: Made sacrifices/intercession for the people
- \_\_\_\_\_: Ruled over God's people with wisdom and compassion

◆ Lord means \_\_\_\_\_

*Thomas answered and said to Him, My Lord and my God* John 20:28

**The Unholy Three:** From what did Jesus come to save us?

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

*<sup>14</sup>Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.*  
Hebrews 2:14-15

How did Jesus save us?

- ◆ **Atonement:** Jesus became my \_\_\_\_\_. He took my place under God's judgment against sin. Essentially, Jesus lived, died, and rose "for me" (in my place) to atone for my sins; therefore I am \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

*For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.* Romans 5:19

- ◆ **Redemption:** Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for me.  
[to **redeem** means to purchase]

*<sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup>but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.* 1 Peter 1:18-19

- ◆ **Justification:** I am \_\_\_\_\_ before God the judge.

*<sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>being justified as a gift by His grace.*  
Romans 3:23-24

# God The Holy Spirit

## Who is the Holy Spirit

<sup>16</sup> I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;  
<sup>17</sup> that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

John 14:16-17

<sup>25</sup> These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 14:25-26

<sup>26</sup> When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, <sup>27</sup> and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 15:26-27

<sup>7</sup> But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

John 16:7

<sup>12</sup> I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

John 16:12-13

What does the Holy Spirit Do?

- ◆ Conversion: He brings me to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

[**Conversion** means change]

- ◆ Sanctification: He gives me \_\_\_\_\_ to live my life as a \_\_\_\_\_.

[to **sanctify** means to make holy]

How does the Holy Spirit do this?

- ◆ **Means of Grace**: Through \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 2

[Relevant subjects for discussion: Means of Grace, sacraments, The role of the church and ministry, speaking in tongues, baptism of the holy spirit, miracles, and much, much more.]

# WORD and SACRAMENT

## (Baptism)

God works through  
two **MEANS OF GRACE**: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

In simple terms,  
God gives grace by through what He \_\_\_\_\_ and what He \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT IS THE WORD?** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT ARE THE SACRAMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**What is a Sacrament?** A Sacrament is:

- A \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_
- Connected to \_\_\_\_\_
- In a \_\_\_\_\_
- Offering \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ

### WHAT IS BAPTISM

Baptism is not just plain water, but it the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.

**What is that word of God?**

Christ says in the last chapter of Matthew:

*Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19*

**How do we baptize?** We \_\_\_\_\_ to the person in "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"

**Three methods to baptize:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT BENEFITS DOES BAPTISM GIVE?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

### Which are these words and promises of God?

*Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)*

**Baptism gives me my Christian \_\_\_\_\_:**

- *I am a* \_\_\_\_\_
- *I am* \_\_\_\_\_
- *I am who or whatever* \_\_\_\_\_
- *I am* \_\_\_\_\_

## HOW CAN WATER DO SUCH GREAT THINGS?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "*He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.*" Titus 3:5–8

### What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

### Where is this written?

*St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Romans. 6:4*





# WORD and SACRAMENT

(Sacrament of the Altar)

## WHAT IS THE SACRMENTO OF THE ALTAR

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

## WHERE IS THIS WRITTEN?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St Paul write:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF THIS EATING AND DRINKING?

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation. How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

## WHO RECEIVES THIS SACRAMENT WORTHILY?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

## THERE ARE MANY NAMES FOR THE SACRAMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ because it is received at the altar

\_\_\_\_\_ because it is *Christ's* Supper which he instituted and said, "do this"

\_\_\_\_\_ because it is the Lord Jesus who prepares this meal for us.

\_\_\_\_\_ because one of the elements is bread which Jesus broke with His disciples

\_\_\_\_\_ because it is not an ordinary meal

\_\_\_\_\_ because this word means "giving thanks" which Jesus did before sharing it.

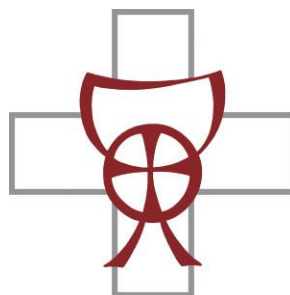
\_\_\_\_\_ because by eating and drinking together, believers enjoy fellowship (common union) with God and each other

## THREE VIEWS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Catholics believe in TRANSUBSTANTIATION which teaches that the bread and wine \_\_\_\_\_ body and blood of Jesus.

Most Non-Catholics believe in SYMBOLIC PRESENCE which teaches that the bread and wine \_\_\_\_\_ the body and blood of Jesus.

Lutherans believe in **REAL PRESENCE** which teaches that Jesus is present \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the bread and wine.



# CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

How Christians should be taught to confess

## WHAT IS CONFESSION?

Confession has **two parts**. First, that we **confess our sins**, and second, that **we receive absolution**, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

- Two Parts of Confession: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

At heart, confession and absolution is \_\_\_\_\_ with God

- I am a \_\_\_\_\_
- I need a \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor:** "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

**People:** "But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8-9)

**Pastor:** "Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. "

**People:** "Most merciful God, we confess that we are **by nature** sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in **thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.** We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen."

**Pastor:** "In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

**In Confession we agree that:**

**We are by \_\_\_\_\_ sinful**

*we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean*

We inherit \_\_\_\_\_ from Adam and which includes our tendency (nature) to sin.

**We are guilty of sins of \_\_\_\_\_**

*We have sinned against you in thought word and deed*

The things we \_\_\_\_\_ in contrast to God's Law and perfect Will for us

**We are guilty of sins of \_\_\_\_\_**

*and by what we have left undone*

The things we \_\_\_\_\_ which are required by God's Law and are God's perfect Will us.

### **WHAT IS ABSOLUTION?**

The proclamation of the truth that our sins are forgiven. Jesus paid in full the penalty of all our sin on the cross. Our forgiveness is absolute. (Complete and unconditional)

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us. –Psalm 103:11-12*

### **WHAT IS THE OFFICE OF THE KEYS**

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth **to forgive** the sins of repentant sinners, but **to withhold forgiveness** from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22–23)*

### **Whose Sins Are Forgiven?**

Sinners who \_\_\_\_\_, who are sorry for their sins, confess to God, and ask forgiveness receive forgiveness. Because of Christ their sins is completely forgiveness.

### **Whose Sins are Not Forgiven?.**

The \_\_\_\_\_ sinner. Absolution is withheld in order to bring the sinner back to repentance, forgiveness and fellowship.

# Ten Commandments

*The First Commandment*

**You shall have no other gods.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

*The Second Commandment*

**You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

*The Third Commandment*

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

*The Fourth Commandment*

**Honor your father and your mother.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

*The Fifth Commandment*

**You shall not murder.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

*The Sixth Commandment*

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*The Ninth Commandment*

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# Ten Commandments

## (God's Law Commandments 1-3)

**MEMORIZE:** Matthew 22:37-40 and Commandments 1-3

And he said to him, "You shall **love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall **love your neighbor as yourself**. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:37-40

1. You shall have no other gods.
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3. Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping holy

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God's Law is found in TWO places:

My \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 2:14-15 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them.

God's \_\_\_\_\_

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The Summary of God's Law is \_\_\_\_\_

God's Law is divided into two tables.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Table (Commandments 1-3) deals with my relationship with \_\_\_\_\_

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Table (Commandments 4-10) deals with my relationship with \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> Commandment: You shall have no other gods.**

What does this mean? We should \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ in God above all things

To worship or believe something as God that is not the God of the Bible is

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Idolatry is believing in or worshipping another god

\_\_\_\_\_ Idolatry is believing is putting something first in my life other than God.

*What are some things that people put first in their life other than God?*

**2nd Commandment. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie or deceive by His name, but call upon in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

*What are some ways God's name is misused?*

*How is God's name used rightly?*

**3rd Commandment. Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Sabbath means \_\_\_\_\_

*What are some ways God wants us to rest?*

In the Old Testament Sabbath was the seventh day or \_\_\_\_\_

Christians traditionally worship on \_\_\_\_\_

Because it's the day God began His \_\_\_\_\_

Because it's the day of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_

It's the day the Holy Spirit was poured out on \_\_\_\_\_

The point of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

# Ten Commandments

(God's Law Commandments 4-7)

**MEMORIZE:** Psalm 139:13-14 and Commandments 1-4-6

Psalm 139:13-14

For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment: Honor your father and your mother

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

The 4<sup>th</sup> commandment is about respecting people with \_\_\_\_\_ over us

- In our homes: \_\_\_\_\_
- In our church: \_\_\_\_\_
- In our school: \_\_\_\_\_
- At our work: \_\_\_\_\_
- In the government: \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 6:1-4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

*Why do you think God promises a blessing with this commandment?*

*What expectations does God have of parents?*



## 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment: You shall not murder

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm **our neighbor in his body**, but help and support him **in every physical need**.

The 5<sup>th</sup> commandment is about respecting and upholding God's gift of \_\_\_\_\_

To murder means

- Taking someone's life
- \_\_\_\_\_ a person
- \_\_\_\_\_ a person
- Neglecting a person's \_\_\_\_\_.

*Can you think of cases when taking a life is NOT murder?*

*What are your thoughts about abortion, suicide, capital punishment?*

Psalm 139:13-16

For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.  
My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there was none of them.

Jeremiah 1:4-5

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,  
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

## 6th Commandment. You shall not commit adultery

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do lead a **sexually pure** and decent life in what we say and do, and **husband and wife** should love and honor each other.

The 6<sup>th</sup> commandment is about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Marriage** is God's gift to His creation

- It is between one \_\_\_\_\_ and one \_\_\_\_\_
- It is intended to last \_\_\_\_\_
- The goal is to build a God pleasing home and family, caring for and supporting each other

Genesis 2:22-24

And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,  
"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man."

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

*What are thoughts about divorce?*

**Sex** is part of marriage for two reasons

- \_\_\_\_\_. A husband and wife "seal" their relationship in the most intimate and emotional way
- \_\_\_\_\_. God wants to bless couples with children

The 6<sup>th</sup> commandment protects the sacredness of God's design for sex and marriage

*How can we lead a sexually pure and decent life in a sexually immoral world?*

*What are your thoughts about homosexuality?*

## 7th Commandment. You shall not steal.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's **money or possessions**, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

The point of the 7<sup>th</sup> is a God-pleasing respect and use of \_\_\_\_\_

*Stealing has many faces*

- \_\_\_\_\_ is taking by force. It always involves the threat of harm
- \_\_\_\_\_ is taking secretly (pickpocketing, shoplifting, cheating)
- \_\_\_\_\_ is using intimidation to get money or goods from another
- \_\_\_\_\_ is promoting or selling something as genuine when it is fake

The Bible also describes **stealing from God** when we refuse to acknowledge how God has blessed us by giving back to God a portion of what He has first given us.

Malachi 3:7-10

From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your **tithes** and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

The word Tithe means \_\_\_\_\_ (10 percent)

Tithing is return to God the \_\_\_\_\_ tenth

*Why do think tithing gives us a healthy respect of money and possessions?*

# Ten Commandments

(God's Law Commandments 8-10)

**MEMORIZE:** Proverbs 3:5-6 and Commandments 8-10

## Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths

## 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment: **You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and **explain everything in the kindest way**

The 8<sup>th</sup> commandment is about God's good gift of \_\_\_\_\_.

## The 8<sup>th</sup> commandment **forbids**

- **lying** about our neighbor: speaking \_\_\_\_\_ or withholding the truth
- **betraying** our neighbor: revealing our neighbors secrets through \_\_\_\_\_
- **slandering** our neighbor: deliberately harming his reputation

## The 8<sup>th</sup> commandment **requires** that I

- **Defend** my neighbor:
- **Speak well** of him:
- Explain everything in the **kindest** way:

## Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

**Before you speak ... T.H.I.N.K.**

T -- is it \_\_\_\_\_?

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H -- is it \_\_\_\_\_?

I -- is it \_\_\_\_\_?

N -- is it \_\_\_\_\_?

K -- is it \_\_\_\_\_?

**9<sup>th</sup> Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's house**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but **help and be of service to him in keeping it**

The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> commandments are about God's good gift of \_\_\_\_\_.

The 9<sup>th</sup> commandment's focus is on \_\_\_\_\_

The 9<sup>th</sup> commandment **forbids**

- **Coveting**: to \_\_\_\_\_ something that God has given to another.
- The 9<sup>th</sup> commandment **requires** that I
- **Be content** with what God has given me and help our neighbor in keeping what God has given him.:

**10<sup>th</sup> Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals or turn them against him, but **urge them to stay and do their duty**

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# Ten Commandments

## (Close of the Commandments)

**MEMORIZE:** Romans 3:23-24 and Commandments 1-10

### Romans 3:23-24

For **all have sinned** and **fall short** of the **glory of God**, and are **justified by his grace** as a gift, through the **redemption** that is in **Christ Jesus**

### Close of the Commandments (Luther's Small Catechism)

*What does God say about all of these commandments?*

He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments" (Exodus 20:5-6).

*What does this mean?*

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

### Three Uses of the Law

1. \_\_\_\_\_: Helps control harmful outbursts of sin and keeps healthy order in the world
2. \_\_\_\_\_: As the Standard for life with God, it shows us how we fail to meet the standard. (SOS – Shows Our Sin)
3. \_\_\_\_\_: Teaches what Christians should and should not do to live a God-pleasing life.

### What is Sin

Sin is every thought, desire, word and deed that is contrary to God's Law

- 1 John 3:4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

### Some Biblical Words for "Sin"

- \_\_\_\_\_: "To Miss the Mark." The "target" is God's Will.
- \_\_\_\_\_: Stepping over the line.

- \_\_\_\_\_: Walking where you don't belong.
- \_\_\_\_\_: "Unevenness." Think Holtville sidewalks
- \_\_\_\_\_: Evil actions. Corruption.
- \_\_\_\_\_: Acting as if there is no law

## Two Kinds of Sin

- \_\_\_\_\_: The total corruption of our whole human nature that we have **inherited** from Adam through our parents
- \_\_\_\_\_: Every **act** against a commandment of God in thoughts, desires, words, or deeds

## Distinguishing Law and Gospel

God offers the forgiveness of sins only in the Gospel, the good news that we are freed from the guilt, the punishment, and the power of sin, and are saved eternally because of Christ's keeping the Law and His suffering and death for us.

- **Romans 3:23-24:** For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

The Law teaches what we are to \_\_\_\_\_ and not to do

The Gospel teaches what God has \_\_\_\_\_, and still does, for our salvation

The Law shows our \_\_\_\_\_

The Gospel shows our \_\_\_\_\_

The Law is to be proclaimed to all people, but especially to **impenitent** sinners

The Gospel is to be proclaimed to sinners who are **troubled** because of their sins

# Apostles Creed

## (First Article -- Creation)

**MEMORIZE:** Romans 10:10 and the Apostles' Creed

### Romans 10:10

For with the **heart** one **believes** and is justified, and with the **mouth** one **confesses** and is saved.

### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the **Father** Almighty,  
**maker** of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the **Holy Spirit**,  
born of the **virgin Mary**,  
suffered under **Pontius Pilate**,  
was **crucified**, **died** and was **buried**.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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## THE FIRST ARTICLE

**What is a Creed?** A creed is a \_\_\_\_\_ of what we believe, teach and confess

**Why is called the Apostles' Creed?** It briefly states the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Apostles.

(the Apostles' Creed was most likely not written by the apostles but was used to teach the faith prior to **baptism**)

**The Apostles Creed is** \_\_\_\_\_: Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## First Article (with Martin Luther's Explanation)

**“I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.”**

*What does this mean?* I believe that God **has made me and all creatures**; that **He has given me** my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, **and still takes care of them**.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

**The First Article the Person of the \_\_\_\_\_ and His Work of \_\_\_\_\_**

### What God Created – the three orders of creation

1. Angels: \_\_\_\_\_, but no \_\_\_\_\_
2. Animals: \_\_\_\_\_, but no \_\_\_\_\_
3. Human Beings: both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

### God is called “Father” because

1. He is the Father of \_\_\_\_\_
2. He is the Father of \_\_\_\_\_
3. He is the Father of \_\_\_\_\_

### What else is unique about humans?

- Humans were given \_\_\_\_\_ over all creation
- Humans were created in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - They completely knew and obeyed God's \_\_\_\_\_
  - They completely knew and received God's \_\_\_\_\_

# Apostles Creed

(First Article – Provision and Protection)

**MEMORIZE: 1 Peter 5:7**

Cast all your cares on Him for he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

## Apostles' Creed

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maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He **descended** into hell.  
The third day He **rose again** from the dead.  
He **ascended** into heaven  
and sits at the **right hand** of God the Father almighty.  
From **thence** He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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## God Still Takes Care of Me and All Creation

- He \_\_\_\_\_ all I need to support this body and life
- He \_\_\_\_\_ me from danger and evil

*Why is there danger and evil in the world?*

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

## Angels and Demons

- **Angels are \_\_\_\_\_ beings who were \_\_\_\_\_ to be holy**
- **Angels are many and powerful. They serve God and help us.**

Psalm 91:1 For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

- **The word “angel” means \_\_\_\_\_**

Luke 2:10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

- **Demons are angels who rebelled against God.**

2 Peter 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment

- **Demons are many and powerful. They hate God and seek to destroy everything that is good, especially faith in Christ**

Mark 5:9 And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.”

Ephesians 6:18 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

# Apostles Creed

(Second Article – Redemption)

**MEMORIZE: Colossians 2:9 and**

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. Colossians 2:9

## Apostles' Creed

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## Second Article - "And in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord..."

*What does this mean?*

I believe that Jesus Christ, **true God**, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also **true man**, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has **redeemed** me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all **sins**, from **death**, and from the power of **the devil**, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

in order that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

The **Name** "Jesus" means \_\_\_\_\_

The **Title** "Christ" means \_\_\_\_\_

## The **Two Natures** of Jesus Christ:

- He is \_\_\_\_\_ , begotten of the Father from eternity
- He is \_\_\_\_\_ , born of the virgin Mary

## **Three-fold Office** of the Christ (Three functions/purpose of the Christ)

- \_\_\_\_\_ , to proclaim God's Word and Will
- \_\_\_\_\_ , to make sacrifices and intercession for God's people
- \_\_\_\_\_ , to lead and rule God's people with authority and grace

His work: To \_\_\_\_\_ us from...

## **The Unholy Three:**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_,

## How did Jesus save us?

- ◆ **Atonement:** Jesus became my \_\_\_\_\_. He took my place under God's judgment against sin. Essentially, Jesus lived, died, and rose "for me" (in my place) to atone for my sins; therefore I am \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

*For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. Romans 5:19*

- ◆ **Redemption:** Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for me. [to **redeem** means to purchase]

*<sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup>but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. 1 Peter 1:18-19*

- ◆ **Justification:** I am \_\_\_\_\_ before God the judge.

*<sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>being justified as a gift by His grace Romans 3:23-24*

# Apostles Creed

(Second Article – Redemption)  
Part 2

**MEMORIZE:** Colossians 2:9 and the Apostles' Creed

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. Colossians 2:9

**Two States of Jesus' Work:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Humiliation** means "going \_\_\_\_\_" Every step is lower on the ladder, more painful and more shameful. Christ's humiliation was that as a man He did not always or fully use His Divine powers.

\_\_\_ Conceived...

\_\_\_ Born...

\_\_\_ Suffered...

\_\_\_ Crucified...

\_\_\_ Buried...

2. **Exaltation** means "going \_\_\_\_\_" Every step is more glorious. Christ's exaltation is that as a man He now fully and always uses His divine powers

\_\_\_ Will come again...

\_\_\_ Sits at the right hand...

\_\_\_ Ascended...

\_\_\_ Rose...

\_\_\_ Descended...

## The Work of Jesus

- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus was conceived and born

*And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

**Application:** In Jesus, we see God is \_\_\_\_\_

♦ \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried., ,  
Cf. Matthew 27

**Application:** In Jesus, we see God is \_\_\_\_\_

♦ \_\_\_\_\_: On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day , Jesus rose victoriously from the grave and showed Himself alive to His disciples.

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; <sup>7</sup>then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; <sup>8</sup>and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.*

1 Corinthians 15:4-8

**Application:** In Jesus, we see God can do \_\_\_\_\_

♦ \_\_\_\_\_: 40 days after his resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven where he now sits at the right hand of God, the position of authority.

*While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.*

Luke 24:51

**Application** In Jesus, we see God is in \_\_\_\_\_

♦ \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead

<sup>31</sup>*But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;*

Matthew 25:31-32

<sup>9</sup>*And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>They also said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.*

Acts 1:9-11

**Application** In Jesus, we see God gets the \_\_\_\_\_

# Apostles Creed

(Third Article – Sanctification)  
Part 1: Who is the Holy Spirit?

**MEMORIZE:** I Corinthians 12:3

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and **no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.**

## Third Article

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
the holy Christian Church  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## What Does This Mean

I believe that **I cannot by my own reason or strength believe** in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has **called** me by the Gospel, **enlightened** me with His gifts, **sanctified** and **kept me** in the true faith;

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He forgives daily and richly all sins to me and all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will give to me and to all believers in Christ everlasting life.

This is most certainly true.

## Who is the Holy Spirit?

- He is \_\_\_\_\_ (not merely a divine power)
- He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Trinity, together with the Father and the Son



The Holy Spirit was present

- At \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 1:2)
- At Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 1:35)
- At Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 3:16)
- In Believers at \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2)
- In the writers of Holy Scripture though \_\_\_\_\_ ((2 Peter 1:19-21)

### The Work of The Holy Spirit

- **Sanctification:** To \_\_\_\_\_ by bringing me to faith in Jesus Christ

Luther wrote, “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him,” because I am by nature:

- Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_, that is, I can’t see or understand Him. (1 Corinthians 2:14)
- Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_, that is, I have no spiritual life or feeling in me. (Ephesians 2:1)
- An \_\_\_\_\_ of God, that is, I am in rebellion against God’s control and will for my life (Romans 8:7)

See also Ephesians 2:8-9 and 1 Corinthians 12:3

### Summary of the Holy Spirit’s Work

*but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith;*

- He \_\_\_\_\_. He plants the seeds of faith in the human hearts and draws us to Christ
- He \_\_\_\_\_. He reveals God’s word, shows us God’s ways, and brings us to a recognition of our sin and need for a Savior.
- He \_\_\_\_\_. He makes us Holy by bringing us to faith, and brings forth good works in us as God’s forgiven, renewed people.
- He \_\_\_\_\_. He nurtures, feeds, protects and cares for our growing faith so that we remain strong, healthy and flourishing in Christ.

# Apostles Creed

(Third Article – Sanctification)

## Part 2: Holy Christian Church – the Life Everlasting

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### The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints

- The **INVISIBLE** CHURCH is made up of all \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ

**Ephesians 2:19-22** Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

- The **VISIBLE** CHURCH is made up of \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

- The word “church” is used to refer to
  - a) The whole visible church of God on earth (The Church)
  - b) A \_\_\_\_\_ (such as the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod)
  - c) A \_\_\_\_\_ (such as St Paul’s Lutheran Church)
  - d) A \_\_\_\_\_ (such as the church on Chestnut Street)

**The MARKS of the true church** (what to look for in a church)

- The marks of the Christian Church are the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- The true Christian Church is to be found where the
  - GOSPEL is \_\_\_\_\_ and the
  - SACRAMENTS are \_\_\_\_\_

**What’s my role in the Church?**

- Seek to be part of the INVISIBLE Church by sincere \_\_\_\_\_
- Join the true VISIBLE Church and support its \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
 

*“...you are a member of God’s very own family...and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.” Ephesians 2:19 (LB)*
- Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ and all organizations that promote a religion that is contrary to God’s Word.

**The Gifts Found in the Holy Christian Church**

- The Forgiveness of Sins.
- The Resurrection of the Body, and
- The Life Everlasting



# Confirmation Verses (ESV)

**Joshua 1:9** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

**Psalms 1:1–3** “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.”

**Psalms 27:1** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**Psalms 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Psalms 119:105** “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

**Psalms 139:23–24** “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”

**Proverbs 3:5–6** “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.”

**Isaiah 40:30–31** ...They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”

**Isaiah 41:10** “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

**Isaiah 43:1** “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.”

**Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**Micah 6:8** “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

**Habakkuk 3:18–19** “I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. GOD, the Lord, is my strength.”

**Matthew 11:28–30** Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

**John 6:35** I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.

**John 8:12** I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

**John 8:31–32** If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

**John 10:11** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

**John 14:6** I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

**John 14:27** Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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

**Romans 1:16** I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

**Romans 10:9** If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

**Romans 12:2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**2 Corinthians 12:9** My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.

**Galatians 2:20** "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**Galatians 5:22–23** The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

**Ephesians 2:8–9** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**Philippians 1:6** "I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**Philippians 4:6–7** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Colossians 2:6–7** As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

**Colossians 3:17** Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

**1 Timothy 6:12** Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

**2 Timothy 3:14–15** Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**Philemon 4:4–6** I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.

**Hebrews 10:23** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

**Hebrews 11:6** Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

**Hebrews 12:1–2** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

**James 1:12** Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him.

**James 4:7–8** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.

**1 Peter 2:9** You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**1 Peter 3:15** In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

**2 Peter 3:18** Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**1 John 1:7** If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Revelation 2:10** Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

# TESTIMONY INSTRUCTIONS

Pick a bible verse from the list or one of your own choosing (cleared first by Pastor Mike).

## Basic Outline

**Introduction:** (“thank yous”, who I am, and what I am going to talk about)

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*Thank you.*

# SAMPLE TESTIMONY

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