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NEW BIRTH

TEXT: John 3:3

INTRODUCTION

This teaching is to help us all agree upon biblically sound foundational truths. God's Word is and always will be, the finality of truth, which, once agreed upon, gives us absolute authority against all false teachings and confusion.

1 Cor. 1:10

As we explore the "New Birth," let us believe God for revelation knowledge and agree for our family and friends to get saved.

I TO BE BORN AGAIN--KNOWING YOUR FATHER

- A. Adopted as a son and put into the Kingdom of God where God rules and reigns

Gal. 4:4-7

- B. Being born again is comparable to natural birth.

John 3:1-8

II GOD'S REASON FOR GIVING YOU NEW LIFE

- A. God's love was exemplified.

John 3:16

1. Whosoever--salvation is for all.
 2. Believeth--the key is believing.
- B. Jesus came to deliver you and make you whole, not condemn you!

John 3:17

III. HOW YOU BECOME A CHILD OF GOD

- A. You receive Jesus as savior.

John 1:12

- B. You simply believe with your heart and confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord.

Rom. 10:9-10

- C. The born-again experience is God's will, not man's.

John 1:13

IV. THE HUMAN SPIRIT BECOMES A NEW CREATURE

- A. The human spirit is made new with God's nature.

2 Cor. 5:17-18

Eph. 4:22-24

- B. Now, in the spirit through God's promises, you partake of a divine nature

2 Pet. 1:4

- C. Now, the mind must be renewed with God's Word.

Rom. 12:2

- D. Then, the body is controlled by the spirit and the mind.

Rom 12:1

Rom. 8:5-6

V. THE NEW HUMAN SPIRIT IS DELIVERED FROM SATAN'S DOMAIN INTO GOD'S LIBERTY

Col. 1:12-13

1 John 5:18

VI. THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Rom 8:16

VII. NOW, YOU HAVE ABUNDANT LIFE

A. Eternal life is yours.

1 John 5:11-12

Rom. 6:23

B. Jesus gave you life more abundantly.

John 10:10

VIII. SALVATION IS ONLY BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

Not good works of men

Eph. 2:8-10

HOLY SPIRIT

TEXT: Acts 1:8

INTRODUCTION

As believers, we must not only know about the Holy Spirit, but we must fully cooperate with Him as a person. All His power and benefits are for you to experience. Man's religion has done much to stop the Holy Spirit's work, but to no avail.

I THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK AT CREATION

- A. The Trinity--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

1 John 5:7-8

Gen. 1:26-28

- B. The Holy Spirit worked in creation.

Gen. 1:2

II THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERED THE OLD TESTAMENT MEN

- A. Samson

Jud. 13:25; 14:5-6

- B. David

2 Sam. 23:2

III THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK IN JESUS

- A. Conceived by the Holy Spirit

Mat. 1:20

- B. Jesus was empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Mat. 3:16

Acts 10:38

- C. Jesus was led by the Spirit.

Mat. 4:1

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE AGENT IN SALVATION

- A. We are born of the Spirit.

John 3:1-8

- B. We are regenerated and renewed by the Holy Spirit.

Tit. 3:5

- C. We are put into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor. 12:13

V. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR HELPER

- A. He has a special work in the world and the church.

John 16:7-15

1. It is better to have the Holy Spirit today than Jesus while He walked the earth.
2. He is called Comforter, which means, "one called alongside to help."
3. He, not the church, convicts the world of:

- a. Sin
 - b. Righteousness
 - c. Judgment
- 4. The Holy Spirit guides into all truth.
 - 5. He shows us things to come.
 - 6. He glorifies Jesus.
 - 7. He reveals things of the Father and Son.
- B. The Holy Spirit is our teacher.

John 14:26

1 John 2:27

VI. GOD WANTS ALL BELIEVERS FILLED TO OVERFLOWING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 7:37-39

- A. Jesus was Spirit-filled and is now the Baptizer.

Mat. 3:11

- B. The Father promises you will be endowed with power.

Luke 24:49

- C. You must receive the Holy Spirit.

John 20:22

- D. Dynamic power is released through the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:4-8

- E. The Holy Spirit was poured out on the day of Pentecost in ***Acts 2***.

Acts 2:16-17

- F. The Holy Spirit is for all believers to receive.

Acts 2:38-39

- G. The Gentiles were baptized with the Holy Spirit and spoke with other tongues.

Acts 10:44-48

- H. Paul ministered the Holy Spirit to believers.

Acts 19:1-6

- I. In order to receive the Holy Spirit, just ask!

Luke 11:13

RIGHTEOUSNESS: YOUR KEY TO FREEDOM

TEXT: Rom. 5:17

INTRODUCTION

Most people battle with thoughts such as "I'm not now, nor will I ever be good enough"; "Because of what I did, God can't do what He promised"; "I'm always wanting to do what is right, but I never do things exactly right."

To summarize, these are thoughts of insecurity or inferiority. Jesus released us from these feelings and all symptoms of competition and comparison with others. This release occurred because He took your sin-dominated life and gave you His life and right relationship with your Father God, which cannot be broken.

Today, we will believe together for the revelation knowledge on the topic of righteousness.

I THE NEW PLAN: GUILTLESS RIGHTEOUSNESS

- A. Righteousness--the ability to stand in the presence of God without the sense of guilt, inferiority, or insecurity--just as if sin never existed.
 - 1. Guilt produces shame.
 - 2. Inferiority is being subordinate to a person or situation, which appears to overpower you.
 - 3. Insecurity is experiencing more fear than is warranted.
 - 4. Righteousness has come without the law.

Rom. 3:21

- B. Righteousness is to sinners by faith.

1. Every one is entitled to it by belief.
2. No difference between Jew and Gentile
3. Everyone has sinned.

Rom. 3:22-23

- C. We are declared righteous by grace through Jesus' blood.
 1. Through God's goodness, Jesus paid the ransom.
 2. Through Jesus' blood, your sins are remitted and you are legally "not guilty" because you believe.

Rom. 3:24-26

II. GOD'S GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS BY FAITH WITHOUT CONDEMNATION

- A. ***Rom. 5:17***
- B. ***Rom. 5:1***
- C. ***Rom. 8:1***

III. RIGHTEOUSNESS MUST BE ABLE TO SPEAK FROM THE HEART AND MOUTH

Rom. 10:6-10

IV. JESUS BECAME SIN SO THAT WE WOULD BECOME RIGHTEOUS IN HIS KINGDOM

- A. ***2 Cor. 5:21***
- B. ***Rom. 14:17***

V. JESUS IS NOW OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HAS GREAT EFFECT IN OUR LIFE AND FRUIT THROUGH OUR LIFE

1 Cor. 1:30

- A. We are far from oppression, fear, and distraction.

Isa. 54:14-17

- B. The fruit shall be peace, quietness, and assurance.

Isa. 32:18-19

- C. Righteousness becomes a great protection in life through God's armor.

Eph. 6:10-18

Righteousness is the key revelation to prayer, boldness, faith, peace, spiritual warfare, moving with the Holy Spirit, your fellowship with God and His church, etc.

If you have not experienced revelation knowledge, please invest the time to study the following courses available through GWWM:

INFERIORITY--CROWNED TO REIGN AS A KING!

YOUR LIBERTY IN CHRIST

FAITH: GOD'S KEY TO FULFILLMENT

TEXT: Heb. 11:1

INTRODUCTION

God has gifted you to accomplish His plans and purposes for your life through principles of faith. Every person has faith, but the keys to success and fulfillment are found in our knowledge of faith and how faith works. This teaching will deal foundationally with unlocking your faith.

I. YOU ALREADY HAVE FAITH

You possess the potential or ability to use what you have. Within every person is the capacity to exercise faith!

Rom. 12:3

II. WHAT IS FAITH?

A. Believing with the heart and speaking with the mouth

2 Cor. 4:13

Rom. 10:8-10

B. Faith is the substance of hope and evidence of the unseen.

Heb. 11:1

C. Faith requires corresponding actions.

Jam. 2:17, 26

III. THE WORD PRODUCES FAITH FOR RESULTS

A. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

Rom. 10:17

B. Faith produces results.

1. You are saved by faith.

Eph. 2:8

2. You receive the Holy Spirit by faith.

John 7:39

Acts 19:2

3. You can be healed by faith.

Acts 14:9-10

4. You please God and do His Word by faith.

Heb. 11:6

IV. FAITHLESS VERSUS FAITH

A. Focusing on the seen

John 20:24-29

B. Strong faith looks at the Word.

Rom. 4:17-21

V. HOW FAITH OPERATES

Mark 11:12-14; 19-24

VI. FAITH WALKS IN VICTORY

1 John 5:4-5

GOD STILL HEALS TODAY

TEXT: 1 Pet. 2:24

INTRODUCTION

The foundational truth of God's power to heal is just as true as forgiveness of sins. This segment of teaching will explore healing from the origin of disease to the biblical ways that healing occurs. Open your heart to the truth that Jesus took sickness and pain upon His body for you at Calvary. Believe God with me for the Lord to use you also to heal the sick.

I THE ORIGIN OF SICKNESS

A. Adam's sin exposed the human race to sickness and death.

1. Pre-Fall--No sickness, no death
2. Post-Fall--Sickness and death ruled man through Satan's influence.

Rom. 5:12

B. Sickness is a result of Satan's work.

Acts 10:38

Luke 13:11-16

C. People, prior to salvation, are children of the devil, and he has clear access to them.

1 John 3:8

D. Sickness in a believer's life does not automatically mean that there is sin in that person's life.

Rom. 8:1

1. Does not mean you are demon possessed
2. Does not mean you will not go to heaven
3. Does not mean that you are less of a Christian

II. GOD IS THE HEALER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT AS WELL AS THE NEW

A. Old Testament examples

Exo. 15:26

Psa. 105:37

Psa. 103:1-3

B. New Testament examples

Acts 10:38

John 10:10

Study on your own the books *Matthew* through *John* and see how many times Jesus healed.

III. CALVARY GAVE YOU YOUR LEGAL RIGHT TO BE HEALED. JESUS PAID THE PRICE FOR YOUR HEALING!

A. By Jesus' stripes you are healed.

Isa. 53:4-5

v. 4 *Chole* (Heb.) = sickness

Makob (Heb.) = sorrows

B. By Jesus' stripes, you were healed at the same time you were

forgiven.

1 Pet. 2:24

- C. While Jesus lived on earth, He healed in fulfillment of His promises!

Mat. 8:13-17

IV. JESUS' WILL IS TO HEAL ALL KINDS OF SICKNESS

- A. Jesus is God's will in action.

Mat. 8:1-3

Note: God is not a respecter of persons in *Acts 10:34*. Because He healed one person, it is settled that it is God's will to heal all.

- B. Jesus healed all kinds of disease.

Mat. 9:35

- C. Jesus healed all.

Mat. 12:15

- D. Jesus healed as many as touched Him with faith.

Mat. 14:36

- E. Whenever you pray, believe that it is always God's will to heal everyone with any or every disease.

V. BECAUSE SICKNESS' ORIGIN IS WITH THE DEVIL AND MAN'S BODY IS DESIGNED TO FIGHT DISEASE, THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION FOR HEALING COMING THROUGH OTHER MEANS

- A. Diet, vitamins, exercise, or therapy

- B. Sleep or rest
- C. Medicine or vaccinations
- D. Hospitals, doctors, dentists, or surgeons

*All are fighting the same enemy!

VI. THE PRIMARY WAYS OF HEALING FOUND IN SCRIPTURE

- A. Hearing the Word and receiving faith

Rom. 10:17

Acts 14:8-9

- B. The prayer of faith

Jam. 5:14-15

- C. Acting in faith

Naaman, the leper, did what the prophet said, and received healing.

2 Kin. 5

- D. Speaking to the disease

Mark 1:25

- E. Laying on of hands

Mark 16:15-18

- F. The name of Jesus

Acts 3:1-11

G. Believe you receive.

Mark 11:24

H. The prayer of agreement

Mat. 18:19

I. Gifts of Healing

1 Cor. 12:9

J. Communion

1 Cor. 11:23-32

K. Anointing with oil

Jam. 5:14

PRINCIPLES THAT UNLOCK ABUNDANCE

TEXT: 3 John 2; Pro. 10:22

INTRODUCTION

Most of the prayer requests that come into the ministry are for family and finances, and many of the family challenges are due to money. God's Word has the answer, and if these truths are applied, you and your family will step into God's abundance. First, you must remove all preconceived opinions and ideas about money, especially the religious ones!

Believe with me that God's promises will be manifested.

I HAVE THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE OF MONEY

- A. The love of money snare--"Root of all evil"

1 Tim. 6:9-10

Note: The love of money can come with or without God and with or without money.

- B. The false trust in money

1 Tim. 6:17-19

- C. Contentment, not contention, about money is God's plan.

1 Tim. 6:5-8

II WE ARE STEWARDS OF GOD'S PROPERTY

- A. God owns it all.

- 1. The earth is the Lord's.

Psa. 24:1

2. The silver and gold are His.

Hag. 2:8

- B. You are a steward.

Steward = one who manages another's property, finances, or affairs

1. God calls us to account of how we managed what is His.

Mat. 25:14-15

Luke 16:10-13

2. God wants us to be channels, not reservoirs.
3. Your goal should not be to make a living on the earth but to live for the Creator and Owner of the earth.

III. GOD ESTABLISHED NATURAL LAWS WHICH GOVERN PROSPERITY AND SUCCESS

- A. Diligence

Pro. 10:4

- B. Hard work, not being lazy

Pro. 6:6-11

- C. Common sense on basic accounting principles

1. Build house upon a rock
2. Pay for what you commit to.

Luke 14:28-30

- D. Faithfulness

Mat. 25:21-23

- E. Many others, such as loyalty, commitment, honesty, perseverance, etc.

All these laws work; but, if you do not know the true purpose of prosperity, your labor will be in vain.

IV. GOD SET THE PURPOSE OF PROSPERITY

Deu. 8:18

God has purposed us, His children, to receive of His abundance so that we are freed from cares (*Mat. 6:19-34*), so that our needs are met (*Phi. 4:19*), so that we have more than enough to bless others and evangelize the world.

V. THESE SPIRITUAL LAWS SUPERSEDE THE NATURAL LAWS, BUT YOU MUST ACT ON THEM!

- A. Laws of seedtime and harvest

Gen. 8:22

- B. Giving out and increasing

Pro. 11:24

- C. Sowing and reaping

2 Cor. 9:1-11

2 Cor. 9:6-7

- D. Tithes to the local church and offerings to special needs or projects

Mal. 3:8-11

E. See God as your source.

Phi. 4:11-19

VI. GOD WANTS YOU TO LIVE IN HIS ABUNDANCE!

2 Cor. 8:9

Gal. 3:13-14

Jesus bore the curse of poverty!

THE CHURCH THAT JESUS BUILT

TEXT: Mat. 16:18

INTRODUCTION

Depending on your background, the word "church" will mean different things. So, when one person's understanding differs from another's, you end up with division, or separate visions. You have very limited agreement, so that the church is not able to move in power.

This segment of **THE UNSHAKABLE FOUNDATION** will lay the biblical basis for His Church and empower us to agree and act together in great authority and purpose.

I WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

A. The Body of Christ

1. Built on the revelation of Jesus

1 Cor. 3:10-11

2. The dwelling place of God Himself in man

Eph. 2:20-22

1 Cor. 3:16

1 Cor. 6:19-20

3. The church is God's workmanship, not man's.

Eph. 2:10

Mat. 16:18

4. There is one Head of His Church, the Body of Christ.

Col. 1:17-18

5. We are the members of His Church; each one is significant.

Rom. 12:4-5

1 Cor. 12:12-27

- B. Each member must do his part.

1. We all have certain ministry responsibilities.

- a. Ministry of reconciliation

2 Cor. 5:18-21

- b. Ministry of believers

Mark 16:17-18

2. We may be motivated in one of the areas of the *Rom. 12* ministries.

Rom. 12:4-8

3. God set each one of us to do our part, as in the *1 Cor. 12* ministries.

1 Cor. 12:18, 28-31

- C. The importance of the five-fold ministry gifts

Eph. 4:11-16

II THE CHURCH IN ACTION

- A. Evangelizing and teaching

Acts 2:37-47

- B. Corporate prayer and concern

Acts 4:23-35

- C. Serving one another's needs

Acts 6:1-7

FINDING YOUR PLACE

TEXT: 1 Cor. 12:18

INTRODUCTION

We must realize that the Church is what God builds. Each one must be connected to His Church and working to further the Kingdom of God. Then the question is asked, "Where do I fit?" This session will help you to realize where God has placed you in the Body and help bolster your appreciation of others.

I FINDING FELLOWSHIP

A. Fellowship with God

1 Cor. 1:9

1 John 1:3-4

B. Fellowship with God's people

1 Cor. 1:10

1 John 1:7

C. Fellowship is based upon:

1. Acceptance
2. Forgiveness
3. Openness
4. All the attributes of love.

II FINDING GROWTH

A. Desire the Word and grow

1 Pet. 2:2-3

B. Find a need and fill it.

1. Recognize giftings, talents, skills God gave to benefit others.

Example: David, once he became King, needed men with specific abilities to help accomplish God's will. Today, the pastor needs and others need your participation and involvement.

1 Chr. 12:23, 32-33

Mat. 25:14-30

2. The body grows into Christ as every person does his part.

Eph. 4:15-16

3. Receive your reward from the Lord, not people.

Col. 3:17, 23-24

III. SERVE THE BODY WITHIN GOD'S PLAN

1 Cor. 14:40

Heb. 13:7, 17

Obey = be persuaded

The key of leadership is to be persuaded of and to follow.

A. Human body example: wrist controls hand

B. We cannot function correctly without being connected.

C. Do not strike the shepherds, because the sheep will scatter.

Keep all negativity and gossip out of your life.

D. Understand the 3 key words for faithfulness:

1. Responsibility

2. Accountability

3. Authority