

# After-Baptism Guide

“Now that I’m a Christian!”

\*A Quick Study of a New Christian’s Walk with Christ\*

Each chapter has review questions at the end. These questions are verbatim from the text, and in order . They are not designed to be difficult, but as a review to the lesson. An answer key is on the last page.

Six (6) Chapters in Total:

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

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Sharing Christ

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## **CHAPTER 1 – THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Congratulations!! You have just been forgiven of your sins and received the gift of the Holy Spirit upon your water baptism (immersion). You have received the seal of salvation (Ephesians 1:13, 4:30), assuring through your continued faithfulness – by the grace of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9) – your place in heaven!

Right before your baptism you either gave or agreed to “the Good Confession” (Matthew 16:16) – “Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.” Jesus is now Lord of your life, and you recognize Him as both God (John 1:1) and your personal Savior (John 3:16).

Deciding to be baptized, you also repented (Acts 2:38) of your sins, forsaking the old life of self and embracing God’s way of living.

All of the above is why you are now ready to understand an enduring gift that will be with you all the rest of your days – a unique gift only given to Christians – the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit.

The idea of the Holy Spirit is confused among a lot of people and there really is not any purpose in dwelling on all of the opinions. Let’s just look at what the Bible says (you can also look up the other references above):

“<sup>21</sup> Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, <sup>22</sup> who also sealed us and gave *us* the Spirit in our hearts as a [\[1\]](#)pledge.” – 2 Corinthians 1:21

Let’s just say it up front – nobody’s perfect. Not even your preacher! (We could say, “Especially your preacher!”, but I digress) You will mess up, stumble – sin. Everybody does. The Bible says, “All have fallen short of

the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). So we need a Savior both before our baptism – and after!

Repentance – when you decided to live for God instead of self – is something all faithful Christians do throughout their lives. The Bible says, “If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness” (John 1:9). This verse is written to Christians – like you and me. We need Jesus’ forgiveness before our baptism, but also afterwards – but instead of getting wet every time we need forgiveness – after our baptism we confess our sins before Jesus and He forgives us!

So what does all of this have to do with the Holy Spirit? The verse we read earlier – 2 Corinthians 1:21 – tells us that the Holy Spirit is a *pledge* from God, and He has *sealed* us. What does this mean? Without the Holy Spirit’s seal and God’s pledge, we’d be jumping in and out of salvation like a frog in hot water! No, instead, God knew in advance that we would need His help *before and after* our baptism – so He gave us the Holy Spirit to comfort, guide, and convict us – and also as a seal not easily broken.

Everybody sins – we said that earlier – and Scripture confirms it. The difference for the Christian is that God does not boot you right out of heaven the next time you commit a sin. Instead, the Holy Spirit works to convict us (John 16:8), the Father disciplines us (Hebrews 12:11) because God loves us! (John 3:16, Hebrews 12:6+10) God will do everything to keep you from falling away, and the Holy Spirit’s seal and pledge on your life assures your salvation not because you are perfect, but because you are faithful by your service and your continuing need for Him. “Perfect” in the Bible does not mean perfection as we understand it – instead – it implies “completion” – and you are made complete in Christ! (2 Corinthians 10:6 + 13:9)

## Review Questions for Chapter #1:

- 1) You received the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit at your baptism (Acts 2:38-41). Congratulations!!
- 2) You either repeated back or agreed to “the Good Confession” – “Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16). Jesus is now your Lord and Savior!
- 3) Right before you were baptized, you \_\_\_\_\_ of your sins, turning away from self and towards a life that pleases God.
- 4) The indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit is a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ given to you by God at your baptism (2 Corinthians 1:21).
- 5) Everybody \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 3:23). We need a Savior both before and \_\_\_\_\_ our baptism.
- 6) When we sin after we become a Christian, we don’t need to get wet again. Instead, we need to \_\_\_\_\_ our sin to Christ and He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins! (1 John 1:9)
- 7) When we sin, what is the first thing the Holy Spirit does? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 8) Why does God discipline us? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Do we have to be perfect to stay a Christian? Y/N (Circle One)
- 10) “Perfect” in the Bible means “perfection” or “complete”? (Circle One)
- 11) Who are we made complete in? \_\_\_\_\_

You have completed Chapter 1. Great work!

## **CHAPTER 2 – WEEKLY WORSHIP & THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Now that you are a Christian, it’s natural to ask, “What’s next?” Surprisingly, not too many people get clear answers to this obvious question so we’re going to provide some crystal-clear answers right up front!

Hebrews 10:25 says, “Do not forsake the weekly assembly.” Acts 20:7 says the church in Troas met the first day of the week to break bread. 1 Corinthians 16:2 talks of how the church collected money to support the mission of the church on the first day of the week (more on this later). In Acts 2:42, right after the first people came to Christ, the people began to meet for four (4) purposes: 1) fellowship, 2) prayer, 3) to learn from the Apostles’ teaching (what we would call learning from preaching today), and 4) to break bread (to participate gainfully in the Lord’s Supper).

So let’s just break these down quickly so it’s clear what any new Christian (or any Christian at all, for that matter) should be doing:

The church met to “fellowship.” The word “church” is Greek for “encouragement”, or, “encouragement in the assembly.” Paul, in Hebrews 10:25, says not to forsake the assembly. Why is the assembly so important? 1) It is where the local church meets together to take the Lord’s Supper (more on this in the next paragraph – crucial stuff!), 2) it is where the local church grows together through personal relationships, encouragement, and further learning God’s Word, and 3) it is where the local church meets to support the mission of the church through service and offerings.

The Lord’s Supper is the central focus of the weekly assembly. The Lord’s Supper is also commonly called “Communion” for short, but really the Lord’s Supper *is a communion* with the saving benefits of Jesus’ body and blood on a weekly basis (see 1 Corinthians 10:16-18). Christ waits for

us around His table (Luke 22:16) weekly; we should not “stand-up” our Lord! We should approach the Lord’s Supper with a repentant, humble heart, so as to bring the blessings of the Lord’s body and blood into our lives (forgiveness, strength, guidance, hope) and not judgment (flippantly taking the Lord’s Supper is like thumbing your nose at God – unwise to say the least – see 1 Corinthians 11:27-34). For this reason, we assemble – the other reasons are genuine and necessary as well – but “a church service” without the Lord’s Supper is not a church service at all.

The church met to pray. You and I need prayer, and others need ours! Christ is our mediator between us and the Father (1 Timothy 2:5). When we petition the Father through Christ, our prayers – when offered humbly and from a faithful life – are powerful and effective (James 5:16). God can do things nobody else can (Matthew 19:26). Pray with the church to petition the Father to bless His church, yourself, help the sick and infirmed, and bring the lost to an opportunity to hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17). Great things have and will happen because people prayed!

Finally, the church met to learn from the Apostles’ teaching. We would think of this as preaching today. You might have wondered why preachers get up every Sunday and deliver a sermon that occupies half the service (or sometimes longer – your present preacher “guilty” as any). It is because faith[fullness] comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). When we hear the Word of God, we are convicted by it to live for Him each week. The Word of God, when properly preached, will come from the Bible, inspire us, challenge us, convict us, and mold us closer to God’s desires for us.

Submit yourself to weekly attendance and service at your local church. God will bless you for it! You will also make many new friends, strengthen old friendships, and bless others. It is God’s command and blessing!

## Review Questions for Chapter #2:

- 1) Hebrews 10:25 says, “Do not forsake the \_\_\_\_\_ assembly.”
- 2) According to Acts 2:42, the church met to break \_\_\_\_\_  
(Communion), enjoy each other’s \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ together (petition God the Father), and listen to  
the \_\_\_\_\_’s \_\_\_\_\_ (preaching).
- 3) The assembly is important to \_\_\_\_\_ in order to participate in the weekly  
\_\_\_\_\_’s \_\_\_\_\_ (Communion), to learn  
more about God’s Word, to encourage each other, build relationships,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ the mission of the church through service and  
offerings.
- 4) The Lord’s Supper is the \_\_\_\_\_ focus of the weekly  
assembly. It is a communion with the saving benefits of the body and  
blood of Christ. It is a weekly \_\_\_\_\_ we have with  
Christ. We should not “stand-up” our Lord!
- 5) We should take the Lord’s Supper with a \_\_\_\_\_  
and humble heart in order to receive its blessings, and not judgment.
- 6) True or False (Circle One): “A church service” without the Lord’s  
Supper is not a church service at all.
- 7) True or False (Circle One): Prayer in a church service is optional.
- 8) True or False (Circle One): Our faithfulness does not matter to the  
effectiveness of our prayers.
- 9) True or False (Circle One): Faith[fullness] comes by hearing, and  
hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17).
- 10) True or False (Circle One): Attending and serving the church is both  
God’s command and blessing!

You have completed Chapter 2. Great work!

## **CHAPTER 3 – YOUR DAILY WALK WITH THE LORD JESUS**

So we have covered what to do on Sunday morning (or evening, if you cannot attend the morning worship). What about the rest of the week?

This is another sorely-missed subject I wish to shore up right now: the Christian walk is a daily one (Romans 12:1+2), not just for Sundays. However, you don't "walk" alone! The Holy Spirit dwells within you (1 Corinthians 3:16) and Jesus is your Savior, High Priest, and King! God the Father loves you (John 3:16) and sustains you (1 Corinthians 8:6).

Otherwise, God is with you, and wants you to be faithful, content, joyous, and blessed and will help you with all those things. God promises to provide us all of our needs as long as we are faithful to Him (Matthew 6:33). So how are we faithful to God the rest of the week?

We can pray anytime (1 Thessalonians 5:17) to the Father in the name of Jesus for strength (Romans 8:26), for others, for help, or to praise Him! We can be an example by living as God wants instead of how the world influences (Romans 12:1+2). We can share our story with others – how we came to Jesus – and why it matters to us (Matthew 28:18-20). We can serve the church throughout the week by helping other members, aiding in the maintenance of buildings or grounds, going to see the infirmed or sending them a note of encouragement, volunteering to take responsibility for a particular ministry of the church, or so many other things. The preacher always needs help with something – ha! But seriously, the harvest is great and the workers are few (Luke 10:2) – don't ever think there isn't many things to do for the Kingdom of God on earth, the church!

What does it mean to "walk with Jesus"? Did you know that one of Jesus' names is Immanuel, which means "God with us?" (Matthew 1:23) Specifically, this is referring to how Christ came down and lived among us

as a human being, but unlike us, He was perfect. However, He was tempted in EVERY way we were, and thus understands our temptations and difficulties (Hebrews 2:18), so He can help us through them. Truly, Jesus is a friend like no other! (John 15:15)

There is an old song written by Joseph Scriven called, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.” There’s a pretty good chance you have heard it or will hear it in a church service. It reminds us to cast our cares upon Him, because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). Isn’t Jesus the best friend you could ever hope for?

Finally, our “walking” with Jesus, learning from Him through His Word, is a never-ending task. That may sound daunting – but really – it’s reassuring! By always having something new to learn, something new to do, something more to look forward to – we have the only source of love and purpose that truly matches our endless desire for something more.

If you think about it, is there anything on this earth that you can do over and over again, or eat over and over again, and never tire of it, or never want something new? Does anything satisfy forever? No, nothing on this earth does.

However, if our desires are infinite, but this earth has nothing that matches those desires, does it not make sense we were made for another world? Indeed, we are! Your home and your citizenship is ultimately in heaven, not this temporary, fragile world (Hebrews 11:14-16). You can read more about heaven in Revelation 22. There we will be truly satisfied! Who really desires this world, with all of its uncertainty, strife, and difficulty, when endless joy is offered us? Truly, we are too easily pleased!

May your daily walk with the Lord be blessed! He waits for you daily and around His table weekly. Forsake neither to your completion!

### Review Questions for Chapter #3:

- 1) The Christian walk is a \_\_\_\_\_ one (Romans 12:1+2).
- 2) You “walk” with God daily – the Father who \_\_\_\_\_ you (1 Corinthians 8:6), Jesus who is your Savior, High Priest, and \_\_\_\_\_, and the Holy Spirit who \_\_\_\_\_ within you.
- 3) God promises to provide all our needs as long as we are \_\_\_\_\_ to Him (Matthew 6:33).
- 4) We can pray \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- 5) We can share our \_\_\_\_\_ with others (Matthew 28:18-20).
- 6) True or False (Circle One): The church is served by the preacher throughout the week; there is nothing else to do.
- 7) True or False (Circle One): Jesus said the harvest is great but the laborers are few (Luke 10:2).
- 8) True or False (Circle One): One of Jesus’ names is Immanuel, which means “God with us” (Matthew 1:23).
- 9) True or False (Circle One): Jesus was never tempted so He really doesn’t know how we feel.
- 10) True or False (Circle One): Jesus calls us friends (John 15:15).
- 11) Does anything on this earth eternally satisfy? Y/N (Circle One)
- 12) Can we see a glimpse of what heaven is like in Revelation 22? Y/N (Circle One)

### BONUS QUESTION:

What Scripture reference tells us that we were not made for this world, but for the new heaven and earth to come? \_\_\_\_\_

You have completed Chapter 3. Great work!

## **CHAPTER 4 – HOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE**

Many people have tried to read through the Bible but never complete it. Why is that? The truth is that the Bible can be read straight-through, but probably will not make a great deal of sense without a little guidance. Why is that? Is God’s Word confusing?

No, it’s not confusing (1 Corinthians 14:33). However, most Bibles published today start with the Old Testament – well before the church and the “age” we live in today. Therefore, if one starts to read the Bible from front to back, he or she is going to be reading hundreds of pages of Old Testament law, history, and prophecy that knows *fulfillment* in the New Testament, but is not binding today.

For example, it is forbidden in the Law of Moses to eat bacon (Leviticus 11:7-8). Yet do you know a Christian who doesn’t eat bacon, unless he or she doesn’t like it? (And who doesn’t like bacon?) No, the prohibition of eating bacon (or any pork) was a temporary law before Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection. It no longer applies today.

So how is somebody supposed to know the difference? This is really pretty easy, and I’m going to lay it out for you right now:

Genesis through Exodus 18 is an age in the Bible called “the Patriarchal Age”. That is just a big word that means “Father”. Before the Law of Moses (i.e. the Ten Commandments were given in Exodus 20, and repeated in Deuteronomy 5), God spoke through various heads of families as to His plan to bring a Savior into the world. God would give them commands (like for Noah to build the Ark) and when they obeyed, God’s plan would be fulfilled, and the people blessed. When they disobeyed, God’s plan was delayed, and the people suffered the natural consequences of sin. This happened a lot, because people are commonly

stubborn. Nonetheless, God managed to bring Jesus into the world, just as He promised!

From Exodus 18 through the end of the Gospels (until the cross of Christ in each book, specifically) in the New Testament (so, four books into the New Testament), the Law of Moses was in effect. The whole purpose of the Law of Moses was singular – to assure men they could not save themselves (who could keep 613+ commandments perfectly?) so they were to await faithfully the coming Messiah (i.e. “Savior” in English, “Christ” in Greek, or “Messiah” in Hebrew). This “age” after the Patriarchs but before the cross of Christ is called the “Mosaic Age”, for Moses. It was temporary, and is now fulfilled (Matthew 5:17).

Finally, after the cross of Christ and His resurrection, we enter “our” age – the “Christian age”. The Christian age, from the tale end of the Gospels (post the cross of Christ) to the end of the Bible (Revelation), tells us how to be saved, how others were saved, how to conduct ourselves, and what to anticipate at the End Times. This is where our concentration is when we want to understand God’s Word in our lives today. So, a Christian would be wise to read the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) on, more than Genesis on, as the information contained therein applies to him or her directly. We are no longer under the age of the Patriarchs, or Moses, but Christ!

Is there a time to study the Old Testament? Sure, in fact, the New Testament makes hundreds of references to it because the New Testament is a fulfillment of hundreds of predictions (and shadows, called “types”) made in the Old Testament. When we understand the Old Testament in light of the New, then we can venture deeper into it, with full understanding of its fulfillment in Christ!

It is important to note that we *need* to study the Bible. We also *need* to study the Bible corporately as well as individually. We can do this through reading the Bible, but also through weekly worship, guided study through various workbooks, Bible study guides, charts, published materials, audibly, in classes, and even degree programs, etc. Each person learns best various ways, so find the way that helps you understand God's Word more and more on a regular basis!

Your preacher – here's a shocker – is not much of a reader. He has struggled reading his whole life! However, he has learned that he learns best audibly, so he listens to sermons and the Bible on tape in his car and on his phone quite a bit. He reads as a supplement to his study. So, again, don't be afraid to seek the Bible study option that works best for you! In this modern world, we are blessed to have technological options that make viewing, reading, listening, interacting, etc. with God's Word more accessible than ever. Truly, we are without excuse to study the Bible more thoroughly than ever.

You should be warned though – studying God's Word can be life-changing. More than once a person has picked up the book of Romans, read it, and it not only ended up changing his life, but the world in which he lived because he responded to the message. Reading God's Word has turned people from ordinary to missionary overnight! Nonetheless, there is nothing but blessing waiting for you. If you ever wanted to know what the will of God is for your life, He has wrote it down for you! Read the New Testament, and do it what it says (Romans 12:1+2). You will never run out of purpose or meaning in your life if you are faithful to the Lord and learn more about Him by studying His Word!

God's Word is God-Breathed (2 Tim. 3:16). Let it bless you today!

## Review Questions for Chapter #4:

- 1) Most Bibles published today start with the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament, well before “the church age” we live in today.
- 2) True or False (Circle One): The prohibition of eating pork in the Law of Moses was temporary; it no longer applies today.
- 3) True or False (Circle One): The “age” of the Bible from Genesis to Exodus 18 is called the “Patriarchal Age”, when God spoke to heads of families His instructions and promises to bring a Savior into the world.
- 4) True or False (Circle One): The Law of Moses is still in effect today.
- 5) After the cross of Christ, the “\_\_\_\_\_ Age” began.
- 6) We learn from the end of the Gospels until Revelation \_\_\_\_\_ to be saved, how \_\_\_\_\_ were saved, how to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves, and what to \_\_\_\_\_ in the End Times.
- 7) True or False (Circle One): The Old Testament can only be fully understood in light of the New Testament, specifically Christ.
- 8) True or False (Circle One): We can just read the Bible on our own. We don’t need the church, preaching, etc.
- 9) Don’t be afraid to seek the Bible study option that works best for \_\_\_\_\_!
- 10) Truly, we are \_\_\_\_\_ excuse to study the Bible more thoroughly than ever.

### BONUS QUESTION:

How has God told us what the will of God for our life is? \_\_\_\_\_

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You have completed Chapter 4. Great work!

## **CHAPTER 5 – SERVING CHRIST**

I want to promise you something right now – you will never do anything more fulfilling, more meaningful, or more wonderful than serving Christ. Serving your Lord will bring blessings and joy into your life that is truly unimaginable! (Ephesians 3:20)

How can you serve Christ? First, serve His Kingdom on earth, His church (1 Peter 4:10+11). When you became a Christian, you also became a priest (1 Peter 2:5). As a priest, your service to the High Priest – Jesus – honors and glorifies Him. In exchange, He is your High Priest, understanding your every temptation (Hebrews 2:18), taking on your every anxiety (1 Peter 5:7), providing all of your needs (Matthew 6:33). Our God is an awesome God, serving even us!

As a priest in the Kingdom of God here on earth, your service to the church is vital. Every Christian serves the church by building up the people in it, encouraging them to good works (Hebrews 10:24). Set aside a portion of your income weekly as you are able to support the mission of the church (2 Corinthians 9:6+7, 16:2). Participate humbly in the Lord's Supper in the assembly every week (Acts 2:42, 20:7; 1 Corinthians 10:16-18, 11:23-34). Witness to others (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-17). Help with administrative work, the building, or any kind of work your local church needs. It is all serving Christ, who is Head of His church! (Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 1:18)

Second, you can serve Christ by ordering your life to put Him first, and the other things in your life as He sees fit. Your relationship with Christ should always be first, then your family. Third, your work in the world (“He who does not work should not eat” – 2 Thessalonians 3:10; also see 1 Thessalonians 4:11) and your work in and for the church. Finally, your hobbies, personal desires, etc. last.

Third, you can serve Christ by looking over the whole course of your life and be open to His calling as it unfolds. Perhaps Christ will call you into the ministry full-time, or perhaps to a significant volunteer position in the church. Your preacher was led into the commitment of full-time ministry at the time of his conversion. How did I know? To me, personally (see James 4:17), there was no difference for me in becoming a Christian and dedicating my life full-time to His service. If you reach that point through your growth and study in God's Word, do not ignore His calling. I have ignored His calling more than once and it was never to my benefit!

Finally, you can serve Christ by kicking some old habits and replacing them with godly ones (Galatians 5:19-23). This may be the most difficult part in your Christian life, and that's why I put it last as I don't want you to be discouraged from pursuing God's work in your life because you are still working on getting rid of some old baggage. Addictions like smoking, drinking, or even more serious bad habits will likely not only take your own resolve but the help of your Christian brothers and sisters and God's advancements and provisions through medical and therapeutic help to conquer. Don't be afraid to drop-kick that habit once and for all with all of the above aid! God works through various means to help us forsake sin once and for all and replace it with His work!

Serving Christ, as said before, is the most fulfilling, meaningful, and wonderful of all pursuits. Honestly, once you start, and experience His blessings, the evidence of Him working in your life will speak to you (and others around you) like nothing else will! We can argue with people, but that rarely does any good. We can debate/fight/tussle, but that never does any good. Instead, when we let our light shine (Matthew 5:16) before men, they will not be able to help but want what we have! The peace and grace of Jesus Christ offered through His plan of salvation is truly amazing!

## Review Questions for Chapter #5:

- 1) Serving your Lord will bring blessings and joy into your life that is truly \_\_\_\_\_! (Ephesians 3:20)
- 2) First, you can serve Christ by serving His \_\_\_\_\_ on earth, the church.
- 3) As a \_\_\_\_\_, your service to church is vital.
- 4) Second, you can serve Christ by ordering the things in your life to put Him first and the other things as \_\_\_\_\_ sees fit.
- 5) Third, you can serve Christ by looking over the whole course of your life and be \_\_\_\_\_ to His calling as it unfolds.
- 6) If you reach the point of the Lord's calling to a ministry, do not \_\_\_\_\_ His calling!
- 7) Finally, you can serve Christ by kicking some old \_\_\_\_\_ and replacing them with godly ones (Galatians 5:19-23).
- 8) God works through \_\_\_\_\_ means to help us forsake sin once and for all and replace it with His work!
- 9) The evidence of God \_\_\_\_\_ in your life will speak to you (and others around you) like nothing else will!
- 10) We should let our \_\_\_\_\_ shine before men (Matthew 5:16), and they will not be able to help but want what we have!

### BONUS QUESTION (Reflective):

Do you have any idea what you would like to do for God one day? If so, what is it? If not, what do you think is the next step for you to serve God, based on what you have read above? \_\_\_\_\_

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You have completed Chapter 5. Great work!

## CHAPTER 6 – SHARING CHRIST

How do we share Christ? This chapter could be a “book” unto itself but the basics *anybody* can and should learn!

First, think about what brought you to Christ. There are three (3) basic reasons that draw people to Christ:

- 1) Fear or Sorrow – some people are convicted of their sin (and the horror of hell) and realize their need for a Savior. This is what happened when the first crowd heard the message from Peter in Acts 2 and responded with, “What should we do?” And Peter replied with “Repent and Be Baptized” (see Acts 2:38 for full text).
- 2) Reward – some people are motivated to accept Christ and surrender to Him as Lord because they come to believe in heaven, the forgiveness of sins, and the promises of God as genuine and they want what God promises to the faithful.
- 3) Love – some people are so moved by Christ’s love for them, His sacrifice, God’s efforts to win them over, etc. that they cannot help but surrender themselves to the Lord. Oftentimes, these are the converts who become preachers, missionaries, teachers, elders, etc. because their relationship with God isn’t motivated on fear of judgment, or promise of rewards, but love for God. And love, as they say, conquers all (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Second, think about people in your life that either do not know Christ or have let Christ fall into second, third, fourth, nineteenth place in their lives. They either need Him, or need to come back to Him. Pray for an opportunity to share the Gospel with them, and don’t be surprised when God either opens that door, or another, to share!

Third, knowing your Bible is truly crucial to witnessing with authority. This is because the Bible is an authority, and we are not. When we can quote and/or point to Scripture, the person who is being faced with Scripture is not arguing with you anymore, but with God. This is more powerful than can be told!

Fourth, live as an example. This is a very powerful tool for sharing Christ! Jesus says we should be a city on a hill (Matthew 5:14), a light to the world. People will want what we have if we are who they want to be! Jesus, Paul, Peter, the Apostles, and many faithful men and women after them – to this day – exemplify a contagious life that people are drawn to. When people are drawn, they will find out “what” is causing this person to have such joy, peace, and grace in their lives. The answer is Jesus! Although today, due to the sheer amount of Christian-phonies out there (another way of saying “hypocrites”), the initial answer of “Jesus” may be off-putting to some, they will not be able to deny His power in your life forever. Ultimately, we are all hypocrites, needing grace continually, but a faithful life will still stick out like no normal life does.

Sharing Christ is the highest calling of a Christian outside of worship. This is because God’s purpose in sending Christ was to save man (Luke 19:10). Following His example, He wants to lead all men to Him, as God does not wish anyone to perish but all to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). God does not celebrate in the death of the wicked (Ezekiel 18:23) and neither should we. Instead, by spreading the Gospel to all creation (Mark 16:15), we help fulfill His Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). What greater calling can we have than fulfilling His purpose for us originally by spreading it to all creation? None that I can think of!

Let us worship the God who gave us so great a salvation (Hebrews 2:3) and spread His Word to all people everywhere!

## Review Questions for Chapter #6:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ can learn the basics of sharing Christ!
- 2) The three basic reasons that motivate people to Christ are the following: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ for an opportunity to share the Gospel with people. Don't be surprised when God opens those doors and others!
- 4) True or False (Circle One): Knowing your Bible isn't that important for witnessing. You can just start talking and that's good enough.
- 5) True or False (Circle One): When we quote and/or point to Scripture when witnessing, the person listening is no longer arguing with us, but with God, and that carries greater power than anything we can say.
- 6) Is living as an example a very powerful tool for sharing Christ? Y/N (Circle One)
- 7) People will \_\_\_\_\_ what we have if we are who they want to be!
- 8) We should exemplify a \_\_\_\_\_ life people are drawn to.
- 9) Even if the answer of "Jesus" is off-putting to some, they will \_\_\_\_\_ be able to deny His power in your life forever.
- 10) A \_\_\_\_\_ life will stick out like no normal life does.
- 11) Sharing Christ is the highest calling of a Christian outside of \_\_\_\_\_.

### BONUS QUESTION:

What Scripture tells us of "so great a salvation"?

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You have completed Chapter 6 *and you're done!* Congrats!

## ANSWER KEYS FOR CHAPTERS 1-6:

### Chapter 1:

- 1) Forgiveness/gift, 2) Christ/Son, 3) repented, 4) seal/pledge, 5) sins/after, 6) confess, 7) convicts us, 8) Because He loves us, 9) No, 10) Complete, 11) Christ

### Chapter 2:

- 1) Weekly, 2) bread/fellowship/pray/Apostles' teaching, 3) Lord's Supper/support, 4) central, 5) appointment, 6) True, 7) False, 8) False, 9) True, 10) True

### Chapter 3:

- 1) Daily, 2) sustains/King/indwells, 3) faithful, 4) anytime, 5) story, 6) False, 7) True, 8) True, 9) False, 10) True, 11) No, 12) Yes, Bonus Question: Hebrews 11:14-16

### Chapter 4:

- 1) Old, 2) True, 3) True, 4) False, 5) Christian, 6) how/others/conduct/anticipate, 7) True, 8) False, 9) you, 10) without, Bonus Question: In His Word (Romans 12:1+2)

### Chapter 5:

- 1) Unimaginable, 2) Kingdom, 3) priest 4) He, 5) open, 6) ignore, 7) habits, 8) various, 9) working, 10) light, Bonus Question: (subjective)

### Chapter 6:

- 1) Anyone, 2) fear or sorrow/reward/love, 3) Pray, 4) False, 5) True, 6) Yes, 7) want, 8) contagious, 9) not, 10) faithful, 11) worship, Bonus Question: Hebrews 2:3