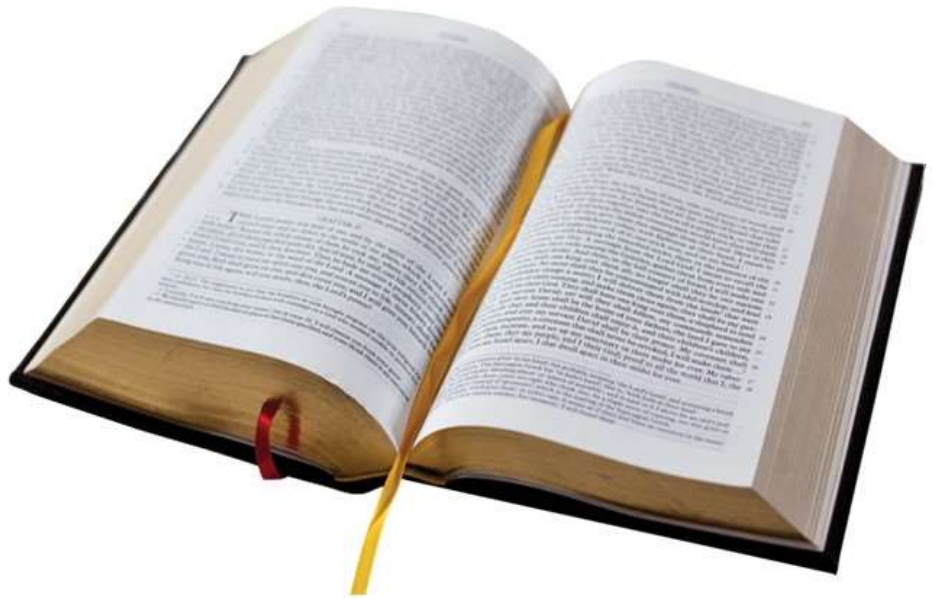


BASIC CHRISTIANITY

A Bible Study for
New Christians



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Introduction

This workbook contains 10 lessons designed for the newly converted in order to help prepare them for their new life in Christ. It can also help the Christian who wants to revisit and revive the foundation of their faith.

Lessons have been prepared using the **New King James Version** of the bible.

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BASIC CHRISTIANITY – Lesson 1 – Motivation to Grow

SINCE I AM A CHRISTIAN...

1. I am a part of the general _____ and the _____ of the Firstborn and my name is registered in _____. (Hebrews 12:23)
2. As a result of obeying the Gospel of Christ, a person is “called out” of the _____ and into the marvelous _____ of Christ. (1 Peter 2:9-10)
 - a. **Discovery:** Since I am in the “light”, what things can I no longer have as part of my life?
3. List 3 compelling reasons to live a righteous and godly life: (Titus 2:11-14)
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - (3) _____
4. I am encouraged through the scriptures to “live a life worthy” of this calling. How? (Ephesians 4:1-3)
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - (3) _____
 - (4) _____
5. One of my goals is to become more _____ in Christ. (Ephesians 4:13)

MY WEEKLY CHALLENGE: DAILY BIBLE READING

6. According to 2 Timothy 2:15, what kind of daily effort must I put forth in order to be a good worker for the Lord? _____
7. What dangers come from not knowing God’s will for our lives? (Hosea 4:6)

ABOUT THE BIBLE:

8. The bible is divided into two great parts:
 - (1) The _____ Testament
 - (2) The _____ Testament
 - a. What does the word “testament” mean? _____

JEWELS FROM JAMES:

9. The mature Christian will find _____ in life’s troubles. (1:2)
10. The testing of your faith will produce _____. (1:3)
11. The word “perfect” in verses 3-4 actually means “to become M ___ U ___.”
12. How does the Christian become wise about life and spiritual things? (v. 5)

13. We must build on our faith to prevent becoming _____ when things are difficult. (v. 6-7)

BASIC CHRISTIANITY – Lesson 2 - Reaffirming My Salvation

REVIEW THE WAY ONE BECOMES A CHRISTIAN...

1. Knowing how and why you became a Christian will prepare you to give a _____ to those who may ask about your hope in Christ. (1 Peter 3:15)
2. The bible says that all have _____ and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)
3. My faith developed after _____ the word of God. (Romans 10:17)
4. One way we can hear the word is through P ____ C ____ G. (1 Corinthians 1:21)
5. Without faith, I cannot _____ God. (Hebrew 11:6)
6. Not only do we have faith in God, but also in _____. (John 14:1; Galatians 3:26)
7. The bible was written so that we may _____ that Jesus is the Christ. (John 20:30-31)
8. I learned that I need to change the direction of my life by _____. (Acts 17:30)
9. When I _____ the name of Jesus before others, it leads me toward salvation. (Romans 10:9-10)
10. I am now ready to be _____ and wash away my sins. (Acts 22:16)
11. At this point, I was saved and began to live for God because I was _____ to sin. (Romans 6:4-6)

MY WEEKLY CHALLENGE: IMPROVE MY DAILY BIBLE READING

12. By reading the bible each day and applying what I learn, I will be _____ in the things I do. (James 1:25)

ABOUT THE BIBLE:

13. The Old Testament contains _____ books.
14. List the 5 categories of books in the Old Testament:
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
(4) _____ (5) _____

JEWELS FROM JAMES:

15. The poor person will glory in their _____ but the rich person in _____. (1:9-10)
 - a. As a flower, both will _____.
16. Part of being blessed as a Christian is to endure _____. (1:12)
 - a. God promises a _____ of _____ to those who love Him.

BASIC CHRISTIANITY – Lesson 3 - More About My Baptism

UNDERSTANDING MY BAPTISM...

1. My baptism placed me into _____. (Galatians 3:27)
2. Jesus instructed the Apostles to make _____ of people from all nations and to _____ them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16)
3. At the end of Peter’s sermon in Acts 2, what two things did he command the people to do? _____ and be _____. (Acts 2:37-42)
 - a. Notice that the gift of the _____ is given at baptism.
 - b. Discussion: How does the gift of the Spirit today differ from New Testament times?
4. The first time that disciples (followers of Christ) were called _____ is found in Acts 11:26.
 - a. SEARCH: How many times does the name “Christian” appear in the New Testament?

 - b. Why should I desire to be called a Christian? (Acts 4:12)
There is no other _____ given by people in which salvation is found.

MY WEEKLY CHALLENGE: NEW DISCOVERIES THROUGH DAILY BIBLE READING

5. What new thing did I learn from my daily bible reading last week? _____
6. “But you must _____ in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them. (2 Timothy 3:14)

ABOUT THE BIBLE:

7. The New Testament contains _____ books.
8. List the 5 categories of books in the New Testament:
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
(4) _____ (5) _____

JEWELS FROM JAMES:

9. We should never say, “I am _____ by God.” (1:13)
 - a. God cannot be tempted with _____.
 - b. What do we discover about God’s character from 1 John 1:5? (also see James 1:17)
God is _____ and there is no _____ in His character.
10. Whose fault is it when we sin? (1:14-15) _____
11. Every _____ and _____ gift comes from God. (1:16-18)

BASIC CHRISTIANITY – Lesson 4 - The Christian and the Church

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

1. After obeying God through faith, repentance, confession, and baptism, how does one become a member of the church? “And the _____ added to the church daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:47; Colossians 1:13)
2. What’s in a name? From the following passages, list the terms used to describe the church:
 - a. Acts 20:28 – The church of _____
 - b. Romans 16:16 – The churches of _____
 - c. 1 Corinthians 1:2 – The church of _____ which is at _____
 - d. Hebrews 12:23 - The church of the _____
 - e. Colossians 1:13 – The _____ of the _____
 - f. Ephesians 4:12 – The _____ of _____
3. Discuss the popularity of present day “hobby” churches.
(i.e. The Biker’s Church; The Cowboy Church)
4. “For by _____ Spirit we were all baptized into _____ body (church).”
(1 Corinthians 12:13)
5. In recent years the phrase “church family” has become popular. According to the following passages, determine whether this is an acceptable way to describe the church.
(1 Timothy 3:14-15; Hebrews 3:4; Ephesians 3:15; 1 John 3:1)

MY WEEKLY CHALLENGE: NEW DISCOVERIES THROUGH DAILY BIBLE READING

6. What new thing did I learn from my daily bible reading last week? _____
7. List the compelling reasons that I should read and study the bible daily: (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
(1) _____, (2) _____, (3) _____, (4) _____ in _____

ABOUT THE BIBLE:

8. The first five books of the Old Testament are commonly called the books of M __ S __ S.
 - a. These books are also known as the “Pentateuch” meaning “five books”.

JEWELS FROM JAMES:

9. Every Christian should be swift to _____, slow to _____, and slow to _____.
(1:19-20)
 - a. Acting out my anger does not produce the _____ of God.
10. The implanted word of God is able to _____ my _____. (1:21)
11. Christians are to be _____ of the word and not _____ only. (1:22-25)
 - a. Therefore Christianity is a religion of A __ T __ N!

BASIC CHRISTIANITY – Lesson 5 - Worship of the Church

ACTS OF WORSHIP

1. God is looking for people to worship Him. In what ways does God desire to be worshiped? (John 4:23-24) In _____ and in _____
2. Is all worship acceptable to God? (Matthew 15:8-9) (9) Jesus said, “In _____ they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the _____ of men.” (Matthew 15:9)
3. Who has been given all authority concerning matters of worship? (Matthew 28:18) _____

Singing

4. According to Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; and Hebrews 2:12, we are commanded to _____.
 - a. What type of songs are we to sing? _____, _____, and _____

Prayer

5. The disciples in the first church continued consistently in the acts of worship. These included the Apostle’s _____, _____, the _____, and _____. (Acts 2:42)
6. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 instructs us to _____ with ceasing. We are to let our requests be known to God through _____. (Philippians 4:6)

Preaching

7. As the Christians were gathered on the first day of the week, what did Paul do? (Acts 20:7) _____
8. Timothy was instructed to _____ the word to the Christians he would minister to. (2 Tim. 4:2-5)

The Lord’s Supper

9. As Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper, He took the _____ and broke it. (Matt. 26:26; Mark 14:22)
10. The disciples of the early church continued steadfastly in the “breaking of _____” and later came together on the first day of the week to “break _____”. (Acts 20:7)
11. How long are Christians to continue partaking of the Lord’s Supper? (1 Corinthians 11:26) _____

Giving

12. According to 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, on the first day of the week, there is to be a _____.
13. How are we to determine the amount of our offering? (2 Corinthians 9:7)

14. What happens when we give generously? (Luke 6:38) _____
15. Is giving 10% or a tenth of our earnings a good rule of thumb for Christians to follow?
(Deut. 14:22-23; Malachi 3:8-10)

MY WEEKLY CHALLENGE: NEW DISCOVERIES THROUGH DAILY BIBLE READING

16. What new thing did I learn from my daily bible reading last week? _____
17. The Psalmist hid God's word in his _____ so to prevent him from _____. (Psalm 119:11)

ABOUT THE BIBLE:

18. Using your available resources, answer the following:
- (1) How many authors wrote the bible? _____
- (2) How long did it take to write the complete bible? _____ years

JEWELS FROM JAMES:

19. If we fail to _____ our _____, then our religion is useless. (1:26)
20. List the two characteristics of "true religion": (1:27)
- (1) Visit the _____ and _____ in their _____.
- (2) Keep yourself _____ from the world.
21. Christians must not practice _____. (2:1)

BASIC CHRISTIANITY – Lesson 6 - Organization of the Church

ELDERS and DEACONS

1. The first mention of elders is found in Acts 15. The _____ and _____ came together to consider a spiritual matter. (Acts 15:4-6)
2. What was lacking in the churches of Titus 1:5? _____
 - a. Note that there is a plurality (more than one) elder in the church. (1 Peter 5:1)
3. The Holy Spirit made the elders to be _____ of the church, just as a _____ would watch his flock. (Acts 20:28-31; 1 Peter 5:2)
4. According to 1 Timothy 3:1, a _____ must desire the position of a bishop (overseer) and in so desires a _____.
5. A bishop must have a good reputation and be _____. (1 Timothy 3:2)
 - a. A bishop should have been married only _____ time.
 - b. A bishop must be the head of his family (including children) and _____ well. (1 Timothy 3:4-5)
 - c. The elder's children must be _____. (Titus 1:6)
6. We must be _____ to the elders because they watch out for our _____. (Hebrews 13:17)
 - a. It is up to us to be sure the elders serve with _____ and not with _____.
7. The word "deacon" means a _____.
8. Deacons must also be _____. (1 Timothy 3:10)
 - a. Deacons must have only _____ marriage and _____ their homes well. (1 Timothy 3:12)
9. An example of the work of deacons can be found in Acts 6:1-6. The _____ men (v.3) that were chosen were to care for the needs of _____. (v.1)

MINISTERS, PREACHERS, EVANGELIST

10. How shall they _____ without a preacher? (Romans 10:14-15)
11. List the duties of a preacher according to 2 Timothy 4:2: (1) _____ the _____
(2) _____ (3) _____ (3) _____
12. A preacher is to speak the _____ in Christ. (1 Timothy 2:7)

MY WEEKLY CHALLENGE: NEW DISCOVERIES THROUGH DAILY BIBLE READING

13. What new thing did I learn from my daily bible reading last week? _____
14. It is up to me to preserve the _____ within the church. (1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesian 4:1-6)

ABOUT THE BIBLE:

15. The New Testament contains ____ books.

16. List the five (5) categories of the New Testament:

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____ (5) _____

JEWELS FROM JAMES:

17. Christians must not practice their faith while showing _____. (2:1)

18. Who has God chosen to be rich in faith? (2:5) _____

19. What is the "royal law"? (2:8) _____

20. Does it do any good to claim to have _____ while not having _____? (2:14)

21. If we do not help those in need, then our faith is _____. (2:15-17, 26)

BASIC CHRISTIANITY – Lesson 7- Work of the Church

GOOD WORKS

1. The members of the church are God's _____ people, and are to be zealous (enthusiastic) for _____ . (Titus 2:14)
2. Through study and knowledge of the scriptures, Christians can be thoroughly equipped for every _____ . (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
3. Members of the church must learn to recognize and take advantage of every _____ to do good for all people. (Galatians 6:10)

MISSION OF THE CHURCH

4. The church is to go out and make _____ in all nations. (Matthew 28:19-20)
 - a. New disciples are to be _____ in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 - b. The church is to teach new converts to _____ all the commandments of Christ.
5. The church must _____ the _____! (2 Timothy 4:2)
6. TRUE or FALSE: Preaching from the pulpit fulfills the churches' obligation to spread the gospel.
 - a. Christians who were scattered due to persecution went _____ preaching the word. (Acts 8:4)
 - b. In Matthew 10:16, what wise advice does Jesus give those who go out in society to teach the message of Christ? Be _____ as serpents and _____ as doves.
7. In your opinion, what is the most successful form of evangelism? _____
8. According to James 1:27, another mission of the church is to support those who are in _____.
9. Is sending financial support to other congregations a scriptural practice? _____
(Acts 11:29-30; Romans 15:36)
10. What happens to the church when each member fulfills their part of the church's mission?
(Ephesians 4:15-16) _____

THE CHURCH'S EXAMPLE

11. We are to always be aware that we represent Christ and His church. Therefore we should walk properly (be good examples) to those _____ the body of Christ. (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)
12. When we are proper examples, those outside the church will have nothing _____ to say about us. (Titus 2:6-8)

MY WEEKLY CHALLENGE: NEW DISCOVERIES THROUGH DAILY BIBLE READING

13. I am committed to read the bible every day: (Check the box each day)
 Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

JEWELS FROM JAMES:

14. We must use caution when becoming bible teachers because those who do will receive a stricter _____ . (3:1)
15. The spiritually mature person will not _____ in word. (3:2)
16. Using unwholesome words can _____ the whole body. (3:6)
17. Dangers of the tongue: (3:9-12)
- a. With our speech, we _____ God and _____ men.
 - b. Out of the same mouth comes _____ and _____.
 - c. Can a spring bring both _____ and _____ water?
 - d. Christians, these things ought not to be so!
18. List two types of wisdom: (3:15-18) _____ and _____

BASIC CHRISTIANITY – Lesson 8- Unity and Diversity of the Church

MANY MEMBERS – 1 Corinthians 12

1. There are various _____ but the same _____. (V. 4)
 - a. List some of the miraculous gifts that the 1st century Christians were given: (v. 7-10)
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
2. Even though there are many members in the church, the church is still _____ body. (v. 12)
3. We are all _____ into one body (church). (v.13)
4. According to verses 15-17, will all members have the same function in the church? _____
5. God has placed you in the church just as He _____. (v. 18)
 - a. Review: The Lord _____ you to the church upon obedience to the gospel. (Acts 2:47)

IMPORTANT PARTS

6. No member should ever say concerning another member, “I have _____ of you.” (V. 21)
7. Members who seem _____ are still necessary. (v. 22)
8. We are to grant greater _____ on those members we think less important. (v. 23-24)
9. God wants no _____ within the body of Christ. (v. 25; 1 Corinthians 1:10)
 - a. All members should have the same _____ for one another.
10. If one church member _____ then we are to _____ with them. (v. 26)
 - a. If a member is _____ then we are to rejoice with them.
11. How would you summarize verses 27-31? _____

MY WEEKLY CHALLENGE: NEW DISCOVERIES THROUGH DAILY BIBLE READING

12. I am committed to reading the bible every day: (Check the box each day)
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JEWELS FROM JAMES

13. What is a primary cause of strife in the church? (4:1-2) One’s _____ for pleasure (pride).
14. Why are some requests through prayer not received? (4:3; Philippians 2:3) _____
15. The person who wants to be a friend of the world makes themselves an _____ of God. (4:4)
16. The cure for worldliness is to _____ to God. (4:7)
17. If we _____ ourselves before God, He will _____ us _____. (4:10)
18. Church members should never say _____ things about each other. (4:11)
19. In life, we make many plans. However, what is said about tomorrow? (4:13-15) _____
 - a. We should always say, “If the _____ we’ll do this or that.”
20. The person who knows to do _____ but doesn’t do it, to them it is _____. (4:17)

BASIC CHRISTIANITY – Lesson 9 - More Jewels from James

A WARNING TO THE RICH

1. In America, most of us are considered rich by the world's standards. James warns that material wealth can bring _____. (5:1)
2. "Your riches are _____ and your garments _____ - _____. (5:2)
3. Verse 3 states that our "silver and gold are corroded." What does this teach us about the longevity of earthly wealth? (1 Timothy 6:7)
"We brought _____ into the world, and we'll take _____ out."
4. The "heaping up of treasure" can be spiritually dangerous (5:3), Jesus said what good will it do if we gain the _____ and lose our _____? (Matthew 16:26)
5. Instead of pursuing pleasure and luxury (indulgence) all of our lives (5:5), we should learn to be _____ with our present situation. (1 Timothy 6:6)

CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

6. Christians should continually develop _____ in their lives. (5:7-8)
7. We must never _____ about each other. (5:9)
8. We should never _____, but let our "yes be yes" and our "no be no". (5:12)

MEETING NEEDS IN THE CHURCH

9. If we are suffering then we should _____. If we are happy then we should _____. (5:13)
10. One service of the elder is to pray for those who are _____. (5:14-15)
11. Our relationships should be as such that we can _____ our faults to each other and _____ for each other. (5:16)
 - a. Prayers made by the righteous are very _____.

RESTORING THE ERRING CHRISTIAN

12. Verse 19 states that it is possible for a Christian to _____ from the _____.
13. Through prayer and encouragement, the _____ can be turned back to God. (5:20)
 - a. When the sinner repents, his soul is saved from spiritual _____.

MY WEEKLY CHALLENGE: NEW DISCOVERIES THROUGH DAILY BIBLE READING

14. I am committed to reading the bible every day: (Check the box each day)
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BASIC CHRISTIANITY – Lesson 10 – Living for Christ

A NEW BEGINNING

1. Having obeyed the gospel (good news) and being baptized into Christ, I am a new _____, now _____ things are in the past and all things are now _____. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
2. I have made a commitment to God to _____ in the grace and knowledge of my Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:15)
3. Part of growing spiritually is developing a sincere desire for the _____ of God’s word. (1 Peter 2:2-3)
4. Spiritual growth must continue for a lifetime, therefore I will be _____ until my life is over. (Revelation 2:10; Matthew 24:13)
5. God has blessed me with all things that pertain to _____ and _____ through the knowledge of Christ. (2 Peter 1:2-3)

THINGS I MUST DO

6. As I live for Christ, I will strive to develop the “Christian graces” described in 2 Peter 1:5-8:
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____
(5) _____ (6) _____ (7) _____
7. I will develop a habit of meeting regularly with other Christians for worship, study, and fellowship.
 - a. God is seeking people to _____ Him in spirit and truth. (John 4:24)
 - b. I will meet every _____ of the _____ to partake of the Lord’s Supper. (Acts 20:7)
 - c. I will make a determination in my _____, and give an offering each week. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)
 - d. I will continue in the Apostle’s _____, (teaching) and _____ with other Christians. (Acts 2:42)
8. I will be careful to live a life filled with _____, meeting the needs of others. (Titus 3:8, 14; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 6:18; Hebrews 10:24)
 - a. I will not only look out for my own _____, but also for the _____ of others. (Philippians 2:3-4)
9. I must protect my personal reputation and the reputation of my congregation by abstaining from every form (appearance) of _____. (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
 - a. My lifestyle should reflect Christ, being an example and walking properly towards those _____ of the church. (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)

THINGS I MUST NOT DO

10. I must not _____ the world or the things in the world. (1 John 2:15-16)
 - a. I must not give in to the lust of the _____, lust of the _____, or the _____ of life.
11. I must not participate in the immoral behavior listed in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 because I have been _____, _____, and _____ in the name of the Lord Jesus.
12. I must not be greedy or obsessed with physical wealth because the _____ of _____ is the root of all kinds of evil and can cause me to stray from the _____. (1 Timothy 6:6-10)
13. I must not give in to sinful desires and emotions as listed in Galatians 5:19-21. List at least four:
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____
14. I must never call any person _____ or _____. (Acts 10:28)
 - a. God resists the _____, but gives grace to the _____. (James 4:6)
15. I must not neglect (forsake) the _____ of the church. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

THE ULTIMATE GOAL

16. Because I am a Christian, my citizenship is in _____. (Philippians 3:20)
17. I can have inexpressible _____ knowing that the end of my faith is the _____ of my soul. (1 Peter 1:8-9)
18. If I continue to sow to the Spirit (spiritual service), I will reap _____ life. (Galatians 6:8)
19. I have a living _____ because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and now have a reservation in _____. (1 Peter 1:3-4)