

THE PREDESTINED FOUNDATION BIBLE STUDY MANUAL



THEME: - FINDING PURPOSE

Roman 8: 29 For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brethren.

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The Predestined Bible Study Program

| No | Session | Time | Ministers |
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| 1 | Arrival | 19:00-19:30 | |
| 2 | Opening prayers | 19:30-19:35 | |
| 3 | Songs of Praise and Worship | 19:35-19:50 | |
| 4 | Bible Study | 19:50-20:10 | |
| 5 | Discussion/Testimonies/Questions | 20:10-20:20 | |
| | and Prayer Requests | | |
| 6 | Prayers | 20:20-20:25 | |
| 7 | Offering and Announcements | 20:25-20:28 | |
| 8 | Closing Prayers | 20:28-20:30 | |
| 9 | Refreshments | 20:30 - | |



Our believe and our faith

Introduction

Christianity is the large faith in the world, that focus on the life, teachings and miracle of Jesus of Nazareth, our Christ and Messiah. Our faith as Christians has played prominent roles in shaping western civilization. We believe Jesus Christ is the Saviour of humanity because He is the Son of God. God is our Almighty Father seated in heaven who want to have a relationship with us as this the ultimate reason for creating us. Christians walk with God. (Jeremiah 29:11; Revelation 3:20; Hebrews 11: 6) (Romans 14:17-18)

Core Believe (1 Corinthians 15: 1-4)

We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (John 3:16) (Luke 1:35)

We believe Jesus Christ conceived by the Holy Spirit (virgin birth).

We believe Jesus Christ died for our sins.

We believe Jesus Christ was buried.

We believe Jesus Christ was resurrected.

We believe Jesus Christ offers salvation to everyone.

We believe Salvation is achieved by receiving Jesus in faith.

We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3: 16 -17) (John 14: 16-17)

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John 10:30. Matthew 28:19.

The Trinity is the belief that God is one God in three persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit (1).

| The Holy Spirit | Make Your notes: - |
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Task:

1) Learn the whole books of the old and new testament of the bible by heart.

References:

1. Definition of the Fourth Lateran Council quoted in Catechism of the Catholic Church §253.

TASK:



39 Books in the old testament: -

Genesis (50 Chapters) Exodus (40 Chapters) Leviticus (27 Chapters), Numbers (36 Chapters) Deuteronomy (34 Chapters) Joshua (24 Chapters) Judges (21 Chapters) Ruth (4 Chapters) 1Samuel (31 Chapters) 2 Samuel (24 Chapters) 1 Kings (22 Chapters) 2 Kings (25 Chapters) 1 Chronicles (29 Chapters) 2 Chronicles (36 Chapters) Ezra (10 Chapters) Nehemiah (13 Chapters) Esther (10 Chapters) Job (42 Chapters) Proverbs (31 Chapters), Psalms (150 Chapters)

Ecclesiastes (12 Chapters) The Song of Solomon (8 Chapters)

Isaiah (66 Chapters) Jeremiah (52 Chapters) Lamentations (5 Chapters) Ezekiel (48 Chapters) Daniel (12 Chapters) Hosea (14 Chapters) Joel (3 Chapters) Amos (9 Chapters) Obadiah (1 Chapter) Jonah (4 Chapters) Micah (7 Chapters) Nahum (3 Chapters) Habakkuk (3 Chapters) Zephaniah (3 Chapters) Zechariah (14 Chapters) Haggai (2 Chapters) Malachi (4 Chapters)

27 Books in the new testament: -

Mark Acts Matthew Luke John Romans 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians **Ephesians** Philippians Colossians 1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus Philemon 2 Peter Hebrews James 1 Peter 1 John 2 John 3 John Jude Revelation



Jesus Christ is the Son of God

Text-1: - John 3:16-18.

God loves the world, which means that God loves everyone and everything He placed on this earth.

The first man God created was Adam and he sinned against God which resulted in condemnation of the world.

God sent His only Son Jesus to reconcile us to Him so that we do not perish but be saved by Him, this is we believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior, Messiah, Prince of peace, wonderful counsellor, Redeemer, Friend. (Isaiah 9:6, John 1:41, Luke 2:11,1Timothy 1:15)

Text-2: Luke 1:35

The angel of God visited Mary to announce her miraculous pregnancy of the Son of God. Mary was a virgin who had a fiancé and did not know she was pregnant until the angel visited her.

God choice to come through a pure channel and until the crucifixion of the Son of God, He did not know sin.

The angel also told her that her cousin Elizabeth who was married and advanced in age was pregnant. Elizabeth was the mother of John the Baptist.

Text-3: Matthew 3:17

After Jesus Christ was baptized by John the Baptist, the voice from heaven called Him the Son of God.

God announced the presence of His Son.

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Task:

2) Memorize by heart John 3:16 and Matt 3:17.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Matthew 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.



Faith and The Holy Spirit

What is FAITH: - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrew 11:1). Also, the dictionary meaning of FAITH is "trusting completely" in something or someone.

Faith and believe are different. Faith is putting believe into action. Believing is NOT enough to reach our predestined greatness, but it is surely the beginning, therefore faith is a necessary tool to counter all fears stopping you from reaching goals.

As believers in Christ Jesus we need faith to proceed to the next level of every department of our life (Health, family, career, academics, wealth etc.). This is reason He sent us the Holy Spirit (advocate/Comforter.... John 14:26; And shall receive power...... Acts 1:8; And they were all filled...... Acts 2:4).

Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is God. He is the power of God (Omnipotent Rev 14:26). He is our Comforter. He is the boldness of God. He is present in every believer (Omnipresence).

To know the Holy Spirit, we must be in constant communication with God by studying the bible, praying and fasting and also dwelling together with believers.

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Task: Memorize the verses below

Hebrew 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"

Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth".



The Kingdom of God

The kingdom of God is a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17) and the bible clearly states that God's kingdom is NOT a matter of eating and drinking.

In my opinion it's great injustice for brethren or citizens of God's kingdom to be wallowing in eating and drinking while their church or place of worship, and to some extent fellow citizens of the kingdom whether near or far suffer injustice, war and troubled spirit (depression). Therefore, it is necessary for us to put our believe, faith, and love for the kingdom into action (1 John 3:18). Putting these attributes into action is the faith we've been called to practice and these can only be achieved with the power of the Holy Spirit (refer to study-3).

In wanting to put our love for the kingdom of God into action, we must first seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Seeking the kingdom of God must be the foundational basis for our living otherwise loving God's kingdom by action would become a very difficult and laborious process in the world as it is today.

You can get the power of the Holy Spirit by drawing near to God. This means thinking about God all the time and living for Him in humility and obedience to His words (James 4: 6-10). It is also necessary for you to know your spiritual gift and put them into action while ensuring that it fits the word of God (1 Cor 12).

Take home message: - Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you".

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Task: Memorize the verses below

Matthew 6:33 (see lecture note for study-4 above)

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost".



Luke 12:32.

Citizens of God's Kingdom

In study-4 we learnt that the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost (Romans 14:17). In this study-5, we shall study about being a citizen of the "Kingdom of God". A citizen is someone that is legally recognized as a national of a state or commonwealth, either native or naturalized. A state is made up of people united by common descent, history, culture, or language, of that state or territory and a commonwealth is an aggregation of states or territories. Therefore, to be citizens of God's Kingdom we must know and understand our legal status and embrace our kingdom heritage.

All citizens of God's kingdom must believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we now know that we need faith to put believe into action so that we can reach what God has predestined for us through Jesus Christ. The actions we are expected to take by faith must help us know, develop and maintain our legal status as Kingdom citizens.

We should know that as citizens we are made in God's image **Genesis 1:27** "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them".

God gave you dominion over everything on earth including the air **Genesis 1: 26 and 28.**

As citizens we should know that God wants His kingdom on earth and expects every citizen to do His will on earth **Matt 6:10**.

It is God's good pleasure to give us His kingdom Luke12:32.

Finally, as citizen of God's kingdom we must continue to study the bible as it's our citizenship manual.

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