

Christian Discipleship Guide



“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, ‘All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.’” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Appendix A. Answers

1. Bible Infallibility

Answers:

1. According to *John 17:17*, God's Word is the only source of **TRUTH**.
2. According to *2 Timothy 3:16*, all scripture is given by **INSPIRATION** of God.
3. According to *2 Samuel 23:2; Isaiah 51:15-16; Jeremiah 1:9; Ezekiel 1:3; Hosea 1:1; Haggai 1:1-2; Zechariah 1:1*, Who is responsible for providing the words of the Bible?

THE LORD

4. According to *Matthew 24:35*, how long will God preserve His Word for man's benefit?
HEAVEN AND EARTH SHALL PASS AWAY BEFORE GOD'S WORD SHALL BE

LOST

2. Salvation

Answers:

1. How does a person enter God's family? (See *John 1:12* and *John 3:3*)

BY RECEIVING JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOR, THAT IS, BY BEING "BORN AGAIN"

IN THE SPIRIT

2. What does God promise in *John 3:36*, *John 6:47*, and *1 John 5:12*? **EVERLASTING**

LIFE

3. When a Christian chooses to continue in a particular sin, what can he expect from God? (See *Hebrews 12:5-11*.)

DISCIPLINING

4. According to *1 John 1:9*, when we confess our sins to God, then He will **FORGIVE** us and **CLEANSE** us from all unrighteousness.

3. Assurance of Salvation

Answers:

1. What is the promise we can claim from *John 6:37*?

WHOEVER COMES TO JESUS, GOD WILL NOT CAST OUT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

2. From *John 10:27-29*, why is it that no one can cause you to lose your salvation?

BECAUSE GOD YOUR FATHER IS GREATER THAN ALL MEN, THEREFORE NO MAN IS ABLE TO PLUCK YOU OUT OF HIS HAND

3. We cannot do anything ourselves that would cause us to lose our salvation. What can we learn from *Ephesians 2:8-9* to support this?

SALVATION IS BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH, AND NOT BY WORKS. IT IS A GIFT FROM GOD. NO MAN CAN LOSE SALVATION ON HIS OWN BECAUSE NO MAN EARNED HIS SALVATION.

1. What does *1 John 3:20* teach us concerning the promise of eternal life?

SALVATION IS NOT BASED ON FEELING, BUT ON FACT. GOD KNOWS IF YOU ARE SAVED, EVEN IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU ARE.

4. Believer's Baptism

Answers:

1. Give the key reason why God instructs the Christian to be baptized.

BAPTISM IS THE FIRST ACT OF OBEDIENCE IN SERVICE TO THE LORD.

2. What are the purposes for baptism found in *Romans 6:3-4*?

(1) **IT PICTURES THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS.**

(2) **IT IS A PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF THE NEW CONVERT'S IDENTIFICATION WITH JESUS THROUGH THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION, WHICH IS HOW THE PERSON WAS SAVED.**

3. According to Acts 8:36-37 and Romans 10:9-10, the Ethiopian eunuch had to fulfill two requirements before he could be baptized. What were the two requirements?

(1) **BELIEVE WITH ALL YOUR HEART THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD**

(2) **CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD**

4. Is Baptism essential for salvation? **NO**. Explain your answer using Ephesians 2:8-9.

MAN IS SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH WITHOUT WORKS, INCLUDING BAPTISM.

5. Prayer

Answers:

1. List several necessary ingredients of prayer:

(1) WORSHIP, ADORATION, AND PRAISE

(2) CONFESSION

(3) RESTITUTION

(4) THANKSGIVING

(5) FORGIVENESS

(6) UNITY

(7) FAITH

(8) PETITION

(9) SUBMISSION

(10) WITHOUT VAIN REPETITIONS

2. Where are we to pray?

(1) EVERYWHERE

(2) IN A PRIVATE PLACE

(3) IN CHURCH

3. When are we to pray? ALWAYS

4. What prayer of Abraham did God NOT answer (see *Genesis 18:20-33*)?

TO SPARE THE CITY OF SODOM

5. What city did God spare from destruction because they fasted and prayed (see Jonah 3:1-10)?

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6. Overcoming Temptation and Sin

Answers:

1. Give three definitions of sin.

(1) SIN IS BREAKING GOD'S LAW.

(2) SIN IS ANY UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

(3) SIN IS ANYTHING DONE APART FROM FAITH.

2. All sin originates from one of three categories. List the three that are found in *1 John 2:16*.

(1) LUST OF THE FLESH (2) LUST OF THE EYES (3) PRIDE OF LIFE

3. Why must we accept responsibility for our sin? (See Proverbs 28:13)

WE WILL NEVER CORRECT ANYTHING UNTIL WE FACE UP TO OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

7. The Will of God

Answers:

1. God has a direct and clearly revealed will for man. From *1 Timothy 2:4*, what is one thing that God specifically wills for us:

THAT ALL MEN BE SAVED.

2. List some ways that suffering comes to us.

(1) THROUGH OUR OWN SINS AND MISTAKES.

(2) THROUGH THE SINS AND MISTAKES OF OTHERS.

(3) THROUGH TEMPTATIONS.

(4) THROUGH GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL DEALINGS WITH MAN.

3. In general principle, what three things should be true for us to know that we are in God's will?

(1) **THE WORD OF GOD DIRECTS.**

(2) **OUR INNER CONVICTION OR CONSCIENCE AGREES.**

(3) **THE CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.**

4. Briefly explain the difference between the will of God and the plan of God.

THE WILL OF GOD IS THE SAME FOR EVERY PERSON, BUT HIS PLAN FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL DIFFERS. GOD WILL SHOW YOU WHAT HE WANTS YOU TO DO.

8. **The Holy Spirit**

Answers:

1. At what time does the Holy Spirit come into the believer's life?

THE MOMENT HE OR SHE RECEIVES JESUS AS THEIR PERSONAL SAVIOR.

2. Why does the Holy Spirit convict the unsaved of sin?

IT IS HIS FUNCTION TO BRING UNSAVED PEOPLE TO SALVATION.

3. What can happen if someone ignores conviction by the Holy Spirit?

IT CAN LEAD TO A SEARED CONSCIENCE AND HARDENED HEART.

4. What is the result of the Holy Spirit in your life?

THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

5. In order for Christians to be "filled with the Spirit," in what they must invest time learning & living?

WORD OF GOD.

9. **The Local Church**

Answers:

1. List some things that a church is not.

IT IS NOT A BUILDING AND IT IS NOT A DENOMINATIONAL GROUP OF CONGREGATIONS.

2. Define the following terms:

(1) Local church --- **IS A BODY OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN SAVED AND CALLED BY GOD TO SERVE IN A SPECIFIC AREA OR MINISTRY.**

(2) “The Church” --- **IS THE BODY OF CHRIST, THE SAVED MULTITUDES FROM EVERY NATION.**

3. What is the most important priority of a local church?

TO EDIFY (BUILD UP, TEACH, AND STRENGTHEN) THE SAINTS (BELIEVERS).

4. When a Christian is looking for a local church in which to serve, what are some qualities for which he or she should be checking?

(1) **THEY BELIEVE AND TEACH THE BIBLE AS THE WORD OF GOD AND INFALLIBLE GUIDE FOR LIFE.**

(2) **THE MEMBERSHIP IS ENCOURAGED TO READ AND STUDY THE BIBLE.**

(3) **THERE IS EVIDENCE OF SOUL WINNING.**

(4) **THEY MINISTER TO THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE.**

(5) **THEY SEND OUT AND SUPPORT MISSIONARIES.**

10. Giving to the Lord

Answers:

1. What are the four primary reasons for giving?

(1) **TO SUPPORT MISSIONS**

(2) **TO SUPPORT THOSE WITHIN THE CHURCH BODY WHO ARE UNABLE TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES**

(3) **TO SUPPORT THE LEADERS OF THE LOCAL CHURCH**

(4) **TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS OF THE LOCAL CHURCH**

2. What can we learn about man and money from *1 Timothy 6:10*?

THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL

3. What attitude should we have concerning wealth that we can emulate from *Job 1:21-22*?

JOB SAID, "THE LORD GAVE, AND THE LORD HATH TAKEN AWAY; BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD." JOB WORSHIPED AND HONORED GOD MORE THAN MONEY.

11. Liberty in Christ

Answers:

1. As Christians, are we free to do whatever we please? Briefly explain.
NO - THE LIBERTY THAT BELIEVERS HAVE IN JESUS CHRIST GIVES THEM FREEDOM TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, WITHOUT THE CONSTRAINTS OF ANY LAWS, AS OPPOSED TO GIVING THEM LICENSE TO SIN OR DO WHATEVER THEY WANT. BELIEVERS SHOULD WANT TO PLEASE GOD IN EVERYTHING THEY DO.

2. The Word of God draws boundaries on our freedom. Explain those boundaries from each of the following verses:
 - (1) Galatians 5:13 --- **DO NOT USE LIBERTY AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FLESH, BUT THROUGH LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER.**

 - (2) Romans 6:18 --- **CHRISTIANS HAVE BEEN SET FREE FROM SIN AND HAVE BECOME SLAVES TO RIGHTEOUSNESS, THAT IS, CHRISTIANS ARE TO FOLLOW THE PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

 - (3) 1 Peter 2:16 --- **CHRISTIANS ARE TO LIVE AS FREE MEN, BUT NOT USE THEIR FREEDOM AS A COVER-UP FOR EVIL. THEY ARE TO LIVE AS SERVANTS OF GOD.**

3. When we choose to sin, what are the consequences of our choice?
 - (1) **WE WILL NOT BEAR FRUIT.**

 - (2) **GOD WILL CHASTEN AND DISCIPLINE US.**

 - (3) **GOD WILL ALLOW US TO REAP WHAT WE HAVE SOWN.**

12. Employers and Employees

Answers:

1. The primary purpose of our job is to support our ministries. List the three ministries we need to support.
 - (1) **OUR FAMILY**

(2) **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

(3) **TO REACH THE LOST**

2. What are some of the attitudes we should have toward our company and/or leader?

(1) **SERVE AS IF JESUS WERE OUR EMPLOYER.**

(2) **RESPECT THE AUTHORITY OF THEIR POSITION. SUBMIT TO THEIR LEADERSHIP.**

(3) **RESPECT THE COMPANY'S PROPERTY.**

(4) **RESPECT THE COMPANY'S TIME.**

(5) **DO OUR BEST TO HELP THE COMPANY SUCCEED.**

(6) **MIND OUR OWN BUSINESS AND DON'T LET SOMEONE ELSE'S LAZINESS AFFECT US.**

3. When looking for a new job, what are some factors to take into consideration?

(1) **TAKE THE MATTER TO GOD IN PRAYER.**

(2) **ASK OURSELVES IF THE NEW JOB WILL DESTROY WHAT GOD IS TRYING TO BUILD IN OUR LIFE.**

(3) **WE NEED TO KNOW IF THERE IS A CHURCH THERE THAT CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOR OUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.**

(4) **WE NEED TO DISCERN IF WE ARE RUNNING AWAY FROM SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE FACING AND TRYING TO CORRECT.**

13. Christians in the World

Answers:

1. List the sources of opposition that Christians will face.

THOSE CLOSEST TO US, UNSAVED PEOPLE, SOCIETY, AND SATAN.

2. How should a Christian view the unsaved world? Give three viewpoints.

(1) **HE IS A PILGRIM IN A STRANGE LAND.**

(2) **HIS REAL HOME IS IN HEAVEN.**

(3) **THIS WORLD IS A MISSION FIELD TO REACH THE LOST FOR
CHRIST.**

3. Many “Christian” groups today are trying to force morality on people through the passing of laws. Why won’t this process work?

**MAN IS BY NATURE FALLEN AND SINFUL. MAN MUST BE CHANGED
INDIVIDUALLY, FROM THE INSIDE OUT. MAN MUST BE CHANGED
THROUGH A PERSONAL SAVING KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS CHRIST.**

14. The Judgment Seat of Christ

Answers:

1. What group of people will be judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ. CHRISTIAN

BELIEVERS

2. For what will we be judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

FOR OUR WORK, OUR MOTIVE, AND THE QUALITY AS OPPOSED TO THE

QUANTITY.

15. The Lord's Supper

Answers:

1. When we partake of the Lord's Supper, are we actually eating Jesus' body and drinking His blood? Explain.

NO, JESUS WAS NOT SPEAKING LITERALLY. WE SPIRITUALLY PARTAKE OF HIS LIFE & DEATH.

2. List three ways by which we should approach the Lord's Supper.

(1) WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING, (2) WITH DESIRE, (3) WITH A CLEAN HEART.

16. Evangelism and Missions

Answers:

1. What tool does God use to do His work of evangelism? CHRISTIANS

2. What three things might a Christian be compared to in his effort to evangelize the world?

(1) FARMERS THAT MUST SOW THE SEED (SPREAD THE GOSPEL).

(2) PREACHERS THAT MUST PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD.

(3) AMBASSADORS THAT MUST RECONCILE MAN TO GOD,

3. How far are we to take the Gospel? TO ALL THE WORLD

4. In what ways can we be involved and committed to missions?

(1) OUR TIME.

(2) OUR TALENTS (ABILITIES).

(3) OUR TREASURES (MONEY).

(4) OUR AVAILABILITY.

17. Discipleship

Answers:

1. What are the five primary ministerial goals of the local church?

(1) TO EVANGELIZE THE WORLD.

(2) TO ESTABLISH EDIFYING CHURCHES.

(3) TO BUILD INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLES.

(4) TO BRING DISCIPLES AND THEIR CHURCHES TO CHRIST-LIKENESS.

(5) TO BRING GLORY TO GOD.

2. Briefly describe what biblical discipleship is NOT.

IT IS NOT AN ACTIVITY, A PROGRAM, A SERIES OF LESSONS, EDUCATION ONLY, TEACHING ONLY, A HANDBOOK, OR A RAPID FORMULA.

3. List the seven-fold goal of biblical discipleship.

(1) LOYALTY AND OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST

(2) SUBMISSION AND SELFLESSNESS

(3) FOCUS AND TENACITY

(4) PRIORITIES AND PERSPECTIVE

(5) READING, STUDYING AND MEDITATION

(6) CHARITY

(7) FRUIT BEARING

18. Bible Prophecy

Answers:

1. What event will begin the End Times? **THE RAPTURE.**
2. What will be Christ's attitude when He returns? **WRATH.**
3. Who will be judged at the Great White Throne? **THE UNSAVED PEOPLE.**