

The Milk of the Word Bible Study Series

LESSONS 1-7



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Introduction

We are commanded by the scriptures to desire the milk of the word so we can grow thereby. I have found many times in my ministry that people do not have knowledge of the milk of the word or know specifically what it is. I again remind you, that we are commanded to desire the milk of the word that we might grow. In this lesson series, we will take an in-depth look at the milk of the word. We will look at what is the milk of the word, and what will happen to those who do know the milk of the word. 2 Peter 1:2 "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord." We all want peace and grace. How do we get it? We get it through knowledge of him. The key to a full and productive life for Christ is contained in the Word of God. Without it, we will not be all that Christ desires us to be. I trust that as you study these lessons, that you will get a foundation of the milk of the word that you will not forget. This is your foundation. At the end of each lesson, fill out the test, and mail it back to us so we can correct it and send your test back to you graded. If you are studying with your pastor or church, you may want them to grade your progress. May God bless you in this study of The Milk of The Word.

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Overview of the 6 basic doctrines
Lesson 1
What is the Milk of the Word?

As we study this subject, we will learn that the Milk of the Word is 6 basic Bible principles of doctrine. To begin with, let us look at Hebrews 5:12-14 and 6:1-3.

Hebrews 5:12-14

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 6:1-3

1 ¶ Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

3 And this will we do, if God permit

As listed above, we see the word *principles* mentioned along with the milk of the word. The principles mentioned are "**first**" principles and also listed is "**leaving**" the principles. This means to learn and go on to other important doctrines called the *meat of the word*. In order to do this, we must have a good understanding of the beginning doctrines upon which all others will stand. It would be like learning addition in school. After we learn addition, we move on to other subjects in math with the foundation of addition securely in place, then we may learn subtraction, division etc. Without the foundation of addition, we would never be able to learn any other math subject. Likewise, we must learn the first principles of the milk of the word that we would be able to go on unto perfection. The word *perfection* means maturity.

The Six Principles

In chapter 6:1-2, we have listed the principles of the milk of the word. A total of six principles in all.

1. Repentance of dead works.
2. Faith toward God.
3. Doctrine of baptisms.
4. Laying on of hands.
5. Resurrection of the dead.
6. Eternal judgment.

Personal Application

Repentance of Dead Works - It is not by works of the flesh

In our study of the milk of the word, we must know these and how to apply these 6 principles. The first thing is to see the process and apply it personally. Example: 1. Repentance from dead works; In order for you to be saved, you must repent from dead works that you think will get you to heaven, like baptism, church membership, keeping the ten commandments etc. These things are good and we need to do them. However, they will not get you to heaven when you die.

Faith toward God - By Faith Enter His Family

You must have faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Now that you know that you must repent (change your mind and actions) about your good, dead works, you then exercise your faith in the good works of Christ.

John 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

You now must have faith toward God. After you do this, you become a child of God.

The Doctrine of Baptisms - Joining a Bible Believing Church

The next step in applying these principles of the milk of the word is to be baptized into membership of a fundamental Bible believing church. It is through the church you serve Christ. To further explain about the church and baptism, read the lesson entitled "Understanding Baptism, Church Membership and the Body of Christ". After we are baptized, we then need to make our calling sure.

Laying on of Hands - Ordination and Authority

The laying on of hands refers to ordination.

1 Timothy 5:22, 2 Timothy 1:6.

Has God called you to preach? Has God called you to teach? What has God called you to do? Whatever it is, you need to do it through the local church of which you are now a member.

Ephesians 3:21.

Now that you have repented of dead works, and have exercised faith toward God and were saved, after you were baptized into a local church, and you know what God has for you in his service, you now accept the reality of death.

Resurrection and Eternal Judgments - Bodies resurrected and receiving of rewards

You now know that your days are numbered and you will die some day and stand before the Lord. This is the resurrection of the dead. What you do for Christ in this life now will be the only thing that will last in eternity. After we are resurrected to stand before him, and to receive the things done in our bodies whether it is good or bad.

1 Corinthians 5:11-15.

This is the Judgment. The six principles are applied personally.

Have you noticed the order in this process? 1. Repent 2. Exercise faith 3. Be baptized. 4. Serve the Lord. 5. Resurrection of your new body. 6. Receive your rewards. This is why this is applied to us personally. Now we will see how these first principles will apply through an in-depth study in doctrine.

2Jo 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

The Milk of the Word is the doctrine of Christ. Refer back to Hebrews 5:12-14.

Biblical Application

(Knowing what it means)

Now that we know that we are to apply these doctrines of the milk of the word to our personal lives, we now need to know that we are to look at these with a Biblical application. This will take us into a deeper look at these doctrines that will branch off into other important subjects which will enrich our understanding of the Word of God. This is called the meat of the word. Example: at the surface, we see the doctrine of baptism. So we get baptized, what then? As you study this subject, you find out about baptism and how it extends into the church, local church and authority that is in the local church and other subjects that are deeper in the scriptures. But before you go into the *meat* of the word, you need to get a good foundation of the *milk* of the word. Remember, there are six doctrines that will go deeper into the Bible. We will learn more about this in the future lessons of this series. Listed below is a brief look at the six principles and how they extend into deeper understanding.

Repentance of dead works - It is not by the works of the flesh

Deeper understanding of this will show you other false doctrines that exist. Example: Doctrines of Lordship salvation. No matter how much you try to change before salvation, it is still considered dead works. No matter what we do, our works of trying to clean up our lives will avail nothing. Here is an illustration. Three swimmers were going to set a world record in swimming. They were to swim to Hawaii. They left the shores of the west coast. The first swimmer swam 20 miles and drowned though he was a good swimmer. The second swimmer swam 30 miles and he drowned though he was a better swimmer. The third swimmer swam 35 miles and he drowned, though he was the best swimmer. Nevertheless all of these fell short of their goal.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

We need to understand that whether we are good, better, best, we will all perish as the swimmers did. We must repent of our dead works.

Faith toward God - By faith enter His family

Turning from unbelief to faith in God and the Lord Jesus Christ is a hard subject for some to understand. Sin does not send people to hell, Jesus died for our sin debt and paid it in full. Unbelief sends us to hell.

Romans 11:32 ,John 3:18.

Repent of unbelief and turn to God. Repentance of bad habits in life will be a *result* of salvation, and not a *condition* for salvation. You don't clean a fish before you catch it, do you? A correct understanding of how we stand by faith will help us deal with and have a proper understanding of eternal security. We will realize that we cannot lose the gift of eternal life, because we understand correctly how we got it. This is another example of going deeper into the meat of the word.

The doctrine of Baptisms - Joining a Bible believing church

One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism.

Ephesians 4:5.

Understanding the doctrine of baptisms will also show how it represents a new life in Christ to walk in the newness of life and have the answer of a clear conscience toward God.

Romans 6:1-4, 1 Peter 3:21.

We see the baptism of Moses, all going through the Red sea. Passing from death unto life. Being baptized into a place, the other side, toward the promised land and to walk in a new life, the precepts of God. This is an allegory or illustration of the truth.

Hebrews 9:24.

This is why the plural *baptisms* is used, to help us understand by illustrations. There is only one believer's baptism, and that is deep water baptism. It is to be baptized into a body, a scriptural Baptist church and to walk in the precepts of God's saving grace, the newness of life. God uses physical form to explain spiritual truths. When a person is baptized, he is baptized into a local church body, not an invisible one. His baptism demonstrates his confession of repentance of sin. It also demonstrates that he dies with Christ to rise to walk in the newness of life.

Laying On of Hands - Ordination and Authority

Authority: Whatsoever is bound on earth is bound in heaven, and whatsoever is loosed on earth is loosed in heaven.

Mt 16:18-19 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my **church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be **bound** in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt **loose** on earth shall be **loosed** in heaven.

This authority is given to the church. To have the blessing of God as a preacher, we need to be bound, or ordained by the church, then we have authority. A person can't lead someone to Christ and take him to the river and baptize him without proper authority. If he does, it will not be recognized by a fundamental church. All he did was get wet. The authority is given through the laying on of hands; some know it as *ordained*. Authority is given after a man proves himself. No man can go as a representative unless he is sent.

Romans 10:15.

The church is the institution that is ordained and built by Jesus Christ himself. This subject goes a lot deeper, but this is just an example of what the laying on of hands means.

Resurrection - Raising from the dead and getting a new body

How many resurrections are there? When will they take place? These are good questions. Understanding the resurrections will give you an understanding of the end times. It will help you better understand issues such as: Will we go through the Tribulation? If you know when we will resurrect, you will know the answer: NO! There are two resurrections, the Just and the Unjust. Saved and Lost will resurrect at different times.

Eternal Judgments - Give account whether good or evil

Judgments that will last forever. Blessings that will last forever as well. Don't lose your full reward,

2John 8.

Understanding Judgments will cause you to realize that as Christians we will not be judged for our sins in heaven. We will suffer in our flesh for our wrong doing here on earth so we will not be condemned with the world.

1 Corinthians 11:32.

Our sin judgment was laid upon Christ. Our works and motives will be judged.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15.

What Will Happen To Those Who Do Not Know The Milk Of The Word ?

Why is it so important to know the Milk of The Word? Not only to increase our understanding of the Bible, but this understanding will affect us in the way we live.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 "AND I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"

The Apostle Paul is comparing Christians that do not know the milk of the word, to worldly people who live with envy and divisions and strife in their hearts and lives. What a terrible life.

Look at Hebrews 5:14 "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age (mature spiritually), even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

To control our selves, our senses. To know how to act. Our 5 senses are touch, taste, sight, hearing, smelling. If we knew the milk of the word, we could then get into the meat of the word, then we could control our conduct. We could control our touch, what we taste, what we look upon and hear, etc . When we fail to do these things, we will have strife and envy in our lives and with other people. Bible study is good for the soul. We can work out our salvation.

Philippians 2:12.

Let the salvation that is on the inside come out in your actions. Exercise yourself unto godliness.

1 Timothy 4:7 "...exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

I was in a 3 week tent revival in south Texas. During the first week of the revival, it was dead and strife was in the air. Something was wrong. I noticed the missions giving was way behind, nearly \$6,000. The reason why was not due to unemployment. People stopped caring about missions and in its place there was envy and strife and carnality. I stood up at the end of the first week of the meeting and told the folks that they were not going to take another offering for me, they were not going to feed me another meal until the \$6,000 came in. After the promised monies were in, then I would eat their food and receive their love offering. Several days went by. We fasted and prayed. On Thursday of the second week, God opened the windows of heaven and the strife and sin was laid on the altar. The invitation went well into midnight. This happened nearly every service for the remaining week left. People were saved and baptized. The \$6,000 came in, in only two nights and God blessed. During the revival, I preached on the milk of the word. During a time of testimonies in the third week, a lady stood up with tears running down her cheeks as said, "Brother Woody, I didn't want this revival meeting, I was angry with you and the pastor. God has gotten hold of my heart. I did not know why I felt the way I felt. God has shown me that my strife and bitterness was because of my lack of Bible knowledge. I don't know the milk of the word." She in her testimony got things right with God and others and set strife aside and exercised herself unto godliness. How? By accepting the principles of the milk of the word.

Milk of the Word

Test 1

1. In the book of Hebrews chapter 5:12-14, it speaks of the _____ principles.

2. After we know the first principles, what are we to do with them? _____

3. What is meant by leaving the first principles? _____

4. Does leaving mean that we are to forget these principles? _____

5. List the 6 principles of the Milk of the Word.

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

6. List 2 ways that the Milk of the Word is applied. A. _____

B. _____

7. Repentance of dead works will show us that according to Romans 3:23, we all come _____ of the glory of God.

8. Faith toward God will show us that we are to turn from our unbelief to _____ in God.

9. The doctrine of baptism helps us understand through: A. Illustration B. Meditation C. Complication

10. The laying on of hands means: A. Good luck B. Stop C. Ordination

11. How many resurrections are there? _____

12. Will we be condemned with the World if we are saved? _____

13. List three negative things that will be in a persons life if they do not know the Milk of the Word. _____

Name _____ Score _____

Introduction

In lesson 2, we will learn about the first building blocks of the doctrine of the Milk of the Word. The first building block is "Repentance of dead works". As you progress in your study, you will soon learn that your faith must be built upon unchangeable truth. The unchangeable truth is the Milk Of The Word. Think of it as a foundation, and upon this, you will lay other truths that will make a complete building. In building a building or house, you must have uniform code. A plug or wall outlet from another country will not fit. Nor will other false doctrines of other cults fit in our foundation and building process. May God bless you in this study.

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Repentance From Dead Works

Hebrews 6:1 "THEREFORE leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,"

As you will recall in the previous lesson, we listed the six principles that are found in verses 1-2 of chapter 6. We will list them again.

1. Repentance from dead works.
2. Faith toward God.
3. Doctrine of Baptisms.
4. Laying on of hands.
5. Resurrection of the dead.
6. Eternal Judgment.

In the above listing, we can see in order the six truths and the first is repentance from dead works. In regard to obtaining salvation and entering heaven, we must repent from our dead works. Dead works and good works are the same thing. Now understand, we are to do good works *because* we are saved, and not to *get* saved. We are not saved by good works, but by faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: v9 Not of works lest any man should boast."

For All Have Sinned And Come Short

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

There are three things that we see in this verse:

1. All have sinned (our actions).
2. Come short (results of our actions).
3. God's glory (our destiny).

In order for us to understand, let me tell you of a story of three men that were trying to set a world record. We have heard of people swimming the English channel and that they have made it. There were three men who tried to set another record that no one has ever accomplished before. Swim from the California coast to Hawaii. These three men trained and were in the best shape that they could be in. Finally the day came that they were to set out and try to fulfill this goal of swimming to Hawaii. The first swimmer was a good swimmer, but he drowned 30 miles out. The second man was a better swimmer, but he drowned 25 miles out. The third man was the best swimmer, but he drowned 20 miles out. It did not matter who was good, better or best, none of them made their goal and all came short. In regard to heaven, the distance and effort to achieve is more than we can bear. We may be good, better or best, nevertheless, none of us will make it. We will fall short and miss heaven just as the drunk man would. We will fall short of heaven just as the drug dealer would. We will fall short of heaven just as the prostitute would. For the swimmers, it did not matter if one was 10 feet from shore or 100 miles, they all perished. So it is with man in regard to falling short of our destiny, God's glory or heaven. Some will do more good works than others. Some will go to church more than others. Some will give more money than others. Others will be baptized

and others will not. Others will help the poor. Others may read the Bible or even be a preacher. All of these are good works and they are as good as dead if we are trusting in them to get us to heaven. We need a saviour. As the swimmers were swimming and about to perish, they needed someone in a boat to come by and pull them out of the water and save them. How would it sound if, after these three men were rescued from the water and as they were sitting in the boat, told the captain of the ship these words; If it weren't for my good physical shape and expert ability to swim, I would never have been saved. The captain would say to these three men, you or your abilities had nothing to do with your being saved from these waters. I saved you as you were about to go under for the third time. You were about to perish. I saved you because you were weak and I cared for your soul. We say the same thing to the Lord, the captain of our souls, when we brag on our good works. No matter how good our good works are, they are dead. No matter how many good works we do, they are dead. Repentance means to have a change of mind and attitude. We must repent from our good, dead works. We cannot trust on these to get us to heaven. We must turn to faith in God. We will study this in our next lesson. When a man sins and lives in sin and comes to this realization that he has sinned, it is then he will realize his need to be saved. A man cannot be saved unless he realizes that he has sinned. If he cannot realize this, he then has no comprehension as to why Jesus died for him. The swimmers realized that they were in trouble when they were going under. At that point the need for a saviour is realized.

He hath whereof to glory, but not before God.

Romans 4:1 ¶ What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham **believed God**, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that **worketh not, but believeth** on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

The Bible says of Abraham, that he was the friend of God. Abraham was a man who did many good works. However, this is not what made him a child of God or justified in God's sight. It was his faith. Although Abraham was a great man, he would have fallen short like all of us. He was in the same boat as the rest of us. His good works would not do it, he needed the same faith in Jesus Christ as we do. Remember that we do good works because we are saved, and not to get saved. Remember the swimmers? Their swimming abilities were to be used for enjoyment and helping others. This would be called good exercise with good benefits. Swimming abilities to cross the Pacific Ocean? Never. There is a place for swimming in its proper place and purpose. The same with our good works. We do good works for good exercise for our souls, not for the saving of our souls.

1 Timothy 4:7 "...exercise thyself rather unto godliness."

Cult Protection

Learning and understanding the Milk of The Word will enable you to escape the pitfalls of the cults. Cults are those who by their own abilities produce their own scriptures and doctrines that are not the same as what the Bible teaches in regard to important doctrines. Important doctrines such as salvation. Some cults do not believe that there is a heaven, and there are cults that do believe that there is a heaven. The questions remains for the cults that believe that there is a heaven, and that question is *how to get there?* Cults will say you must do certain things, or shall we say works, good works. In understanding the doctrine "Repentance of Dead Works", you will be able to see through the false teaching of cults. Neither you nor I can work our way to eternal life. This is a gift given to us by God as we exercise faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If we believe, we shall receive eternal life, plus nothing and minus nothing. Repent or change you attitude and mind about the value of good works that are dead. They do not help in the saving of our soul. It is all of God that we are saved, we cannot do it our selves.

This Man Went Home Justified

Luke 18:9-14 "And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: v10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. v11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. v12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. v13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. v14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

In this parable, we see of these two men, one trusted in himself. As the scripture indicates, only one went home justified. As we see in verse 9, it says that certain trust in themselves. How do they trust in themselves? By their dead works. Fasting, praying, tithing, etc. These things are good, and we need to do them. However, we cannot do these things to gain eternal life. These are dead works that need to be repented of for salvation. As we close out this lesson, let's look at

Titus 3:5 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

May we ever be mindful of how we were saved. Salvation is the gift of God and not of us.

The Milk Of The Word

Test 2

1. For familiarization, list the six principles of the Milk of the Word.

2. Are dead works and good works the same thing when we use them to gain eternal life?

Yes_____ No_____

3. In Romans 3:23 it speaks of three things. What is meant by the three following statements?

1. All have sinned (_____) 2. Come short (_____) 3. God's glory
(_____)

4. According to Romans 4:1-3, it speaks of Abraham who had done many good works. As far as the works go, he could glory in them, but he could not glory in them before Whom? _____

5. Cult protection will help us escape the _____ of the _____.

6. Do cults believe differently about going to heaven? Yes_____ No_____

7. *Repent* means to change your _____ and _____.

8. In Luke 18:9-14, the Pharisee and the publican went to the temple. Even though the Pharisee did many fine works, who went home justified in the sight of God?

9. According to Titus 3:5, it is not according to the works of righteousness that we have done, but it is according to _____

Name_____ Score_____

Introduction

Faith toward God is the next topic of study. In the last lesson, we learned about repentance from dead works. We need to realize the two different applications of the Milk Of The Word doctrine. It is a personal application, meaning these are the steps that you take in your Christian walk. In particular salvation, baptism, service and your eternal destiny. The second application is Biblical. The six principles of the Milk Of The Word will lead into other important doctrine that could not be if it were not for the basic milk. Example: Eternal security of the believer, or as some would say, once saved always saved. This is a true fact. Once I am a Christian, I will always be a child of God no matter what. Another example is baptism. It will be better understood when we have a more *thorough* understanding. Here is an example of how we can get a better understanding of baptism: Baptism demonstrates the passing from one life to another. Romans 6:1-4 speaks of dying to the old way of life and to rise to walk in the newness of a new life. You cannot go back to something you died to. In 1 Corinthians 10:2, it speaks of the children of Israel being baptized unto Moses. The Red sea was divided with the armies of Pharaoh ready to destroy Moses and all that followed him. God parts the Red Sea and Moses and the rest of the nation of Israel go across on dry ground. Once they got to the other side, the armies of Egypt were in hot pursuit. God caused the waters to close upon them and they all drowned. Now that they are on the other side, it is impossible for them to return. This is a likeness of what happened to us when we were saved. We were baptized with Christ in death and we rose with him. We passed from death to life never to return to the old position that we had before as a lost sinner. I trust that this lesson will be a blessing to your understanding of the things of God.

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Faith Toward God Lesson 3

The Just Shall Live By Faith

Galatians 3:11 "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God. it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith."

This verse settles the matter in regard to eternal life. If any man is to live, referring to eternal life, being saved or born again, it is done through faith. Look at the definition of this verse below.

The Just - (the saved).

Shall live - (shall have Eternal life).

By faith - (Through trusting in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ).

The second element of the Milk of the Word is faith toward God. The Bible mentions much about faith. We will be looking at this in more detail, but at this point, let us again list the 6 principles of the Milk of the Word.

1. Repentance from dead works.
2. Faith toward God.
3. Doctrine of baptisms
4. Laying on of hands.
5. Resurrection of the dead.
6. Eternal Judgment.

We will be listing these six principles in all the coming lessons of the Milk of the Word series. It is good to memorize these principles.

Faith That Pleases God

Not only will the just live by faith, but this is the only way that we please God. God is pleased when a person will come to him, and realize that they cannot do it on their own, but they need to trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ, in particular, his death, burial and resurrection.

Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

In understanding this truth of Faith Toward God, let us see the important elements of this verse.

1. Without faith it is impossible to please him - Faith is the only way. Our works will not please God so that we may receive eternal life. Faith in Jesus Christ is the only way.
2. He that cometh must believe - If a person is to be saved, and come to God, he must believe that God is. He must believe that God is the provider of his salvation.
3. And that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him - Receiving eternal life from God as we seek it by faith.

God Is Revealed From Faith To Faith

Romans 1:17 "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."

An example of repenting from our dead works and turning to God in faith is found in this chapter. Accepting God as who he is. Remember the previous verse. Believing that he is. He is the creator. We believe that he created every thing, even our salvation.

Romans 1:20 "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"

Hebrews 11:3 "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

This is referring to creation. Before we can accept the work of salvation given to us by God, we must first accept that God is the creator of all creation. No person can be saved and not believe that God is the creator. "They that come to God must believe that he is."

We Have Peace Through Faith

Romans 5:1 "THEREFORE being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

People will, for the rest of their lives, try and try to get peace and a soothed conscience through their good works, thinking that God will be impressed. However, the only way to get the load of guilt lifted and have the peace of God flood our hearts, is through faith in him. Because we have faith in Jesus Christ, we will have peace. Going to church will not bring peace if you are not saved. Being baptized will not bring peace if you are not saved. People try to seek peace by doing religious exercises. We must have faith in Jesus Christ and have him live in our hearts by faith.

Ephesians 3:17 "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,".

Faith Is The Central Theme Of The Entire Bible

In the scriptures, it tells of how God has always been pleased by people having faith in God himself alone. God does not change. The law was given as a standard of conduct. You will notice in the 10 commandments, the first 4 deal with man's relationship to God, and the last 6 deal with man's relationship to man. The Law is the minimum standard of conduct that all people are to obey. This provides a way for society to be able to get along even though man has an evil nature. But keep in mind the Bible teaches that by the law shall no flesh be justified. The law is good and holy, but it will never make man holy.

Galatians 2:16 "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law. but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

To help us understand this, let me ask you a question. How many times do you need to rob a bank to be a bank robber? Once. How many times do you have to sin to be a corrupted sinner? Once. We are corrupted. No matter

what we do, we will always have the record of being a bank robber or a sinner. We can never have it removed from our record, never. Because of this, in God's sight, this is what we will always be. Even if we continue to do good works, we are still filthy sinners. A glass of clean water that has a drop of poison put into it is contaminated. You would not drink it would you? What if the clean glass of water had 10 drops of poison put into it? Would you drink it then? No. What difference is there then if it is one drop or ten? None: it still will kill you either way. What difference will it make then if we sin all of our lives or just one day? We are corrupted and condemned. What shall we do then? Have faith toward Jesus Christ. The only way to have our record wiped clean is by having it washed away.

1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Revelation 1:5 "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."

When the sin is washed away, then we are clean. This is what the word justified means- just as if I'd never sinned.

Faith Has Always Been The Way

God's way has always been faith. The Bible says that without it no man can please God.

Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him;"

The Old Testament saints, as well as us, please God by and through faith.

Hebrews chapter 11 deals with the Old Testament saints pleasing God by faith.

v4 By faith Abel offered an excellent sacrifice.

v5 By faith Enoch was with God.

v7 By faith Noah made the ark.

v8 By faith Abraham left and served God.

v9 By faith Sarah had Isaac.

v13 These all died in faith.

v20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob.

v22 By faith Joseph knew God would deliver the children of Israel.

v23 By faith Moses chose the thing of God.

v24 By faith the walls of Jericho fell flat.

v24 By faith the harlot Rahab was saved.

v33 By faith others did mighty things for God.

Faith is the only way that we can please God. The law can never make us justified in the sight of God. We must have faith in God and our Lord Jesus Christ. He died and paid our sin debt to take away our sins and to wash us from all righteousness. If we can be good enough, why then did Jesus have to die in our place. It was all for nothing then. But thanks be unto God, it was for us he died.

Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Milk of the Word

Test 3

1. For familiarization, please list the six principles of the Milk of the Word.

2. We know that no man is justified by works, but by faith. List the definition of the just shall live by faith.

The Just _____

Shall Live _____

By Faith _____

3. According to Hebrews 11:6, The only way that we can please God is by _____

4. A person that comes to God must _____ that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently _____ him.

5. The invisible things of God from the _____ are clearly seen. Being understood by the things that are _____

6. Hebrews 11:3 teaches that we understand by _____ that the world was framed.

7. Because we have been justified by faith, we will have _____ with God.

8. In regard to the 10 commandments, the first _____ deal with man's relationship to God and the last _____ deal with man's relationship to man.

9. The Old Testament saints pleased God by _____ as well as we.

10. Can the law make us justified in the sight of God? Yes _____ No _____

Name _____ **Score** _____

Introduction

In this lesson, we will be discussing the doctrine of baptism. This teaching is probably one of the most misunderstood doctrines of the Bible. In this lesson, we will take a simple approach and seek to understand what the true teaching of baptism is all about. Remember, there are two things to consider about the doctrine of baptism. The first is that it places you baptized into membership of a local church body. The second thing is that it demonstrates that you are a new creature in Christ and that because of his salvation, you have and will live a different life. I trust that you will be blessed by this lesson in the Milk of the Word series.

Evangelist Mac G. Woody

The Doctrine of Baptisms Lesson 4

Review

For familiarization, let's review the six principles of the Milk of the Word as found in Hebrews 6 :1-2

1. Repentance from dead works.
2. Faith toward God.
3. Doctrine of baptism.
4. Laying on of hands.
5. resurrection of the dead.
6. Eternal judgment.

These six steps of our faith show what has happened as well as what shall happen. Remember, the Milk of the Word is the formula by which we grow.

1 Peter 2:2 "As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Desire the Milk and you will grow and you will be able to understand other deeper doctrines that are called the Meat of the Word. Look at these two different scripture passages.

Hebrews 5:14 "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

Isaiah 28:9-10 "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breast, For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little:"

The Demonstration of Baptism

As mentioned in the introduction, baptism places us into the membership of the local church body, as well as demonstrates the new walk of a new life. Let us look at the demonstration of a new walk and new life. The scripture that we will use for this is found in

Romans 6:1-4 "WHAT shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life".

Baptism demonstrates that our life is different now that we have been saved. Baptism is our confession of repentance of our sinful life that we died to. Baptism also demonstrates that we have died with Christ and are raised to walk in the newness of life. The scriptures ask the question: Shall we continue in sin? No we should not. How can we, if the old life is in the past? Let us look at an example of baptism.

1 Peter 3:20-21 "Which some time were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of

Noah, while the ark was a-preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doeth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"

The Bible uses the story of Noah to describe baptism. Noah was in the old world (old life), and he was saved by the ark (Christ), and went from one life that was destroyed to a new life after the flood. The old world was gone, and a new world was now before Noah. Can Noah go back to the old world that was destroyed by water? No he can't. Christ came to destroy the works of the Devil, and he did. Now that we died with him by faith, we also resurrect with him by faith. This brings salvation. Noah was saved from the old world by the ark. We are saved from the old life by Christ. He changes us.

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

After the flood, Noah lived in a new creation of the earth. The earth was destroyed and now it is new. After you were saved, you now have a new life, you are a new creature or creation in Christ.

The Answer of a Good Conscience

Baptism also demonstrates a good conscience. When you were saved, your sins were forgiven, the slate was wiped clean. The guilt is gone. No matter what you may have done, the sin is gone.

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

When a person stands in water and is baptized, he is demonstrating that his conscience is clear and because of salvation he is forgiven. From this time forward his life will be different. Walk in the newness of life. Refer again to

1 Peter 3:21.

Walk In Newness of Life

Let's again refer to

Romans 6:4 "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in the newness of life."

We walk in the new life that we have in Christ. Our guilt is gone. We have been born again.

John 3:3.

A new life, a new start without the feeling of guilt. Jesus told the adulterous woman in

John 8:11, go and sin no more.

When a person stands in the baptismal waters, he is demonstrating three things.

1. This is what I was before I accepted Christ. A lost sinner with the burden of guilt and sin upon my heart. Bound for hell and without hope. I realize that Christ died for me.

2.He is now placed under the water by the preacher. This demonstrates how that by faith he believes that Christ

died for him and his sins. So he is buried with him.

3. When he comes up out of the water, this demonstrates the resurrection of Christ. New life. We rise with him, and we are to walk in a new Christian life to serve him.

Added to His Church

Another purpose for baptism is for Church membership. The church membership needs to be only saved members. We declare our salvation by baptism. Therefore, we are then made members because of our faith in Christ. The Bible calls the **church** (local called out assembly, not invisible) the Body of Christ.

Colossians 1:18 "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the first born from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."

How do we become part of HIS church?

1 Corinthians 12:13 "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles. whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

The Holy Spirit will lead a believer to be baptized. This action is a demonstration of his faith. The act of baptism now places us into the fellowship of the church body. We become members.

By one Spirit -Leading of the Holy Ghost

We are all Baptized - The saved become members of the church, his body through water baptism.

All made to drink one Spirit - All the membership take part in the Lord's supper.

(John 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him..... John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.)

Some may think that the "drink into one Spirit" would be an invisible, spiritual thing. Even though something in the scriptures may be referred to as spiritual, it does not mean that it is invisible. As indicated by the verse below, we know that the children of Israel when led into the wilderness by Moses ate together. They ate real meat and drank real water to satisfy their thirst.

1Co 10:3-4 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; (4) And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Yes, the water and meat were spiritual, but they were also visible and tangible. The statement of drinking into one Spirit and the Lord's table should be understood that same way.

Romans 12:5 "Members one of another."

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 ¶ And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

There are four subjects here.

1. The first is the salvation experience. Peter was preaching Christ in the preceding verses, and the people believed what Peter was preaching. They accepted Christ dying for them and resurrecting from the dead.

2. After this they were baptized. Baptism comes after salvation, not before. Infant baptism is not found in the scriptures. You follow the Lord in believer's baptism after you are saved. You then are added unto the church.

Acts 2:47 teaches that the Lord adds to the church. How? His Spirit leads as found in

1 Corinthians 12:13.

The Spirit leads the children of God to do this. He leads and adds to the church.

3. They kept the faith as they were taught. They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine.

4. Then they had the Lord's supper, called the breaking of bread.

Proper Candidate, Mode and Authority

The church has two ordinances. Baptism and the Lord's supper. For now we will discuss baptism. The proper **candidate**. This means a person needs to be saved first.

Acts 8:36-37 "...See, here is water; what doeth hinder me to be baptized? ...If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest."

A proper candidate is one that believes and then he may be baptized. The proper mode. Deep water. Baptism shows burial. Sprinkling is not in the scriptures. To bury means to put under. The word *baptize* means to put under.

Acts 8:38 "And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him."

They both went down into the water, the water was deep. This is the **proper mode**. Last of all, the **proper authority**. Jesus commanded his apostles to go unto the utter most parts of the world and preach the gospel and baptize. The succession of authority was from Jesus to his apostles and then to the church.

Ephesians 2:20 "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;"

If baptism is the door of membership into the church, is stands only to reason, that it is to be done under this authority. To be baptized? ...If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.

Milk of the Word

Test 4

1. Please list the six principles of the milk of the word.

2. Baptism demonstrates that our life is different. True or False.

3. As we look at the flood of Noah, the old world that he came out of is like our old life. We do not go back to the old way of life, because if a man is in Christ, he is a new _____

4. When we are buried with him in baptism, we are raised to walk in the _____

5. When a person is baptized, and is standing in the water, what does this represent? _____

_____.

6. When a person is put under the water, what does this represent? _____

7. When a person comes up out of the water, what does this represent? _____

_____.

8. Baptism shows two things. The demonstration of our faith in Christ. It also is the door that allows us to be a _____ of a church.

9. In order to be baptized, you must first be _____?

10. Please list the three proper things of baptism. 1. Proper _____ . 2. Proper _____

3. Proper _____ .

11. How many ordinances did the Lord give the church? Please list them

A. _____ B. _____

Name _____ Score _____

Introduction

In this lesson, we will be studying the doctrine of the "Laying on of Hands". This teaching deals with the authority of the church. Who gives a preacher the authority to go and start other churches and baptize converts? This teaching will also help us to understand the importance of the man of God in our lives and his Biblical authority. I trust that this lesson, will help you better understand the will of God for your life, and the importance of the local church that is a Biblical church.

Evangelist Mac G. Woody

Laying on of Hands Lesson 5

Review

As we have done in every Milk of the Word lesson, we have used the beginning of each lesson for review. When you have completed these lessons, you should know the Milk of the Word outline by heart. Remember, these six principles have, and are going to happen to you in your personal life. For example, before you were saved, you repented of your dead works, and then you had faith toward God. Then you followed the Lord in believers baptism. After this, the laying of hands issue is examined by you as to what the Lord would have you do in serving him. We serve the Lord with the rest of our lives, and then we die and resurrect and stand before him at the judgment seat. In this, we see the six principles of the Milk of the Word, from start to finish. Now let us list again the six principles of the Milk of the Word as found in Hebrews 6:1-2.

1. Repentance of dead works.
2. Faith toward God.
3. Doctrine of baptism.
4. Laying on of hands.
5. Resurrection of the dead.
6. Eternal judgments.

Laying on of Hands

Hebrews 6:2 "Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."

What does the laying on of hands mean? It is referring to ordination.

1 Timothy 5:22 "Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure."

We will start here in regard to ordination, or the laying on of hands. To be ordained is to receive the authority to carry out the responsibilities of the local church as a representative. When a man is ordained, the elders or preachers put their hands on a man and pray for him and send him forth. This includes pastors, evangelists and missionaries. The laying on of hands is a symbolic gesture of the transfer of authority by the preachers to the man being ordained. We are told in 1 Timothy 5:22 not to do this suddenly. Why? A man must prove himself in character and morality and doctrine. If a man is ordained prematurely, the ones that ordained him without his being proved, will also be responsible for his wrongdoing. To be ordained is a great responsibility. To be ordained is to be approved by the church and sent out by the church. A deacon can be ordained as well as a pastor or an evangelist. Let us see an example of an ordination service.

They Laid Their Hands On Them

Acts 6:6 "Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them."

Chapter six of the book of Acts deals with choosing out deacons and ordaining them. The church chose seven men. There is qualification to be met in being a deacon. Remember we are to lay hands suddenly on no man. They must prove themselves, even a deacon.

1 Timothy 3:8-13 "Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience, And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well, For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Now let's look at the ordination service of a sent out preacher.

Laid Their Hands on them, They Sent Them Away

Acts 13:1-3 "NOW there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene and Manaen, which had been brought with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the word whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away."

Several things that we need to see here. The first things is that they were at the church of Antioch. The second things is that the preachers of the church of Antioch laid their hands on them whom the Holy Ghost called. Thirdly, they were sent out. When a preacher is ordained, he must be called by God and he must prove himself. Again, in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 are the qualifications of the pastor (bishop).

Different Types of Ordination

What is meant by different types of ordination:

1. Evangelist and Pastor is an ordination of calling. A preacher must prove himself to be called of God. This is an ordained OFFICE. This office consists of the leaders of the church for the perfecting of the body which is the church. God called men to lead, teach and preach.
2. As mentioned before, the deacon is also ordained. However as we read in the book of Acts, he was chosen of the people and must meet the qualifications listed previously. This is given POSITION. *Deacon* means *one who serves*. It is never the job of a deacon to have authority over the pastor. He is to assist the pastor and serve the church members in visiting the sick, the Lord's Supper, soul winning etc.
3. The third aspect of ordination is INCLUSIVE, everyone is included. This has not been discussed yet. However, this includes you and every one that is not a pastor or an evangelist or deacon.

What About You?

The doctrine of laying on of hands is in reference to being sent out by the church. This principle applies to you if you are a baptized member of the church. It is INCLUSIVE.

John 15:16 "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain:"

Jesus was talking to his disciples, and this principle applies to us as well. Ordained to go forth and bring forth fruit. An example would be bringing others to the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

As a church member, you have a responsibility to fulfill. You have been given the word of salvation, and the ministry to tell others how they can be saved. This inclusive ministry is to all. Let me illustrate it this way. When you were born in America, no one voted for you to be a good citizen, this is your responsibility and duty. When you were born into God's family, you were not voted in as a soul winner. The church did not ordain you to do this, but the Lord did. He said, "I have ordained you that ye should go forth."

Authority Of The Church

Other than the inclusive ordination of every believer by the Lord, ordination is the authority of the church to send people forth as one that occupies the **OFFICE** (pastor, evangelist, missionary) or one who has a **POSITION** as a deacon. The church maintains this authority because it safeguards itself against false doctrine. The Lord established the church, and in agreement with its authority, it is anchored in the Word of God. In Matthew 16:14-23, Christ teaches his disciples that he will die and rise again. He also mentions that because of the truth that he is the Christ, he will build his church. In verse 19 he makes an interesting statement in regard to authority of the church.

Matthew 16:19 "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

To bind and to loose refers to the power of the church. The church is the institution the Lord established to carry out his purpose.

Ephesians 3:21 "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus through out all ages, world without end. Amen."

God will get glory in the church by Christ Jesus.

We serve him through the church. We attend a church to hear preaching. We are baptized into membership of a Bible believing church. We give through the church. Missionaries are sent out through the local church. We bring our converts to the church for instruction. We go to church and participate in the Lord's Supper or, as some call it, "communion". Jesus started the church, and we serve him through it. All of this is an example of how the authority of binding and loosing works. Consider this example: A man says that he is called of God to be an evangelist. He proves himself and meets the qualification found in 1 Timothy chapter 3. He then is ordained by the church. The elders (ordained preachers) as representatives of the church lay hands on this man and send him out. He does well, but falls into immorality. As the Bible teaches, he is to be brought before the church and give an answer for his conduct as to whether it is true or not. He says that it is true. The authority that was given him is taken away by

the church. He in anger, says, "I don't need man's ordination" and goes out on his own and tries to establish his own ministry without the church's blessing. Several things need explanation here. When a man is ordained, it is bound in heaven. When his ordination is loosed by the church, it is also loosed in heaven as well. The man can go do what he wants, but God will not be in what he is doing. We are sent out by the church and are accountable to the church.

Look at 1 Timothy 5:20

Matthew 18:17 "And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."

Milk of the Word

Test 5

1. For familiarization, list the six principles of the Milk of the Word.

2. What is meant by "Lay hands suddenly on no man?" _____

4. In order to be a deacon, are there any standards the he and his wife need to meet? Yes _____ No _____

5. In order to be a pastor, does the pastor and his wife need to meet standards? Yes _____ No _____

6. List the three different types of ordination:

A. _____ B _____ C _____

7. What type of ministry has Christ given to us all? The ministry of _____

8. What is meant by "bound in heaven" ? _____

What is meant by "loosed in heaven"? _____

When a preacher lays hands on another preacher, it is a symbolic gesture of authority given by the

_____ Church _____ Convention _____ Individuals _____ Means nothing

Name _____ **Score** _____

Introduction

Only two more lessons to go, and you will be done with the Milk of the Word series Bible study lessons. In this lesson, we will be looking at the doctrine of "Resurrection of the Dead". How many resurrections are there? In this lesson, we will find out. Remember the personal application and the biblical application of the Milk of the Word. In your personal life, you now realize that what you do for Christ in this life, is all that you will have in regard to the rewards in the life to come. You will stand before Christ at the judgment seat. Your understanding of the resurrection will affect your service for Christ now. I trust that this lesson will help you in your service for him and that you will have an ever consuming desire to serve Christ.

Evangelist Mac G. Woody

Resurrection of the Dead Lesson 6

Review

As we have done in previous lessons, we will review the six principles of the Milk of the Word. We need to pay special attention to the two ways that the Milk of the Word is applied. Personal and Biblical. For now, let us list the six principles of the Milk of the Word.

1. Repentance from dead works.
2. Faith toward God.
3. Doctrine of baptisms.
4. Laying on of hands.
5. Resurrection of the dead.
6. Eternal judgment.

Different Resurrections

As we look into the scriptures, we will find that there are different resurrections. All eternal, but different. Let us see the different resurrections:

Acts 24:15 "And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust."

The resurrection of the just is the saved, those that have trusted Christ as their personal saviour. The resurrection of the unjust, are those that are lost, and have not trusted Christ as their personal saviour. Let us focus on the resurrection of the **just**.

The resurrection of the just has already been experienced by someone, and that someone is Christ. He conquered death, and he was the first to be resurrected.

Revelation 1:5 "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth, Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,"

Because of his resurrection, we can also resurrect on the resurrection day. The Bible refers to Jesus as the first born of the brethren.

Romans 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."

Jesus Christ was the first to experience what it means to be born again as well as to be resurrected. He has paved the way. Now we can call him brother and Lord.

Resurrection Of The Just

When we as believers resurrect, several things will happen. Keep in mind that, in death, the spirit of the saved are in the presence of the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-8) and the body is in the grave. Let us look at what will happen.

1. We will awake.
2. The graves will open for the saved.
3. We will stand up.
4. Our bodies will be changed like Christ's body. (1 John 3:2)
5. We will ascend up into the clouds with the saved that are still alive and meet Christ in the air, and our spirits will re-enter our bodies.
6. We will return to heaven with Christ.
7. We will stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

This is a basic outline of the process of the resurrection. Let me give you two basic scriptures to support this outline.

1Thessalonians 4: 13-18 "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

Here we have conclusive proof that we shall resurrect and be changed. When will this resurrection take place? It will take place when the trumpet sounds. This is called the rapture, or the taking away. It could happen at any moment. This is the next event that we as believers are looking for. It could happen today. In the next lesson, we will look at the judgments.

Resurrection Of The Unjust

This resurrection deals with those who have not trusted Jesus Christ as their personal saviour. They will also be resurrected but not as the saved, and not at the same time. The resurrection of the **unjust**, will not take place until the end of the world, after Christ has reigned on the earth for 1,000 years. When a person dies without Christ, their spirits go to hell, and their bodies go to the grave (Luke 16:19-26). When a lost person is resurrected, this is what happens:

1. **His body that is in the grave, will resurrect as it was when he died.**

Rev 22:11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

2. His spirit that is in hell, will resurrect and re-enter his body.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

3. They will stand before the Great White Throne of God to be judged.

Rev 20:11 ¶ And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

4. Then they will be cast into the lake of fire.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

A terrible thought is what we have seen for the resurrection of the lost.

Revelation 22:11 "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still:"

When a person dies as an alcoholic, that is what he will be throughout all eternity, wanting another drink, going through withdrawals, this is what will happen unless they get saved. A lost man's desire for the wicked way of life, in the end, will be a result of heartache and pain that the sin brings. The lost man will get more than he bargained for. There will be no partying in hell.

Resurrection Is What Makes Us Different

What makes the Christian faith different than all of the other faiths? The resurrection! If the bodily resurrection of Christ is not believed, then that denominational faith is not Christian and is not of God.

2 John 1:7 "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist."

We must believe in the bodily resurrection of Christ, if Christ did not rise from the dead, then is our faith is vain, it is worthless.

1 Corinthians 15:13-14 "But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen. And if Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

But thank the Lord, Christ is risen and we shall rise also. Christ is not on a cross any more. We don't wear a necklace around our neck with him on the cross, he is risen! He is alive! Some other denominations do not believe that Christ arose from the dead. Example: The (False) Jehovah Witnesses. They say he arose in a spirit form.

This is not true. He arose bodily. He ate and talked and walked. Look at what Jesus said to the disciple Thomas:

John 20:27-28 "Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God."

Thomas did not believe that Jesus arose from the grave until he saw his resurrected body stand before him. People will believe in the existence of Jesus, but they will not believe in the resurrection from the heart. This is what makes us different. Many different denominations believe about Jesus, but do not trust in the resurrection as a necessity for salvation.

Romans 10:9-10 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved, For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Milk of the Word

Test 6

1. Please list the six principles of the Milk of the Word.

2. How many different types of resurrections are there? Please list them.

3. When a believer dies, his body is in the grave, where is his spirit? _____

4. Please list the scripture reference for question #3. _____

5. The booklet states that 7 basic things will happen when we resurrect. Please list the two scripture references about this subject. _____

6. When will the resurrection of the **just** take place? _____

7. The resurrection of the **unjust** deals with whom? _____

8. The body of a lost man is in the grave after he is dead. Where is his spirit? _____

9. When will the resurrection of the unjust take place? _____

10. If a lost person dies as an alcoholic, what will he be for all eternity? _____

11. Please list the scripture reference for your answer. _____

12. What is one thing makes the Christian faith different from the cults? _____

13. Did Jesus rise bodily from the grave? _____

Name _____ Score _____

Introduction

This is our last lesson in this series of the Milk of the Word. I trust that you have learned much. This series of lessons gives you a foundation to build your faith upon so that you may always be doctrinally correct. In this last lesson of Eternal Judgment, we will look at the issue of judgments for the saved as well as the lost. Here are some points to ponder. Our judgment is different from the judgment of the lost, because Christ was judged for us. Will we be judged for our sins? How many judgment seats are there, and how and when will they take place? These are a few points to ponder. These questions will be answered in this lesson. After you finish this lesson, you then can go to other lessons like Church History. God bless you for your faithfulness in finishing these lessons. Your desire has been demonstrated by you completing these lessons, and God is well pleased.

Evangelist Mac G. Woody

Eternal Judgments Lesson 7

Review

This will be our last review of the Milk of the Word. I trust that by now, you are able to quote the six principles of the Milk of the Word by memory. If you are not able, let me encourage you to do so. Let us see again the list of the six principles of the Milk of the Word.

1. Repentance from dead works.
2. Faith toward God.
2. Doctrine of baptisms.
3. Laying on of hands.
4. Resurrection of the dead.
6. Eternal judgment.

Eternal Judgment

As we enter into the last lesson of the Milk of the Word series, we now will look at the last doctrine, Eternal Judgment. Several factors need to be understood in regard to this subject.

1. What types of judgments.
2. When will the judgments be.
3. Who will be judged.
4. What will be judged.
5. Eternal judgment is forever.

Different types of Judgment

In regard to the types of judgments, there are two: The judgment of the saved, and the judgment of the lost. They will happen at different times. *The saved will not be judged with the world.*

1 Corinthians 11:31-32 "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world."

The **saved** will stand before the judgment seat of Christ, and the **lost** (world) will stand before the Great White Throne.

Revelation 20:10-11 "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them ."

When will the judgments take place?

Now that we understand that there are two separate and different judgments, the question is when will these be?

Let us first look at the judgment of the saved. One thing that should not be overlooked, is why are there two different judgments? The answer is because the saved individual has already had his sins paid for and the lost individual has not accepted the payment Christ paid on the cross. When Jesus died on the cross in our place, he was judged for us, and because of this, we will not be judged for our sins in regard to the condemnation of hell and the lake of fire.

John 5:22 "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:"

According to this verse, God did not judge the world, because he put the sin penalty on Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ died for the entire world. Upon accepting his death, burial and resurrection, you become a child of God by faith and your sin debt is paid in full. Therefore your judgment was placed upon Christ, he was your sin bearer. After a believer dies in Christ, his resurrection and judgment will be at a different time than the lost. The Christian will be judged after the rapture of the Church, which is the coming of Christ for the believer as found in:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

This is when we are resurrected, and now lets see some scripture that speaks of the judgments.

Romans 14:10 "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."

2 Corinthians 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

After we are resurrected, we then will stand before the judgment seat of Christ to be judged. What will be judged? Our works and motives.

1 Corinthians 3:11-18 "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward, If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God

destroy; for the temple of God is holy which temple ye are. Let no man deceive himself, If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise."

Our works will be tried by fire and the motives that we had as we served the Lord. Do we get away with sin in this life, now that Christ died for us? NO. This passage of scripture also states that if we defile our bodies, he will destroy our bodies and take us home. We will pay and answer for willfully committed sins that we do in the flesh, with our flesh. The reason? So we will not be judged with the world.

1 Corinthians 5: 1-5 speaks of an individual that defiles his body through fornication and the end result is death, but he is saved, but dies an early death. v5 "To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."

As a believer, we do commit sin, however; we have an advocate with the father where we can be forgiven.

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

We should judge ourselves so we will not be judged.

1 Corinthians 11:31 "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged."

What we do for Christ now in this life, that is what will last. The only time to serve Christ is now.

Judgment of the Lost

We must understand that a person will not go to hell because he is a sinner, but because he has not accepted Christ as saviour.

John 3:18 "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

It is because of their unbelief that a person is condemned, not because of their sin. Jesus died even for the unbeliever. However, even though Jesus died for the unbeliever's sins, he must accept the payment of Jesus in order to receive the benefit of the payment. If a person dies without accepting Christ, he will pay for his own sin in the lake of fire. When a lost person dies, he will wake up in hell and spend many years awaiting his resurrection for the White Throne Judgment. Hell is like jail to a criminal for committing a crime. He stays in jail until the trial. After the trial, then the sentence. Life in prison. Jail and prison are different. The same is with hell and the lake of fire. A person will spend his time in hell until the resurrection of the dead. This will be after the 1,000 year reign of Christ on the earth. The unbelievers spirit and soul that are in hell, will meet his old dying flesh as it comes out of the grave. Then all of the lost will stand before God and be judged according to their works and unbelief and be cast into the lake of fire. This is the final punishment for ever, like prison. Let us look at some scriptures about this subject.

Revelation 20:11-15 " And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which was the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books. according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And

whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Milk of the Word

Test 7

1. Please list the six principles of the Milk of the Word.

2. How many type of judgments are there? _____

3. Name the two judgments. 1. _____ 2. _____

4. When will the judgment for the **saved** take place? _____

5. When will the judgment for the **lost** take place? _____

6. Does a person go to hell because they are a sinner? _____

7. Why will a person go to hell? _____

8. For the saved, if we sin and we do not get right with God and we continue to live in sin like the man in

1 Corinthians 5:1-5, what could happen to us? _____

9. According to 1 John 1:9, can a saved individual be forgiven?

10. When will the judgment of the lost take place? _____

11. The judgment of the lost is called the _____

Name _____ Score _____