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Hello Beloved! I want to say “Thanks” for choosing to “enlist” in our 2019 Bible Boot Camp of the Basics of the Christian Way of Life. So many Christians get saved and then seemingly “spin their wheels” because it appears that they are never systematically taught *how* to apply Truths in the Bible within their lives. Most Christians today rarely read their Bibles. It has become commonplace not to bring a Bible to church nor to study it. Thus, is my prayer that as we learn, this material will assist you as a Pastor, Layman or Believer, to walk ever closer to God and to Grow in the Grace and in the Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. God Bless You! - Bro. Creig

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### A Note About My Method of Study

I believe that in order for our study to be the most fruitful and rewarding, we must get to the **H.E.A.R.T.** of the matter. I have devised an acronym to name that system of study that I believe ensures that the Word of God will be rightly divided. This acronym stands for:

**Historical Setting:** This Bible should be Interpreted from its historical setting, for example the “eye of a needle” in Matt. 19:24 refers to a small door in the wall of an ancient city, instead of a modern-day sewing needle.

**Explanation of Words:** If you are like me, you might have trouble with some of the words in your Bible from time to time. So, you ought to know the 1611 meaning of words and have reference to the word meanings in the original languages, though no knowledge of the original languages is needed. For example in 1 Tim. 4:12 “conversation” today means to discuss with people, but in 1611 it meant: lifestyle.

**Accurate Bible – KJB:** This is critical; you need no other Bible but your KING JAMES BIBLE! Any other “Bible” is not accurate! Beware of the lies of “based on the earliest manuscripts.” Neither give-in to the ‘NEW’ King James Bible! All other Bibles, save the KJB are based on corrupted Hebrew and Greek manuscripts and they are chock-full of poison!

**Re-Filling of the Holy Ghost –** Before you study the Word make sure you are “Filled with the Spirit” (Eph. 5:18) this means that we are to be directed by the Spirit, so if our minds are directed by Him, then the portion of John 16:13 “,He [the Holy Ghost] will guide you into all truth:” comes alive to us as believers. The guidance of the Spirit (*not* salvation) is lost when you and I choose to sin, hence we’re led then by sin, for God cannot have fellowship with or guide that which is in sin (Psalm 66:18), but by the repentance (changing our mind) & confession (naming) of our known sins (1 John 1:9) we can recover the Holy Ghost’s directing guidance & leadership.

**Teachings of Sound Doctrine:** The Apostle Paul admonished Timothy to take heed of ‘Doctrine’ 12 times in his two letters to him. Doctrine means: Teaching. Thus, we are not to neglect the teachings of the Word of God. By studying sound Doctrine we are able to ensure that the application is correct. For example, without understanding the Teaching of the Doctrine of the Dispensations, I could believe that the gift of Tongues and Prophecy were still available.

In this Basics series you are going to learn Doctrine and how to implement the above into your Christian life.

Christians are under assault from enemies inside and outside the church. God needs women and men who will stand for His truth. Are you willing to take a stand for God and His truth?

Many people who think they are saved are not. They are religious people just going through the motions. Fake Christians and false teachers often try to lead us astray with their false doctrines. How can we identify false beliefs and false teachers and how can we make sure we are saved?

1. They are religious but lost.
2. They are cultural Christians, not Born-Again Christians.
3. They follow and financially support false teachers.
4. They are deceived by the faux spirituality of false signs and wonders.
5. They try to pass themselves off as Biblical apostles.
6. They deny the truth of the Bible and embrace post-modern thinking.
7. They embrace the fake spirituality of Gnosticism.
8. They reject Bible Christianity and follow New Age spirituality.
9. They refuse to make a negative judgment about anything although God commands Christians to judge righteous judgment.
10. They need to get saved by trusting Jesus.

If you are unsure of your salvation, then this must be dealt with now, before we proceed. Otherwise these lessons will make no sense to you nor will they be for you. Doctrine is for the saved. The Gospel is for the Lost.

1. YOU CAN KNOW YOU'RE SAVED – 1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.
2. HERE'S HOW YOU CAN KNOW: ALL HAVE SINNED – Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
3. HERE'S WHERE SIN CAME FROM – Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
  - a. That “one man” was Adam. 1 Corinthians 15:22a “For as in Adam all die...”
  - b. Death is Separation from God. (Physical death was a result of Adam’s sin)
4. BUT THE STORY DOESN'T END THERE: GOD GAVE A GIFT – Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
  - a. 1 Corinthians 15:22b “...even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”
5. WHAT DID JESUS DO FOR US? – Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”
6. THIS IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO: 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. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

- a. REVIEW: I know I am a sinner. I know I am Lost without Faith in Christ. Believe in Jesus Christ (He was born of a Virgin; He never sinned; He shed His blood and died for our sins; He arose from the dead, both Bodily and Soulishly.
7. PRAY TO GOD, IN YOUR OWN WORDS: Father, I know I am a sinner and deserve your wrath and judgment. I believe in Jesus Christ's finished work of salvation. I am trusting Him to take me to Heaven. Thank you for saving my Soul. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Now, we observe the following:

- Romans 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
- Matthew 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.
- Matthew 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.
  - Here we read: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," Mark 16:15 renders it this way: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."
  - You just did the first part: You received and responded to the Gospel.
  - Now you need to find a Bible-believing, Bible-Preaching, Bible-Teaching church in which to be Baptized (it is an outward sign that shows you're saved, remember that no works will save you) and then start learning Doctrine or as Jesus said: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:"
- Acts 8:35-38 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. 36 And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. 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.
  - We note in verse 37 that in order to be Baptized you have to be a believer in Jesus.
- Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.
  - God expects us to assemble with other believers in Church. Resolve now to attend services every time the doors of the Church are open.
- 2 Peter 3:18 But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.
- Ephesians 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
  - We are commanded to Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of Christ, so we will not be tossed to and fro by false doctrine. We ought to be maturing in Sound Doctrine.

Therefore, every Christian who wants to be a *real* disciple (follower) of Jesus should know the basic doctrines of what Christians believe, why we believe it and how to apply it in their daily lives.

Many people have trusted Jesus as Savior yet they do not know much about the Bible and their Christian faith. Our Bible lessons teach you the basics of what Christians believe and why we believe. We call it Bible Boot Camp because in the Bible, God presents Christians as soldiers.

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The first rule of military training is:  
"Shut up and listen."

**Listen to  
your D.I.**

Who is your D.I. (Drill Instructor)? Well, it's me, your Pastor-Teacher. Observe: Ephesians 4:11-15 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 **For** the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the

edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:



So this is *not* a place where I speak on a topic and then you share what you think about it. Frankly, you're **not** here to teach. **You're here to learn.** The same idea applies when learning the Bible. **Don't act like you know it all.** If you listen (this is Grace Orientation – Be Humble) and learn instead of assuming you already know it all, these lessons will help you grow in Jesus.

These Bible lessons teach you self-discipline, self-sacrifice, loyalty and obedience plus the basics of Christian belief. That gets you in shape spiritually so you can serve God. Learning the Bible for yourself helps make you the absolute best soldier for Jesus you can be. The 2019 Basics goal is to get you ready for service, equip you with the skills to serve God effectively.

There are many things you can't bring to military boot camp. Likewise, if you're serious about being a disciple of Jesus, there are things you need to let go to be a Bible Christian.

You cannot bring alcohol, drugs, tobacco or obscene and pornographic material to military boot camp. Those items will also affect your success in Bible Boot Camp. Remember, we're in Church and we ought to act accordingly. Know, that you cannot hang onto the world with one hand and at the same time, be a real disciple of Jesus. You have to be committed to Christ as His soldier. If you aren't then as a "double-minded" person, no amount of Doctrinal teaching or inculcation will help you. You have to get the "mind that was in Christ Jesus" within your heart and mind.

2 Timothy 2:4 “Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man (or woman) that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that (s)he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.”

2 Corinthians 10:4 “(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)”

What a sight! The army of the living God marching as a royal regiment, to music unheard by common ears. All of the Savior’s soldiers are volunteers. They know their Master’s Manual of Arms. They employ the tactics of truth. They delight in the daily drill of being a soldier for Jesus.



### **Sometimes life is a mud pit!**

Are you willing to endure hardship for Jesus Christ? Will you have a place in God’s great army of soldiers or will you be routed by a little rain? Do you shake in your boots every time you try to witness? The Cross of Christ is not a symbol for cowards. We’ll teach you how to witness for Jesus Christ.

Remember you are marching through enemy territory. This battle for God’s righteousness is not a recreational jaunt. It’s a fight to the finish. The uniform of heaven looks strangely out of place in the strongholds of hell so don't go there. Put on God’s armour, Ephesians 6:14-18 and be strong for God.

These lessons for soldiers are for serious Christians who want to be all they can be for God. This is for people who refuse to be mediocre. Everyone who wants a closer deeper living relationship with God should participate in our 2019 Basics Bible Boot Camp!

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**HEBREWS 4:12 FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK, AND POWERFUL, AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWOEDGED SWORD, PIERCING EVEN TO THE DIVIDING ASUNDER OF SOUL AND SPIRIT, AND OF THE JOINTS AND MARROW, AND IS A DISCERNER OF THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTS OF THE HEART.**



**EPHESIANS 6:17 AND TAKE THE HELMET OF SALVATION, AND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD:**

## LESSON #1

### FIVE PROPOSITIONS

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1. This is the Beginning of a Basics Course. Our Textbook is the Bible (specifically the King James Bible). We are going to begin our study in 1 Corinthians (pronounced First Corinthians, not One Corinthians). To understand the Christian Way of Life we have to be taught and understand Doctrine (teachings) from the Bible. Thus, it helps that we all have the same textbook.
  - a. If you do not have a King James Bible (KJB) also called the KJV – King James Version or AV – Authorized Version, please (if at home, get one) let me know and we will get you one for use in this Course.
2. Furthermore, to properly follow along one has to find where the references are located. To help facilitate this, the Bible is divided into various sections:
  - a. Overall it contains 66 Books (more on the Apocrypha later) that form 1 story.
  - b. The Bible is divided into 2 halves
    - i. The Old Testament (OT) and contains 39 books.
    - ii. The New Testament (NT) and contains 27 books.
  - c. Within both Testaments, the Books are further divided into Chapters.
    - i. A man named Stephen Langton divided the Bible into chapters in the year A.D. 1227. Langton was a professor at the University of Paris and later he became the Archbishop of Canterbury.
    - ii. The Old Testament contains 929 Chapters
    - iii. The New Testament contains 260 Chapters
  - d. Within the Chapters, there is a further division into Verses.
    - i. Robert Stephanus (Stephens), a French printer, divided the verses for his Greek New Testament. It was published in 1551.
    - ii. The first entire Bible in which these chapter and verse divisions were used was Stephen's edition of the Latin Vulgate (1555). The first English New Testament to have both chapter and verse divisions was the Geneva Bible (1560). Fortunately, Jewish scholars have followed the way of dividing the Hebrew Scripture into chapters and verses. More on all this later.
    - iii. The Old Testament contains 23,144 Verses comprised of 610,577 words.
    - iv. The New Testament contains 7,957 Verses comprised of 180,751 words.
  - e. In Total we have: 1 Bible of 66 Books containing 1,189 Chapters, 31,101 Verses and 791,328 Words in our King James Bible.
    - i. According to independent research, the King James Bible contains 1189 chapters; Psalm 117 is the 595th; there are 594 chapters before Psalm 117, and 594 after it. Psalms 117:1-2 O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. 2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD *endureth* for ever. Praise ye the LORD.
    - ii. The KJV has an odd number of verses (31,101) and, thus, does not have a single middle verse. Therefore, the "middle verses" are Psalm 103:1-2, with

15,550 verses before and after: Psalms 103: 1-2: A Psalm of David. Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

- f. The Bible thus uses a “city, house numbers & streets” in an “address” system.
  - i. The “city” is the Testament – so here 1 Corinthians is in the NT. If you are unfamiliar with which Testament a book is in, *use the Index* you will not lose face here. That’s why it’s there, to help you. Later, you can add “tabbies” or “tabs” to your Bible to help you find the books faster (see your local Christian bookstore).
  - ii. The “street” is the Book – so here it is 1 Corinthians.
  - iii. The “house number” is the Chapter and Verse – again, here it is 2:14. Why should we start there? Because there is a principle we must understand first!
3. The Bible states the following in 1 Corinthians 2:14 “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.”
  - a. What this means, is that the Word of God (the Bible) cannot be properly understood by the *natural man*.
    - i. The Natural man refers to:
      1. A Lost person.
      2. A Saved person, who is not Filled with the Spirit. (You will understand more about this in a later lesson; but for now, please note that to properly learn the Bible, the Holy Ghost must be your teacher. Thus, for that to happen, you must be filled with the Spirit or led or controlled by Him, for He is your true Teacher). Once we are saved, we are Filled with the Spirit (F/S) but once we yield to temptation, we lose the F/S (but we do *not* lose our salvation). To recover the F/S we must:
        - a) Repent – Change our minds, so that our actions change. Acts 20:21 “Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”
        - b) Confess our Sin – Name or Cite a known sin unto the Lord in prayer. 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.”
    - b. Thus, having prayed in the privacy of your priesthood, and having recovered the F/S and are now teachable, we can begin.
  4. The Bible then, has much to say and teach concerning the way one thinks! Indeed, today, we have many Christians or Bible-believers who are not thinking the Mind of Christ. Note the verses that show us that we are what we think, not what we eat *per se*:
    - a. Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee.
    - b. Luke 12:34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

- c. Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.
  - d. Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
  - e. Ephesians 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
  - f. Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
  - g. Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
  - h. 1 Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.
5. Lastly, we are told “we have the mind of Christ.” Where is it? What is it? It is the Word of God. Our problem that we have is that the Mind of Christ is in our hands, not in our heads. Thus, it is up to us, by reading, study and endurance, to move the Word of God into our minds and hearts. Some may say: “Why bother?” We note in Isaiah 55:8-9 “For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Thus, if we are to *be* a Christian, we must *think* as a Christian. Yet the way such an one thinks is found within the Bible; therefore, we must put such thinking into our minds. Then we put that into our hearts and note what happens: Psalms 119:11 “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”
6. Also notice the following in 1 Corinthians 3:1 “And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ.”
- a. When you got saved, you became a babe (baby) in Christ. Thus, we must understand that we’re starting out on the bottom floor. There are technical words and new ways of thinking that we have to learn. Hence, which is why we’re making this Basics series. For the new believer and for the believer who needs refreshing.
  - b. So, don’t feel bad if this seems over simplified, this is how we learn. Well, this is part of what we’re going to understand in the 6 Propositions.
7. **The Five Propositions**
- a. **Proposition #1: GOD EXISTS**
    - i. If you are logical and a good thinker, it would be incorrect to say “I do not believe that God exists.” You would have to say: “On the basis of rationalism, God does not exist.” Or “On the basis of empiricism, God does not exist.” But just to say “I do not believe that God exists” is rather stupid.
    - ii. Before proceeding, we need to denote that:
      - 1. **Spiritual Phenomena** is an infinite or unlimited subject. Any course in Spiritual Phenomena must start with something greater than man: God.
      - 2. **Faith** is an infinite premise (condition) of perception. Faith is Free-Will (volition) expressed in a non-meritorious way because the object of faith has the merit. But let’s not get ahead of ourselves.

- iii. There are three basic systems of Human Perception:
1. **RATIONALISM:** Explanation according to reason of that which appears supernatural. Rationalism makes reason the sole guide in the interpretation of Scripture.
    - a) Rationalism is a bonafide system of perception in the human realm, but when you bring rationalism into the field of Spiritual Phenomena, then it is no longer bonafide because spiritual phenomena is based on faith, and it must be perceived on the basis of Grace.
    - b) Rationalism is meritorious thinking: Human IQ.
    - c) Human IQ assigns foolishness to God (1 Cor. 1:25a) With human meritorious systems of perception God does appear foolish.
    - d) Therefore, human IQ can only blaspheme God by assigning to Him such words as “foolishness.”
    - e) Grace appears foolish to human viewpoint – Rationalism.
  2. **EMPIRICISM:** Perception through the sensory pattern as correlated with the mind. Everything must be checked out through the sensory pattern. You must smell, see, hear, taste, or feel in order to come to any conclusion.
    - a) The Greeks in 1 Corinthians 1:25 assigned to the cross weakness calling it a weak act of God (Blasphemy of Empiricism).
    - b) They regarded the crucifixion as a sign of weakness because Christ did not come down from the Cross.
    - c) Such human viewpoint and conclusion of human IQ is Empiricism. Empiricism cannot see God.
    - d) The Grace Plan of God demanded that Christ remain on the Cross to be judged for the sins of the world.
    - e) The Human Viewpoint of Empiricism demanded a minor miracle instead of accepting the major miracle. (Consider the Jewish religious leaders’ demands)
    - f) Empiricism says that God is weak. Faith says that the weakness of God is stronger than man.
    - g) Believers who have to “see” God work in supernatural acts are feeding Empiricism and therefore actually become weaker by ascribing to God weakness.
    - h) Miracles appeal to empiricism. They cannot be explained by empiricism, but can be classified and categorized by Empirical methods.
    - i) The stronger you are in Empiricism the weaker you are in faith; the weaker you are in faith, the lower your Spiritual IQ; the lower your Spiritual IQ, the greater your weakness.

- j) Empiricism demands legalism, tabooism, and fosters and sponsors all systems of pseudo-spirituality and/or some kind of experience for spirituality and sponsors all systems that demand miracles. This is why we read: 1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
3. **FAITH:** Faith is complete confidence in someone or something. When you began to learn as a child, you accepted certain things to be true. A great percentage of the information that you now have has come through faith, such as:  $1+1=2$ .
- a) There is no human merit in the perceptive system of faith. Faith will never go with Human Good or works, because Works destroy Faith.
  - b) The merit lies in the object of the Faith.
    - 1. In Salvation: The Lord Jesus Christ.
    - 2. In the Christian Way of Life: Word of God.
  - c) This is compatible with God's: Fairness, Justice and Sense of humor.
  - d) Because Faith is the only non-meritorious system of perception, common to all members of the human race, it is totally compatible with God's plan and grace (again: Faith in Salvation; Walk (or live) by Faith).
  - e) Faith responds to Grace. Faith is not something we do, but the channel through which we appropriate Salvation and Doctrine.
  - f) 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."
    - 1. This verse teaches that Faith pleases God. God must have a system of perception which is compatible with His person. He does the work, we do nothing.
  - g) Human beings are not born with the same IQ, they are unequal mentally. Some have a superior human knowledge through rationalism or empiricism but all members are able to use faith as a system of perception.
  - h) Faith (Positive Free-Will) at the Point of Gospel Hearing, results in Salvation where there is a transfer from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light.
  - i) In God's Plan, we find also that Faith is the means of learning Bible Doctrine which enables the believer to make a transfer from walking in darkness to walking in the light.

- j) Rationalism speculates. Empiricism feels. Faith believes and takes no credit.
          - 1. We accept the Word of God by Faith.
          - 2. We examine the Scripture and learn by the use of categories and verse by verse study (Isaiah 28:10).
        - k) Faith is further defined in Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”
          - 1. Note that there is Substance and Evidence that backs up faith. For it is the reality of the unseen and the evidence of things not seen.
          - 2. Note: I have faith, the Flood happened, I believe so due to the Authority of the Word of God. I see in nature, such evidences as the Grand Canyon, which prove the record whereupon I place my faith.
- iv. Applying the Wrong Perceptive Systems to Spiritual Phenomena
- 1. Empiricism + Doctrine = Destruction of Doctrine
  - 2. Rationalism + Doctrine = Destruction of Doctrine
  - 3. False Systems of perception in spiritual things lead to false doctrine. The Believer who must have ecstatic or dynamic experiences (empiricism) will remain shallow doctrinally and build up self rather than Christ.
  - 4. Any Spiritual phenomena that comes into your mind through Human IQ is a part of the strong delusion of 2 Thessalonians 2.
  - 5. When you hear a believer make an idiotic statement, he might be dealing with a point of doctrine, but it was learned through Human IQ not understood by the Human Spirit therefore it was not Spiritually taught by the Holy Ghost and was not transferred by Faith and cannot become Wisdom.
  - 6. Being unable to apply Doctrine, such believers revert back to their former way of thinking and solving problems and their heart will start to harden.
- v. How Does One Realize Proposition #1 that God Exists?
- 1. Man Seeks After God
    - a) Psalms 42:1-2 To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah. As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. 2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?
    - b) Acts 17:27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:
  - 2. But we see here that Man Does Not Seek God

- a) Psalms 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.
  - b) Romans 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.
3. They both cannot be true. Does this mean there is a mistake? No.
- a) When Man Seeks God, he is Seeking in relation to the Existence of God. As a matter of fact, according to Romans 1:19-20 all normal person will come to a point of God-Consciousness.
    - 1. At God Consciousness a person can:
      - 1. Go positive and Desire to know God. (+)
      - 2. Go negative and Not desire to know God. (-)
    - 2. PERSON BELIEVES THERE IS A GOD (NOT SAVED) If a person goes positive at God Consciousness, then he *will* hear the Gospel. (John 7:17; Titus 2:11; Jeremiah 29:13).
    - 3. AGNOSTIC (Logical) This person says I don't know whether God exists or not.
    - 4. ATHEIST (Illogical) This person says I do not believe God Exists.
      - 1. Reasons for becoming an atheist:
        - 1. You can live for self without accountability to God. "THE REAL OBJECTION OF ATHEISTS IS NOT INTELLECTUAL, BUT MORAL."
        - 2. You can delude yourself. "THE GOD YOU CREATE IN YOUR BOOK IS ADELUSION. CHRISTIANS DON'T BELIEVE IN THE GOD YOU CREATE EITHER."
        - 3. It is a way to process hurt and injustice in life that you feel God let happen.
  - b) When Man Does Not Seek After God, he doesn't seek in the matter of the Gospel! Man doesn't seek in the area of the Gospel because it is foolishness to him (1 Cor. 1:21-23) and he cannot understand it.
  - c) Hence, God Consciousness indicates that a person has become conscious of the fact that there is a Supreme Being.

#### 4. Ways to Know God Exists

- a) **A Religious Approach:** God exists because men universally believe in His existence, the religious instinct. (Psm 42:1-2) Hearing other people talk of God, you become aware of His existence (Acts 17:27).

Conclusion: Therefore, it is worth Investigating.

- b) **Moral or Anthropological Approach:** Man possesses a conscience with the urge to choose between right and wrong, preferring right, indicating that behind it is an absolute norm of right and wrong.

Conclusion: A material ungoverned universe (no God) would know nothing of moral values or distinctions, therefore since moral values and distinctions exist: first in government; second in individuals with a conscience (norms and standards), obviously there must be some supreme being (an instigator) behind these concepts. (These two concepts are more meaningful in more primitive cultures).

- c) **Philosophical (Ontological) Approach:** The mind possesses a concept of the Perfect, Absolute, something beyond the relative pattern.

Conclusion: There must be the pre-existent, infinitely existent. (Descartes (through rationalism) used this philosophy.)

- d) **Teleological:** The structure of the Universe demands an absolute being as designer (Master Designer): atom, galaxies. Psalms 19:1; Romans 1:20

Conclusion: Who is the designer?

- e) **Cosmological:** The intuitive (perceived by the mind immediately) law of cause and effect demands the existence of God – The Universe is not its own cause.

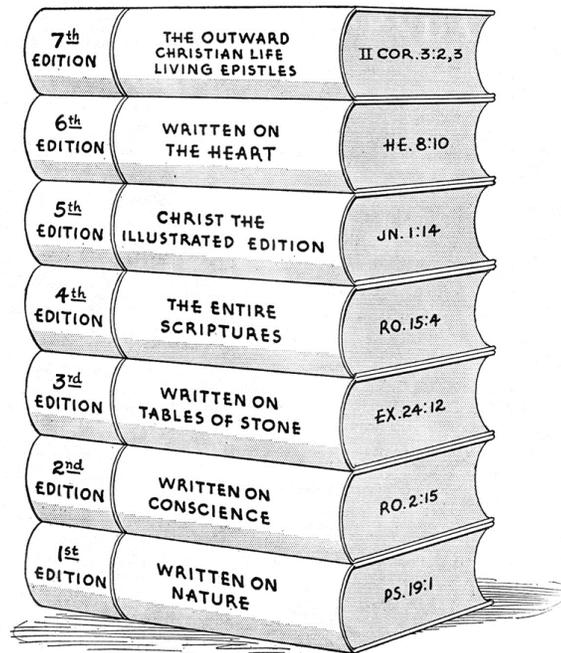
Conclusion: Here is an effect, what caused it? (The latter 3 are more meaningful in highly developed societies.

- f) All of these have THINKING in common. As you think, you become aware of the existence of God. At that point, your Free Will (or Volition) goes into operation. Thus using the systems of Rationalism and Empiricism in regards to God Consciousness, the best one can do is to say that there is Someone there but I don't understand it.

#### b. Proposition #2: GOD REVEALS HIMSELF

- i. If (and it's true) that God exists, then we know that God has placed us here and seeing that He did so, it is only fair that God would reveal Himself to mankind.

- ii. Through the Bible, God by progression (little bit by little bit) He reveals Himself to the World and to His people: Israel.
- iii. As God Reveals Himself, we denote how this happens by using Dispensational Theology and the Golden Rule of Bible Interpretation.
  - 1. Golden Rule of Bible Interpretation: If the Plain sense, makes common sense, seek no other sense.
- iv. According to John 1:1-3; John 1:14; John 1:18; John 1:29; 1 John 2:22-24 we realize that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the Revelation of God to mankind.
  - 1. Consider: Scripture prophecies fulfilled in Jesus' birthplace, betrayal, trial, death, resurrection (60 major Old Testament prophecies) Let's consider the odds!
    - a) Being struck by lightning in a year = 1 in 700,000 (7 hundred thousand)
    - b) Becoming a U.S. President = 1 in 10,000,000 (10 million)
    - c) A meteorite landing on your house = 1 in 180,000,000,000,000 (180 Trillion)
    - d) Jesus fulfilling 8 (not over 300) prophecies = 1 in 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 (27 zeroes! this is the number: 1 Octillion)
  - 2. How do we know that God revealed Himself in the person of Jesus Christ? Because of the Authority of the Word of God in the King James Bible – not the Koran, the Book of Mormon, the Watchtower, etc. (Well, how do I know the Bible is accurate? Hang on soldier! We got you covered on that point as well!)



3. But what if one does not have a Bible? How would God be fair to those people in revealing Himself? We observe in the preceding picture, that in the progressive revelation, God uses 7 editions of His Divine Law so that mankind “is without excuse” per Romans 1:20.

a) God’s Divine Law is Revealed:

1. Nature – Psalm 19:1
2. Written on Conscience – Romans 2:15
3. Written on Tables of Stone – Exodus 24:12
4. The Entire Scriptures – Romans 15:4
5. Christ the Illustrated Edition – John 1:14
6. Written on the Heart – Hebrews 8:10
7. The Outward Christian Life – 2 Corinthians 3:2-3  
“Living Epistles” all the more reason why this course is needed so that we can learn the mechanics.

**c. Proposition #3: GOD HAS A PLAN**

- i. In 1 Corinthians 14:40 we read – “Let all things be done decently and in order.” This indicates that God is a God of organization. If we peer throughout Nature, we see there is an order. Our bodies are made in an orderly fashion. So if God wishes for things to be done “decently and in order” within the Churches, it makes sense that His plan would be an organized and orderly plan.

1. **Phase 1: Salvation, The Believer is Born** – God’s Plan for your life begins at the Cross. The Cross represents the Plan of Salvation. When Jesus Christ hung on the Cross, He was judged for every sin in the human race (except unbelief) that has been committed – Past, Present and Future. He became our substitute (1 Peter 2:24) and therefore “whosoever” any member of the human race can have an eternal relationship with God by simply receiving Jesus Christ as their Saviour.
2. **Phase 2: Implementation, The Believer in Time** – Those who believe in Christ enter into God’s Plan in a second of time and begin Phase 2. God’s plan for you is designed so that you can produce the maximum glory for the Lord, as long as you follow His plan or will for your life.
3. **Phase 3: Destination, The Believer in Eternity** – At the moment of Physical Death or the Rapture, the Believer is “face to face with the Lord” per 2 Corinthians 5:8.

**d. Proposition #4 I AM A HUMAN BEING**

- i. Since There is a God, God revealed Himself in the form of Jesus Christ, I know God is a God of Order, God has a Plan and I am a person, then I fit somewhere in that plan.

ii. All over the world, people have asked the 4 Great Questions of Life (I give them here with the Biblical (with Scripture references) and Humanist Viewpoints)

1. Who Am I & What Value Am I?

a) Biblical Answer: Creation of God - Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

b) Humanist Answer: A Product of Evolution

2. Where Did I Come From?

a) Biblical Answer: God - Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee...

b) Humanist Answer: Dirt (or Stardust or Aliens!?)

3. Why Am I Here?

a) Biblical Answer: To Glorify God. God put you here. You're NOT a mistake!

b) Humanist Answer: To Deify Mankind/ To Do What I Want to Do – 1 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

4. Where Am I Going When I Die?

a) Biblical Answers:

1. If Saved: Heaven - John 14:2-3 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

2. If Lost: Hell (then the Lake of Fire) - Rev 20:14 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.

b) Humanist Answer: Back to Dirt, Wormfood. Non-existence.

**e. Proposition #5: I OWE GOD A HEARING**

i. Thus, having seen the above, it behooves us to at least give God a hearing. Nothing is required of us except to have an open mind and hear God out. There are no “gimmicks” I simply want to give you information. In other words, you haven't a thing in the world to give God except your time and a hearing. Whether or not you do so is between you and God. This might be rather different from what you expected, particularly if you have been exposed to “religion.” Note I said religion – not Christianity! Religion is man's attempt to gain salvation or the approbation of God by his own works. Christianity is a relationship with Jesus Christ. This concludes Lesson #1.

