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**From the Author**

Why do so many Christians stop growing spiritually for years? Why do people who have believed in Jesus for a long time sometimes see no real change in their everyday lives?

One reason may be a lack of strong foundations.

In Hebrews 6:1–2, we find the basic teachings about Christ, repentance, faith, baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection from the dead, and eternal judgment. These teachings are the foundation of this course.

Foundations do not have to be complicated. They need to be true, easy to understand, and strong enough to build your whole life on.

The goal of this course is not just to learn about God, but to know Him personally, learn to live with Him, and become ready to help others.

That is why this is not a traditional theology lecture. It is a series of ten interactive workshops where participants explore the Bible for themselves, ask questions, discuss ideas, do exercises, and discover how to put what they learn into practice. The group leader helps them find answers and gradually involves them in leading the meetings.

The course takes you through three stages:

1. **Discovering the truth.** Who is Jesus, what has He done, and why can we trust Him?
2. **Changing your life.** How can you receive God's grace, change the way you think, enter the New Covenant, and live as a new creation?
3. **Growing up and taking action.** How can you work with the Holy Spirit, serve others, and take an active part in the Body of Christ?

The Bible is the foundation of this course. I encourage participants not to accept something as true just because an authority figure says it. Instead, I encourage everyone to test the arguments and the biblical context while staying open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. After all, each of us will answer to God for our own lives.

This course is for people who are just beginning to discover Jesus, as well as Christians who have followed Him for many years and want to organize what they know, grow closer to God, and prepare to serve others.

The course materials include illustrations, discussion questions, exercises, practical assignments, and selected Bible verses to memorize. These verses are especially important. We want to do more than remember what someone said about the Bible. We want to know the Author of the Bible and understand the message He gave us thousands of years ago.

The course can be taught in person or online, in small or large groups. You do not need a formal theology degree to lead it. You need to understand the material, know how to lead discussions, respect the participants, and be willing to test your own beliefs against what the Bible says.

I consider someone ready to lead this course when they understand its basic teachings, know the selected Bible verses, and can explain them in their biblical context.

My hope is that every participant will not only stand more firmly on their own feet but also be able to help others build a strong foundation for life with Jesus.

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**Invitation to the Course: Foundations of the Apostles' Teachings**
**Does what you believe about God really come from the Bible?**
Can you explain whether Jesus is God or a human being? What has He done for you, and what does He expect from you? Do you know the difference between grace and reward, water baptism and baptism in the Holy Spirit, and why Jesus said we must be born again?
Or maybe you are still searching for God and want to discover what the Bible really says, instead of relying on religious traditions and other people's opinions?
I invite you to join **Foundations of the Apostles' Teachings** – ten interactive meetings where we will explore the teachings of Jesus and His apostles.
**What Can You Expect?**

- Discover answers in the Bible for yourself.
- Discuss difficult and controversial questions openly.
- Learn through simple illustrations, videos, and practical exercises.
- Take part in small group discussions where everyone can speak.
- Discover how the Holy Spirit works, not just in theory but also in real life.
- Find practical lessons you can use in your own life and share with others.

You do not need a theology degree or years of religious experience. All you need is a willingness to discover the truth, ask questions, and check the evidence.
**Course Program**

1. Jesus Christ – Man or God?
2. What Really Happened on the Cross?
3. Grace and Reward – Gift or Payment?
4. Metanoia – A New Heart and a New Life.
5. Water Baptism – Entering the New Covenant.
6. Baptism in the Holy Spirit – Discovering His Power.
7. Laying on of Hands – Receiving and Sharing Blessings and Power.
8. Death and Resurrection – A New Creation.
9. Eternal Judgments – God's Law, Justice, and Responsibility.
10. The Body of Christ – Your Place in God's Family.

**Who Is This Course For?**
People who are searching for God, new Christians, those preparing for baptism, Christians who have believed for many years, and anyone who wants to help others grow in faith.
**How Does the Course Work?**
Ten meetings, each lasting about 1.5–2 hours. Participants use course materials, read Bible passages, discuss questions, and complete exercises. No preparation is needed before the first meeting.
The course can be held in person or online. The materials can also be used by small group leaders and missionaries.
**Course Materials:** www.kierunekjezus.pl/etap-1-fundamenty
**Cost:** Free.
**Course Leader:**
Recommended Reading:
Berean Standard Bible
Derek Prince, *The Foundations of Christian Living*
**How to Use These Materials**
Illustrations, videos, and exercises help participants understand and remember what they learn, but they cannot replace getting to know the Bible itself. Each meeting ends with two sections: "Summary and Practical Application" and "Key Bible Verses to Memorize."
Homework is optional. It includes writing a personal summary of the meeting, putting what you have learned into practice, and memorizing selected Bible verses. The Key Bible Verses to Memorize are a collection of Scripture passages that every Christian should know to build a strong foundation and keep growing in faith.

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# 1 Mysteries of Christ I – Man or God?

## 1.1 Illustration – All in One

A) How would you describe the man in these pictures? What different, even opposite, roles can he have?:





B) Tell us who Jesus was. What role did He play in society? What names and titles did the Bible and the people who met Him use for Him?

C) Draw what the Apostle John saw when he looked at Jesus in heaven:

5 Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed to open the scroll and its seven seals.” 6 Then I saw a Lamb who appeared to have been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.







D) What do you think about the titles and roles of Jesus, such as “Son of Man,” “Messiah,” “Good Shepherd,” “Teacher,” and “Savior”?
Later, we will explore His identity and mission in more depth.

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## 1.2 Whose Son is He? 100% Man and 100% God

a) How well does the common image of Jesus match the biblical description?
Rev. 19:11–16 11 Then I saw heaven standing open, and there before me was a white horse. And its rider is called Faithful and True. With righteousness He judges and wages war. 12 He has eyes like blazing fire, and many royal crowns on His head. He has a name written on Him that only He Himself knows. 13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is The Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven, dressed in fine linen, white and pure, follow Him on white horses.
15 And from His mouth proceeds a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.
16 And He has a name written on His robe and on His thigh: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.




b) For those who like mathematics: How do you understand this statement?
**(JESUS = THE WORD OF GOD) and (JESUS > THE BIBLE > REASON) => (THE WORD OF GOD > THE BIBLE >REASON)**

### 1.2.1 Jesus' Family Life as a Human

A. Who did Jesus consider His mother, brothers, and sisters?

Matthew 12:46–50: “While Jesus was still speaking to the crowds, His mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to Him. Someone told Him, ‘Look, Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to You.’ But Jesus replied, ‘Who is My mother, and who are My brothers?’ Pointing to His disciples, He said, ‘Here are My mother and My brothers. For whoever **does the will of My Father in heaven** is My brother and sister and mother.’”
Full Text with Footnotes: Jesus calls Himself the Son of the Father in heaven. He considers His spiritual family to be His true family, rather than His biological family. We know from other Bible verses that Jesus' mother and brothers eventually believed in Him and joined Him.
For the group leader: The Greek word for “brothers” is **adelphos**, and it is used in all the passages quoted in this chapter. This word has several meanings. It can mean a biological brother, a half-brother, a cousin, or someone from the same community, country, or people group. The context tells us what kind of brother is meant, but it is not always clear. Here, however, the context clearly shows that Jesus' spiritual brothers (His apostles and disciples) see His biological brothers together with their mother. If these people had been other relatives who came with His mother, a different Greek word would probably have been used instead of adelphos. The context points to brothers. If Matthew had meant other relatives, such as cousins, he would have used a more specific word like “relative,” “cousin,” or “member of the household.” For example:

- **συγγενής** (syngenēs) – literally means “relative,” “family member,” or “someone from the same family.”
  - Used, for example, in Luke 1:36:
    “kai idou Elisabet hē syggenis sou” – “And behold, Elizabeth your relative.”
- **ἀνεψιός** (anepsios) – means “cousin” or “nephew.”
  - Used, for example, in Colossians 4:10:
    “Markos, ho anepsios Barnaba” – “Mark, the cousin of Barnabas.”
- **οἰκεῖος** (oikeios) – means “a member of the household” (someone from the family or someone who is spiritually close).
  - Used, for example, in Galatians 6:10:
    “μάλιστα δὲ πρὸς τοὺς οἰκείους τῆς πίστεως” – “and especially to the household of faith”.

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### B. Jesus' Brothers Before His Death and Resurrection

Matthew 13:55–56: "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't His mother's name Mary, and aren't His brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? Aren't all His sisters with us as well? Where then did this man get all these things?"
This passage shows that Jesus had siblings: four brothers and some sisters. This confirms that He grew up in a human family.

### C. Jesus' Brothers Did Not Believe in Him Before His Resurrection

John 7:5: "For even His own brothers did not believe in Him."
The context shows that these were His brothers. In his Gospel, John uses the word "brother" for a biological brother. For example, in John 1:41: "He first found his brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated as Christ)." Andrew was talking to his own brother, Simon Peter. In John 11:2: "Mary, whose brother Lazarus was sick, was to anoint the Lord with perfume and wipe His feet with her hair." Mary was Lazarus' biological sister.
Before Jesus' resurrection, His brothers did not believe in His divine mission, even though they were close to Him.

### D. Jesus' Brothers Joined His Disciples After His Resurrection

Acts 1:14: "With one accord they all continued in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers."
The book of Acts was written by Luke, who also called Elizabeth a relative of Mary, not her sister. So there is no reason to think that Luke meant anyone other than Jesus' biological brothers. After Jesus' resurrection, His brothers, including James and Judas, joined the apostles and other disciples in prayer. This shows that after His resurrection, Jesus' brothers believed in His mission and began working with His disciples.

### E. James as a Leader of the Church in Jerusalem

Acts 15:13: "When they had finished speaking, James declared, 'Brothers, listen to me!'"
James, Jesus' brother and Mary's son, speaks to Jesus' disciples and calls them brothers in a spiritual sense. James became one of the leaders of the church in Jerusalem. In Acts, James plays an important role in the Jerusalem Council, showing his involvement in spreading the gospel after Jesus' resurrection. The word "brothers" can also refer to people who do not have the same biological parents. The context determines what "brother" means. Another James, an apostle, was killed by Herod: "About that time, King Herod reached out to harm some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword." (Acts 12:1–2, BSB). Here, we understand adelphos to mean a biological brother because the context makes this clear

### F. The Letters of James and Jude

James 1:1: "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes of the Dispersion: Greetings."
Jude 1:1: "Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who are called, loved by God the Father, and kept in Jesus Christ:"
Both of Jesus' brothers, James and Jude, became spiritual leaders and wrote letters that are now part of the New Testament. In their letters, they clearly call themselves servants of Jesus Christ. This shows their full commitment to His mission after His resurrection. They did not call themselves brothers of Jesus.

### G. The Wives of the Apostles, Including Jesus' Brothers

1 Corinthians 9:5: "Have we no right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas?"

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Both Jesus' brothers and the apostles had wives and took them along on their missionary journeys.
Summary:
Although Jesus' brothers did not believe in Him before His resurrection, afterward they and their wives became devoted followers and leaders in the church. James and Jude played especially important roles in spreading the gospel and leading the Christian community.

### H. Son of Man – Jesus' Favorite Title While He Was on Earth

1. Matthew 9:6: "But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." Then He said to the paralytic, "Get up, pick up your mat, and go home."
2. Matthew 12:8: "For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."
3. Matthew 16:27: "For the Son of Man will come in His Father's glory with His angels, and then He will repay each one according to what he has done."
4. Matthew 17:22: "When they gathered together in Galilee, Jesus told them, 'The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.'"
5. Matthew 20:28: "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."
6. Matthew 24:27: "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."
7. Matthew 25:31: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His glorious throne."
8. Luke 9:22: "'The Son of Man must suffer many things,' He said. 'He must be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.'"
9. John 3:13: "No one has ascended into heaven except the One who descended from heaven—the Son of Man."
10. John 5:27: "And He has given Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man."

Jesus often used the title "Son of Man" when speaking about His mission on earth, His suffering, death, and resurrection, as well as His future glory and His role as Judge. This title was similar to saying "an ordinary human being" or "a member of the human race" today.

## 1.2.2 Discovering Jesus' Other Identities – Son of God and God

Give the following Bible passages to the participants and ask each person to share what they discovered?

### A. Matthew 22:41–45 – Whose Descendant Is He?

While the Pharisees were assembled, Jesus questioned them: "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He?" "David's," they answered. Jesus said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him Lord? For he says: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, until I put Your enemies under Your feet."' So if David calls Him Lord, how can He be David's son?"
What did the word "son" mean to the Jews? "Someone under another person's authority, someone of lower rank, someone who learns from his father."
King David is an ancestor in the family lines of Mary and Joseph. But who did Jesus claim to be when He pointed out that He was David's Lord?

### B. Matthew 3:17 – What did the voice from heaven call Him?

"And a voice from heaven said, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!'"
God the Father confirms Jesus' divinity during His baptism in the Jordan River.

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### C. Galatians 4:4 – How did He come into the world?

"But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,"
Jesus Christ is the Son of God, sent to earth at the right time. He was born of a woman, which means He was also a human being.

### D. Matthew 16:16 – Who did His disciples believe He was before His death and resurrection?

„Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
Peter declares his belief that Jesus is the Son of the living God, showing His divine origin.

### E. John 8:58 – Who did Jesus claim to be?

„Truly, truly, I tell you," Jesus declared, "before Abraham was born, I am!"
Jesus showed that He existed before Abraham and used the name "I AM" for Himself. For the Jews, this was forbidden because it referred to God.

### F. John 20:25–28 – Who did His disciples believe He was after His resurrection?

"Eight days later, His disciples were once again inside with the doors locked, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and look at My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'"
„ "Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'" (John 20:28, BSB) – consider this in context:

- What kind of sentence is this: a statement? An exclamation (like "Oh my God!")? A question? – No.
- What language did Jesus' disciples speak, and how would this statement have sounded in that language? – Spoken Aramaic or Hebrew.
- Who did Thomas believe Jesus was?
- Did Jesus correct him? Why or why not?




| Verses | Hebrew Bible (MT) | Jewish reading and prayer (qere) | Greek (LXX / NT) | Aramaic (reconstruction / Peshitta) | In Polish Bibles (English translation) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ps 35:23**<br>**Ps 38:21**<br>**Ps 84:3**<br>**Isa. 25:1**<br>**Hab. 1:12**<br>**Jonah 4:2**<br>**Dan. 9:4**<br>**Dan. 9:20** | אֱלֹהַי יְהוָה<br>(YHWH Elohai)<br>(Yahweh, my God) | וַאדֹנָי אֱלֹהַי<br>Adonai w-Elohai<br>(My Lord and my God) | ὁ Θεός μου καὶ ὁ Κύριός μου<br>(My God and my Lord) | ܡܪܝ ܘܐܠܗܝ<br>(Marī wa-Alāhī)<br>(My Lord and my God) | O LORD, my God<br>My God and my Lord!<br>My God and my Lord!<br>My God and Lord<br>My God and LORD |
| **John 20:28** | — | — | Ὁ Κύριός μου καὶ ὁ Θεός μου | ܡܪܝ ܘܐܠܗܝ<br>(Marī wa-Alāhī)<br>(My Lord and my God) | My Lord and my God<br>My Lord and my God<br>My Lord and my God |

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## 1.3 A Few More of about 200 Biblical Titles and Descriptions of Jesus

Give these interesting Bible passages about the names and titles of Jesus to the participants. Ask each person to share what they discover?

### 1.3.1 🕮 Passage 1: Child and Father, Son and Almighty God

Isaiah 9:6–7: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from that time and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of Hosts will accomplish this."

"Behold, the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel" (which means, "God with us"). (Matthew 1:23, BSB)

Jesus is called Immanuel, which means "God with us." This shows that He is God and that He is close to people. What other titles can you find here?

### 1.3.2 🕮 Passage 2: The Word and the Flesh

John 1:1–3, 14: "[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was with God in the beginning. [3] Through Him all things were made, and without Him nothing was made that has been made. (…) [14] The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John describes Jesus as the Word, God, and flesh. This means that Jesus came in a physical human body, even though He is God and created everything.

### 1.3.3 🕮 Passage 3: The Beginning and the End, Redeemer, Almighty, Son of Man, YHWH

Isaiah 41:4: "Who has performed this and carried it out, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD—the first and the last—I am He."

Isaiah 44:6: "Thus says the LORD, the King and Redeemer of Israel, the LORD of Hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God but Me.'"



Isaiah 48:12: "Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I have called: I am He; I am the first, and I am the last."

Revelation 1:8: "'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and was and is to come—the Almighty."

Revelation 1:12–18: "[12] Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned, I saw seven golden lampstands, [13] and among the lampstands was One like the Son of Man, dressed in a long robe, with a golden sash around His chest. [14] The hair of His head was white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes were like a blazing fire. [15] His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and His voice was like the roar of many waters. [16] He held in His right hand seven stars, and a sharp double-edged sword came from His mouth. His face was like the sun shining at its brightest. [17] When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. But He placed His right hand on me and said, 'Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last, [18] the Living One. I was dead, and behold, now I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of Death and of Hades.'"

Revelation 21:5–9: "[5] And the One seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' Then He said, 'Write this down, for these words are faithful and true.' [6] And He told me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give freely from the spring of the water of life. [7] The one who overcomes will inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he will be My son. [8] But to the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and sexually immoral and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. This is the second death.' [9] Then one of the seven angels with the seven bowls full of the seven final plagues came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.'

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## 1.4 How and Why Did He Come to Earth?

Give the participants the following Bible verses and ask each person to share what they discovered about why Jesus came to Earth?

### 1.4.1 🕮 Passage 1: The Word and the Flesh

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." (John 1:14, BSB)
Jesus, who is the Word of God, came to Earth in a human body to live among people.

### 1.4.2 🕮 Passage 2: A Human Who Came from Beyond Earth

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10, BSB)
Jesus came to Earth mainly to find and save people who were lost in sin.

### 1.4.3 🕮 Passage 3: Our Salvation Was His Purpose

"But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5, BSB)
Jesus came to take the punishment for our sins and bring us healing in our spirit, soul, and body.

## 1.5 What Does Christ Give to People?

Give the participants the following Bible verses and ask each person to answer the question above.

🕮 **Passage 1:**

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23, BSB)
Christ gives people the gift of eternal life through His grace.

🕮 **Passage 2:**

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you." (John 14:27, BSB)
Jesus gives His followers peace that goes beyond human understanding.

🕮 **Passage 3:**

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17, BSB)
In Christ, a person becomes a new creation and receives a new spiritual identity.

## 1.6 What Does He Want from Us?

Give the participants the following Bible verses and ask each person to answer the question above.

🕮 **Passage 1**:

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." (John 14:15, BSB)
Jesus expects His disciples to show their love for Him by obeying His commandments.

🕮 **Passage 2:**

"Then Jesus told His disciples, 'If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.'" (Matthew 16:24, BSB)
Christ expects His followers to be fully committed to Him and willing to face the daily challenges of following Him.

🕮 **Passage 3:**

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33, BSB)
Jesus calls us to put God's kingdom and His righteousness first, and promises that our other needs will be met.

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## 1.7 Summary and What to Do

Christ is the Son of God. He came to Earth to rescue people by giving His life to pay a fine for sin, for breaking the law. The Bible calls Him the Son of God, God, the Son of Man, and Lord, among other titles. He gives people eternal life, peace, and a new creation. In return, He expects love, obedience, following Him, and seeking the kingdom of God.

### 1.7.1 What did you find interesting or new about Jesus or God in today's meeting?

For example, that Jesus had brothers and sisters, but He did not consider His biological family to be His true family

### 1.7.2 What did you learn about people today that is good to remember?

### 1.7.3 What did you learn about yourself and what you are capable of?

### 1.7.4 What can you do about this now?

### 1.7.5 What can you do later?

### 1.7.6 What should you keep to and never forget?

## 1.8 Golden Verses to Memorize

- ☐ 🕮 Isaiah 9:6–7 : “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
- ☐ 🕮 John 1:1 : “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
- ☐ 🕮 John 20:28 : “Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’”

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# 2 Mysteries of Christ II – Facts About the Exchange on the Cross

*For the group leader, before the meeting: https://youtu.be/8q1L4jnnhGc*

## 2.1 The Forbidden Chapter of Isaiah – Video:

- After watching the video, share your thoughts and impressions

## 2.2 Isaiah 53 – What We Got from Christ

Let's ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the meaning of this passage to us. Read Isaiah 53, underline what you see that Jesus took upon Himself and what He gave us, and share what you discovered. (15 minutes)

| | |
|---|---|
| **1.** Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? | **2.** He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no stately form or majesty to attract us, no beauty that we should desire Him. |
| **3.** He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. Like one from whom men hide their faces, He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. | **4.** Surely He took on our infirmities and carried our sorrows; yet we considered Him stricken by God, struck down and afflicted. |
| **5.** But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace[1] was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. | **6.** We all like sheep have gone astray, each one has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid upon Him the iniquity of us all. |
| **7.** He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth. | **8.** By oppression and judgment He was taken away, and who can recount His descendants? For He was cut off from the land of the living; He was stricken for the transgression of My people. |
| **9.** He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in His death, although He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. | **10.** Yet it was the LORD's will to crush Him and to cause Him to suffer; and when His soul is made a guilt offering[2], He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand. |
| **11.** After the anguish of His soul, He will see the light of life and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities. | **12.** Therefore I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He has poured out His life unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors. Yet He bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors. |

**(not part of the BSB text):**

[1] Shalom is understood as wholeness, flourishing, and health, not only the absence of war. BSB uses "peace."

[2] אָשָׁם (asham) – guilt offering, an offering to make amends for wrongdoing.

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## 2.3 Enemies of Jesus:

**Discussion 1:** Using the examples below, explain what it means to reject Jesus.

1. **Moses Mendelssohn (1729–1786) – a Jewish philosopher and one of the founders of the Jewish Enlightenment.** He did not accept Jesus as God or Savior. He believed that Christian arguments did not prove that Christianity was true. He rejected the teaching that God became human and that people were saved through the suffering and death of a divine person. When someone tried to convince him to become a Christian, he said that the evidence was too weak. He argued that similar arguments could be used to defend any religion. He remained faithful to Judaism.
2. **David Friedrich Strauss (1808–1874) – a German Protestant theologian.** In his book *The Life of Jesus* (1835–1836), he argued that many stories about Jesus' miracles and events in His life were myths, not real events. He believed that the first Christians described Jesus as the divine Messiah, using earlier prophecies and their own beliefs. He rejected the traditional teaching that Jesus was God and saved the world through supernatural power.



3. **Ernest Renan (1823–1892) – a French historian and scholar of religion with a Catholic background.** In his book *The Life of Jesus* (1863), he described Jesus as an extraordinary man and teacher, but not as God. He believed that the disciples shaped the stories of Jesus' life to match ancient prophecies. He rejected miracles because he believed there was not enough evidence for them. He suggested that belief in the resurrection grew from the disciples' conviction that Jesus was still alive and from what they experienced after His death.
4. **Bertrand Russell (1872–1970) – a British philosopher and mathematician.** In his lecture *Why I Am Not a Christian* (1927), he explained why he did not believe in God or life after death. He did not accept Jesus as God or even as the wisest and best person in history. He criticized Jesus' teaching about hell and His belief that the end of the world was near. He believed there was not enough evidence to accept the main claims of Christianity.
5. **Alfred Rosenberg (1893–1946) – a Nazi thinker who worked with Hitler.** In his book *The Myth of the Twentieth Century* (1930), he rejected basic Christian values, including the command to love others and the central importance of Jesus' death on the cross. He believed that religion should serve the nation and the race above all else. He wanted to replace the Christian message of the cross and love with a religion based on strength, national honor, and heroism. He rejected the Christian message of salvation mainly because of his racist beliefs, not because of historical research.

**Questions for discussion:** Which of these people questioned whether the events really happened? Which rejected the possibility of miracles? Which rejected Christianity for philosophical or political reasons? How can we check their arguments?

**Discussion 2:** 🕮 **Luke 23:10–12** What brought these rivals—Pilate, Herod, and the priests—together?

Nie łączył ich język, nie łączyło pochodzenie, mieli inne wychowanie, inne rzeczy uznawali za niemoralne i moralne, każdy co innego myślał o tym kim jest Jezus. Herod i Piłat nie czyli się za They did not share the same language or background. They were raised differently and had different ideas about what was right and wrong. Each had a different view of who Jesus was. Herod and Pilate did not feel that Jesus threatened their power because they had no religious authority.

What united them was a spirit—the spirit of the antichrist. People call this having "chemistry" with each other, but it is a spirit. One possible conclusion is that they were united by their desire to reject God's rules. They wanted power and liked making secret plans and plots. Each of them also showed hypocrisy:

**Discussion 3:** 🕮 **Who has authority?** Compare these verses and answer the question: Who rules?

**1.** Matthew 4:9–10 “All this I will give You,” he said, “if You will fall down and worship me.” “Away from Me, Satan!” Jesus told him. “For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.’”

**2.** Matthew 28:18 – Jesus after His resurrection**:** Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.”

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## 2.4 How Reliable Is the Bible?

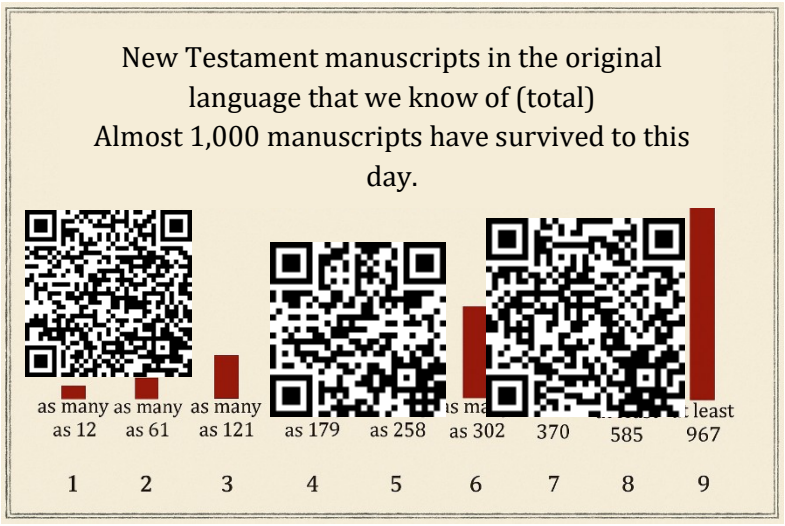
### 2.4.1 Qumran (1947, the Great Isaiah Scroll)

What did the discoveries at Qumran confirm?

The Dead Sea Scrolls - Video:

*For the teacher: Explain more about how reliable the Scriptures are. You can use this levutre: or shorts:*

**Discussion:** How much can we trust the text of the Bible?




## 2.5 How Reliable Are People?

**Discussion 1: Can we trust what people say about themselves?** Discuss the examples of mass violence in the 20th century below. Check whether the beliefs or religions the people responsible claimed to follow matched their actions. If you are unsure, use the Internet to check the numbers and details.

1. What or whom do people fight for today? Explain your answer.
2. How do people's DECLARED religious beliefs compare with what they actually do? Explain.
3. How true is the claim that religion is the main cause of wars? Explain your answer.
4. How much better would the world be without religion? Explain your answer.
5. Who kills and who does not? Explain your answer.
6. What can we do to avoid bringing shame on Christians, just as Judas brought shame on the apostles?

| DECLARED religion or worldview of those mainly responsible for the violence | Number of victims (millions) | |
|---|---|---|
| | Min. | Max. |
| Orthodox Christianity – nationalists in former Yugoslavia, fighting over borders | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Greek Catholicism – OUN-UPA nationalists, fighting over borders | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Christians, Buddhists, followers of traditional religions – Rwanda, fighting between ethnic groups | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Islam – Indonesia, Turkey, and other countries, wars over the role of Islam in the state | 3.2 | 7.5 |
| Buddhism, later Protestant Christianity – Chiang Kai-shek, China/Taiwan | 2.4 | 8.9 |
| Catholicism – Hitler, a socialist, fighting for territory, power, and racial rule | 22.7 | 28.4 |
| Christians – World War I, rivalry between the Wettin family and others over the size of their empires | 16.0 | 40.0 |
| Democracy – wars after 1945 between the USA (liberal democracy) and the USSR (democracy only in theory), fighting for influence in Vietnam, Korea, etc. | 10.0 | 40.0 |
| Anti-Christians – Christians killed because of their faith (according to CIRN and HRP) | 40.0 | 45.0 |
| Atheism – communists fighting for territory, power, and control over wealth | 37.7 | 106.0 |
| Support for abortion – parents of different religions, races, and nationalities abusing their power over their children | 500.0 | 1,000.0 |

**Discussion 2:** 🕮 Can we trust traditions? How do you understand Colossians 2:8?
"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, which are based on human tradition and the spiritual forces of the world rather than on Christ."
Example: I can protect myself from being manipulated for someone else's benefit, such as through nationalism, communism, Judaism, or rationalism.

**Discussion 3:** 🕮 Can we trust scholars and the spirits behind them? 1 John 4:1–3 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God. For many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you will know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and which is already in the world at this time.

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## 2.6 The Scope of Christ's Salvation




☐🕮 **2 Corinthians 5:19–20** God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's trespasses against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: Be reconciled to God.
**Discussion 1:** The Greek word translated as "world" in this verse is **kosmos**. Based on this verse, think about who or what has been reconciled to God.
**Discussion 2:** The Greek word translated as "implore" in this verse is **deomai**, which means to beg, plead, or strongly desire something.
Based on this verse, think about who should share the message and how they should do it.

## 2.7 Summary and What to Do?

On the cross, Jesus took all the curses, all the sin, and all the suffering we deserved because of our sins. Every bad thing that happened to Jesus should have happened to us, but now the price has been paid..

### 2.7.1 What did you find interesting or new about Jesus or God in today's meeting?

For example, that God gave us relible Holy Scripture, Jesus taken curses

Jesus was promised long before He came. Isaiah chapter 53 explains what it means that Jesus is the Messiah. He has set me free from every kind of suffering. I only need to believe it. Jesus willingly gave His life out of love for His enemies—that means us.

### 2.7.2 What did you learn about people today that is good to remember?

People are influenced by spirits without even realizing it. People are corrupt. Religious people, intellectuals, and politicians often do not want to believe God. But facts, such as the discoveries at Qumran, show how wrong they are. People have a strange barrier that stops them from accepting Jesus. It is a spiritual barrier.

### 2.7.3 What did you learn about yourself and what you are capable of?

Because of what Jesus has done, I can be free from being poor, weak, sinful, hurt, disabled, ugly, accused, unbelieving, condemned, mortal,

### 2.7.4 What can you do about this now?

I can memorize as soon as possible what I have through Jesus, so I can make use of it.

### 2.7.5 What can you do later?

Through faith in Jesus, I can reject false ideas about God and Jesus. I can be saved, go to heaven, be righteous, stop sinning, become rich, and be accepted

### 2.7.6 What should you keep to and never forget?

The Bible does not lie. Jesus is the Savior who died for me on the cross 2,000 years ago and paid the price for all my mistakes, suffering, worries, and sins.

## 2.8 Golden Verses to Memorize

☐🕮 **Colossians 2:14–15** "having canceled the debt ascribed to us in the decrees that stood against us. He took it away, nailing it to the cross! And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

☐🕮 **Isaiah 53:5** "But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."

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# 3. How to Be Good. Metanoia I. Grace and Reward from the Father.

For the teacher: Start by explaining two kinds of yeast. Jesus warned about the yeast of the Pharisees—religion based on earning God's approval through good deeds. The Apostle Paul warned about the yeast of immorality in 1 Corinthians 5. Explain that these two kinds of yeast work in very different ways, but both come from the same source: deception. One leads people to believe they must earn God's approval through their actions, while the other leads them into immoral behavior.

## 3.1 Investment and Business Conditions, Gifts and Payment, Grace and Reward

### 3.1.1 Study 1: Look at the pictures and mark which ones show a gift and which ones show payment. Explain why you think so?




📖Luke 23:39–43 "One of the criminals who hung there heaped abuse on Him. 'Are You not the Christ?' he said. 'Save Yourself and us!' But the other one rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same judgment? We are punished justly, for we are receiving what our actions deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!' And Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.'"

### 3.1.2 Study 2: Take a piece of paper and a pen. Sit somewhere where no one can see what you are writing

Write down your sins, mistakes, or weaknesses—big or small. Make sure no one else can see what you write.

### 3.1.3 Study 3: Based on the Bible verses below, find out what you deserve

📖 Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

📖 Romans 5:12 "Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, so also death was passed on to all men, because all sinned."

📖 Ezekiel 18:20 "The soul who sins is the one who will die. A son will not bear the iniquity of his father, and a father will not bear the iniquity of his son. The righteousness of the righteous man will fall upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked man will fall upon him."

📖 Galatians 6:7–8 "Do not be deceived: God is not to be mocked. Whatever a man sows, he will reap in return. The one who sows to please his flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; but the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life."

📖 James 1:15 "Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."

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# 3.2 Old Testament Requirements for Being a Good Person

*For the teacher: Ask the participants to answer this question: What must a person do to be good according to Moses and according to Jesus?*

## 3.2.1 Rules of the Old Testament (the Law – Torah, the Prophets – Nevi'im, and the Writings – Ketuvim)

Read through them and underline the ones you do not know well.

🕮 **Exodus 20**

**1** And God spoke all these words:
**2** I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
**3** You shall have no other gods before Me.
**4** You shall not make for yourself any carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven above, on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth.
**5** You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I am the LORD your God.
**7** You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not leave anyone unpunished who misuses His name.
**8** Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
**12** Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
**13** You shall not murder.
**14** You shall not commit adultery.
**15** You shall not steal.
**16** You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
**17** You shall not desire your neighbor's house. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
**26** You shall not go up to My altar by steps, so that your nakedness is not exposed there.

🕮 **Exodus 21**

**15** Whoever strikes his father or mother must be put to death.
**16** Whoever kidnaps a person and sells him, or is found holding him, must be put to death.
**17** Whoever curses his father or mother must be put to death.

🕮 **Exodus 22**

**25** If you lend money to a poor person among My people, you must not act like a moneylender. You must not charge him interest.
**28** You shall not speak evil of those in authority or curse a ruler of your people.

🕮 **Exodus 23**

**2** Do not follow the majority in doing evil. Do not give testimony in court just to agree with the majority and make an unfair judgment.

🕮 **Leviticus 19**

**15** Do not judge unfairly. Do not favor the poor or give special treatment to the rich. Judge your neighbor fairly.
**17** Do not hate your brother in your heart. Correct your neighbor when he does wrong, so that you do not share in his sin.
**18** Do not take revenge or hold a grudge against anyone among your people. Love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.
**19** Keep My laws. Do not breed two different kinds of animals together. Do not plant two kinds of seed in your field. Do not wear clothes made from two different kinds of thread, such as wool and linen.

**ADD TO YOUR PAPER FROM 3.1.2**

## 3.2.2 Rules of the Old Testament According to Jesus

🕮 **Matthew 5**

**17** Do not think that I have come to remove the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to remove them, but to fulfill them.**18** Truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not even the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will disappear from the Law until everything is fulfilled.**19** So whoever breaks even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**20** For I tell you that unless your righteousness is greater than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.**21** You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "Do not murder," and anyone who murders will face judgment.**22** But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother without a reason will face judgment. Whoever says to his brother, "Raca," will answer to the council. And whoever says, "You fool!" will be in danger of the fire of hell.

🕮 **Matthew 6**

**14** For if you forgive other people when they do wrong to you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.**15** But if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive your wrongs.

🕮 **Matthew 6**

**25** Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is life not more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?
**33** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
(...)
(...)

🕮 **Matthew 7**

**12** So in everything, do to others what you would want them to do to you. **For this is what the Law and the Prophets are all about.**

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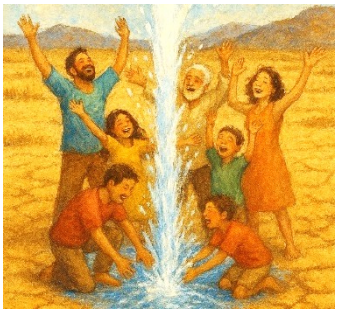
# 3.3 Grace and Judgment for Christians Under the New Covenant

### 3.3.1 BY GRACE – FREE, WITHOUT WORKING FOR IT – Underline

**Romans 3:23–24** "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."
**Romans 5:1–2** "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God."
**Romans 6:23** "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**Romans 11:6–7** "And if it is by grace, then it is no longer by works. Otherwise, grace would no longer be grace. (…) What then? What Israel was seeking, it failed to obtain, but the elect did. The others were hardened."

**Ephesians 2:8–9** "For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from yourselves; it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast."
**Galatians 2:16** "know that a man is not justified by works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified."
**2 Timothy 1:9** "He has saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works, but by His own purpose and by the grace He granted us in Christ Jesus before time began."



**Titus 3:5** "He saved us, not by the righteous deeds we had done, but according to His mercy, through the washing of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."

**After Study 4, burn your papers and flush the ashes down the toilet. God has given you a clean slate, a new life, a holy calling, and a new birth**

### 3.3.2 OUT OF GENEROSITY – REWARD FOR YOUR WORK – Underline

**Matthew 6:1** "Be careful not to perform your righteous acts before men to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven."

**Matthew 10:41–42** "Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward."

**Luke 6:35** "But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked."

**1 Corinthians 3:8** "He who plants and he who waters are one in purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor."
**1 Corinthians 9:25** "Everyone who competes in the games trains with strict discipline. They do it for a crown that is perishable, but we do it for a crown that is imperishable."

**Colossians 3:23–24** "Whatever you do, work at it with your whole being, as for the Lord and not for men, because you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as your reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

**2 Timothy 4:8** "From now on there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but to all who crave His appearing."

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**Mark 10:28–30** "Peter began to say to Him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed You.' 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus replied, 'no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for My sake and for the gospel will fail to receive a hundredfold in the present age—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and fields, along with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.'"

**Hebrews 11:6** "And without faith it is impossible to please God. For anyone who approaches Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him."




**Revelation 22:12** "Behold, I am coming soon, and My reward is with Me, to give to each one according to what he has done."

## 3.4 Summary and What to Do



A person gets into heaven by grace if they trust Christ.
All their sins are forgiven.
You can erase the record of your mistakes.
Then, in heaven, they may receive a reward for their deeds: a mop or a crown

### 3.4.1 What did you find interesting or new about Jesus or God in today's meeting?

For example, that God gave us relible Holy Scripture, Jesus taken curses

Jesus fulfilled the covenant, so it is no longer in effect.

### 3.4.2 What did you learn about people today that is good to remember?

Anyone who wants to fulfill the covenant with God by living a perfect life faces an extremely high standard. It is so high that no one can meet God's expectations.

### 3.4.3 What did you learn about yourself and what you are capable of?

I can give all my sins to Jesus, no matter what they are.

### 3.4.4 What can you do about this now?

I can confess all my sins and burn the paper where I wrote them down, because God forgives me.

### 3.4.5 What can you do later?

I can expect to go to heaven by grace and receive rewards for my good deeds. I can live the way Jesus wants me to live.

### 3.4.6 What should you keep to and never forget?

Jesus fulfilled the covenant based on works and gave us a covenant based on faith. It is worth doing good to others, especially to

## 3.5 Golden Verses to Memorize

- ☐ 🕮 **Ephesians 2:8–9** "For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from yourselves; it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast."
- ☐ 🕮 **Luke 6:35** "But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked."

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# 4 How to Be Good. Metanoia II. A New Heart from the Creator

## 4.1 Conversion - Video Watch

## 4.2 The Sermon on the Mount. How Good Must You Be?

### 4.2.1 Study 1: Underline in the text below which actions can lead to hell.

**📖 Matthew 5:19–37**

**19** So then, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do likewise will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. **20** For I tell you that unless **your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees**, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. **21** You have heard that it was said to the ancients, **'Do not murder'** and 'Anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' **22** But I tell you that anyone **who is angry with his brother** will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, **'Raca,' will be subject to the Sanhedrin.** But anyone who says, **'You fool!'** will be subject to the fire of hell. **23** So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, **24** leave your gift there before the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. **25** Reconcile quickly with your adversary, while you are still on the way to court. Otherwise, he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. **26** Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. **27** You have heard that it was said, **'Do not commit adultery.' 28** But I tell you that **anyone who looks at a woman to lust after her** has already committed adultery with her in his heart. **29** If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. **30** And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to depart into hell. **31** It has also been said, **'Whoever divorces his wife** must give her a certificate of divorce.' **32** But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, brings adultery upon her. And he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. **33** Again, you have heard that it was said to the ancients, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill your vows to the Lord.' **34** But I tell you not to swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; **35** or by the earth, for it is His footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. **36** Nor should you swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. **37** Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' Anything more comes from the evil one.

### 4.2.2 Study 2: Underline in the text below which actions can lead to heaven.

**📖 Matthew 5:38–48**

**38** You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.' **39** But I tell you **not to resist an evil person.** If someone slaps you on your right cheek, **turn to him the other also; 40** if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well; **41** and if someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. **42** Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. **43** You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor' and 'Hate your enemy.' **44** But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45** that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. **46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get?** Do not even tax collectors do the same? **47** And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even Gentiles do the same? **48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

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## 4.3 Admitting Our Sins – The First Step Toward Grace

**Study 3.** Below are two sets of Bible verses.

🕮🕮 Set 1 explains what we need *to become good* and then have a chance to receive a reward.

🕮🕮 Set 2 explains what we need *to receive grace* and have our sins forgiven.

Questions:

a) Which set explains *how to become good*, and which explains how our sins can be forgiven?

b) Which verses best support your answer? Which ones convince you that your answer is correct?

### 4.3.1 🕮🕮 Set 1. A Change of Heart:



🕮 **Ezekiel 36:26-27 :** "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes and to carefully observe My ordinances."

🕮 **Psalm 51:10 :** "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

🕮 **Jeremiah 24:7 :** "I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD. They will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with all their heart."

🕮 **2 Corinthians 5:17 :** "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come!"

### 4.3.2 🕮🕮 Set 2. Confession:

🕮 **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."

🕮 **Acts 3:19:** "Repent, then, and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped away,"

🕮 **Ephesians 1:7:** "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace"

🕮 **Isaiah 1:18:** "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are as red as crimson, they will become like wool."

🕮 **Hebrews 8:12:** "For I will forgive their iniquities and will remember their sins no more."

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## 4.4 REPENTANCE – The First Step on Jesus' Path of Grace and Reward

For the teacher: Give the participants the Bible verses below to read. Let each person read one verse in turn. Then ask: What does this verse tell us about repentance?

### 4.4.1 Key Bible verses about repentance:

🕮 **Acts 3:19:** "Repent, then, and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped away,"

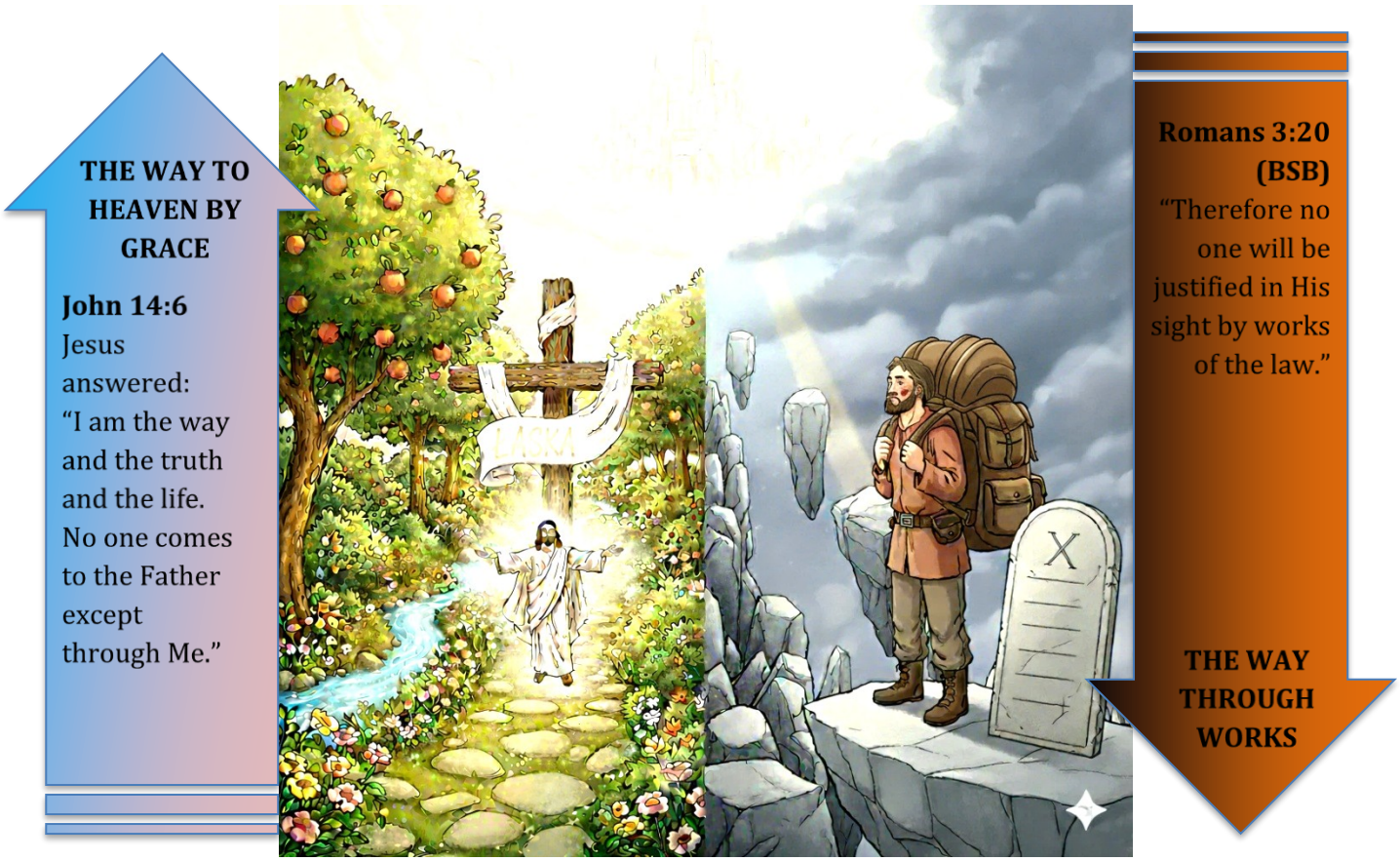
*Explanation:* This verse shows that repentance and turning back to God wipe away our sins. In other words, our sins are removed.

🕮 **2 Chronicles 7:14:** "and if My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

*Explanation:* True repentance is not just confessing our sins. It also means turning away from evil.

### 4.4.2 The Need for Repentance:

🕮 **Romans 3:23–24 (BSB):** "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."




🕮 **Luke 13:3:** "No, I tell you. But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

*Explanation:* Jesus clearly says that repentance is necessary for salvation. Without repentance, there is no escape from the consequences of sin.

1. Joy in Repentance:

🕮 **Luke 15:7:** "I tell you that in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous ones who do not need to repent."

*Explanation:* Repentance brings joy not only to the person who repents, but also to heaven. God is happy whenever someone returns to Him.

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## 4.5 Repentance as a Process

**Definition of repentance:** Repentance comes from the Greek word *metanoia*, which means "a change of mind" or "turning around." It is more than feeling guilty about sin. It is the process of turning away from sinful behavior and turning to God. Put the steps of this process in the right order by numbering them.

A. Accepting that God, not people, decides what is good.
B. Water baptism
C. Confessing what I have done wrong
D. Making things right wherever possible
E. Learning what is good and what is evil
F. Deciding to stop sinning

## 4.6 How to Breathe in Grace – Spiritual Breathing

Take a few deep breaths in and out. Then ask someone to read the verse from John's letter. After reading it, explain that "confessing" is like breathing out, and "forgiveness" is like breathing in. Ask the participants to breathe out while saying "I confess" and breathe in while saying "I am forgiven." Have them repeat this several times.

🕮 **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."

*Explanation:* The first step in repentance is confession. God is faithful to forgive us when we honestly admit our sins.

Ask the participants these questions about the next verse: What must a sinner do? How does God respond? What does this verse tell us about God's character? What kind of character should we have?

🕮 **Isaiah 55:7:** "Let the wicked man forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion, and to our God, for He will freely pardon."

*Explanation:* Repentance means leaving sinful ways behind. God promises mercy to those who sincerely seek Him.

## 4.7 Conclusion – Write Your Own Definition of Repentance

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**Here are some example definitions:** Repentance takes time and has an order. Repentance is the process of turning away from sin and our own beliefs, turning to faith in Jesus Christ, and living a new life changed by the Holy Spirit. Repentance is a response to God's forgiveness. For Christians, it is important to keep repenting, allowing God to guide them and renew them every day.

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## 4.8 Summary and What to Do

You cannot be good without a new heart. To receive one, you must repent, be baptized, and receive the Holy Spirit. Repentance takes time and follows a certain order. It begins with accepting that God is the One who decides what is good and what is evil.

### 4.8.1 What did you find interesting or new about Jesus or God in today's meeting?

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### 4.8.2 What did you learn about people today that is good to remember?

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### 4.8.3 What did you learn about yourself and what you are capable of?

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### 4.8.4 What can you do about this now?

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### 4.8.5 What can you do later?

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### 4.8.6 What should you keep to and never forget?

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## 4.9 Golden Verses to Memorize

Verses to Memorize This Week. Read them and try to remember them:

- ☐ 🕮 **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."
- ☐ 🕮 **Luke 15:7** "I tell you that in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous ones who do not need to repent."

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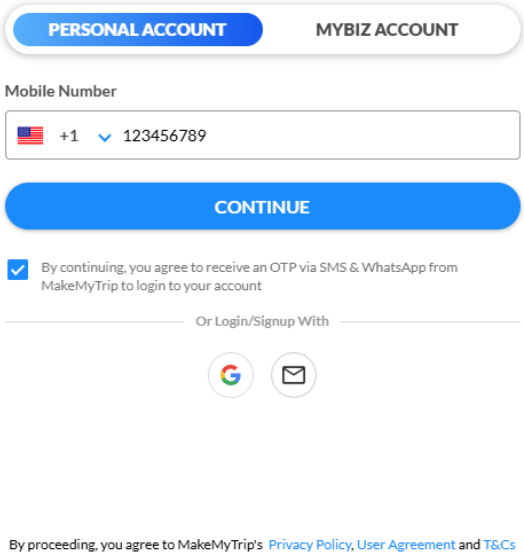
# 5. Baptisms into water. The proof of your relationship with Jesus.

## 5.1 Decisions and Agreements, Contracts – Covenants:

### 5.1.1 Illustration of an Agreement:

How do people make decisions and form agreements in your opinion? Draw an example






How it was in the Bible:

A. **Anointing.** Exodus 29:7 – "And you shall take the anointing oil, pour it on his head, and anoint him."
B. **Oath**: Genesis 21:31 – "Therefore he called that place Beersheba, because the two of them swore an oath there." (Abraham and Abimelech made an oath about a well.)
C. **Handshake:** Galatians 2:9 – "And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised."
D. **Altar:** Genesis 12:7 – "Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, 'To your descendants I will give this land.' And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him."
E. **Rainbow:** Genesis 9:16 – "The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." (after Noah's flood)



F. **Several things at once:** Jeremiah 32:10 – "And I signed the deed and sealed it, took witnesses, and weighed the money on the scales."
G. **Sandal.** Ruth 4:7 – "Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm anything, one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was a confirmation in Israel."
H. **Circumcision:** Genesis 17:10 – "This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised."
I. **Circumcision of Christ and Baptism**: Colossians 2:11–12 – "In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead."
J. **Other signs:** tithes, stones, burnt offerings...

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## 5.2 Covenants in the Bible

### 5.2.1 Different Old Covenants

The purpose of this section is to show that in the Old Testament there were many different covenants, and each one had its own way of being made. The covenant with Jesus has own way as well.

**Draw next to each covenant the symbol that represented it.**

A. Covenant with Adam (tree)

**Genesis 2:16–17** – "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'"

B. Covenant with the world in Noah's days (the ark)

**Genesis 6:13–14, 17–18** – "And God said to Noah, 'The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.'"
"And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you."

C. Covenant with Abraham (faith)

**Genesis 17:10–11** – "This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you."

D. Covenant with Moses (stone tablets)

**Exodus 32:15–16** – "And Moses turned and went down from the mountain, and the two tablets of the Testimony were in his hand. The tablets were written on both sides; on the one side and on the other they were written. Now the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God engraved on the tablets."

E. Covenant with Jacob (tithe – 10%)

**Genesis 28:20–22** – "Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God. And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.'"

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### 5.2.2 The Agreement with Jesus – The New Covenant (Faith and Baptism):

A. How to Enter the New Covenant

🕮 **Acts 2:38b** "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

**Helpful verses:**

🕮 Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

🕮 Mark 16:15–17 "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues.'"

🕮 1 Peter 3:21 "There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

🕮 Romans 6:3 "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

B. Who You Become After Entering the New Covenant.



🕮 **Romans 6:3** "Or aren't you aware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

🕮 **Ephesians 2:19** "Therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household."

Another helpful verses:

🕮 **Ephesians 2:13** "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."

🕮 **Ephesians 2:21–22** "In whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."

The Church, as a community of believers, is a spiritual temple where God lives.

🕮 **1 Peter 2:5** "You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

Every believer has a place in God's house and takes part in spiritual service.

🕮 **1 Corinthians 3:16** "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

The presence of the Holy Spirit makes each believer a personal temple of God.

🕮 **Hebrews 3:6** "But Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end."

God's house consists of those who continue in faith and hope in Christ.

🕮 **Hebrews 12:22–25a** "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. See that you do not refuse Him who speaks."

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C. What Happens If We Break the Covenant – The Blood That Cleanses

📖 **2 *Timothy 2:11–13*** "This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."

***Context:*** *Paul reminds Timothy that the life of a believer is united with Christ — in suffering and in glory. God's faithfulness never changes: even when people fail, He remains true to His character and to His promise of salvation in Christ.*

***Helpful verses:***
📖***Hebrews 9:14*** "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"
📖***1 John 1:7*** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

*D. What About Previous Baptisms or Agreements?*

📖***Acts 19:1–6***
"And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?' So they said to him, 'We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.' And he said to them, 'Into what then were you baptized?' So they said, 'Into John's baptism.' Then Paul said, 'John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.' When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied."

***Questions to think about:***
*– What three kinds of baptism appear in this passage?* _____
*– How are they different?* _____

*E. How Do We Remember the Covenant? – The Memorial*

📖***Luke 22:19–20*** "And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.'"
📖***Acts 2:46*** "So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart."

## 5.3 The Establishment of the New Covenant

Water Baptism from Man's Side and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit from God's Side

**Video – Child Baptism: Video 1**

**Video – Adult Baptism: Video 2**

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## 5.4 Baptism as a Part of the Salvation of Spirit, Soul, Body, and the environment




🕮 **1 Thessalonians 5:23** "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

🕮 **John 3:5–6** "Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.'"

🕮 **Mark 16:16** "He who believes and is baptized will be saved..."

🕮 **1 Peter 3:21** "There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

🕮 **Romans 6:3** "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

🕮 **Matthew 28:19** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

🕮 **Acts 2:38** "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

🕮 **Matthew 3:11b** "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

What is water baptism according to the New Covenant? Try to describe it in your own words:

💡 *Example definition of water baptism:Baptism is immersion in water — it is a person's request for God to include them in the New Covenant, and at the same time a promise from that person to live a new life according to God's ways.*

## 5.5 FAQ – WATER BAPTISM

**1. Can you get into Paradise without water baptism? Answer: Yes.** Baptism is like signing your decision of faith, but it is faith in what Christ has done that brings salvation and forgiveness. An example is the criminal hanging on the cross next to Jesus. He declared his faith and received the promise that he would be in Paradise, even though he could no longer be baptized in water.

🕮 **Luke 23:42–43** *"Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!' And Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.'"*

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**2. Is there only one kind of baptism in the Scriptures? Answer: No.** The word "baptism" (Greek *baptisma*, meaning immersion) is used in different situations in the Bible. Under the Old Covenant, it referred to ritual washing required by the Law. Under the New Covenant, we see John's baptism (a baptism of repentance), water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, and baptism in the Holy Spirit.

🕮 **2 Kings 5:14** (in the LXX: 4 Kingdoms 5:14) "So Naaman went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored and became like that of a little child, and he was clean."

(In the LXX: baptized; Hebrew: **וַיִּטְבֹּל** – *vayitbol*, from *taval*, meaning to dip, soak, or immerse in water.)

🕮 **Hebrews 9:10** "They consist only in food and drink and special washings—external regulations imposed until the time of reform."

🕮 **Acts 19:3–4** "'Into what, then, were you baptized?' Paul asked. 'The baptism of John,' they replied. Paul explained: 'John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the One coming after him, that is, in Jesus.'"

**3. Is there only one baptism into Christ in the spiritual sense? Answer: Yes.** Although there have been different kinds of immersion and religious ceremonies throughout history, spiritually there is only one baptism that brings a person into the New Covenant and the Body of Christ. It is one spiritual immersion into the death and resurrection of Jesus.

🕮 **Ephesians 4:4–5** *"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism;"*

**4. Is baptism without personal faith in Jesus valid? Answer: No.** The New Covenant is based on a personal decision to believe and a change of mind (*metanoia*). Baptism without faith is simply getting wet. It is not a personal response to God from a clear conscience. When the Apostle Paul met people in Ephesus who had received only John's baptism without fully knowing and believing in Jesus, he told them to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

🕮 **Mark 16:16** *"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

🕮 **Acts 19:4–5** *"Paul explained: 'John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the One coming after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."*

**5. Is it possible to be baptized in the Holy Spirit before being baptized in water? Answer: Yes.** God is not limited by the order of religious ceremonies. In the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, the Holy Spirit came upon those listening to God's Word before they entered the water. When the Apostle Peter saw what God was doing, he immediately told them to be baptized in water.

🕮 **Acts 10:44, 47–48** *"While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard his message." "Can anyone withhold the water to baptize these people? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have!" So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay for a few days.*

**6. Were first Chiristians baptized by immersion? Answer: The design of the baptismal pool suggests that they were.** This is baptismal pool in Tunis from VI century, happened about 400 years before the Latin Church separated from the tradition now known as Orthodox Christianity.



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## 5.6 Summary and What to Do?

💡 *Baptism is your formal response to Jesus and His offer of salvation.*

### 5.6.1 What did you find interesting or new about Jesus or God in today's meeting?

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### 5.6.2 What did you learn about people today that is good to remember?

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## 5.7 Golden Verses to Memorize

Verses to Memorize This Week. Read them and try to remember them:

- ☐ 🕮 **Acts 2:38:** "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"
- ☐ 🕮 **Romans 6:3–4:** "Or aren't you aware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life."
- ☐ 🕮 **Matthew 28:19:** "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

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# 6 Baptism in the Holy Spirit – Immersion in the Spiritual World

## 6.1 Being Filled with the Holy Spirit According to Luke's Gospel

Workshop in groups. Find the Bible verses and check what Luke said about:

1. 🕮 Being filled with the Holy Spirit. Who was filled? – Luke 1:15, 1:41, 1:67.
2. 🕮 Being full of the Holy Spirit. Is it possible to be only partly filled with the Holy Spirit? – Luke 4:1.
3. 🕮 Do we need to be careful when asking for the Holy Spirit? – Luke 11:13.
4. 🕮 The promise of the power of the Holy Spirit – Luke 4:14 and 24:49–51.

## 6.2 What Baptism in the Holy Spirit Is Not – According to Luke's Book of Acts

Read the passage below and draw your own conclusions:

(a.) Is accepting the good news about Christ the same as receiving the Holy Spirit?
(b.) Is believing the same as receiving the Holy Spirit?
(c.) Is being baptized in water the same as receiving the Holy Spirit?
(d.) Is accepting God's Word the same as receiving the Holy Spirit?

🕮 **Acts 8:4–23:** 4 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. 5 Philip went down to a city in Samaria and **(a.) proclaimed the Christ to them.** 6 **The crowds all paid close attention to Philip's message** and to the signs they saw him perform. 7 With loud shrieks, unclean spirits came out of many who were possessed, and many of the paralyzed and lame were healed. 8 So there was great joy in that city. 9 Prior to that time, a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and astounded the people of Samaria. He claimed to be someone great, 10 and all the people, from the least to the greatest, heeded his words and said, "This man is the divine power called the Great Power." 11 They paid close attention to him because he had astounded them for a long time with his sorcery. 12 But when **(b.) they believed Philip as he preached** the gospel of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, **(c.) they were baptized**, both men and women. 13 **(b.) Even Simon himself believed** and **(c.) was baptized.** He followed Philip closely and was astounded by the great signs and miracles he observed. 14 When the **apostles** in Jerusalem **(d.) heard that Samaria had received the word of God**, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 On their arrival, they prayed for them **to receive the Holy Spirit.** 16 **For the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.** 17 Then Peter and John **laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.** 18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money. 19 "Give me this power as well," he said, "so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." 20 But Peter replied, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! 21 You have no part or share in our ministry, because your heart is not right before God. 22 Repent, therefore, of your wickedness, and pray to the Lord. Perhaps He will forgive you for the intent of your heart. 23 For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and captive to iniquity."

## 6.3 What Baptism in the Holy Spirit Looks Like

**Underline the signs of baptism in the Holy Spirit in these Bible passages:**

**Passage 1 🕮 Acts 2:2–21:** "2 Suddenly a sound like a mighty rushing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (…)
11 both Jews and converts to Judaism; Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Astounded and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

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13 But others mocked them and said, “They are drunk on new wine!” 14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, lifted up his voice, and addressed the crowd: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen carefully to my words. 15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It is only the third hour of the day! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on My menservants and maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. (…) 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

**Passage 2 🕮 Acts 10:44–48:** “44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard his message. 45 All the circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and exalting God. Then Peter said, 47 ‘Can anyone withhold the water to baptize these people? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have!’ 48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay for a few days.”

**Passage 3 🕮 Acts 19:6:** “And when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.”

| # | Verses | Location | Group of People | External Signs |
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| 1 | Acts 2:1–4 | Jerusalem | Jews | tongues, fire, wind, speaking, appearing drunk |
| 2 | Acts 8:14–20 | Samaria | Samaritans | (not described, but clearly visible) |
| 3 | Acts 10:44–48 | Caesarea | Gentiles | tongues, praising God |
| 4 | Acts 19:1–7 | Ephesus | Disciples of John | tongues, prophecy |

**Human Opinion vs. the View of Faith**

Watch these videos. Honestly share how you feel about what you see, using reason and judging only by what you can observe. You can see spiritual activity here.
Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JMDtezBmfM

*For the teacher: Looking at these videos from a purely intellectual point of view, people may react like this: They are crazy, they are pretending, they are strange, they are acting as if they were not normal, high on drugs, or drunk. Explain that spiritual things must be judged spiritually.*

**Task.** Share what you think about this New Testament passage: 1 Corinthians 2:13–14 “And this is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, **expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The natural man does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God. For they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.**”
(Greek: *psychikos* – natural, relating to the soul.)

## 6.4 What Happens When You Receive the Holy Spirit



**The Old Testament About a “New Person”:**

**Task 1.** The first mention of becoming a new person in the Bible comes from 🕮 **1 Samuel 10:5–6.** Read this passage (BSB): “After that you will come to Gibeah of God, where the Philistines have an outpost. As you approach the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place, preceded by harps, tambourines, flutes, and lyres, and they will be prophesying. ***Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be transformed into a different person.***”

**Task 2.** What was shocking about Saul's behavior when he reached the place where the prophets lived? **🕮 1 Samuel 19:20–24 (BSB):**
“he sent messengers to seize him. But when they saw the group of prophets prophesying, with Samuel leading them, the Spirit of God came upon them, and Saul’s messengers also began to prophesy.
When this was reported to Saul, he sent more messengers, but they began to prophesy as well. So Saul tried again and sent messengers a third time, and even they began to prophesy.

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Finally, Saul himself left for Ramah and came to the large cistern at Secu, where he asked, 'Where are Samuel and David?' 'At Naioth in Ramah,' he was told.
So Saul went to Naioth in Ramah. But the Spirit of God came upon even Saul, and he walked along prophesying until he came to Naioth in Ramah.
**Then Saul stripped off his robes and also prophesied before Samuel. And he collapsed and lay naked all that day and night. That is why it is said, 'Is Saul also among the prophets?'"**

VERY IMPORTANT CONCLUSION: FROM THE OUTWARD SIGNS, A PERSON CAN SEE THAT SOMETHING IS HAPPENING BUT CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS. WE NEED SPIRITUAL INSIGHT – THAT IS, SEEING, HEARING, OR FEELING IN THE SPIRIT.

## 6.5 What You Need to Receive the Holy Spirit

In his letter to the Galatians, the Apostle Paul said: **Galatians 3:2 and 5 (BSB):**
"I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law, or by hearing with faith? (…) Does God lavish His Spirit on you and work miracles among you because you practice the law, or because you hear and believe?"
*For the teacher: Explain that we receive the Holy Spirit by trusting and believing, not by understanding things or behaving well.*
Now try to put aside your doubts and concerns. Try to trust and believe that what you see is real. Ask the Holy Spirit to explain to you what is happening here, and watch the same videos again.

## 6.6 Summary and What to Do?

Baptism means immersion, not sprinkling. We receive Jesus with our spirit, soul, and body. With our soul by speaking and believing, with our body through baptism in water, and with our spirit through baptism in the Holy Spirit.

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### 6.6.2 What did you learn about people today that is good to remember?

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## 6.7 Golden Verses to Memorize

Verses to Memorize This Week. Read them and try to remember them:

- ☐ 🕮 **1 Samuel 10:5–6** "After that you will come to Gibeah of God, where the Philistines have an outpost. As you approach the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place, preceded by harps, tambourines, flutes, and lyres, and they will be prophesying. ***Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be transformed into a different person.***"
- ☐ 🕮 **Matthew 3:11b** "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."
- ☐ 🕮 **Galatians 3:5** "Does God lavish His Spirit on you and work miracles among you because you practice the law, or because you hear and believe?"

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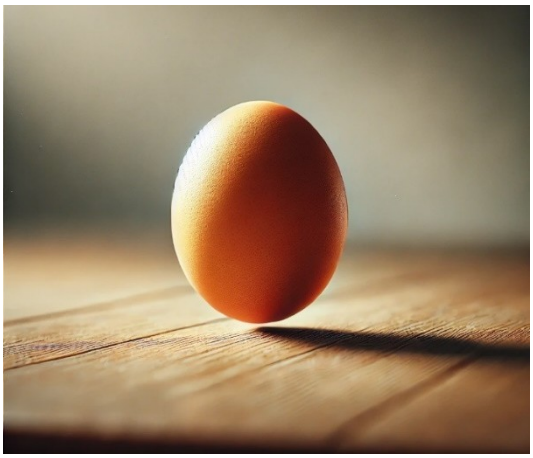
# 7. Laying on of Hands. Receiving and Releasing the Power of the Holy Spirit Through Spiritual Children



**Purpose of the study:** To prepare people who have been baptized to take responsibility and get involved in building the Church. This study shows that everyone has their place in the Church and helps them build a responsible relationship with the elders and the local church.

**An example of a simple task:**

Stand an egg upright on its tip, as shown in the picture, on a hard, flat table without any extra support, glue, etc. During and after the task, there should be nothing but your hands, the table, and the egg.

**An example of being thankful for a lesson (from minute 9 to 12):** A Japanese man's reaction when a younger puzzle master helps him solve a puzzle:

## 7.1 Introduction: Working with Your Hands

Give an example of something you do every day that even a child can do if someone shows them how.

Give examples of jobs that do not require being an expert.



*For the teacher: For example, stand an egg upright on its tip without any support on a hard, flat table. Give people a few minutes to suggest different ways of doing it. Then take a hard-boiled egg and tap it against the table so that the shell cracks and the egg stands upright. Crack the shell slightly and stand the egg up. Drill a hole in the table.*
*It is just as simple to pass on a blessing or heal someone: all you need to do is lay hands on them and speak.*

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## 7.2 What 2 ways of salvation have we learned so far?




### 7.2.1 The Way of Christ – 100% grace

Choose verses (from previous lessons if you want) that say what Jesus did for our salvation and what we need to do with it.

### 7.2.2 The Way of Perfect Behavior – 100% perfect performance

Choose verses (for example from the Sermon on the Mount) that show what Jesus said we must do to reach salvation, the kingdom of God, eternal life, or heaven.

### 7.2.3 Which way do you choose and how can you prove it?

Share your experiences that show whether you have chosen one path or the other.

## 7.3 Laying on of hands to show favor and blessing



🕮 **Part 1**: What is blessing and what does it mean? Genesis 27:26-29: „And his father Isaac said to him, Come near now and kiss me, my son. And he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him and said: Surely, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field which the Lord has blessed. Therefore may God give you of the dew of heaven, of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine. Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, and let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be those who bless you.

🕮 **Part 2**: Mathew 19:13Mateusza 19:13-15: „Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And He laid His hands on them and departed from there..

🕮 **Part 3**: Marek 10:13-16: „Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it. And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.".

Meaning: In both the Old and New Testament, laying on of hands was connected to blessing. Jesus showed that laying on hands is an act of love and care.

***For the group leader physical 1:***
***In small groups or pairs, ask each person to pray for the person next to them, placing a hand on their shoulder or hand. Use a simple blessing prayer, for example: "God, bless my friend with joy and health." This helps people feel God's care.***
***For the group leader 1 (in-person meeting):*** *In small groups or pairs, ask each person to pray for the person next to them, placing a hand on their shoulder or hand. Let them say a simple prayer of blessing, for example: "God, bless my friend with joy and good health." This exercise helps people experience God's care.*
***For the group leader 2:*** *Explain what a blessing is. The Greek word eulogia means "speaking good." Blessing means wishing someone well, saying good things about them, and giving compliments with faith that these things are true and will happen.*

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## 7.4 Laying on of Hands to Pass on the Holy Spirit

🕮 **Passage:** Acts 8:12–17: "But when they believed Philip as he preached the gospel of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Even Simon himself believed and was baptized. He followed Philip closely and was astounded by the great signs and miracles he observed. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. On their arrival, they prayed for them to receive the Holy Spirit. For the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." – The apostles laid hands on the believers so that they would receive the Holy Spirit.
Meaning: Laying on of hands was connected with being filled with the Holy Spirit and passing on His gifts.

*For the group leader 1 (in-person meeting):*
*In small groups, lead a short prayer in which participants ask God to give them or the person next to them more of the Holy Spirit. They can place their hands on each other's shoulders, but encourage everyone to pray silently for the person next to them. This can be an introduction to quiet prayer with the Holy Spirit, where everyone asks for peace and wisdom.*

## 7.5 Laying on of Hands to Choose and Send People to Serve in the Church

🕮 **Passage 1.** What authority does the Church have when it comes to laying on of hands? **Acts 13:1–3:** "Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch), and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' And after they had fasted and prayed, they laid their hands on them and sent them off."
The Church prayed for Barnabas and Saul, laying hands on them before sending them out to serve.
The Church had to recognize which of its teachers and prophets should be sent out as apostles, then lay hands on them, organize their journey, and pay for it.
🕮 **Passage 2: 1 Timothy 4:14:** "Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given you through the prophecy spoken over you at the laying on of the hands of the elders."
The elders pass on gifts by laying hands on people when the prophets tell them to do so.
🕮 **Passage 3:** 2 Timothy 1:6: *"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."*
Paul was the elder who laid hands on Timothy. It is people, meaning us, who are responsible for carrying out the task.
🕮 **Passage 4:** Acts 6:6: "They presented these seven to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them." (Choosing deacons.)
🕮 **Passage 5:** Acts 6:1–6: "In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Grecian Jews among them began to grumble against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve summoned all the disciples and said, 'It is unacceptable for us to neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, brothers, select from among you seven men confirmed to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will appoint this responsibility to them and will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, as well as Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these seven to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them."

*For the teacher: Laying on of hands was used when people were chosen to serve, showing that everyone shared the mission. It was a way of supporting a person and placing them in God's hands. Emphasize that sending Barnabas and Saul was God's command to the whole Church, not just to its leaders. Some gave money, others provided a donkey, someone paid for writing materials, someone provided a slave, someone prayed, someone went with them, someone looked after the property they left behind, someone prepared food for the journey, and someone else provided clothes.*

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## 7.6 First Steps in Discovering Your Calling in the Church

Work in groups of 3–4 people.
Imagine that an angel from God stood in front of you right now and said: For the next three days, do things that will help the Church. Ask the elders, call the prophets, think of ideas, make an effort, and ask the Church to lay hands on you.
Look at the picture below and circle the things or people you think are important. What or whom do you think God especially wants in the Church today? Then, together with your group, think about your talents, the things you own, or your interests that you could use to serve Christ or His people right now. Share your ideas. Your current abilities, skills, talents, and character may not match the things you think are important. So ask the people in your group to pray for you to receive what you need, courage, and guidance, including a teacher who can help you in that area.

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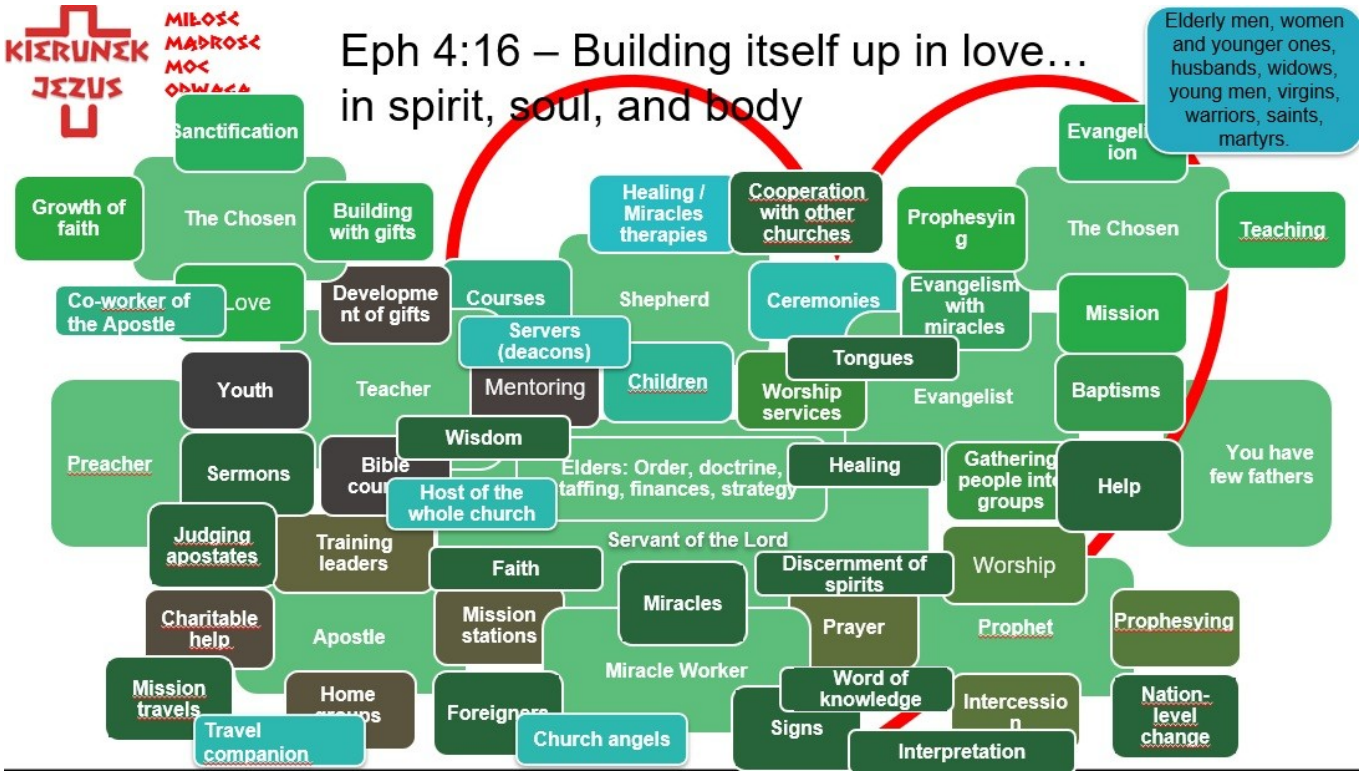


## 7.7 Basics of healing through laying on of hands

Underline the effects of laying on hands in these passages:
1. 🕮 Mark 16:14: „Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart… And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those **who believe**: In My name they will **cast out demons**; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, **and they will recover**”.
2. 🕮 Mark 6:5: „Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.”
3. 🕮 Mark 7:32: „Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him.”
4. 🕮 Mark 8:23: „So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.”

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5. 🕮 Mark 8:25: „Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly."




6. 🕮 Luke 4:40: „When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them."

7. 🕮 Luke 13:13: „And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God."

8. 🕮 Acts 9:17: „And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus… has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

9. 🕮 Acts 28:8: „And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him.

## 7.8 Workshop – what can I do right now

Video: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1W2tUYwioE4oM4z78KGKQ2gsv7YEUZerz/view?usp=drive_link
Presentation: 4 Simple Steps of sharing the spiritual life
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1DdrVL-U2p-FEqswNeTVQ2IUqeb414qXWbT8U6CJkOR0/edit#slide=id.g32a5b02952a_0_480

4 simple steps of one-on-one sharing:

1. **GREET WITH LOVE.** Smile and say hello. Say: God loves me and loves you, even though our sins hurt Him. Who is Jesus to you?
2. **SPEAK ABOUT JESUS WITH JOY.** Share your story — even a simple story works. Jesus paid the full price for our mistakes.
3. **LAY HANDS AND PRAY IN FAITH.** Lead the person to Jesus: "Lord Jesus, You heal, please become the Lord of my life…
4. **INVITE WITH CARE.** Take care of new believers. Invite them to meet, keep contact: "Can you give your number please?", and invite them: "I invite you to my church and to the free course "Basics of Biblical Christianity"

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## 7.9 Summary and What to Do?

Anyone can lay hands for healing.
The greater blesses the smaller.
Elders lay hands for ministry.
Apostles lay hands to impart the Holy Spirit.

### 7.9.1 What did you find interesting or new about Jesus or God in today's meeting?

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### 7.9.2 What did you learn about people today that is good to remember?

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### 7.9.3 What did you learn about yourself and what you are capable of?

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### 7.9.6 What should you keep to and never forget?

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## 7.10 Golden Verses to Memorize

Verses to Memorize This Week. Read them and try to remember them:

- ☐ 🕮 **Mark 16:17-18** „And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."
- ☐ 🕮 **Acts 8:17** „Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."
- ☐ 🕮 **Acts 13:3** „Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away."
- ☐ 🕮 **Acts 19:6** „And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied."
- ☐ 🕮 **1 Timothy 4:14** „Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership."
- ☐ 🕮 **2 Timothy 1:6** „Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands."

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# 8 Solum Novum. New Birth and Resurrection

**Your definition of death:**

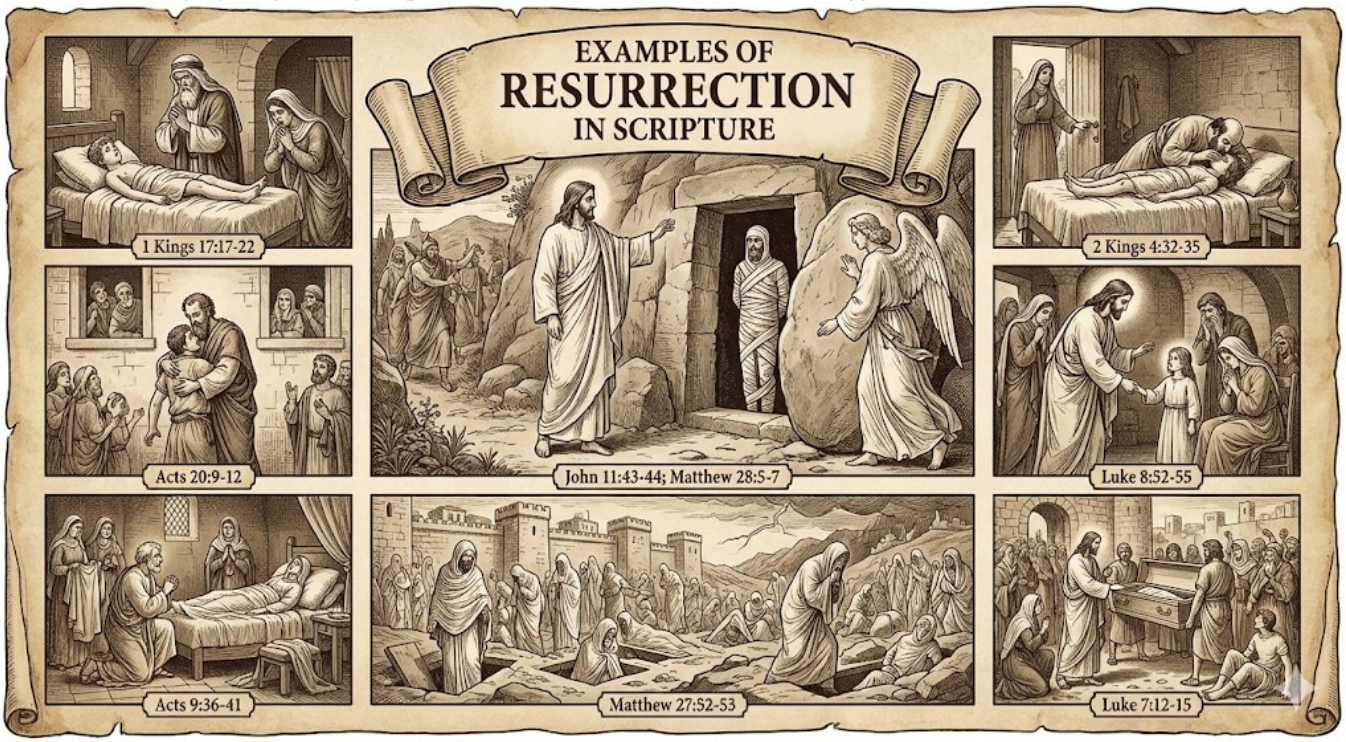
**Your definition of resurrection:**

**How many people will be in heaven? (Rev 7)**

**For the leader:** In Poland many people (influenced by Jehovah's Witnesses) believe the Bible limits heaven to 144,000. If needed, show the verse: **Revelation 7:9** – "After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands."

## 8.1 Examples of Resurrection in Scripture

**For the leader:** Ask people to pick one passage, read it aloud, and then tell the others what happened.




1. Resurrection of the widow's son at Zarephath – Elijah

📖 **1 Kings 17:17-22** – "Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. So she said to Elijah, 'What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?' And he said to her, 'Give me your son.' So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. Then he cried out to the Lord and said, 'O Lord my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?' And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the Lord and said, 'O Lord my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him.' Then the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived."

2. Resurrection of the Shunammite's son – Elisha

📖 **2 Kings 4:32-35** – "When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed. He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the Lord. And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm. He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes."

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3. Resurrection of the man thrown into Elisha's grave

🕮 **2 Kings 13:21** – "So it was, as they were burying a man, that suddenly they spied a band of raiders; and they put the man in the tomb of Elisha; and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet."

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4. Jesus raises Jairus' daughter

🕮 **Luke 8:52-55** – "Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, 'Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.' And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, 'Little girl, arise.' Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat."

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5. Jesus raises the widow's son at Nain

🕮 **Luke 7:12-15** – "And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, 'Young man, I say to you, arise.' So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother."

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6. Jesus raises Lazarus

🕮 **John 11:43-44** – "Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come forth!' And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Loose him, and let him go.'"

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7. The resurrection of Jesus Christ

🕮 **Matthew 28:5-7** – "But the angel answered and said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.'"

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**8. Many saints raised after Jesus' death**

🕮 **Matthew 27:52-53** – "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many."

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9. Peter raises Tabitha (Dorcas)

🕮 **Acts 9:36-41** – "At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, 'Tabitha, arise.' And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive."

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10. Paul raises Eutychus

🕮 **Acts 20:9-12** – "And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third storey and was taken up dead. But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him said, 'Do not trouble yourselves, for



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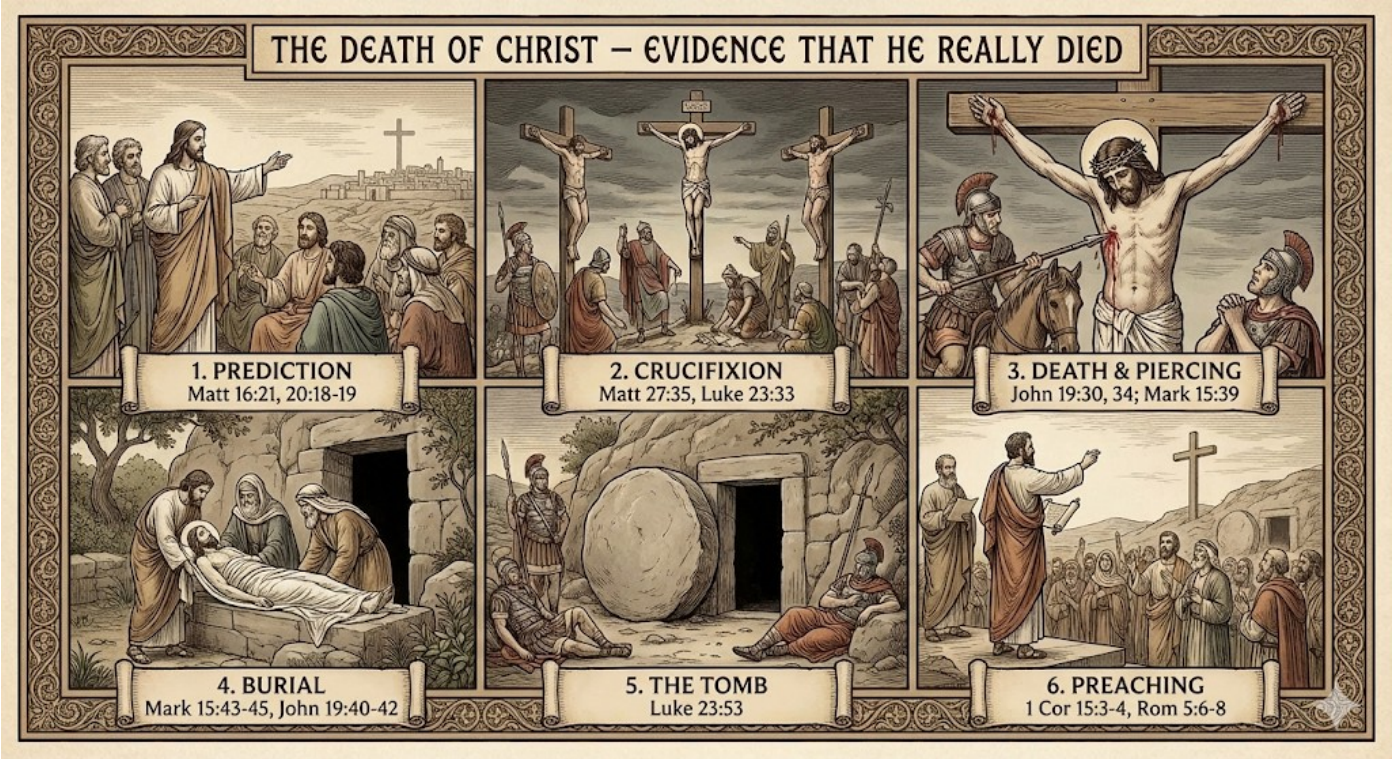
his life is in him.' Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed. And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted."

## 8.2 The Death of Christ – Evidence That He Really Died

**For the leader:** Tell the group about attacks on the truth that Jesus died and what the consequences for humanity would be if He had not died. Mention some movements that turned Jesus into a mere spirit and denied He had a body that could die. Then ask people to pick one section, read it, and comment on it.

1. Jesus announces His coming death




🕮 **Matthew 16:21** – "From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."
🕮 **Matthew 20:18-19** – "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again."

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2. Jesus was crucified
🕮 **Matthew 27:35** – "Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: 'They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.'"
🕮 **Luke 23:33** – "And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left."
🕮 **John 19:18** – "where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the centre."

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3. Jesus gives up His spirit on the cross
🕮 **Matthew 27:50** – "And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit."
🕮 **Mark 15:37** – "And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last."
🕮 **Luke 23:46** – "And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, 'Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.' Having said this, He breathed His last."
🕮 **John 19:30** – "So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!' And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit."

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4.Jesus was pierced with a spear after death

🕮 **John 19:33-34** – "But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out."

🕮 **John 19:36-37** – "For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, 'Not one of His bones shall be broken.' And again another Scripture says, 'They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

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5. Jesus was taken down from the cross and buried

🕮 **Mark 15:43-45** – "Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marvelled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph."

🕮 **Luke 23:52-53** – "This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb that was hewn out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before."

🕮 **John 19:40-42** – "Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. There they laid Jesus because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby."

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6. Testimony of the Roman centurion and others about Jesus' death

🕮 **Mark 15:39** – "So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, 'Truly this Man was the Son of God!'"

🕮 **Matthew 27:54** – "So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, 'Truly this was the Son of God!'"

🕮 **Luke 23:47** – "So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, 'Certainly this was a righteous Man!'"

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7. The apostles preach Jesus' death

🕮 **1 Corinthians 15:3-4** – "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."

🕮 **Romans 5:6-8** – "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." 🕮🕮 **Philippians 2:8** – "And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

Summary

🕮🕮 **Biblical evidence that Jesus really died:**

☑ He prophesied His own death

☑ He was crucified and died on the cross

☑ He gave up His spirit

☑ His death was confirmed by Roman soldiers and the centurion

☑ His body was taken down from the cross and buried

☑ The apostles preached His death as fact

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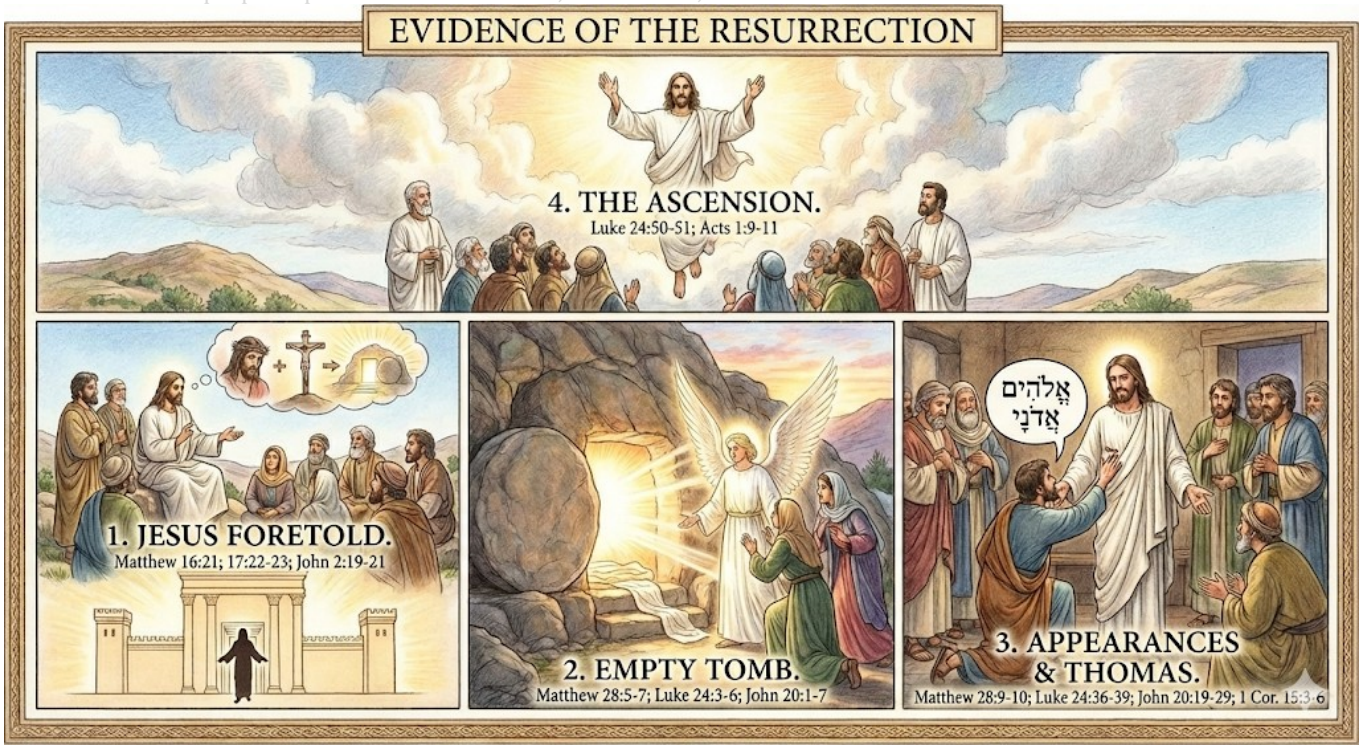
# 8.3 The Resurrection of Christ – Evidence That He Rose

For the leader: Ask people to pick one verse or section, read it aloud, and comment on it.




**1. Jesus foretold His resurrection**

🕮 **Matthew 16:21** – "From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day."

🕮 **Matthew 17:22-23** – "Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, 'The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.' And they were exceedingly sorrowful."

🕮 **John 2:19-21** – "Jesus answered and said to them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' Then the Jews said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?' But He was speaking of the temple of His body."

**2. Jesus' tomb was empty**

🕮 **Matthew 28:5-7** – "But the angel answered and said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.'"

🕮 **Luke 24:3-6** – "Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!'"

🕮 **John 20:1-7** – "Now the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him!"

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**3. Jesus appeared to many people after His resurrection**

🕮 **Matthew 28:9-10** – "And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, 'Rejoice!' So they came and held Him by the feet and worshipped Him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.'"

🕮 **Luke 24:36-39** – "Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, 'Peace to you.' But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, 'Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.'"

🕮 **John 20:19-20** – "Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord."

🕮 **John 20:26-29** – "And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, 'Peace to you!' Then He said to Thomas, 'Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.' And Thomas answered and said to Him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'"

🕮 **1 Corinthians 15:3-6** – "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep."

**4. Jesus ascended into heaven**

🕮 **Luke 24:50-51** – "And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven."

🕮 **Acts 1:9-11** – "Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.'"

**Summary**

🕮🕮 **Biblical evidence for Jesus' resurrection**:

☑ Jesus foretold His resurrection

☑ Jesus' tomb was empty

☑ Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and the other women

☑Jesus appeared to the apostles, including Thomas who touched His wounds

☑Jesus appeared to more than 500 people at once

☑Jesus ascended to heaven in front of the disciples

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## 8.4 You Must Die to Live

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. John 12:24-25



Discuss what this means in everyday life:

**1. 🕮 John 12:24-25** "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."

**2. 🕮 2 Corinthians 5:14-17** "For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

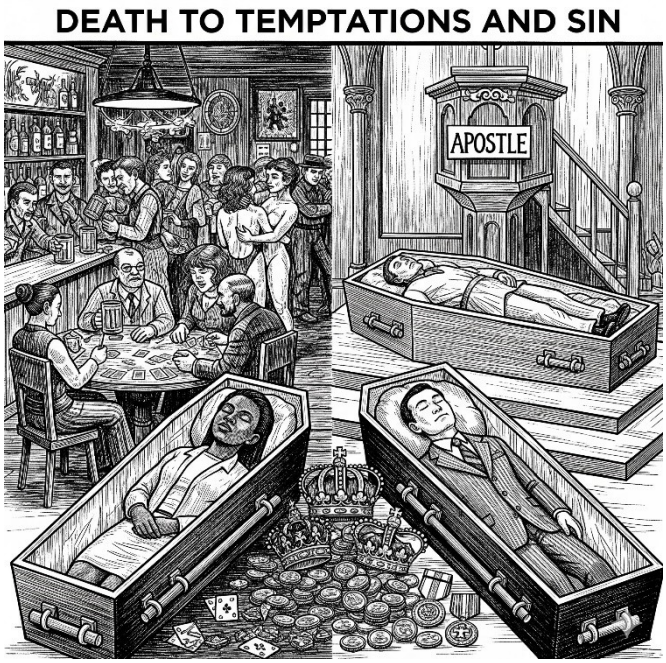
**3. 🕮 Ephesians 4:22-24** "That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

**For the leader – example answers:**

1. We have to be ready to let everything that used to define us die.
2. The new life has nothing to do with the old one – the old has completely gone.
3. Living the new way means putting on the new person and acting from a mind that has been renewed in the spirit – not just in our feelings or soul.

## 8.5 Solum Novum

**Romans 6 3** Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.




**Solum Novum – God does not reform the old covenant or the old nature; He gives a completely new covenant and births a completely new nature**. After turning to God, a person should expect to become a new person who never existed before, not just a patched-up version of the old fallen one. We receive the promised Spirit, we are born of the Holy Spirit, we receive a new soul shaped like our Teacher Jesus Christ, and we look forward to a new heavenly body instead of the earthly one. All of this happens when the old one dies. Our nature before conversion cannot be saved, improved, modernised, reshaped, or reformed. It has to

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die so that the new one can be born. The same goes for our identity, plans, ambitions, talents, and relationships. Everything must die so that the new can come to life. The New Covenant began when the old one was completely fulfilled.

## 8.6 Summary and Application

God does not reform a person; He makes them brand new and gives birth to a new person who can then be called a child of God.

### 8.6.1 What was interesting or new to you today about Jesus or God?

### 8.6.2 What was memorable today about people?

### 8.6.3 What did you learn about yourself and your abilities today?

### 8.6.4 What can you do with this knowledge quickly?

### 8.6.5 What can you do with this knowledge in the long term?

### 8.6.6 What should you hold on to and never forget?

## 8.7 Golden Memory Verses

- 🕮 **Romans 5:8** – "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
- 🕮 **2 Corinthians 5:17** – "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."
- 🕮 **Colossians 3:9-10** – "Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him."

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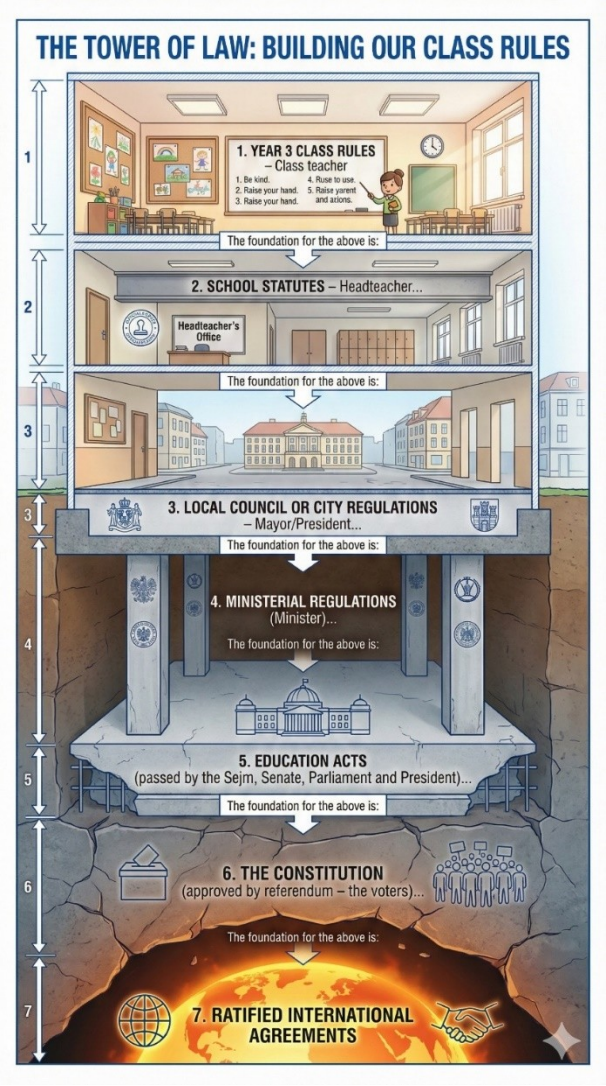
# 9 Eternal Judgment. Questions for the Most Important Exam in the Universe

The aim of this study is to make us aware that we are all subject to law and judgment.

## 9.1 The Hierarchy of Law




Group work before handing out materials.

### 9.1.1 Group work (2–3 people):

What must a class rulebook agree with in order to be legal? Give examples.

1. School statutes, Acts of School Parliament…
2. Constitution, employment regulations, local education authority, health & safety…
3. UN Convention on the Rights of the Child…
4. International treaties…
5. Headteacher's regulations…
6. National curriculum…
7. Ministry of Education…
8. Moral norms…

Now let's try to put everything in order and work out the hierarchy of law. What is the foundation for the rules of a Year 3 class in a Polish primary school?

The Year 3 class rules must agree with:

1. Year 3 class rules – Class teacher
2. The foundation for the above is: School statutes – Headteacher…
3. The foundation for the above is: Local council or city regulations – Mayor/President…
4. The foundation for the above is: Ministerial regulations (Minister)…
5. The foundation for the above is: Education Acts (passed by the Sejm, Senate, Parliament and President)…
6. The foundation for the above is: The Constitution (approved by referendum – the voters)…
7. The foundation for the above is: Ratified international agreements (often decided by officials who are not democratically elected – in the case of the EU, mainly influenced by Berlin and Paris)…
8. The foundation for the above is:
9. The foundation for the above is:

### 9.1.2 Discussion. Who has the authority to change a law or judge according to that law?

1. **Class rules** – The most local document, set at the level of a particular class by the class teacher. Must be consistent with higher legal norms.
2. **School statutes and regulations** – The school statute defines the organisational structure of the school and its general operating rules. The school regulations spell out the rules that apply throughout the whole school. These documents set the framework for class rules. Authority rests with the teaching council and the headteacher.
3. **Local authority acts** – Acts issued by local government bodies (e.g., city council, district council, mayors, city presidents) that can lay down detailed rules for the functioning of schools in a given area.
4. **Ministerial regulations and executive acts** – Issued by executive bodies such as the Minister of Education or regional superintendents; they flesh out the details of statutory provisions concerning the education system.

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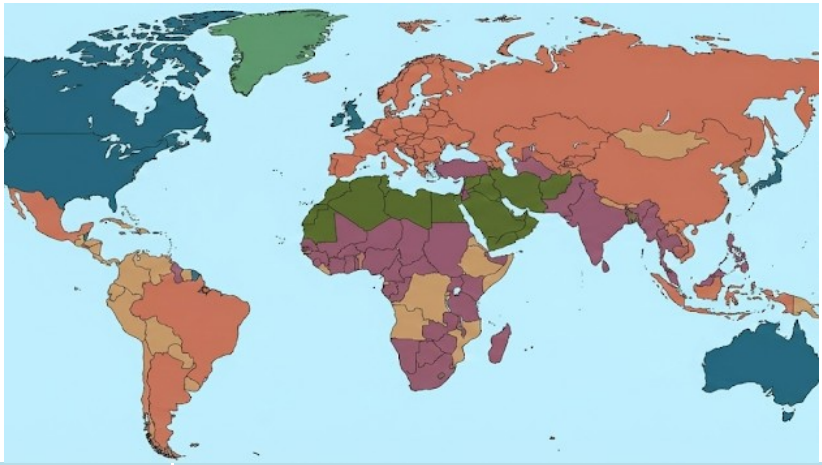
5. **Acts of Parliament** – Laws passed by parliamentarians (e.g., the Education Law or the Act on the Education System) that regulate the basic principles of education in the country.
6. **International agreements** – After national laws come ratified international treaties (e.g., conventions) like EU law, which have direct effect on the national legal system.
7. **Constitution of a Republic**– The highest legal act in the country, established by the cititzens, from which all other laws flow. Every act listed above must be consistent with it. In some countries it is impossible to be convicted for acting in accordance with the law, even if that law is Nazi, communist, or simply evil. The equivalent of a constitution is the Quran in Muslim countries, the Torah in ancient Israel, or the king's word in monarchies. The Constitution can only be amended by Parliament with a majority of more than two-thirds.



| Authority (Source of Law) | Legal System Name |
|---|---|
| Quran and religious tradition | Islamic Law (Sharia) |
| Judicial precedents (Case law) | Common Law |
| Policy (Statutory law) | Civil Law |
| Combination of sources | Mixed Law |
| Customs and traditions | Customary Law |

8. **Human law** – Unwritten human rights to life, health, property, and freedom – "what people think is right." Humanism proclaims human law as the highest good. In common-law systems, judges assess the rightness of actions on the basis of custom, tradition, and conscience.

9. **God's law** – The highest legal act of all, from which every other law and human right ultimately derives. Everything listed above must be consistent with it.

### 9.1.3 Discussion. How much do you agree that the following laws are legitimate? (Choose one):

1. 3d class children can do whatever they want.
2. Everyone is guaranteed freedom of conscience and religion. Link
3. Freedom of religion includes the freedom to profess or accept a religion of one's own choice and to manifest it individually or with others, publicly or privately, through worship, prayer, participation in ceremonies, practice, and teaching. Freedom of religion also includes owning places of worship and other places of cult according to the needs of believers, as well as the right of individuals to receive religious assistance wherever they are.
4. Parents have the right to ensure that their children are brought up and taught morally and religiously in accordance with their own convictions.
5. The religion of a church or other legally recognised religious community may be taught in school, provided that the freedom of conscience and religion of others is not violated.
6. Freedom to manifest religion may be restricted only by statute, and only when it is necessary to protect national security, public order, health, morals, or the rights and freedoms of others.
7. No one may be compelled to participate or not to participate in religious practices.

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8. No one may be required by public authorities to disclose their philosophy of life, religious convictions, or faith.

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## 9.2 The Order of Importance of Laws in the Old Covenant. What Was More Important Than What?

### 9.2.1 📖 Passage 1. Matthew 22: What?: ..... More important than what?:.....

36–40 "Teacher, which commandment is the greatest in the Law?" Jesus declared, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

### 9.2.2 📖 Passage 2. 1 Samuel 15: What?: ..... More important than what?:.....

22 But Samuel declared: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obedience to His voice? Behold, obedience is better than sacrifice, and attentiveness is better than the fat of rams."

### 9.2.3 📖 Passage 3. Hosea 6: What?: ..... More important than what?:.....

6 "For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

## 9.3 A Reminder of the Laws of the New Covenant:

### 9.3.1 Which Covenant Is More Important?

**Hebrews 8:13** "By speaking of a new covenant, He has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear."

**Hebrews 10:9–14** 9 Then He adds, "Here I am, I have come to do Your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. 10 And by that will, we have been sanctified through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 Day after day every priest stands to minister and to offer again and again the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this Priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God. 13 Since that time, He waits for His enemies to be made a footstool for His feet, 14 because by a single offering He has made perfect for all time those who are being sanctified.

### 9.3.2 Summary of the New Covenant:

Preferably from memory, for example 📖 **Acts 2:38** "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

1. Believe that God exists and rewards those who seek Him. Accept that you cannot love God with your whole being and the people you meet as yourself, and that you need God's forgiveness.
2. Believe in Jesus, decide to follow God, and be baptized. Then you will receive the Holy Spirit.
3. Listen to the Holy Spirit, who speaks in many ways, for example through Scripture, prayer, believers, prophets, and once even through a donkey. Trust Him.
4. Join a community of believers to become part of the body of Christ, which is the Church.

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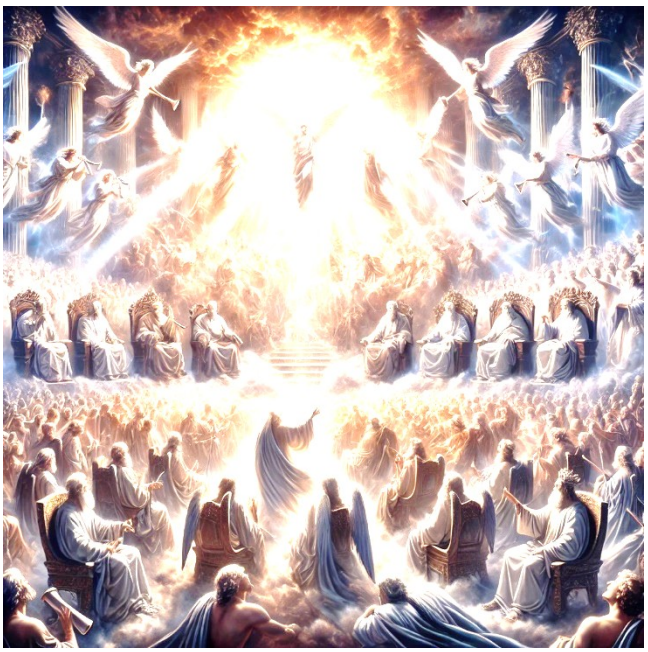
# 9.4 To Whom Has God Given the Authority to Judge – and Over Whom?

### 9.4.1 🕮 Part 1 – Matthew 19 To whom? _____ Over whom?_____

27 Then Peter answered to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” 28 So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.”



### 9.4.2 🕮 Part 2a – Daniel 7

**To whom? _____ Over whom?_____**

**22** until the Ancient of Days arrived and pronounced
judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, and
the time came for them to possess the kingdom.
**23** This is what he said: “The fourth beast is a fourth
kingdom that will appear on the earth, different from
all the other kingdoms, and it will devour the whole
earth, trample it down, and crush it.
**24** And the ten horns are ten kings who will rise from
this kingdom. After them another king, different from
the earlier ones, will rise and subdue three kings.

### 9.4.3 🕮 Part 2b – Daniel 7

**To whom?: _____ Over whom?: _____** 25 He will speak out against the Most High and oppress the saints of the Most High, intending to change the appointed times and laws; and the saints will be given into his hand for a time, and times, and half a time. 26 But the court will convene, and his dominion will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. 27 Then the sovereignty, dominion, and greatness of the kingdoms under all of heaven will be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will serve and obey Him.

### 9.4.4 🕮 Part 3 – John 5 To whom?: _____ Over whom?: _____

26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so also He has granted the Son to have life in Himself. 27 And He has given Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. 28 Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice 29 and come out—those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. 30 I can do nothing by Myself; I judge only as I hear. And My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 31 If I testify about Myself, My testimony is not valid. 32 There is another who testifies about Me, and I know that His testimony about Me is valid.9.4.5 🕮 Part 4 – Hebrews 4

**To whom?: _____ Over whom?: _____**




12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

### 9.4.6 🕮 Part 5a – 1 Corinthians 6

**To whom?: _____ Over whom?: _____**

1 If any of you has a grievance against another, how dare he go to law before the unrighteous instead of before the saints! 2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases?

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### 9.4.7 🕮 Part 5b – 1 Corinthians 6 To whom?: _____ Over whom?: _____

3 Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life! 4 So if you need to settle everyday matters, do you appoint as judges those of no standing in the church? 5 I say this to your shame. Is there really no one among you wise enough to arbitrate between his brothers? 6 Instead, one brother goes to law against another, and this in front of unbelievers! 7 The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means that you are thoroughly defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? 8 Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, even against your own brothers!

### 9.4.8 🕮 Part 5c – 1 Corinthians 6

Who will NOT receive judging authority? 9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

For the leader: Point out that there are many different judgments and many different judges. God's wrath is an early, fast judgment before the Final Judgment. In the Bible, the authority to judge belongs to kings – it is an attribute of rulership, authority, and great responsibility.

## 9.5 What Happens to a Person After Death?

### 9.5.1 🕮 Part 1 – Hebrews 10:28-31

28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

### 9.5.2 🕮 Part 2 – Romans 14:10-12

**10** For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God." 12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

### 9.5.3 🕮 Part 3 – 2 Corinthians 5:9-11

9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.

### 9.5.4 🕮 Part 4 – Revelation 20:11-15

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who 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, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

### 9.5.5 🕮 Part 5 – Hebrews 9:27-28

27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. **For the leader:** This verse is the main one against reincarnation.

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### 9.5.6 🕮 Old Testament verses about judgment

**Psalm 9:7** But the Lord shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment.
**Psalm 50:4** He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people.
**Psalm 75:2** "When I choose the proper time, I will judge uprightly."
**Psalm 82:2** How long will you judge unjustly, and show partiality to the wicked? Selah
**Psalm 96:13** For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth.
**Psalm 98:9** For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity.
**Psalm 135:14** For the Lord will judge His people, and He will have compassion on His servants.
**Isaiah 3:13** The Lord stands up to plead, and stands to judge the people.

## 9.6 How Many Will Be Saved?

### 9.6.1 🕮 Part 1 – Revelation 7:4-14

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed… 9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands… 14 …"These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

### 9.6.2 🕮 Part 2 – John 14:1-4

1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 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. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also…"
**For the leader:** Jehovah's Witnesses cut verse 9 out of context – here is the full context showing the "innumerable multitude."

## 9.7 The Solution – underline in the verses below what the solution is to come out well at the Final Judgment

**John 12:47 – corrected** "And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world."
**Romans 3:10-26** 10 As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; 11 There is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. 12 They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one." 13 "Their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have practised deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips"; 14 "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways; 17 And the way of peace they have not known." 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."
19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
**John 5:47; Romans 3:10-26** (especially verses 22-26 – justification by faith in Jesus Christ, not by works of the law).

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## 9.8 Summary and Application

Salvation is by grace and gives access to heaven. Whoever believes in Jesus will not be condemned. Good works can bring rewards in heaven.

### 9.8.1 What was interesting or new to you today about Jesus or God?

### 9.8.2 What was memorable today about people?

### 9.8.3 What did you learn about yourself and your abilities today?

### 9.8.4 What can you do with this knowledge quickly?

### 9.8.5 What can you do with this knowledge in the long term?

### 9.8.6 What should you hold on to and never forget?

## 9.9 Golden Memory Verses

☐ 📖 John 3:14-18

14 “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. **16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.** 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

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# 10 SUMMARY – Stepping into the Spiritual Body

## 10.1 Being Part of the Body of Christ

**Example church mission statement:** We proclaim the Kingdom of God in public and in private, as Jesus Christ teaches us, so that we may grow in spirit, soul, body, and in the world around us, according to each person's calling. We pray and act with courage in the Spirit of love, wisdom, and power.
**2 Timothy 1:7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

**Love * Wisdom * Power * Courage = Fulfilling the Mission of Our Church**

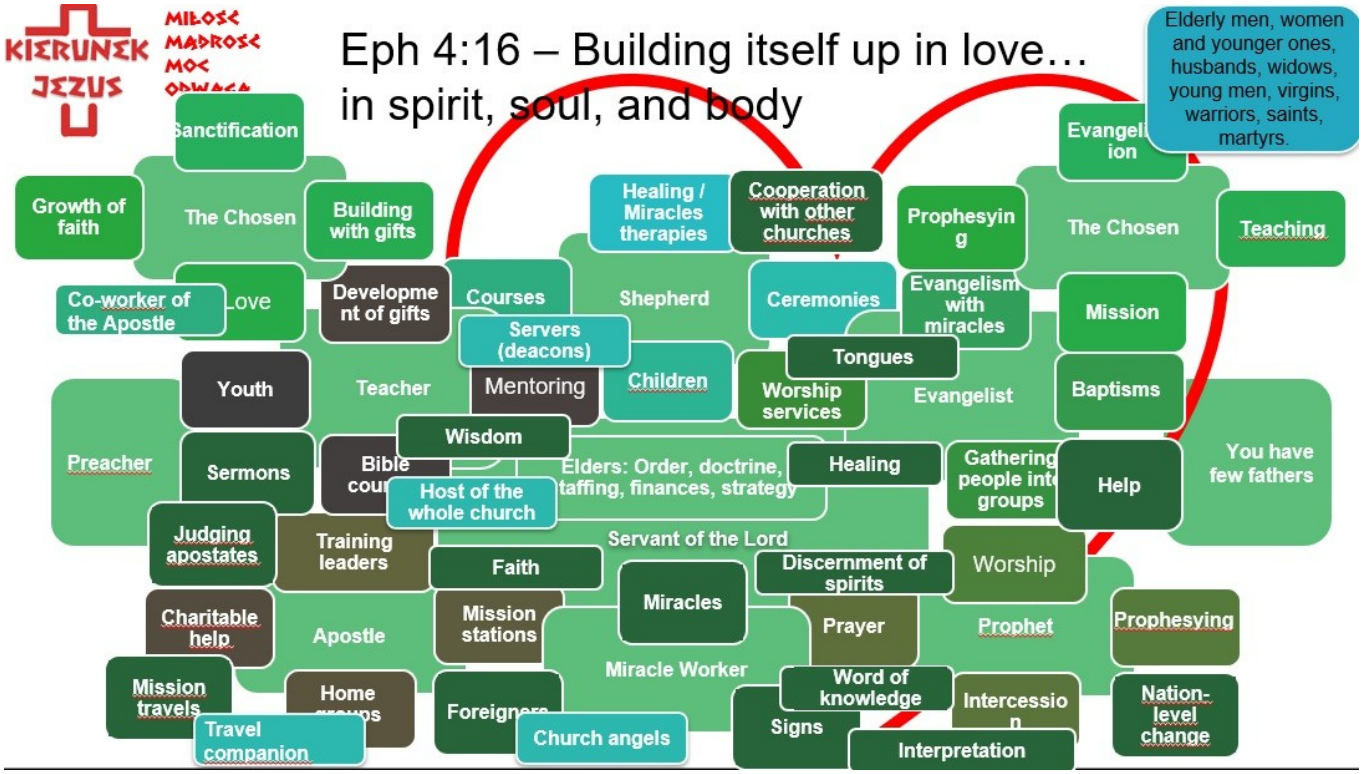


**Illustration:** Types of people mentioned in the New Testament as members of the Church, and types of activities carried out by the Church in the New Testament. The large areas show the roles that are established or given by God.

## 10.2 Foundations of New Testament Theology

1. DOXA MONŌ THEŌ (Soli Deo Gloria) – Glory belongs to God alone, and only the praise that comes from Him matters [John 5:44 – "How can you believe if you accept glory from one another, yet do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?"]. What people without the Holy Spirit admire and what is popular in the world is usually disgusting to God [James 4:4 – "You adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore, whoever chooses to be a friend of the world renders himself an enemy of God."]. For their own glory, people without the Holy Spirit can be very religious or very cruel, very generous or very stingy [Matthew 6:1–2 – "Be careful not to perform your righteous acts before men to be seen by them. (…) So when you give to the needy, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men."]. At the Final Judgment, only what has been done for the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, out of love for Him, will survive [1 Corinthians 3:13–14 – "his workmanship will be evident, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will prove the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive a reward."]. What people without the Holy Spirit highly value is disgusting in God's eyes. [Luke 16:15 –

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"So He said to them, 'You are the ones who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is prized among men is detestable before God.'"]. Every authority and ruler deserves the level of respect that God has established. [1 Peter 2:13–14 – "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to the king as the supreme authority, or to governors as those sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right."]. All the glory of those in authority comes from God. [Daniel 2:21 – "He changes the times and seasons; He removes kings and establishes them…"]. Any authority that opposes God opposes the One who gave it authority and is therefore in rebellion. [Psalm 2:2–4 – "The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together, against the LORD and against His Anointed One: 'Let us break Their chains and cast away Their cords.' The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord taunts them."]. This applies to spiritual authority, civil authority, parental authority, and every other kind of authority. [Colossians 1:16 – "For in Him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. All things were created through Him and for Him."]. This also defines our attitude toward government authorities: Because God comes first, civil authorities may rule over us only as far as their rule does not go against God's authority over us or over the rulers themselves. [Acts 5:29 – "But Peter and the other apostles replied, 'We must obey God rather than men.'"]. Because of the spiritual authority we have been given [1 Corinthians 6:2–3 – "Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!"], as messengers of Christ, we call civil rulers to repent and give their lives to Jesus so that they may be saved and escape eternal condemnation. [2 Corinthians 5:20 – "Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: Be reconciled to God."]. The God we are talking about is one and has revealed Himself in three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit [Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14]. At the same time, we must endure even unjust authorities and obey their commands as long as they do not go against God [1 Peter 2:18–19].
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2. MONOS CHRISTOS (Solus Christus) – Only Christ fully reveals the Father [Matthew 11:27 – "All things have been entrusted to Me by My Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him."]. This means that we should start getting to know God by accepting that God is exactly like Jesus, not that Jesus is like some idea we have of God [John 14:9 – "Jesus replied, 'Philip, I have been with you all this time, and still you do not know Me? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?'"]. Only He is the way to escape hell [Acts 4:12 – "Salvation exists in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."], the only mediator between God and man [1 Timothy 2:5 – "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,"], fully God [Colossians 2:9 – "For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity dwells in bodily form."] and fully human [Philippians 2:7 – "but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in human likeness."], fully King [Revelation 19:16 – "And He has a name written on His robe and on His thigh: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."] and fully Servant [Mark 10:45 – "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."], the Lamb [John 1:29 – "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'"] and the Lion [Revelation 5:5 – "Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep! Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed to open the scroll and its seven seals.'"], the Alpha and the Omega [Revelation 22:13 – "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."], the Holy One [Acts 3:14 – "You rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you."] – and yet He became sin for us [2 Corinthians 5:21 – "God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."]. Jesus Christ, who is God, died as a human being and rose again as a human being, in a body [1 Corinthians 15:14–17; Romans 4:25]. He went up to heaven and will come again [Acts 1:11; Hebrews 9:28] to bring this present order to an end and create a new heaven and a new earth [2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1–5].

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3. MONĒ GRAPHĒ (Sola Scriptura) – Only Scripture is the final authority for believers in deciding what is true and what is false [2 Timothy 3:16 – "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness,"]. It is the written Word of God [Hebrews 4:12 – "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it pierces even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart."]. We believe that both the writing and the recognition of the 39 books of the Old Covenant and the 27 books of the New Covenant were fully guided by God the Father and that these books contain no errors [2 Peter 1:20–21 – "Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture comes from one's own interpretation. For no such prophecy was ever brought forth by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."]. We prefer the original texts and use translations made by educated, Spirit-filled believers [1 Corinthians 2:13 – "And this is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words." 2 Peter 3:15–16 – "Consider also that our Lord's patience brings salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom God gave him. He writes this way in all his letters, speaking in them about such matters. Some parts of his letters are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction."]. Human wisdom is not enough to understand the Spirit of Christ speaking through Scripture; revelation is needed [1 Corinthians 2:14 – "The natural man does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God. For they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned."]. The New Testament explains the Old Testament (not the other way around, although the Old Testament often provides the right context) [Luke 24:27 – "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was written in all the Scriptures about Himself."]. The Old Testament is a shadow of the New [Colossians 2:17 – "These are a shadow of the things to come, but the body that casts it belongs to Christ."]. In the New Testament, we have a fuller revelation of who God is, and that full revelation is Jesus Christ [Hebrews 1:1–3 – "On many past occasions and in many different ways, God spoke to our fathers through the prophets. But in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son (…) The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His nature…"].
4. MONĒ PISTIS (Sola Fide) **–** Believing Jesus Christ is the only condition for salvation [Ephesians 2:8–9 – "For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from yourselves; it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast."]. Salvation was fully completed on the cross [John 19:30 – "When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished.' And bowing His head, He yielded up His spirit."]. It becomes effective in the life of a person who believes [Romans 10:9–10 – "that if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with your heart you believe and are justified, and with your mouth you confess and are saved."]. Faith guides the way people live [2 Corinthians 5:7 – "For we walk by faith, not by sight."]. Faith is a condition for receiving things from the supernatural realm for ourselves and passing them on to others [Mark 11:23 – "Truly I tell you that if anyone says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and has no doubt in his heart but believes that it will happen, it will be done for him."]. Faith enables us to use the power of the Holy Spirit [Galatians 3:5 – "Does God lavish His Spirit on you and work miracles among you because you practice the law, or because you hear and believe?"]. Not believing the Word of the Father was humanity's first sin [Genesis 3:4–6 – "'You will not surely die,' the serpent told the woman. (…) When the woman saw that the tree was good for food (…) she took the fruit and ate it. She also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate it."]. Faith is more than knowledge. It is an assumption, a conviction that is proven by what a person does, what they say, and how they plan to achieve what they hope for [Hebrews 11:1].
5. MONĒ CHARIS (Sola Gratia) **–** Only the grace of God the Father is the reason why people are saved from sin and its consequences [Titus 2:11 – "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to everyone."]. God's grace is stronger than judgment; Jesus paid its price with His blood [James 2:13 – "For judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment."]. Salvation is not based on works [Titus 3:5 – "He saved us, not by the righteous deeds we had done, but according to His mercy, through the washing of new birth and renewal by

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the Holy Spirit."]. Our works determine our reward, not grace [Revelation 22:12 – "Behold, I am coming soon, and My reward is with Me, to give to each one according to what he has done."]. Grace triumphs over judgment because Jesus Christ has already taken the punishment for the sins of the whole world [1 John 2:2 – "He Himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."]. The righteous Father placed the punishment on His Son, and since the price has been paid, God can show grace without breaking the law of "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" [Romans 3:24–26 – "and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. (…) so as to be just and to justify the one who has faith in Jesus."].

6. MONĒ AGAPĒ (Solus Amor) **– Love** alone is the greatest commandment and God's greatest gift to humanity [Matthew 22:37–40 – "Jesus declared, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. (…) All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."]. God is love, and so love is very often a Person living in the one who loves [1 John 4:8 – "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:12–13]. God acts out of love, and love is His reason for acting [John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."]. Love shows itself in wanting to spend time with someone, trusting them, admiring them, praising them, giving, supporting them, and being ready to sacrifice yourself, but also in correcting them, stopping them from doing wrong, teaching them a lesson, cleansing them, and in many other ways [1 Corinthians 13:4–7 – "Love is patient, love is kind. (…) It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."]. God loves a person first; then that person loves God [1 John 4:19 – "We love because He first loved us."]. We have come to know and believe in the love that God has for us. [1 John 4:16 – "And we have come to know and believe the love that God has for us. God is love; whoever abides in love abides in God, and God in him."]. When a person stays in a loving relationship with God, true love for other people flows from that relationship [1 John 4:20–21 – "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And we have this commandment from Him: Whoever loves God must love his brother as well."]. Happiness is usually a kind of side effect of loving someone [John 15:11 – "I have told you these things so that My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete."].
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7. MONON KAINON (Solum Novum) **– God** does not reform the old covenant or the old nature; He gives us a completely new covenant and a completely new nature [Hebrews 8:13 – "By speaking of a new covenant, He has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear."]. After turning to Christ, a person should expect to become a new, holy person who has never existed before – not a patched-up version of the old, fallen person [Matthew 9:16 / Ephesians 4:24 – "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment." / "and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."]. We receive the promised spirit born of the Holy Spirit, a new soul shaped to be like our Teacher, Jesus Christ, and we expect to receive a new heavenly body instead of our earthly body [Ezekiel 36:26 / Philippians 3:21 – "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you" / "who, by the power that enables Him to subject all things to Himself, will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body."]. We receive all these things when the old dies [Romans 6:6 – "We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless…"]. Our nature before turning to Christ cannot be saved, improved, upgraded, transformed, or reformed – it is completely corrupt and infected with sin [Romans 8:7–8 – "because the mind of the flesh is hostile to God: It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the flesh cannot please God."]. It must die so that a new nature can be born [John 12:24 – "Truly, truly, I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a seed; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."]. The same applies to our identity, plans, ambitions, talents, and relationships [Philippians 3:7–8 – "But whatever was gain to me I count as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things as loss compared to the surpassing excellence of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord…"]. Everything must die so that what is new can come into existence [2 Corinthians 5:17 – "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away.

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Behold, the new has come!"]. The New Covenant began when the Old Covenant was completely fulfilled [Matthew 5:17 – "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them."]. A person who understands this begins to understand true repentance and is ready to be baptized for the forgiveness of sins in the name of Jesus – that is, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit [Acts 2:38 – "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"]. This baptism is immersion into the death of Jesus and rising again in His resurrection [Romans 6:3–4 – "Or aren't you aware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death…"]. Becoming new is a process of removing the old nature, called sanctification. This process will end when we receive a new body made of spiritual matter [1 Corinthians 15:42–44 – "So will it be with the resurrection of the dead: What is sown is perishable; it is raised imperishable. (…) It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body."], in which sin will no longer live. At the same time, the process of becoming like Christ will continue after our resurrection [1 John 3:2 – "Beloved, we are now children of God, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when Christ appears, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is."].

8. MONON PNEUMA HAGION (Solus Spiritus) **–** Only the Holy Spirit reveals all the things above to people [1 Corinthians 2:14 – "The natural man does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God. For they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned."] and causes them to be born again as children of God [John 3:5 – "Jesus answered, 'Truly, truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.'"]. Scripture cannot be properly understood without the Holy Spirit because He is its author [2 Peter 1:21 – "For no such prophecy was ever brought forth by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."]. Human reason cannot grasp spiritual revelation – the Jewish scholars who knew the Scriptures inside out still could not see that the Old Testament spoke about Christ [John 5:39–40 – "You pore over the Scriptures because you presume that by them you possess eternal life. These are the very words that testify about Me, yet you refuse to come to Me to have life."]. Faith is given by the Father through the Holy Spirit [1 Corinthians 12:9 – "to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,"]. The meaning of grace is revealed by the Holy Spirit [1 Corinthians 2:12 – "We have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us."]. We get to know Christ and the deep things of God through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us [1 Corinthians 2:10 – "But God has revealed it to us by the Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God."]. The Holy Spirit always leads to the glory of Jesus Christ [John 16:14 – "He will glorify Me by taking from what is Mine and disclosing it to you."]. The Holy Spirit produces love as His fruit [Galatians 5:22 – "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,"]. A human being consists of spirit, soul, and body [1 Thessalonians 5:23 – "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your entire spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."]. Spiritual beings function within a hierarchy [Ephesians 6:12 – "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world's darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."]. Good spirits obey God (although they are not sinless, because 1 Corinthians 6:3 says "we will judge angels" and Job 4:18 says "He charges His angels with error") [Psalm 103:20 – "Bless the LORD, all His angels mighty in strength who carry out His word, who hearken to the voice of His command."]. Evil spirits refuse to obey God, remain in rebellion, and wait for eternal condemnation [Jude 1:6 – "And the angels who did not stay within their own domain but abandoned their proper dwelling—these He has kept in eternal chains under darkness, bound for judgment on that great day."]. The Holy Spirit we are talking about is the Spirit of Christ. He is wise, full of understanding, and powerful. A person filled with Him can give advice and understand things beyond what the physical world teaches them, because they fear the Lord, who is Spirit [Isaiah 11:1–3 – "Then a shoot will spring up from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of


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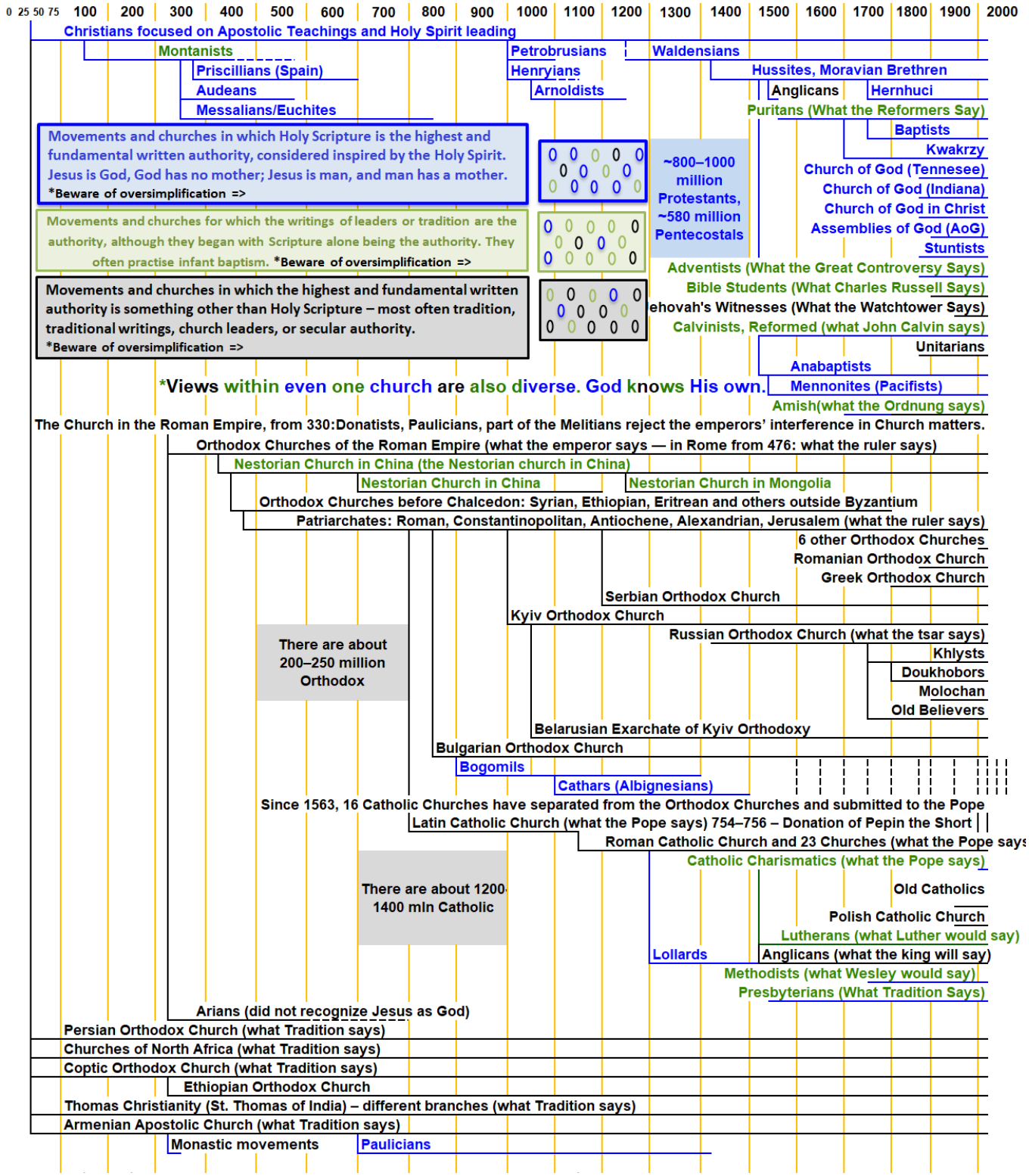
counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and fear of the LORD. And He will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what His eyes see, and He will not decide by what His ears hear,"].

## 10.3 Why are there so many churches?

What matters is not what you call yourself, but where you are in your faith in Jesus Christ and in your relationship with the Father. We make use of salvation. Through the power of the Spirit, we obey the Father. [kierunekJezus.pl](kierunekJezus.pl)

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## 10.4 Signing Certificates and Golden Verses

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### 10.4.1 Mysteries of Christ I – Whose DNA He Has and What It Means for You

🕮 Isaiah 9:6-7 "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

🕮 John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

### 10.4.2 Mysteries of Christ II – The Source of Healing the World Forbids

🕮 Colossians 2:14-15 "Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

🕮 Isaiah 53:12 "Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

### 10.4.3 Metanoia I – Grace and Reward

🕮 Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

🕮 Luke 6:35 "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil."

### 10.4.4 Metanoia II – Cheat Death and Fulfil Your Destiny

🕮 Acts 3:19 "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

🕮 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."

🕮 Luke 15:7 "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."

### 10.4.5 Baptisms – Immersions into a New Beginning

🕮 Romans 6:3-4 "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

🕮 Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

🕮 Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

### 10.4.6 Baptism in the Holy Spirit – Immersion in the Spiritual World

🕮 **1 Samuel 10:5–6.** "After that you will come to Gibeah of God, where the Philistines have an outpost. As you approach the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place, preceded by harps, tambourines, flutes, and lyres, and they will be prophesying. **Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be transformed into a different person.**"

🕮 **Matthew 3:11b:** "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

🕮 **Galatians 3:5** "Does God lavish His Spirit on you and work miracles among you because you practice the law, or because you hear and believe?"

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### 10.4.7 Laying on of Hands – Receiving and Releasing Power

🕮 Mark 16:17-18 "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

🕮 Acts 8:17 "Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."

🕮 Acts 13:3 "Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away."

### 10.4.8 Solum Novum – Living Like a Dead Man

🕮 Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

🕮 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

🕮 Ephesians 4:22-24 "That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

### 10.4.9 Eternal Judgment – Questions for the Most Important Exam in the Universe

🕮 John 3:14-18 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

### 10.4.10 Summary – Stepping into the Spiritual Body

Draw a picture that sums up what stuck with you most from the Course, or describe it:

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# 11 Student Testimonies

📘 "We (at least I) are in a completely different place now… the right place… on the right path… 💖✨ Glory to God (…) Under the influence of the Holy Spirit we created something wonderful and huge transformations and deliverances took place (…) I feel deeply honoured that I was allowed to be part of it 🏛️ The fruit is enormous (…) ☺️😍 I thank God that He let me meet you all and placed me exactly with you… The materials we received – I will keep going back to them and memorising them 🪽 Once again, thank you for this extraordinary time." (A believer, baptised one year ago)

📘 "I can say that I'm in a different place now – the right place of following God. I was able to refresh and remind myself of many things. I thank God for every person I got to meet (…) for this wonderful course and the beautiful way you led it with such obvious passion and commitment. This time simply cannot be forgotten. I bless you all." (A believer for 2 years, previously without a church)

📘 "This course helped me look at the truth of God's Word in a much more mature way. I was able to refresh and systematise the truth we have in Jesus Christ. I've been walking with Jesus for many years, yet many things were not firmly established in me. The course brought me back to my first love and showed me again that the only meaning of my life is to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. I attended every single meeting. The internet was terrible on the last one, but the materials are incredibly helpful. I think I'll go through the whole course again and I want to share it with others." (A believer, baptised 25 years ago)

📘 "I'm so glad I could take part in the course 'Basic Teachings of the Apostles – Foundations'. I wholeheartedly recommend this course to everyone – those who believe strongly, a little, or not at all. I learned what is truly essential for a Christian, my faith was strengthened, many of my doubts were cleared up (all the ones I asked about and even those others asked that were also mine), I could ask questions and every single one was answered, I was touched by the Holy Spirit many times, I met very kind and friendly people, I had a wonderful time, and so much more. Thank you all so much for helping me understand the topics." (A believer, baptised 6 years ago)

📘 "The course taught me what real Christianity is; it reoriented and brought clarity to my life. It helped me put many pieces together into one coherent whole. During the course I made the most important decision of my life – I received baptism and was born again. JESUS IS MY LORD AND MY GOD!" (A happy wife and mother of two teenagers)

📘 "I'm so grateful that I could take part in the 'Basic Teachings of the Apostles – Foundations' course. I loved the interactive format. The conversations with brothers and sisters in the faith were both instructive and inspiring me to dig deeper into each topic. The course organised the basic truths of my faith and prepared me for more conscious service in my community. I warmly recommend it!" (A believer from the Netherlands, 6 years after baptism – online course)

📘 "I feel truly blessed by this course. The fundamental topics are now much clearer and more organised in my mind – all based on the Bible, even subjects I never fully grasped before (e.g. the judgments). Thanks to the ready materials I can keep studying them and help others – especially new Christians – to learn the foundations on which to build a life with God. The meetings were very practical. I was surprised how much you can discover even in familiar passages just by asking the right questions. The leader explained difficult issues and was available even after the meetings – ready to pray and answer more questions. Because we worked in small groups, everyone could contribute. I encourage everyone to check and refresh the foundations of their faith. I highly recommend it :)" (A believer from Rzeszów – online course)

📘 "The 'Basic Teachings of the Apostles – Foundations' course is basically for everyone, regardless of how long they've been walking with the Lord. It is a solid 'ramming down of the foundations' so that whatever we build on them will stand firm. Like many people, when reading the Bible I used to set aside the so-called 'difficult passages'. Over time that pile grew quite large and became a problem. I lacked the passion to sort it out on my own. But this course explained and organised everything beautifully. The meeting format was also unique: breakout groups, interaction with people of different personalities, temperaments, experiences, and knowledge of the Word… extremely enriching. I recommend this course to everyone." (A leader from the Lublin region – online course)

📘 "I've been in hundreds of churches, prayer houses, and mission bases across Europe, and I recommend this course as teaching of the highest quality. It's 'just' the foundations, yet they drive deep into spiritual understanding – the key to living and moving in the love and power of the Holy Spirit." (An evangelist from Tarnów – online course)

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