

ESSENTIAL BIBLE TEACHINGS

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*Reach out to Jesus and reach out
To one another with His love.*

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DIVINE HEALING

GOD'S WILL

The Bible says it is God's will to provide health and healing for His children. Health is the absence of sickness, while healing is the removal of sickness. God speaks about our health: *Fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones* (Pro 3:7-8). Jesus states God's willingness to heal sickness: *In My name...[we] will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover* (Mk 16:17,18).

GOD'S WISDOM

God realizes that sin brings sickness not only to our spirits, separating us from God, but also to our emotions, bodies, finances, and relationships. God wisely has provided health and healing for our whole being: *Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases*, (Ps 103:3). But how can God forgive our sins and heal sin's damaging consequences? God has a way to remove sins and heal sicknesses, and still satisfy His righteousness.

GOD'S WAY

God's way for giving us righteousness for sin and healing for sickness is through His Son, Jesus Christ. At the cross God placed on Jesus all our sins and all the resulting sicknesses in our emotions, bodies, finances, and relationships. Isaiah describes the complete work of Jesus' atonement: *Yet it was our sickness that he was bearing, Our suffering that he endured.... But he was wounded because of our sins, Crushed because of our iniquities. He bore the chastisement that made us whole, And by his bruises we were healed* (Isaiah 53:4,5, The Tanakh).

GOD'S WORD

Jesus carried our sins and sicknesses on our behalf. Confessing God's word about our health and healing will promote faith in our hearts: *faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God* (Rom 10:17). Thus through faith we will see our sins and sicknesses on Jesus and be healed.

GOD'S WARNING

If God has provided for believers full health and healing, why are so many of us not experiencing it? God warns us about things that rob us of health and healing in our lives. Among the healing hindrances are Satanic opposition, unbelief, unconfessed sin, disobedience, backsliding, ignorance of God's promises, breaking of God's natural laws (diet, exercise, rest, hygiene), failure to stand and act in faith, and trusting in symptoms and feelings. These are all problems on our part. God has done His part. Now we must do ours. We must continually confess and believe God's word, and walk in faith and obedience to His commands. Then we will experience God's full provision for divine health and healing in all areas of our lives.

ETERNAL SECURITY

DEFINITION

The doctrine of Eternal Security declares that once a sinner trusts Jesus Christ as Savior, he is saved eternally: *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* (Eph 2:8-9). God alone is responsible for giving and maintaining our salvation.

THE FATHER'S WORK

God's sovereign plan assures us God *predestined* [us] *to be conformed to the image of His Son* (Rom 8:29). **God's sovereign protection** assures us nothing will *separate us from the love of God... in Christ Jesus* (Rom 8:39). **God's sovereign power** assures us we *are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation* (1 Pet 1:5). **God's sovereign love** assures us our salvation is everlasting: *God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life* (Jn 3:16).

THE SON'S WORK

The Son's death, resurrection, and intercession assure us we are secure in His work: *It is Christ who died...[and] is also risen...who also makes intercession for us* (Rom 8:34). **The Son's shepherding** assures us we are safe forever in His loving care: *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand* (Jn 10:27-28).

THE SPIRIT'S WORK

The Spirit's regeneration assures us *He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit* (Tit 3:5). **The Spirit's indwelling** assures us our body is God's home, *the temple of the Holy Spirit* (1 Cor 6:19). **The Spirit's sealing** assures us we were forever stamped, secured, and *sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance* (Eph 1:13-14).

OUR WORK

Since salvation is completely the work of God, the question arises, "what work am I to do regarding salvation?" The people asked Jesus, "*What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?*" Jesus said, "*This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent*" (Jn 6:28,29). Our work is to believe in the full salvation Jesus' death provides for our spirits, souls, bodies, finances, and relationships.

We are to work for God, of course, *for we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works* (Eph 2:10). But that work does not earn us salvation--it demonstrates our salvation. So God wants us to relax and rejoice about our salvation, to prove it, and share it with others.

HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

DEFINITION

At salvation we receive Jesus Christ as Savior (Jn 3:16), are indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:9), and are baptized by the Spirit into the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:13). Then a powerful experience, known as the baptism with the Holy Spirit, is available, whereby Jesus baptizes us into the power of the Spirit (Matt 3:11; Acts 2:33).

PURPOSE

The baptism with the Spirit empowers the believer in three ways: **1. for living**-- *filled with the Spirit* (Eph 5:18), with His fruit and gifts; **2. for service**--Jesus promises, *You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me* (Acts 1:8); **3. for spiritual warfare**--Paul encourages us to battle demons through prayer and praise: *I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding* (1 Cor 14:15).

EVIDENCE

The initial physical sign of this baptism is speaking in an unknown, unlearned language, or "tongue". Jesus promises believers, *they will speak with new tongues* (Mk 16:17). In three instances in Acts believers receive the baptism, and in each case the sign is given as speaking in an unknown tongue (2:4; 10:45,46;19:6).

VALUE

Scripture discusses at least five benefits of the unknown tongue. In 1 Corinthians 14 Paul mentions four. **1. We speak to God**, *for he who speaks in a tongue [speaks] to God* (v.2). **2. We speak mysteries**, *for in the spirit [we speak] mysteries* (v.2). **3. We grow spiritually**, *for He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself* (v. 4). **4. We bless and thank God**, *for we bless with the spirit* (v.16) and *give thanks well* (v.17). Acts mentions another. **5. We speak of God's wonderful works**, *for the Galileans, spoke of the wonderful works of God* (2:11).

RECEIVING

To receive the baptism with the unknown tongue, try this: **1. understand** God's Scriptures regarding it; **2. confess** any sins; **3. ask** Jesus for His baptism; **4. believe** you are receiving it; **5. praise** the Lord in English; **6. speak** in the new tongue with sounds that the Spirit will turn into speech.

CONTINUING

Continue to speak and sing in your new language daily. As you do, you will be empowered **for living**, manifesting the Spirit's fruit and gifts, **for service**, witnessing for Jesus with your life and lips, and for **spiritual warfare**, as you pray and praise your way to victory. May you, like Paul, say, *I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all* (1 Cor 14:18).

JESUS CHRIST

THE QUESTION

The most important question of all is, "Who is Jesus Christ, and how should I respond to Him?" The answer to that question determines our eternal destiny.

HIS DEITY

The Bible declares that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and God Himself. He shares the same substance, power, and glory as the Father and the Spirit. He operates as God. He is **Creator** (Col. 1:16), **Sustainer** (Col.1:17), and **Redeemer** (Rom. 3:24). He is called **God**. **God the Father** says, *Your throne, O God, is forever and ever* (Heb. 1:8-9). **Matthew** quotes Isaiah's prophecy that Jesus would be called *Immanuel, which is translated, God with us* (Matt. 1:23). **John** referring to Jesus says, *the Word was God* (Jn. 1:1). **Paul** calls Him *the eternally blessed God* (Rom 9:5), and exhorts us to look *for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ* (Tit. 2:13).

HIS HUMANITY

The Bible declares Jesus' humanity. **John** says, *the Word became flesh and dwelt among us* (Jn 1:14). He was born (Lk. 2:7). He matured (Lk. 2:52), worked (Mk. 6:3), hungered (Mt. 4:2), thirsted (Jn 4:7), experienced temptations (Heb 4:15), and emotions (Lk. 10:21; Jn. 12:27). He was crucified and raised from the dead. He is called *the Man Christ Jesus* (1 Tim 2:5).

HIS SALVATION

God says *all have sinned* (Rom 3:23). Sin brings suffering to our spirits, emotions, bodies, finances, and relationships. God's Son was named *JESUS [SAVIOR], for He will save His people from their sins* (Matt 1:21). At the cross God placed on Jesus our sins and their consequences: *it was our sickness that he was bearing, Our suffering that he endured....He was wounded because of our sins...And by his bruises we were healed* (Isa 53:4-5, Tanakh, The Holy Scriptures).

MY RESPONSE

As God, Man, and Savior, Jesus Christ is the only one who can bring healing to every area of your life. He alone paid the price for our forgiveness and healing by carrying our sins and sicknesses, and He alone can give us God's righteousness and healing. The only logical response is to receive Jesus as your personal God, Man, and Savior. Paul wrote, *if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved* (Rom 10:9). Invite Jesus into your heart through prayer:

"Dear Father, I am a sinner, and I repent of my sins. I confess Jesus Christ as my God, Man, and Savior. Lord Jesus, please save me completely. Amen."

OUR FULL SALVATION

SALVATION IS AVAILABLE

We desire salvation, or deliverance from the power and effects of sin. The Bible tells us that the only salvation available is through God's Son, Jesus Christ, who says, *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.* (John 3:16) God's salvation is available for all today.

SALVATION IS FREE

We cannot earn salvation, because our sins have separated us from God. To save us, God placed our sins and all of sins' consequences on Jesus, who had never sinned, and now offers to place the righteousness of Jesus on us. God's gift of salvation is absolutely free to those who will trust in Jesus as Savior. The apostle Paul writes, *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* (Ephesians 2:8,9).

SALVATION IS PERMANENT

We need not fear losing our salvation once we receive it, for Jesus promises that He will keep us and our salvation from anyone or anything that would destroy us. He says, *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand* (John 10:27,28).

SALVATION IS COMPLETE

We have a full salvation available to us through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. Isaiah 53:4-6 says Jesus suffered not only for our sins, but also for sins' consequences, including sicknesses in every area of our lives. By carrying our sins and their consequences, Jesus made salvation available for all sicknesses. We can be healed in every area of our lives, including in our spirits, emotions, bodies, finances, and relationships. We simply see Jesus as our Savior/Healer for everything.

SALVATION IS YOURS NOW

To receive salvation, simply **1) realize** you are a sinner, **2) repent** of your sins, **3) rely** on Jesus Christ's death for your sins and their consequences, and **4) receive** Jesus Christ and His salvation.

You can invite Jesus Christ into your heart as Savior by praying something like this: *Dear Father, I am a sinner, and I repent of my sins. I receive Jesus Christ as my Savior. Lord Jesus, please heal me spiritually, emotionally, physically, financially, and relationally. Thank you, Lord, for my full salvation. Amen.*

GIVING

THE BEGINNING OF GIVING

Giving begins with God. He commands that we give of our resources, including money. Giving shows our obedience. Remember, **God is owner** of all: *The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the Lord* (Hag 2:8). **We are only managers** of God's resources. We are to give to His work as He directs, for one day we will give an accounting.

THE BALANCE OF GIVING

God's plan for giving is balanced, meeting all needs for all people. Giving consists of **tithes, offerings, and alms**. A **tithe** means a tenth of our gross income before deductions. The tenth belongs to God: *all the tithe of the land...is the LORD's. It is holy to the LORD* (Lev 27:30). Tithing was practiced before, during, and after the law. Today Jesus Himself receives our tithes (Heb 7:8). **Offerings** are voluntary expressions of our gratitude to God, while **alms** are gifts to the needy. All giving is blessed, but giving beyond the tithe brings abundant blessings.

THE BASICS OF GIVING

Paul gives the basics of giving: *On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper* (1 Cor 16:2). *On the first day of the week* indicates **the time**, Sunday, and **the regularity**, every Sunday. He is writing the local church, which is **the place**. *Let each one of you* indicates **the personal responsibility** of all. *Lay something aside, storing up* indicates **the method**, which involves planning and prayer. *As he may prosper* shows **the reciprocity** of giving, for the amount of our giving depends on the amount of our prosperity.

THE BLESSINGS OF GIVING

In Malachi 3:6-12 God promises three blessings from bringing the tithes *into the storehouse* (local church): 1) **abundance** (*such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it*); 2) **protection** (*I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes*); 3) **fruitfulness** (*all...will call you blessed*).

THE BLESSED OF GIVING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 says no less than three parties are blessed in giving. **The giver** is blessed. He is blessed financially (*having all sufficiency in all things [plus] an abundance for every good work*). He is also blessed spiritually (*his righteousness endures forever*). **The recipient** is blessed, for giving *supplies the needs of the saints*. And **God** is blessed, for the recipients offer *many thanksgivings to God*.

THE BASIS OF GIVING

God has demonstrated His grace by giving us countless blessings. This culminated in His gift of Jesus Christ for our salvation. As we give joyfully and abundantly, we demonstrate the working of God's grace within us, for giving is the very essence of grace.

THE JEHOVAH NAMES OF GOD

"Jehovah" is God's name, revealing His redemptive relationship to Israel and His people today. "Jehovah" in the Old Testament is "Jesus" in the New Testament. These seven compound names reveal God's nature and work for your life.

Name	Scriptural Reference	Jesus' Fulfillment
Jehovah-Jireh	<i>The LORD Will Provide (Gen. 22:14).</i>	<i>My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).</i>
Jehovah-Nissi	<i>The LORD IS my Banner (Ex. 17:15).</i>	<i>Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends (Jn 15:13).</i>
Jehovah-Shalom	<i>The Lord is Peace (Jgs 6:24).</i>	<i>For He Himself is our peace (Eph. 2:14).</i>
Jehovah-Raah	<i>The Lord is my Shepherd (Ps. 23:1).</i>	<i>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep (Jn. 10:11).</i>
Jehovah-Tsidkenu	<i>The Lord our Righteousness (Jer. 23:6).</i>	<i>Christ Jesus became for us...righteousness (1 Cor. 1:30).</i>
Jehovah-Shammah	<i>The Lord Is Present (Ezek.. 48:35).</i>	<i>I will never leave you nor forsake you (Heb 13:5).</i>
Jehovah-Rapha	<i>The LORD who heals you (Ex. 15:26).</i>	<i>[Jesus] took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses (Mt. 8:16-17).</i>

Prayerfully study these names and watch your faith grow. Call upon Jehovah and allow Him to meet all your needs through Jesus Christ, the Jehovah of God Himself.

THE MEANING OF COMMUNION

THE HISTORY

Jesus Christ commanded Christians to observe Communion to remember and relate to Him and His sacrificial death for them. **Jesus** instituted this rite with His disciples at the Passover meal before His death. **The early church** maintained the observance.

THE SIGNIFICANCE

Communion is commemorative in its use of the bread and the cup (the fruit of the vine) to remember Jesus and His death for our sins, sorrows, sicknesses, poverty, and broken relationships. He said to partake of them *in remembrance of Me* (1 Cor 11:24). **Communion is symbolic** in its use of the elements. The **bread** signifies Jesus' *body which is broken for you* (1 Cor 11:24). The **cup** signifies *the new covenant in My blood* (1 Cor. 11:25). They are tangible reminders of the sacrifice of Jesus, and act as catalysts for releasing our faith to appropriate His salvation and healing in our spirits, souls, bodies, finances, and relationships.

THE PREPARATION

In 1 Corinthians 11 Paul states 4 things to do before taking Communion: 1. **examine yourself** for unconfessed sins (v. 27); 2. **discern the Lord's body** (v.29, 30); [treat others with love; or receive healing through Jesus' wounds]; 3. **judge your sins** so God will not (v.31); 4. **confess your sins** so God will forgive and cleanse you (1 Jn 1:9).

THE FELLOWSHIP

Communion means "fellowship". It is a time for drawing close to Jesus and to each other. We thankfully remember Jesus' sacrifice for us and are drawn into rich fellowship with Him: *The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?* (1Cor 10:16). We also experience a richness of fellowship with each other: *For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread* (1Cor. 10:17).

THE HEALING

Communion commemorates Jesus' death for our sins and sins' consequences. His death fulfills the Passover sacrifices of Israel. **The bread** represents Jesus' body, corresponding to the Passover lamb. As the lamb was eaten for physical health, so Jesus' body was beaten for our physical health, for *by His stripes* [bruises] *we are healed* (Isa 53:5). Partaking of the bread and looking to Jesus as **Healer** bring physical healing.

The cup represents Jesus' blood, corresponding to the lamb's blood. As the lamb's blood was shed for spiritual deliverance, so Jesus' blood was shed for our spiritual deliverance through the forgiveness of sins. Partaking of the cup and looking to Jesus as **Savior** brings spiritual healing.