## PRIESTHOOD OF EVERY BELIEVER

#### **Tithing**

At One Way we practice tithing for the support of Christ's body, the church, as God commands. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard of giving.

Lev 26:30 A tithe of eveything you produce belongs to the Lord it is holy to the Lord.

#### IMMERSION

- We practice baptism by immersion under water-the way Jesus was baptized, and the way the Bible commands.
- Colossian 2:12 Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

#### SPIRIT-LED LIVING

- We believe the only way possible to live the Christian life is by God's power within us. So we seek to practice a daily dependence on God's Spirit to enable us to do his will.
- John 15-5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

## TELLING OTHERS ABOUT CHRIST

- What is right:
- It is the responsibility of every Christian to share the Good brings us into contact. We practice personal sharing about Christ and inviting friends to church.
- 1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

Everyone wants to be happy!

But real happiness comes from understanding my <u>PURPOSE IN LIFE</u>.

#### I. WHY AM I HERE?

- 1. God made me to LOVE me.
- 2.We were created to <a href="ENJOY">ENJOY</a> a personal relationship with God and to <a href="MANAGE">MANAGE</a> all of the rest of God's creation! This makes us special
- 3.Gen 1:27-28

#### I. WHY AM I HERE?

- 3. When we know and love God, and live in harmony with His purpose for our lives, it produces tremendous benefits in our lives:
- Clear Conscience Rom. 8:1
- ◆ Life & Peace Rom. 8:6
- ♦ Help with Weakness Rom. 8:26

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- ◆ Purpose Rom. 8:28
- ◆ Confidence Rom. 8:31
- ◆ Security Rom. 8:39
- Power & Strength Phil. 4:13
- ◆ Fulfillment Phil. 4:19
- ◆ Freedom John 8:32,36

#### II. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Man has a natural desire to <u>BE BOSS</u> and to ignore God's principles for living.

- "Look out for #1. Do your own thing."
- •"If it feels good, do it regardless of what God says about it."
- "It's my life and I'll do what I please!"

The Bible calls this attitude: SIN!

#### III. WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

Jesus Christ said...

"I AM THE WAY, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except THROUGH ME!" John 14:6

JESUS HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE
OF YOUR SIN PROBLEM!

1. ADMIT that God has not been first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every wrong." 1 John 1:9

2. BELIEVE that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that he rose again on Easter, and is alive today.

"If you confess that Jesus is your Lord, and you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

3. ACCEPT God's free gift of salvation. Don't try to earn it.

"For it is by grace you are saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8,9

4. **INVITE** Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the director ("Lord") of your life.

"To all who **receive** Him, He gives the right to become children of God. All we need to do is to trust Him to save us. All those who **believe** this **are** reborn! — not a physical rebirth...but from the will of God!"

John 1:12-1

#### THREE ESSENTIAL STEPS OF SALVATION

Repentance means not only feeling sorry for your sins but making an about-face, having a change of heart & mind, and asking God to forgive you.

#### ACTS OF REPENTANCE INCLUDES:

- A. Calling of the Lord Jesus to be save you Romans 10:13
- B. Confessing Lord Jesus with you Mouth
- Roman 10:9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- c. Believing the salvation message Mark 16:16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

## II. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

- 1. It illustrates Christ's DEATH and resurrection "Christ died for our sins... He was buried...and He rose again." 1 Cor. 15:3-4
- 2.It Illustrates my <u>new life as a Christian</u>.

  Romans 6:4 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 live a new life.

### III. WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?

#### Because JESUS was baptized that way.

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water." Matthew 3:16

Every baptism in the <u>Bible</u> was by immersion. 8:38-39

Acts

 We believe that Water Baptism should be administered in the name of The Lord Jesus Christ.

 Colossian 3:17 - And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

- Jesus said that the Holy Spirit:
- A. Was like a <u>river</u> of living water. John 4:10-14
- B. Was like being born again (John 3:1-8)
- C. Would be a <u>comforter</u> (John 14:16-17)
- D. Would be the <u>Power of God</u>. (Acts 1:8)
- One the day of <u>Pentecost</u> began the birth of Church.

1. It is a **SIMPLE ACT**.

"The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread..." (vs. 23)

2. It is a **REMINDER**.

"...and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is My body, which is for you; eat it <u>in</u> remembrance of Me." (vs. 24)

3. It is a **SYMBOL**.

"In the same way, He took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood; drink it to remember Me." (vs. 25)

4. It is a **STATEMENT OF FAITH**.

"For whenever you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes back." (vs. 26)

## II. WHO SHOULD TAKE THE LORD'S SUPPER?

Only those who are already **BELIEVERS**. (Mark 14:22-26)

"For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment upon himself."

2 Cor. 11:29

## III. HOW DO I PREPARE MYSELF FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER?

"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A person ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." 1 Cor. 11:27-28

#### MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

- I. I will protect the unity of my church!
- II. I will share the responsibility of my church!
- III. I will serve the ministry of my church!
- IV. I will support the testimony of my church!

### CLASS 101

# Congratulations! You Have Completed CLASS 101

