

Assurance Of Salvation

Lesson 1

(Please answer the questions using a King James Version or Parallel Bible.)

1. Can a person be saved and know it? (I John 5:13) Yes, God says so
2. Does the Bible say that we all have sinned? (Romans 3:23) Yes, everyone
3. What does this verse say if we believe that we have no sin? (I John 1:8)
Deceive ourselves
4. What is the penalty for sin? (Romans 6:23) Death - separation - spiritual death
5. What will happen to unbelievers who don't trust Christ as personal Savior? (Revelation 21:8) They will experience the second death
6. Why did God the Father send His Son into the world? (John 3:16)
His unconditional love
7. Did Jesus die to pay for our sins? (Romans 5:8) Yes - He demonstrated it
8. In order to have eternal life and go to heaven you must first admit that you are a sinner and ask Jesus to forgive you of your what? (I John 1:9) Sins
9. The second thing you must do is believe that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that He rose again on the third day and is alive. Do you believe in Christ? (Romans 10:9) To believe means to trust in Him alone.
10. The third thing you must do to be saved is to receive God's free gift of salvation. How does this verse say you are saved? (Ephesians 2:8-9)
By grace (God's unmerited favor) through faith in Jesus
11. Does God promise to save those who call upon the name of the Lord? (Romans 10:13) Yes, everyone who calls, trusts, depends
12. Can God lie? (Titus 1:2) No, it is impossible for God to lie
13. What does a person have to do in order to have the power or right to become a child of God? (John 1:12) Receive Jesus Christ into their life
14. Should there be a change in a person after they are saved? (2 Corinthians 5:17) Explain: Yes, A change in the attitude of the heart and mind that begins to affect the lifestyle
15. Are you sure, beyond any doubt, about your salvation? Yes
16. If at any time you should doubt your salvation, what would you do? Go to the word of God, pray to God, talk to my Pastor, or a strong, mature Christian
17. According to the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ, is our Lord alive? (I Corinthians 15:1-4) Yes, He is risen and coming back
18. As believers, do we have victory in Jesus? (I Corinthians 15:57) Yes

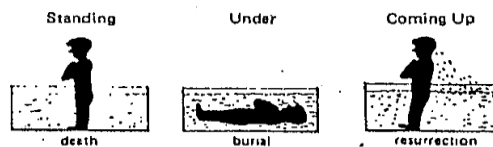
Believer's Baptism

Lesson 2

The first step of faith and obedience after you are saved is to be baptized. You are not baptized to get saved, but because you are already saved. Baptism is a testimony that you are alive in Christ.

1. I should be baptized to follow the example set by who? (Mark 1:9)
Jesus the Son of God
2. Did Jesus command people to be baptized? (Matthew 28:19-20)
Yes, one of the last things He said on earth.
3. If we love Jesus, will we obey His commands? (I John 2:3) Yes
4. Does baptism illustrate the death and resurrection of Christ?
(Colossians 2:12) Yes, it is identifying ourselves with the risen Lord
5. How should we walk (live) as believers? (Romans 6:4)
In newness of life - a desire to learn about Jesus and please Him.
6. Was Jesus baptized by immersion (immersion means to dip under water)?
(Matthew 3:16) Yes, he went into the water and came out
7. Explain how this man was baptized? (Acts 8:38-39)
They both went down into the water, went under, and then came up out
8. The word "baptize" means to bury, to cover up. What did these people do before they were baptized? (Acts 2:41)
They believed and received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
9. How soon should a person be baptized after they are saved? (Acts 2:41)
As soon as possible
10. In what Name are we to be baptized? (Matthew 28:19) Father, Son and Holy Spirit
11. Since baptism is to follow conversion, what should one do who was baptized before they were saved? Be baptized again.
12. If you have not already been baptized by immersion since being saved, what do you think God wants you to do about baptism? Be baptized - obedience

Baptism is a *PICTURE* of what happened when one got saved! Note three positions in baptism:



Thus, baptism pictures three things about Christ:

1. His death
2. His burial
3. His resurrection

Baptism is for *ALL* believers. If you have not yet been baptized, you should plan to do so the next time the pastor baptizes people.

The Church

Lesson 3

1. What is the church? (Eph. 1:22, 23) The Body of Christ
2. Who are the members of this body? (1 Cor. 12:27) Christians - Believers
3. What is Christ's attitude toward the church? (Eph. 5:25) Loves the Church
4. What kind of a church does He want? (Eph. 5:27) Glorious, Pure, Holy
5. What does Christ intend to happen to you after you've been saved? (Acts 2:47) To be added to His Church (local Church)
6. What kind of life do you think a church member should live? Clean, Dedicated
7. What are some things we are to do at church? (Colossians 3:16) Receive the word, teach and admonish (warn, reprove mildly, advise) sing praises
8. What is the correct attitude to have concerning church attendance? (Psalm 122:1) We should be glad, thankful and grateful
9. How are you to worship God? (John 4:24) In spirit and in truth (word)
10. How should you regard church leaders? (1 Thess. 5:12,13) Recognize them who labor among you, are over you in the Lord, and admonish you, respect
11. Read the qualifications for church leaders. The "Bishop" is the same as Pastor. (1 Timothy 3:1-13) Did you read these verses? Yes
12. What do these two verses point out about church attendance? (John 20:19; Heb. 10:25) Meet on the Lord's day (Sunday) and attend faithfully. (For your benefit and to honor God.
13. If we are involved in a conflict, what is our responsibility to the church? (Matt. 18:15-17) Go to the offended and try to make things right, etc.
14. Should church members take part in church business? (Acts 6:3) Yes
15. Should a person be saved before they join a church? Yes
16. When you were saved, you were united with Christ by the Holy Spirit into the family of God. As a believer, you should unite with other Christians in a local, Bible believing church to worship God and help carry out the Lord's command. Do you think a Christian should belong to a church that is true to the Bible? Yes

Remember, Jesus died for the church and gave Himself for it. We should love the Lord and His church and support it!

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The First Free Will Baptist Church
Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with First Free Will Baptist Church's statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the First Free Will Baptist Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By acting in love toward other members
- ...By refusing to gossip
- ...By following the leaders

"Let us therefore follow after the things which make peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." Rom. 14:19
"Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus."

Rom. 15:5

"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." 1 Peter 1:22

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Eph. 4:29

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Heb. 13:17

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By praying for its growth
- ...By inviting the unchurched to attend
- ...By warmly welcoming those who visit

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayer."

1 Thess. 1:2

"And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." Luke 14:23

"Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God."

Rom. 15:7

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By discovering my gifts and talents
- ...By being equipped to serve by my Pastors
- ...By developing a servant's heart

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Peter 4:10

"And he (God) gave some...Pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ." Eph. 4:11-12

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others...But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant..."

Phil. 2:3-4, 7

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By attending faithfully
- ...By living a godly life
- ...By giving regularly

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...but exhorting one another."

Heb. 10:25

"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." Phil. 1:27

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." 1 Cor. 16:2

Obeying The Bible

Lesson 4

Now that you have been saved, you must grow in grace and in the knowledge of God . You must not be as those who spring up quickly and then let the cares of this world choke you to an early spiritual death.

1. As a new Christian, one is considered to be what? (1 Peter 2:2) Newborn baby
2. What are we to desire as Christians? (1 Peter 2:2) Sincere milk of the Word
3. What command is given in 2 Timothy 2:15? To study - be disciplined
 - A. Unto whom is the Christian to show himself approved? To God
 - B. What may the Christian suffer if the command is not obeyed? Be ashamed
 - C. By obeying the command, what is a Christian given the ability to do? Rightly divide (discern) the word of truth (Bible)
4. What can you discern (or understand and rightly decide between) if you study the Bible? (Hebrews 5:14) Both good and evil
5. What must a Christian do in order to prosper spiritually? (Psalm 1:1-3) Separated from the World, saturated by the Word, situated by the water (Spirit -filled)
6. Who can we rely on to give us understanding of the Bible as we read and study? (1 Cor. 2:9-12) God, the Holy Spirit
7. What four things are the Scriptures profitable for? (2 Timothy 3:16)
 - A. Correction
 - B. Doctrine
 - C. Reproof
 - D. Instruction in righteousness
8. When you understand (hear) a truth that the Bible teaches, what should you do? (James 1:22-25) Obey the truth
9. Obedience to the Word proves your love to Jesus. (John 14:15, 21, 23, 24)
10. According to Joshua 1:8, how often should a Christian meditate on God's Word? Day and night
11. What was David's desire in regard to the Word of God? (Psalm 119:18) That God would open up His understanding
12. What must a Christian do in order to have daily victory over the power of sin? (Psalm 119:11) Hide (put) the Word of God in His/Her Heart
13. How can a young man cleanse his way? (Psalm 119:9) Obeying the Bible
14. How long will the Word of the Lord endure? (1 Peter 1:25) Forever
15. The Bible was given to us by inspiration of God. (2 Timothy 3:16)
16. Why should we read the Bible? (Romans 15:4) That we might have hope
17. Knowing the Bible is true and that it is God's Holy Word, do you feel you are obligated to do what it says? Yes Do you believe you will grow by obeying it? Yes

Praying The Bible Way

Lesson 5

Prayer is a precious privilege of the child of God. Through studying the Bible, God speaks to us. Through praying, we speak to God. May we learn to pray the Bible way!

I. The Purpose Of Prayer

1. The purpose of prayer is to develop communion with God, which is a conscious and intimate relationship with Him. “Draw nigh to God and He will do what? (James 4:8) Draw near to you
2. In prayer, we give adoration to God because of His greatness and goodness. Let us offer the sacrifice of what to God? (Hebrews 13:15)

Praise

3. In prayer, we make confession to God, acknowledging our guilt for sins committed. God will forgive us if we do what? (1 John 1:9) Confess our sins
4. In prayer, we make petition to God, a plea for personal help. When we pray we will find grace to help in time of what? (Hebrews 4:16) need
5. In prayer, we make intercession to God in behalf of someone else.
 - a. Pray for all men, for kings, and for all in authority (1 Timothy 2:1,2)
 - b. Why? (vs. 2) That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in godliness
 - c. Who else should you pray for? (2 Thess. 3:1,2) Ministers, Pastors (Matthew 5:44) Those who despitefully use you, and persecute you
6. In prayer, we should give thanks to God for His grace, mercy, love, and blessings. The Lord is what? (Psalm 100:4,5) Good, merciful, truth

II. The Pattern Of Prayer

7. Unto whom should you pray? (Matthew 6:9) Heavenly Father
8. In whose Name should you pray? (John 14:13,14) Jesus
9. Through whom should you pray? (Ephesians 6:18) Holy Spirit
10. How should we pray? (Hebrews 4:16) Humble and bodily

III. The Principles Of Prayer

11. When should you pray? (1 Thess. 5:17) All the time - without ceasing
12. When you pray you must what? (Mark 11:23,24) Believe
13. Your prayers must be according to God's will (1 John 5:14)
14. If you pray in this attitude, then you have the confidence that He will hear you and will give you the petitions desired of Him (1 John 5:15)
15. What condition must we meet in order to come with confidence in prayer to God? (1 John 3:21,22) We keep His commandments and please Him.
16. Whom should we lean upon to help us pray? (Romans 8:26) Holy Spirit

Christian Stewardship

Lesson 6

Stewardship is defined as the management of someone else's property for their benefit. Christian stewardship then, is the management of one's life, possessions, and talents for God. The Bible definition is: "A trust granted for profitable use.

1. Whom does the earth and the fullness of it belong to? (Psalm 24:1) The Lord
2. As believers, we willingly chose to become the property of Whom? (1 Cor. 3:23) Christ
3. What is required of stewards? (1 Cor. 4:2) Be found faithful

I. Stewardship Of Time

4. What does the Bible say we are to do with time? (Eph. 5:16) Redeem - make wise use
5. To what is the length of life on this earth compared to? (James 4:14) A vapor
6. Does the Bible teach that our time should be measured? (Psalm 39:4) Yes

II. Stewardship Of Talents

7. Can a Christian truly say that he does not have a spiritual gift? (1 Cor. 12:4-7, 11) No, we all have at least 1 gift
8. Where do all gifts come from? (1 Cor. 12:11) The Holy Spirit
9. How should you go about discovering your gift(s) or talents? (Romans 12:1,2) Surrender your body, mind, and will to God

III. Stewardship Of Tithe

Webster's dictionary says... "Tithe"... to pay or give a tenth part of wages, income, etc. for the support of the church. Let us consider what the Bible says about this.

10. The tithe is what percent of your income? (Gen. 14:18-20) Ten (10%)
11. What is the tithe to teach us to do? (Deut. 14:22,23) Fear the Lord
12. Is the tithe 10% of your net or gross income? (Prov. 3:9,10) Gross
13. In what way had the people robbed God? (Mal.3:8) Tithes and offerings
14. What was the penalty for robbing God by not tithing? (Mal. 3:9) Cursed
15. What was the command to those who had robbed God? (Mal. 3:10) To tithe
16. What do you think God's storehouse is today? The church
17. Is a blessing promised for paying tithes? (Mal. 3:10-12) Yes
18. If you are out of town on Sunday, what should be done with your tithes that week? Pay them a week in advance or make it up the following week.
19. After studying this lesson, what do you think God wants you to do concerning tithing? To love the Lord, obey Him and begin tithing.

The Spirit-Filled Life

Lesson 7

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Godhead. (Matt. 28:19) Let us as Christians learn to give Him daily control of our lives in order to live victorious & fruitful!

1. Can a person be saved without the Holy Spirit? (John 3:5) No
2. Of whom does the Holy Spirit testify? (John 15:26) Of Christ
3. Are the Spirit of Christ (Holy Spirit) and the Holy Ghost the same Person? (Compare 1 Peter 1:10-11 with 2 Peter 1:21) Yes
4. According to Romans 5:12, every person is born with a sin nature. When a person is saved he receives a Spirit (new) nature. These two natures are doing what? (Gal. 5:17) Lusts (sets its desires) against each other
5. What two things are we to count ourselves as? (Romans 6:11) Dead to sin, alive to God
6. When Jesus was tempted by the devil, how did He overcome? (Matt.4:4) By quoting and obeying the scriptures
7. In Whose power did Jesus overcome temptation? (Luke 4:14) Holy Spirit
8. What command is given to the Christian in Ephesians 5:18? Be filled with the Spirit
9. To “be filled with the Spirit” means to be continually controlled, empowered, yielded, surrendered to. The question is not do I have all of the Holy Spirit. You receive all of Him at salvation. The question is does He have all of me. Can the Holy Spirit be grieved or quenched? (Eph. 4:30) (1 Thess. 5:19) YES
10. In order to be moment by moment filled by the Spirit I must examine my own heart, confess any sin, and by faith ask the Holy Spirit to fill (control) me. I am to thank Him for filling me (1 Thess. 5:18) by faith. What am I promised to receive? (Acts 1:8) Power to be a witness
11. What does the Bible say is the result of being filled with the Holy Spirit? (Eph 5:19, 20, 21) 1. Joyful 2. Thankful 3. Submissive
12. What are other results of the Spirit-filled life in these scriptures?
 - a. Acts 1:8 Power for living and witnessing
 - b. 2 Cor. 3:18 To become more Christ-like
 - c. Romans 8:5 Spiritually-minded
 - d. Romans 8:16 Assurance that we are a child of God
 - e. Galatians 5:22,23 Bearing the fruit of the Spirit
13. What must dwell in a Christian in order for him to be led by the Spirit? (Col. 3:16) The Word of Truth (Bible)
14. The secret to victorious Christian living is by faith to allow Christ to live His life through me! He does this through the Person of the Holy Spirit as I allow Him. Will you begin to allow the Holy Spirit to control and empower you to glorify Christ? Yes!

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John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

1 Peter 1:10-11 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Gal. 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Romans 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

Eph. 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Eph. 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

1 Thess. 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

1 Thess. 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

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2 Cor. 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Romans 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Love & Obedience

Lesson 8

1. Which is the greatest, faith or love? (1 Cor. 13:13) Love
2. What should happen to love according to Jude, verse 2? Multiply
3. Does God know if we have love in our hearts? (John 5:42) Yes
4. What does the Bible say should be our attitude toward our enemies? (Matt. 5:44) Love them
5. What is God's message to us in 1 John 3:11? Love one another
6. Is there danger of our love becoming cold? (Matt. 24:12) Yes
7. What promise does this scripture make to those that love God? (Rom. 8:28) All things will work out for good and God's glory
8. Read 1 Corinthians 13. Does charity (God's love) ever fail? No
9. How do we prove that we love God? (John 14:21) Keep His commandments
10. What does God promise them that love Him in James 1:12? Crown of life
11. How are we to love God to obtain His grace? (Eph. 6:24) Sincerely
12. If we love God, what should we do? (John 14:15) Keep His Commandments
13. Did God say that we would keep His words if we love Him? (John 14:23) Jesus said, "If a Man love Me, he will keep My Words."
14. Can we love God without loving our brother? (1 John 2:10) No
15. What is said of him that "loveth" in 1 John 4:7? Is born of God
16. How can people tell that we are Christians? (1 John 5:2) Love for each other
17. How is God's love perfected in us? (1 John 4:12) If we love one another
18. Where are we said to abide if we love our brother? (1 John 2:10) In the light
19. How do we know we have passed from death unto life? (1 John 3:14) We love the brethern (christians)
20. Does the Bible associate love with good works? (Heb. 10:24) Yes
21. How does this verse tell us to express our love? (1 John 3:18) deed and truth
22. How much are we to love God according to Mark 12:33? Our whole being
23. How much are we to love our neighbor according to Mark 12:33? As thyself
24. What does love do according to Romans 13:10? Does no harm to his neighbor

The Christian Home

Lesson 9

1. Who decided that Adam needed a mate? (Genesis 2:18) The Lord God
2. What did God do for Adam? (Genesis 2:21,22) Made him a help-meet - woman(wife)
3. What was Adam's reaction when he saw the woman? (Genesis 2:23) Wow! This is my helper
4. What is to be the mark of a family? (Eph. 5:33) Love and reverence
5. What does the home illustrate? (Eph. 5:32,33) Christ and the church
6. What is the husband's duty? (Genesis 2:23,24) Leave and cleave
7. What is the position of the husband in the Christian home? (Eph. 5:22,23) Head - leader
8. The relationship of the husband and the wife is to be like that of Christ and the Church. (Eph 5:23)
9. In what is the wife to be subject to her husband? (Eph. 5:24) In everything
10. What should be the husband's attitude toward his wife? (Eph. 5:25) Sacrificial love
11. List three examples of the way men ought to love their wives. (Eph. 5:25) As Christ loved the church, (Eph. 5:28) as their own bodies, (Eph. 5:33) As himself.
12. What is the key to a successful Christian home? (Eph. 5:18-21) Being filled with the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit
13. What does God think about divorce? (Matt. 5:31, 32; Malachi 2:16) He hates it
14. What is the first commandment with promise? (Eph. 6:2) Honour thy father and mother
15. Give two benefits of honoring your parents. (Eph 6:3) Well with thee, and live long on earth (General Principle)
16. List some things parents can do to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Proverbs 22:6) Train (2 Tim. 3:15) Teach Scripture (Luke 24:30) Prayer (Heb. 10:25) Church Attendance (Proverbs 23:13,14) Correction.
17. What is the mark of appropriate discipline? (1 Thess. 2:7) Gentleness and loving care
18. Why do we discipline our children? (Proverbs 13:24) Because we love them.
19. What does discipline do? (Proverbs 22:15) Drives foolishness from a child's heart
20. Are we as parents to withhold correction from our children when they need it? (Proverbs 23:13,14) No, we teach them to fear God and reverence Him
21. When should we teach our children about God? (Deut. 6:7) All the time

Practical Help For The Family

I. Set a Realistic Schedule - Eph 5:15-17

- A. Organize ahead, your days - Going to work, school, etc.
- B. Organize coming home from work, etc.
- C. Plan For Interruptions!
- D. Saturday Schedule - plan ahead - Let children have input.
- E. Sunday Plans - worship, rest, family time.
- F. Eliminate Sunday Frustration By Setting Priorities - Saturday evening for preparing clothes for Sunday, early to bed, etc.
- G. Prioritize Your Time - don't lose the Joy.

II. Set a Realistic Budget - Luke 6:38, 1 Cor. 4:2

- A. 10/10/80 Rule - tithe 10%, save 10%, live on and invest 80%
- B. Agree On Major Purchases
- C. Don't Let Little Foxes Spoil The Vines - unnecessary spending
- D. Limit Credit Cards
- E. Include An Amount For Emergency Spending.

How To Get Out Of Debt

1. You must have a desire to get out of debt.
2. You must believe you can get out of debt.
3. You must believe God wants you out of debt.
4. Began to give a tithe to God.
5. Reduce your expenses.
6. Write down all the people you owe, how much and when you are go to pay them off.
7. Take that list and thank God that they are paid every day.
8. Avoid all criticism.
9. Avoid all arguments with each other.
10. Avoid all conversations about debt.
11. Acknowledge your debts as a divine obligation.
12. Increase your income.

III. Set a Time for Relaxation - Mark 6:31, Heb. 4:11

- A. A Time For Husband And Wife To Be Together.
 1. Be as considerate of each other as you are of others.
 2. Give attention to small things.
 3. Dont make comparisons.
 4. Let your differences draw you together.
 5. Be willing to make adjustments.
 6. Strive to be understanding.
 7. Strive to be patient with each other.
 8. Be pals.
 9. Trust each other.
 10. Love each other. Compliment and praise each other.
 11. Make Christ head of your home always.
- B. A Time To Be With Your Children.
- C. A Time To Be With Friends And Relatives.
- D. A Time To Be With The Lord.

Perseverance Of The Saints

Lesson 10

Free Will Baptists believe in the doctrine of the “Perseverance of the Saints”. To “persist in faith in spite of difficulties, opposition, etc. There are strong grounds to hope that the truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support; but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling; and they ought, therefore, to watch and pray lest they make shipwreck of their faith and be lost. We believe in the freedom of the will. The will of a believer is still free after conversion. We believe that we are “kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation” 1 Peter 1:5, that the power of divine grace is the instrument through which we are kept saved. But that even this exercise of God’s power on our behalf is based on whether we avail ourselves of that power, whether we will to be kept, whether we continue to meet the condition of faith. Thus, salvation is just as conditional after regeneration as before. We believe our perseverance is “conditional” upon our faith in Jesus Christ. We do believe in assurance of salvation. 1 John 5:13.

1. Can a Christian know that they are saved? (Romans 10:13) Yes
2. Are we saved by faith; or good works? (Eph. 2:8-10) Faith in Christ
3. Who assures us that we as believers have promise of life? (2 Tim. 1:1, 12) God
4. Our salvation is conditional upon keeping our faith in Jesus Christ. What condition is mentioned in Colossians 1:23? If we continue in faith
5. Is it possible for a person to make “shipwreck” concerning faith? (I Tim.1:18,19) Yes
6. Can one “fall from grace” by heeding to false doctrine? (Gal. 5:1-6) Yes
7. What is promised to the believer who obeys? (II Peter 1:10) He/she will never fall
8. What is the “sheep’s” responsibility in verse 27 to receive the promise in verse 28? (John 10:27-29) Hear his voice and follow (conditional)
9. What person has the power to cause one to backslide? (John 10:29) Oneself (by choice)
10. Is there any danger of falling after one is saved? (I Cor. 10:12) Yes
11. Can one depart from God and be lost by denouncing faith in God? (Hebrews 3:12-15) Yes
12. Can a person fall away from God to the point that he can’t repent? (Hebrews 6:4-6) Yes
13. What 4 things are said about those who fall away from God and commit apostasy? (Heb. 6:4,5) a. Once enlightened b. Tasted of the heavenly gift c. Partakes of the Holy Ghost d. Tasted of the Word of God and powers of the age
14. Why does the Pastor exhort us to be faithful to the Lord and the church after we are saved? (Hebrews 10:25-29) The possibility of falling away and being lost
15. What is the condition of a person who is “again entangled” and “overcome”? (2 Peter 2:20-22) Worse than in the beginning before they were saved
16. Can God keep us from falling if we choose to follow Him? (Jude 20-25) Yes!!

The Ordinances

Lesson 11

An ordinance is “an order, a statute.” There are 3 ordinances that we practice. They are: 1. Believer’s Baptism. 2. The Lord’s Supper. 3. Washing the Saints’ Feet. We have already dealt with Believer’s Baptism in Lesson 2, so we will discuss the other two in this lesson.

The Lord’s Supper

1. When was the Lord’s Supper instituted? (1 Cor. 11:24-25) Last Supper
2. Why did Christ say to do this? (1 Cor. 11:24-25) In remembrance of Him
3. In the Lord’s Supper, what does the bread represent? (Matt 26:26) The broken body of Christ
4. What does the cup represent? (Matt 26:28) The blood of Christ that was shed
5. How often did Christ say to observe the Lord’s Supper? (1 Cor. 11:25) As often as you do it.
6. Who is to decide if we are worthy? (1 Cor. 11:28) The Lord and ourselves
7. What does a person show by taking the Lord’s Supper in a worthy manner? (1 Cor.11:26) The Lord’s death, resurrection and second coming

Free Will Baptist congregations observe open communion. That means that any born again Christian may observe the Lord’s Supper in our assembly. Should you participate in the Lord’s Supper the next time the church observes this ordinance? Yes

Washing the Saints’ Feet

This is a sacred ordinance, which teaches humility and reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, and called an “example” on the night of His betrayal, and in connection with the institution of the Lord’s Supper. It is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance. John 13:4-8, 1 Timothy 5:1-10

1. Describe how Jesus washed the disciples’ feet. (John 13:15) Took a towel, girded himself, poured water in a basin and washed feet.
2. Since this took place after supper, do you think Jesus washed their feet primarily because they were dirty? (John 13:2) No Why did Jesus wash their feet? (John 13:15) To teach they should be servants and be humble
3. What did Christ say the disciples should do? (John 13:14) As I, Jesus, have done to you
4. What is the condition of the person who does these things? (John 13:17) Happy (blessed)
5. Did the early church practice washing the saints’ feet? (1 Tim. 5:10) Yes
6. What should we learn from practicing this ordinance? (John 13:13-16) Humility
7. If after observing; and explained what will take place at a service like this, would you be willing to practice feet washing? Yes These ordinances are usually observed one or two times a year, especially around the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.

Soul Winning

Lesson 12

1. What command did Christ give to His church? (Matt. 28:19,20) Go into all the world and preach the Gospel, baptizing and making disciples
2. What are we as believers to proclaim? (Mark 16:15) The Gospel - "Good News" that Jesus saves to every person
3. What is the "gospel" according to 1 Cor. 15:1-4? Christ dies for our sins, that He (Jesus) was buried, that He rose again the third day
4. Name three things one must do to win souls (bring sheaves). (Psalms 126:6)
1. sow in tears (compassion) 2. Go, 3. Bearing precious seed (word of God)
5. Are soul winners wise? (Prov. 11:30) Yes
6. State the condition for becoming a "fisher of men" (Matt. 4:19) Follow Jesus
7. Do all Christians have the Holy Spirit? (Romans 8:9) Yes
8. What does the Holy Spirit empower Christians to do? (Acts 1:8) Witness
9. If a person finds himself afraid to witness for Christ what should he do? (Acts 4:31) Pray and seek the fullness of Christ for boldness to witness
10. Name as many different places as you can think of where one could witness as suggested in Luke 14:16-23. All over the city, the needy in the country, wherever people are who need Christ.
11. What is the secret to soul winning? (Col. 1:27, Eph. 5:18) Filled with God's Word and Spirit
12. We should learn how to lead a lost soul to Christ. What does 1 John 5:13 teach? That we can know that we are saved.
13. Since we can know that we are saved, the first step is to explain to someone lost that:
1.) ALL HAVE SINNED. Copy Rom. 3:23. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God
14. The second step is to explain: 2.) The PENALTY FOR SIN IS DEATH AND HELL. Copy Rom. 6:23. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
15. The third step is to explain: 3.) THAT JESUS DIED TO PAY FOR OUR SINS. Copy Rom. 5:8,9. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.
16. The fourth step is to explain: 4.) THAT JESUS INVITES YOU TO BE SAVED TODAY. Read Rom. 10: 9, 10, 13; John 1:11-12 and explain it briefly. If we confess (Jesus) with our mouth and believe that He is Lord, we will be saved.
17. Remember that the Holy Spirit must convict them of their sin, and convince them to invite Christ into their life by faith. Ask them, "Would you like to pray and receive Christ right now?" If they say yes, help them pray and give them assurance from the Word of God. I John 5:13, Romans 10:13, Titus 1:2.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Lesson 13

“A church covenant is a series of written pledges based on the Bible which church members voluntarily make to God and to one another regarding their basic moral and spiritual commitment and practice of their faith”.

1. Paragraph 1
 - A.) To Whom have we given ourselves (Romans 12:1)? To God
 - B.) How did we give ourselves to Him (2 Timothy 1:12)? By faith in Christ
 - C.) What is our rule book (2 Timothy 3:16)? the Word of God (Bible)
 - D.) Whom do we give ourselves to (Romans 12:10)? One another as believers
2. Paragraph 2
 - A.) What do we promise to avoid (1 Thess. 5:22)? All appearance of evil
 - B.) What does the Bible say about someone who drinks wine or strong drink (Prov. 20:1)? They are not wise, we believe in abstinence
 - C.) What are we not to be filled with (Eph. 5:18)? Be not drunk with wine
 - D.) What should our reputation be (2 Cor. 8:21)? Honest in the sight of all people
3. Paragraph 3
 - A.) What does Bible study prevent (Eph. 4:14)? Being deceived by false doctrine
 - B.) Who is our example in private prayer (Mark 1:35)? Jesus
 - C.) What is accomplished by family worship (Eph. 6:4)? Children will follow the Lord
 - D.) What is required to follow Jesus (Matt 16:24)? Deny self, suffer for Christ, follow Him
4. Paragraph 4
 - A.) What are we to consistently do (Hebrews 10:25)? Attend Church
 - B.) How do we support our church (1 Cor. 16:1, 2)? Tithes and offerings
5. Paragraph 5
 - A.) What do we agree to accept (1 Thess. 5:12-14)? Christian admonition and reproof
 - B.) What do we promise to keep (Eph. 4:3)? Unity of the spirit
 - C.) Whom do we watch out for (Rom. 15:1, 2)? One another in love
6. Paragraph 6
 - A.) What is our guiding Christian principle (John 13:34, 35)? Love one for another
 - B.) What is our primary Christian enterprise (Matt. 28:19, 20)? Preach the Gospel
7. Paragraph 7
 - A.) What are we to labor for (Matt 6:10)? Promotion of educational/denominational enterprises.
 - B.) What is the value of Christian education and evangelism (2 Timothy 3:14, 15)? Make you wise unto salvation.
8. Paragraph 8
 - A.) Who sanctifies us (1 Thess 5:23)? The God of peace
 - B.) Whom are we waiting for (1 Thess. 5:23)? The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ

The First Free Will Baptist Church

Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with First Free Will Baptist Church's statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the First Free Will Baptist Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By acting in love toward other members**
- ...By refusing to gossip**
- ...By following the leaders**

"Let us therefore follow after the things which make peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." Rom. 14:19

"Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus." Rom. 15:5

"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." 1 Peter 1:22

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Eph. 4:29

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Heb. 13:17

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By praying for its growth**
- ...By inviting the unchurched to attend**
- ...By warmly welcoming those who visit**

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayer." 1 Thess. 1:2

"And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." Luke 14:23

"Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God." Rom. 15:7

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By discovering my gifts and talents**
- ...By being equipped to serve by my Pastors**
- ...By developing a servant's heart**

“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” **1 Peter 4:10**

“And he (God) gave some...Pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ.” **Eph. 4:11-12**

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others...But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant...”

Phil. 2:3-4, 7

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

...By attending faithfully

...By living a godly life

...By giving regularly

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...but exhorting one another.”

Heb. 10:25

“Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.” **Phil. 1:27**

“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.” **1 Cor. 16:2**

“And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord’s: it is holy unto the Lord.” **Lev. 27:30**