BETHANY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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NEW MEMBERS TRAINING AND GROWTH GUIDE FOR CHILDREN

INSTRUCTORS GUIDE

This guide book is to be used to help children (ages 5-12) to understand salvation, baptism, feet-washing and church membership. The goal is to help such children realize that the decision to accept Jesus is something to be proud of and they now have a New Life in Christ.

Why Did God Create Man?

Why did God create man? The answer often given is that God "wanted friends." But God had many "friends" when He created the angels. God was not lonely or needed new friends, but He created man anyway, out of his great love. God loves man. God is love (1 John 4:8), and because of that love and his wonderful creativity, He made us so we can enjoy all that He is and all that He's done.

God's Word tells us that in the beginning He created the heavens and the earth, day and night, and all the animals on our planet. The culmination of h\His creation was MAN (Adam & Eve).

> "**Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'** "(Genesis 1:26).

God created the soul of man in His own image.

- God gave man a **mind (spirit)**, so that man (men and women) could **know God**.
- God gave man a **heart (emotions)**, so that man (men and women) could **love God**.
- God gave man a **will (freedom of choice)**, so that man (men and women) could **obey God**.

God gave man **a mind** capable of knowing God and thinking as God thinks. God created man with such a powerful mind, because He planned for man to have **close fellowship** with Himself. God gave man a heart so that he could **love** God. We are not talking about the heart that pumps blood, but about **what you feel in your soul, your emotions, and your thoughts**. We are talking about the very intentions of your heart. God gave the first man the capacity to feel the emotions that God Himself feels. God can love, rejoice, and feel sorrow and compassion. However, God dislikes bad behavior, disobedience, and sin.

God gave the soul of man "**a will"**. God permits every person **to choose his own direction**. God Himself has authority to choose whether He will do something or not. Thus, God created man with the right and responsibility to make important choices for himself. God could have created man so that he would (automatically) do His will, and not have any choice in the matter. However, God gave to man a free will and the responsibility to choose for himself whether to obey God. God did not want to create a mere machine (robot). God did not create man in the image of the sun that rises every day, but has no choice in the matter. The sun fulfils the will of God every day "automatically." That is not how it is with man. **Man is a special creation.** God created us for Himself. God wants us to choose to love Him and worship Him. God has

committed a great responsibility to man! Man must choose for himself whether to follow God or the Devil (Satan), whether he will cherish the Word of God or despise it. God will not force anyone to believe His Word. He will never force us to love Him or obey Him. Love is not love if it is forced. God allows each of us to choose for ourselves which path we will follow. But, in the end, God will judge everyone who rejects His kingdom, because God created man **for Himself**. That is what the Scriptures say.

We are here on earth **for God**. We are not here for ourselves or for money, or for anything or anyone else. **God created us for Himself; for His pleasure and glory**. God created us with the capacity to **know Him, love Him and obey Him** forever! Yes…**forever**! The Eternal God has given each of us **an eternal soul**. It is God's will that we have **a deep and wonderful relationship** with Him today, tomorrow and throughout eternity. It is for this reason that God created man in His own image.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength!" (Mark 12:30)

Activities:

- Color Sheets of Adam and Eve (2)

God Created Man (Adam & Eve) Out of his Great Love

Adam & Eve were Special to God.

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Salvation

Salvation is in Jesus

(Acts 4:10-12; II Timothy 2:10)

Session Objective: Ensure that the member has an understanding of what *Salvation* means and how it applies to their relationship to God. From a Christianity viewpoint, *Salvation* is defined as the "deliverance from the power or penalty of sin; redemption".

Direction/Application: Discuss the meaning of the following words with the new member. The terms and definitions listed below are a guide for discussion; the instructor may add information during the class/presentation. Use this guide to introduce them to the understanding of Salvation. The activity sheets are to be used as tools for review and enhancement of their understanding.

TERMS & DEFINITIONS:

Sin

The act of disobeying God is known as a sin.

Sinner

A sinner is someone who is disobeying God.

Savior

A savior is "one who saves". Jesus was sent by his father to save us from the punishment of sin because we are sinners. Christ died for our sins. God loves us so much that he allowed his son to come and save us. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

Saved

Those who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ are saved. We are a part of God. We have accepted Jesus and his teachings. A Christian is a person who: "Believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as our savior". You are protected from Sin. The Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

Forgiveness

The Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for our sins, has paid this debt, so that now we can have the *forgiveness* of sins.

Believer

One who believes in Jesus Christ and follows his teachings. Believers live a new and different life because we love Him. When we are kind, helpful and loving to people, and friends and even those not liked so much, then they show their love to God and please Him.

Eternal Life

Eternal life is the life that is given from our eternal God. God has and always will be and once we believe in him and accept Jesus Christ, God will grant us eternal life with him. Being saved by Jesus Christ gives us the gift of eternal life. We will live with God forever and ever. It is a special and new life that a person starts when they accept Jesus. This new life will be with Jesus always. [John 17]

Salvation

We have *a new relationship with God*. Salvation reconciles use with God. He is our Father and we His children. We should go to Him in prayer, thanking Him for all things and telling Him all our desires and problems. We should always remember that we can approach Him only through the Lord Jesus.

Reconcile

Reconcile is the reuniting of those who are estranged or not talking to each other. We were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, Jesus Christ (Roman 5:10). Salvation reconciles use with God. When we are reconciled to God we are made new and forgiven of our sins. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." (II Corinthians 5:17-20).

Baptism

Baptism serves as a public confession; an outer expression of an inner love for Jesus Christ. Baptism is a commemoration of the most important decision a person can make – the decision to follow Christ, to trust Him for the forgiveness of our sins to obtain new life.

Activities:

- Fill in the Missing Letters
- Match the Word with its Meaning
- Word Search
- Create a “Salvation” Poster
- Color Sheets (2)

SALVATION IS IN JESUS

Fill in the Missing Letters:

1. S__ N

2. __IN__ER

3. S___V__OR

4. S__V__D

5. F__RG__VE__E__S

6. R__C__N__IL____

(SIN, SINNER, SAVIOR, SAVED, FORGIVNESS, Reconcile)

SALVATION IS IN JESUS

MATCH EACH WORD TO ITS MEANING:

SAVIOR	The gift of Salvation.
BELIEVER	Disobeying God.
SAVED	An outer expression of an inner change.
ETERNAL LIFE	Jesus Christ died for the pardon/forgiveness of our sins.
BAPTISM	The one who saved us from our sins.
SALAVATION	Deliverance from sin.
FORGIVNESS	Those who accept our Lord Jesus Christ are no longer lost.
SIN	Someone who believes in Jesus Christ and follows his teachings.

Word Search

Salvation is in Jesus

S	B	W	S	N	N	M	F	H	H	A	O	R	F	J
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BAPTISM
BELIEVER
ETERNAL LIFE
FORGIVENESS
SALVATION
SAVED
SAVIOR
SIN
SINNER

“Salvation is in Jesus” Poster

Using a sheet of construction paper, arrange the words and pictures below to create your “Salvation” poster. You may also draw pictures and use stickers to complete your masterpiece.

SALVATION

IS IN

JESUS

Salvation is in Jesus Christ. When I look at the cross I am reminded of his gift for my SALVATION!

Salvation is in Jesus!

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Baptism

An Outer Expression

Of

Our Inner Love for God

Why we do it and why God wants us to do it. Jesus showed us how to get baptized and Jesus is baptized as an example to us.

Learning about Baptism and Its importance

When someone believes in God, baptism is a way of showing others that you believe in Him and want to live your life the way God wants. It's like having a bath to make yourself clean on the inside. When you get baptized it's a special way of showing that you understand that you have and need God's forgiveness.

Just like when Jesus died, was buried and rose again baptism is just like that. When we lay down into the water we are dying or getting rid of all the bad things we've done. Under the water we are buried, and then when we are brought out of the water we are a brand new person to God.

Baptism is important because Jesus made sure this was the first thing He did when He started His ministry. It is also the last thing He said before going up to heaven, He said, "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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..." Matthew 28:19, 20

Baptism Symbolizes

Three Things that Make Baptism Important:

1. So baptism, simply stated, is acting in obedience to God.

God says that followers of Christ should be baptized. As Matthew 28:19-20 says, "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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

2. If there is anything that should be acknowledged and celebrated, it's our salvation. Baptism is the ceremony that most directly acknowledges and celebrates this part of our lives.

Baptism is a commemoration of the most important decision a person can make – the decision to follow Christ, to trust Him for the forgiveness of our sins to obtain new life. The Apostle Paul says in Romans 6:4, "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Jesus was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

3. Baptism re-affirms our commitment to follow God.

Through the ceremony of baptism we make a visible identification with Christ and His death and resurrection. This gives a powerful witness to our willingness and intention to follow Him.

1. Baptism Serves as a Public Confession. As a result, when we are baptized, we give a formal, visible declaration of our decision to identify with Christ.

In baptism we acknowledge the power of God, and His ability to give us eternal life. But even more importantly we affirm that it is our faith in God by which we are raised to new life.

When in baptism we are dipped under the water, we participate in a physical act that mimics burial. This "burial experience" gives us a vicarious participation in the burial of Jesus, a powerful reminder that Jesus died to take away the sins of humanity.

In Acts 2:38 Peter says:
Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

Activities:

- Circle the Word *"Baptism"*
- Fill in the Missing Letters
- Word Search
- Color Sheets (3)

Baptism

Instruction: Read each sentence and circle the work *"baptism"* each time you see it.

1. When someone believes in God, baptism is a way of showing others.

2. Baptism is important because Jesus made sure this was the first thing He did when He started His ministry.

3. Baptism is a commemoration of the most important decision a person can make – the decision to follow Christ.

4. Through the ceremony of baptism we make a visible identification with Christ and His death and resurrection.

5. Baptism is an outer expression of our inner love for God.

Baptism: An Outer Expression of Our Inner Love for God

Fill in the Missing Letters:

1. B__PTI__M

2. __AP__IS__

3. B__P__I__M

4. BA__T__S__

FIND THE WORD "BAPTISM"

The word "Baptism" appears ten (10) times in this word search.

B	G	T	F	G	T	K	B	M	S	I	T	P	A	B
A	N	L	J	B	H	I	F	W	M	M	Z	F	P	V
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T	K	G	T	P	L	W	D	K	I	K	A	I	C	Y
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JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS

Matthew 3; Mark 1, Luke 3

BAPTISM

When someone believes in God, Baptism is a way of showing others!

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Holy Communion & Feet-Washing

Holy Communion

The Holy Communion is also called “The Lords Supper” which all means “Thanksgiving”. The Holy Communion is very important for a believer of Jesus Christ and should not be played with or underestimated. This gives believers the opportunity to identify ourselves with Jesus just like Baptism. At Bethany Primitive Baptist Church you must be baptized (accepted Jesus as your Savior and be dipped into the water) before taking the Holy Communion. More than just a memorial to remember Jesus’ death and resurrection, Holy Communion is also a declaration or celebration of our belief in Jesus Christ and a regular reminder of his return.

Observation of the Holy Communion began when Jesus stated it at his last supper meal with his disciples before he died on the cross (I Corinthians 11:23-26). Jesus went to the cross and allowed him body to be hurt and broken and his blood to run from his body so we would be reconciled to God. The bread that we eat during Holy Communion represent his hurt and broken body and the wine (grape juice) that we drink represents the blood that ran from his body while he was up on the cross dying.

Activities:

- Color Sheets (2)

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Holy Communion

Bread and Grape Juice (represents wine) is used during Holy Communion at Bethany Primitive Church

Holy Communion

Jesus Having His Last Supper with the Disciples before He Dies on The Cross

How many disciples are sitting at the table with Jesus? _____

Feet-Washing

Jesus Teaches Us to Serve

Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, established the rite of feet-washing in the 13th chapter of St. John, therefore it is an example. He said if you love me, keep my words; it is a Command. "If I, then your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

It teaches Obedience; it teaches submission to Authority- "If any man serve me, let him follow me".

John 13:12-17

12. So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you?

13. You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.

14. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

15. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

16. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.

17. If you know these things, happy are you if you do them.'

Activities:

- Color Sheets (3)

Feet-Washing

Jesus Teaches Us to Serve

Jesus washing his disciples' feet

Feet-Washing

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Jesus Teaches Us to Serve

John 13:12-17

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Church Membership

Church membership signifies an individual commitment to grasp hold of one another in mutual love and discipline. We let the pastor and other members of the church know that we intend to be committed in attendance, giving, prayer, and worship. We have entered a covenant relationship with the church and its leadership. The covenant with God and with this come the church and the leadership of the church.

To become a member of a church is to formally commit oneself to an identifiable, local body of believers who have joined together for specific, divinely ordained purposes. These purposes include receiving instruction from God's Word (1 Tim. 4:13; 2 Tim. 4:2), serving and edifying one another through the proper use of spiritual gifts (Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-31; 1 Pet. 4:10-11), participating in the ordinances (Luke 22:19; Acts 2:38-42), and proclaiming the gospel to those who are lost (Matt. 28:18- 20). In addition, when one becomes a member of a church, you submit yourself to the care and the authority of the biblically qualified elders that God has placed in that assembly.

Words of Focus: Ensure that the member has an understanding of the following words:

Commitment – The act of pledging; or promise; involvement; obligation

Attendance – Being present at church; coming to church as much as possible.

Giving – Giving is done to support your church by giving of your money, time, gifts and talents. We give our tithe (money) because it is required by God. We give additional money (offering) to further support the church. The church uses our money to support the ministry of the church, pay the gas and electric bills as well as the food for Wednesday Night Bible Study and many other things.

Prayer – A one-on-one talk with God. We thank God for all that he does for us and we ask him for the thing that we and others may need and want. We pray for our church members, other people and ourselves.

Serve – Obey God**;** to work in the church; be useful to the church; help the church;

Activities:

- Word Search
- Color Sheets (2)

WORD SEARCH

Church Membership Is Important!

I	I	D	T	Q	P	U	Z	P	A	Y	H	E	F	X
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ACCOUNTABILITY
ATTENDANCE
COMMITMENT
FORGIVNESS
GIVING
LOVE
MEMBERSHIP
PRAYER
SERVE
UNITY
WORSHIP

I LOVE BEING A MEMBER OF BETHANTY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Membership is Important

I come to church to learn from Pastor Battle and submit myself to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Bethany Primitive Baptist Church

The Church Whose Center is Christ, Purpose is Praise and Mission is the Gospel!

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