

# ***The Authority of the Scriptures – Lesson 1***

## The Inherent Authority Of God

Read Genesis 1:1

- As the Creator, does God have the right to tell us what to do?

Read Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

- What does God want us to do while we live?



- What is God going to do about all of the things we do in life?

- Do you believe you are responsible to your Creator?

## All Authority Given To Jesus

Read Matthew 28:18

- Who was given all authority in heaven and earth?



Read John 14:6

- How can someone go to the Father?

Read Acts 4:8-12

- Who is the only one that can save us?

## Jesus Gives Authority To His Apostles (apostle means “one sent”)

Read John 20:21

- Who did Jesus send just like the Father had sent Him?



Read John 13:20

- Who do we receive if we receive the people sent by Jesus?

## Apostles And Prophets Wrote The Bible

Read Ephesians 3:1-5

- To whom did the Spirit reveal God’s message?

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:15

- Does the message of the gospel depend upon whether I heard the Apostles in person or I read their letters?



## How can we trust imperfect people to write accurately God’s Word?

We will try to answer this question in the next lesson.

# ***The Authority of the Scriptures - Lesson 2***

## **They Spoke As The Holy Spirit Gave Them Utterance**

Read John 14:26

- What did Jesus say the Holy Spirit would do for the Apostles?

Read John 16:12-13

- How would the Holy Spirit guide the Apostles?

Read 2 Peter 1:20-21

- How did the prophets speak the word of God?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:10-13

- How did the prophets know what words to say?

## **God Warns Us About Tampering With The Word**

Read Deuteronomy 4:2 and Revelation 22:18,19

- What are we warned about regarding God's Word?

Read Galatians 1:6-9

- What terrible thing were some doing to the Word, soon after it was given?

Read 2 John 9 and 1 Corinthians 4:6

- What do we have to be careful of when handling God's Word?

## **God's Word Is All Sufficient**

Read Jude 3 and Galatians 1:11,23 ( Notice the faith and the word are used as synonyms)

- How often was the Faith delivered for us?

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- What can the Scriptures do for us?

Read 2 Peter 1:2-3

- How are we given everything pertaining to life & godliness?

# God's Plan To Save Mankind – Lesson 3

## God Wants Us To Be In Fellowship With Him

Read 1 Corinthians 1:9

- What does God call us for?

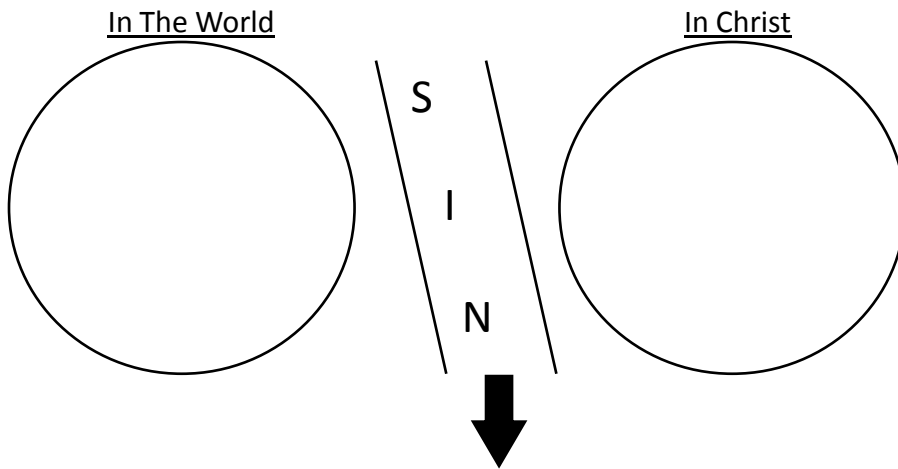
Read 2 Thessalonians 2:14-15

- How are we called into fellowship with God?

## What We Have In The World or In Christ

Read Ephesians 2:11-13; 1:7

In the picture below, list what we have in the World and what we have in Christ



## Sin Separates Us From Fellowship With God

Read Isaiah 59:1-2

- What separates us from God?

Read Romans 3:23

- What has everyone done?

The question remains, how do we get into Christ when we are in the world? We will answer that question in the next couple of lessons, but first let's understand how we know the truth.

## The Sum of God's Word is the Truth

Read Psalm 119:160

- How can we know the truth of God?

# ***God's Plan To Save Mankind – Lesson 4***

## Let's First Look At What Jesus Said:

Read John 14:15 and John 15:14

- If we love Jesus and want to be His friend, what must we do?

Read John 8:24

- What must we do to be saved from our sins?

Read Luke 13:3

- We will perish if we don't do what?

Read Matthew 10:32-33

- What must we do regarding Jesus before other people?

Read Mark 16:16

- What must we do to be saved?

Read Luke 24:46-47

- What were the Apostles commanded to preach about?

Read Matthew 28:19

- What did Jesus tell the Apostles to do among all nations?

## Let's Look At Some Examples: Did The Apostles Do the Things Jesus Said?

In the following examples read the account and then write down everything the person was taught or did to become a Christian.

Read Acts 2:37-41

Read Acts 8:35-38

Read Acts 16:30-34

Read Acts 22:6-16

# God's Plan To Save Mankind – Lesson 5

Let's Look At These Other Passages The Apostles And Prophets Wrote

Read Hebrews 11:6

- What must we have to come to God?

Read Romans 10:17

- What must we do in order to have faith?

Read Romans 10:9,10

- What must we do to have salvation?

Read Galatians 3:27

- How do we put on Christ?

Read Romans 6:1-6

- What must we do to be raised with New Life in Christ?

Read 1 Peter 3:21

- What saves us and what is it exactly?

Do you believe Jesus is Lord?

Read Romans 6:17

- What are we supposed to do with the form (pattern, see picture below) of doctrine that has been delivered to us?

