

Sunday Morning Basic Concepts Bible Class  
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"LEVEL 101 - FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINE" STUDY - SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

Now that I'm a Christian: What's Next?



Today begins our Sunday School Explosion at Colonial Village and we are both excited and thankful that you have come out today to participate in this worthy and needed endeavour. Unfortunately I was not able to begin our first session today and ask for your forgiveness. Often on Sunday mornings I am leaving from work to church and from time to time may have a scheduling conflict. But I will try my best to inform the class in advance when I will not be available for our small group session. This past week I have looked through all of the materials that we will be using for our series of lessons and projected a tentative schedule for us to follow. I ask that you please go through the schedule and familiarize yourself with some of the topics and themes that we will be discussing.

Next month we will begin with the handout entitled "**Now that I'm a Christian**" which is attached to this overview. Please go through and answer the following class overview questions below and read pages 3 through 23 of the attached handout for next week's discussion. In addition we would like you to fill out the "Certificate of Baptism" page with the details of when you put Christ on in baptism.

**Review Questions for next week:**

Summarize the following five passages:

Matthew 28:18-20 \_\_\_\_\_

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Ephesians 4:1-16 \_\_\_\_\_

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2 Timothy 2:15 \_\_\_\_\_

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 2:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read the following fictional Television Psalm, and then write in the blank space to the right the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm:

**The "TV PSALM"**

The TV is my shepherd, I shall not want,  
it makes me lie down on the sofa.  
It leads me away from the scriptures,  
it destroys my soul!  
It leads me in the paths of sex and violence  
for the sponsors' sake.  
Yea, though I walk in the shadow of my Christian  
responsibilities,  
There will be no interruptions  
for the TV is with me.  
Its cable and remote control,  
they comfort me.  
It prepares a commercial before me  
in the presence of my carnality;  
It anoint my head with humanism,  
my coveting runneth over.  
Surely laziness and ignorance shall follow me  
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell  
in the house watching TV to the end.

**David's Psalm (Psalm 23)**

Read also Psalm 1, how does this chapter tie in with the above? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note:** At the end of our 24 sessions (almost 6 months) we will present everyone in our class with the “Colonial Village Membership Covenant”. At which point we will have a graduation ceremony for those who have faithfully attended and participated in this Basic Concepts class. After which you will progress on to the regular Sunday morning adult bible study. In order for this very important class to continue to be a “small group” it is important that at some point the participants graduate from these studies.

Please review the following tentative schedule of lessons and themes that we will be studying from this cycle:

<b>Lesson Title</b>	<b>Themes</b>	<b>Tentative Session Date</b>
1) Class Overview		<del>Today</del> 9/28/08
2) Now that I’m a Christian (pages 3-23)	What is my identity in Christ? What are the divisions and books of the Bible?	10/5/08
3) Now that I’m a Christian (pages 24-48)	How do we worship in the Church? How is the Church organized? What is the Work of the Church? How should I live as a child of God?	10/12/08
4) Our Purpose, Strategy, and Mission	What is our Vision? What is the “formula” at Colonial Village? What is your S.H.A.P.E.? What was HIS mission?	<u>10/19/08</u> *
5) I’ve got the Power! – Part 1	What is the Godhead? Where can we see the power of God and how does it save?	10/26/08
6) I’ve got the Power! – Part 2	What does it mean to be “IN Christ”?	11/2/08
7) Amazing Grace!	What is the grace that brings salvation? Who is it for? What does it teach us to do? How does baptism fit in? What does God’s grace produce? How does the cross motivate us?	11/9/08
8) “Do this in remembrance of me”	What are we to remember?	<u>11/16/08</u> *
9) Studying the Bible – Part 1	The big picture and main points. Understanding context & using tools. Proper & improper attitudes toward the Bible.	11/23/08
10) Studying the Bible – Part 2	Understanding Bible authority. Biblical Hermeneutic. Direct command, approved examples, and necessary inference. From Heaven or from Men? Isaiah – My thoughts are not your thoughts...	11/30/08
11) Studying the Bible – Part 3	Can we understand the Bible alike?	12/7/08
12) So what does it mean to be a Christian?	The Christian’s past, present, and future. Counting the cost. What it means to be Spiritual.	12/14/08
13) Walking in HIS steps –	How does God lead our lives? How did Jesus	12/21/08

Part 1	walk?	
14) Walking in HIS steps – Part 2	Looking to Jesus.	<u>12/28/08</u> *
15) Taking up MY cross and following HIM	Why is there suffering? What types of suffering exist? Are there benefits in suffering? Keeping your eyes on the prize.	1/4/09
16) Overcoming the Enemy – Part 1	The devices of Satan.	1/11/09
17) Overcoming the Enemy – Part 2	One thing leads to another. The carnal mindset. Accepting correction.	1/18/09
18) Overcoming the Enemy – Part 3	The defence of a healthy heart.	1/25/09
19) The Power of Prayer	Why are our prayers not effective? Pray without ceasing.	2/1/09
20) When your faith is put to the test	Being tested from without and within.	2/8/09
21) True Discipleship	The imperative of discipleship. Satan's methods to stop discipleship. Paul's solution to Timothy: Content, Training, Teachability, and Reproduction. The Great Commission. A response like Pentecost.	2/15/09
22) The Local Church – Part 1	The purpose of the local church. The value of the local church. The roles of men and women in the church.	2/22/09
23) The Local Church – Part 2	What makes a congregation strong? <b><i>The Colonial Village membership covenant.</i></b>	3/1/09
24) Will you be ready?	What if Jesus had come yesterday? What about the "End of the Age"? 3 Principles.	3/8/09

Also, please be advised of the following dates that I will be out of town this year \*:

- *Midwest Lectureship [St. Louis, MO] - Wednesday October 15th thru Sunday October 19th*
- *Southwestern Christian College Lectures [Terrel, TX] - Sunday November 16th thru Wednesday November 19th*
- *Me & the Wife's 7th Year Anniversary [somewhere out of town] - Saturday December 27th thru Wednesday December 31st*

Before these dates arrive we will let you know whether classes will be combined (as was the case this morning) or whether someone else will lead the discussion in my absence.