**BATTER’S BOX: START: SPIRITUAL BIRTH**

Knowing Christ; Infant

**MODULE 2: BASIC BIBLE TEACHINGS 1**

**LESSON 7: CHURCH**

**I. THE MEANING OF THE CHURCH**

 **A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OUT**

Greek:

“ekklesia:”

An assembly of people who were called out from where they were to gather for a certain purpose

***1 Peter 2:9***

*King James Version (KJV)*

*9But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;*

 **B. FOR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***Ephesians 1:22-23***

*King James Version (KJV)*

*22And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,*

*23Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*

 1. Church of God

***Acts 20:28***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***28****Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

 2. Church of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Romans 16:16***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***16****Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.*

 3. Church of the firstborn

***Hebrews 12:23***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***23****To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,*

***1 Corinthians 12:27***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***27****Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.*

**II. THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH**

 **A. WE ARE GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***1 Corinthians 3:16-17***

***16****Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*

***17****If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.*

***Ephesians 2:19-22***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***19****Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;*

***20****And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;*

***21****In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:*

***22****In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*

 **B. WE ARE A FELLOWSHIP**

***Acts 2:42***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***42****And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

 1. As a fellowship, we ought to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Ephesians 4:3***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***3****Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

 2. We create an atmosphere and attitude of unity

***Romans 14:19***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***19****Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.*

 **C. WE ARE GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***1 Timothy 3:14-15***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***14****These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:*

***15****But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.*

***Hebrews 3:6***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***6****But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.*

***Galatians 6:10***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***10****As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*

 **D. WE ARE HIS BODY**

***1 Corinthians 12:27***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***27****Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.*

***Romans 12:4-6***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***4****For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:*

***5****So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.*

***6****Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;*

***Ephesians 4:11-12***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***11****And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

***12****For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

 **E. WE’RE A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***1 Peter 5:1-2***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***5****The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:*

***2****Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;*

***Acts 20:28***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***28****Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

**III. THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH**

***Matthew 22:37-39***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***37****Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*

***38****This is the first and great commandment.*

***39****And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

***Matthew 28:19-20***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***19****Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

***20****Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

**A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*Go… teach all nations:*

***Mark 16:15***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***15****And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

**B. Worship**

*Love… God…*

**C. Fellowship**

*Baptizing…*

**D. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*Teaching…*

**E. Ministry**

*Love… neighbor*

***Ephesians 4:11-13***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***11****And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

***12****For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

***13****Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

 **F**ish

**A**dore

**I**ncorporate

**T**rain

**H**elp

**IV. THE SCOPES OF THE CHURCH**

 **A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH**

***1 Corinthians 12:13***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***13****For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

***Ephesians 1:22-23***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***22****And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,*

***23****Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*

 **B. LOCAL**

[***1 Corinthians 1:2***](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-1-2/)*(KJV)*

*Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called [to be] saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:*

[***Revelation 1:4***](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Revelation-1-4/)*(KJV)*

*John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;*

[***Romans 16:16***](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-16-16/)*(KJV)*

*Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.*

**V. THE COOPERATION OF THE CHURCH**

 **A. KEEP THE UNITY**

 1. Love each other purely

***1 Peter 1:22***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***22****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:*

 2. Don’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or talk badly about each other

***Ephesians 4:29***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***29****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.*

 3. Be submissive to your leaders

***Hebrews 13:17***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***17****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.*

 **B. TAKE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 1. Pray for its welfare

***1 Thessalonians 1:2***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***2****We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;*

 2. Invite unbelievers to come

***Luke 14:23***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***23****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.*

 3. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to those who come

***Romans 15:7***

*King James Version (KJV)*

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

*We ought to be the participants, not just spectators*

**C. SERVE**

 1. Know, develop, and use your gifts and talents

***1 Peter 4:10***

*King James Version (KJV)*

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

 2. Grab the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of being equipped by your pastor

***Ephesians 4:11-13***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***11****And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

***12****For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

 3. Have an attitude of a servant

***Philippians 2:3-4***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***3****Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*

***4****Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*

***7****But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*

 **D. UPHOLD THE CHURCH**

 1. Be faithful in assembling with each other

***Hebrews 10:25***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***25****Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

 2. Live \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a Christian

***Philippians 1:27***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***27****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;*

 3. Give regularly

***1 Corinthians 16:2***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***2****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.*

***Leviticus 27:30***

*King James Version (KJV)*

***30****And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is theLord's: it is holy unto the Lord.*