

# **DISCIPLESHIP 401**

**Grow Unto a Mature Man**

**Grace Mercy Ministry**

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# DEDICATION

We dedicate this book to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His Infallible Holy Word which gives us all the knowledge, understanding and wisdom we need to be true disciples of His. It is our desire that this book will help Christians bring glory to God.

We also dedicate this book to the greatest disciple of the twentieth century – Dawson Trotman (1906-1956), founder of “The Navigators.” He was too busy serving Jesus to accept an invitation from Billy Graham to form a discipleship ministry for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Yet he developed the B-rations that the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has used ever since. Billy said of him, “I think Daws has personally touched more lives than anybody I have ever known.” Graham interrupted his crusade in Oklahoma City to “preach his funeral” in Colorado Springs. He also devoted a week of his “Hour of Decision” radio program to Trotman’s memory. Charles E. Fuller, founder of Fuller Theological Seminary, did the same with his “Old Fashion Revival Hour” program.

The work and writings of Trotman were the inspiration and instrumental in the foundation of the Campus Outreach Ministry and Grace Mercy Ministry. His two most inspirational quotes are:

“Do what others can not and will not do.”

“The greatest amount of wasted time is the time not getting started.”

We urge you to read his story in Appendixes C and D in *Discipleship 101*.

## **Our Vision**

It is the vision of Grace Mercy Ministry to motivate and help every church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to establish a discipleship program. It is also our vision that every believer on Earth go through a discipleship program, whether it is this one or another so every believer can bring the greatest amount of glory possible to God.

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# INVITATION

**Believer**, we invite you to read through this book slowly. Once you complete Step 19 move on to Steps 20 through 23 if you have been called to be a pastor, missionary or a Bible teacher. If have not been called you may want to complete the steps in *Discipleship 501* to continue to grow in knowledge, understanding and wisdom. No believer should ever stop studying the Bible.

Prayer and the study of the Bible are the two most important activities a believer can engage in every day. *Discipleship 401* will show you how to do topical studies and put together your statement of faith.

**Unsaved reader**, please read Appendix A before you read anything else.



# INTRODUCTION

Every true believer in Jesus Christ should know how to study the Bible. We should all desire to learn everything we can about the Scriptures, our Savior, God the Father and the Holy Spirit. This book shows you how to do topical studies and gives you many exercises to develop your skills.

If you are not panting and thirsting to know God (Psalm 42.1-2; 63.1; 143.6) you are either backslidden or not saved. If you know you are born from above and you are not backslidden then complete Steps 16 through 19. Start today.



# DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

Follow this course at your own pace. Go as far as you can.

XVI. Study the lesson on how to do a topical study (p. 15).

Completed \_\_\_\_\_

XVII. Start topical studies of the major doctrines (p. 25).

Completed \_\_\_\_\_

XVIII. Put together your “Statement of Faith” (p. 27).

Completed \_\_\_\_\_

XIX. Start topical studies that interest you (p. 29).

Completed \_\_\_\_\_



## **GROW UNTO A MATURE MAN (Part Two)**

Once you have completed Steps 16 through 19 you will have acquired the knowledge, understanding and wisdom necessary to disciple others. You can then complete *Discipleship 501* which will show you how to disciple others. If you have been called to be a pastor it will lead you through a complete seminary curriculum. Once you complete *Discipleship 501* you will be fully trained to pastor a church.



# **STEP SIXTEEN**

## **HOW TO DO A TOPICAL STUDY**

Topical studies are easy. Some topics are so extensive it would take a book or two to do a proper study. Determine how large a study you desire to do, and choose specific aspects of the topic to write on. Use your Strong's Concordance to find every passage on the topic. You can also use a Topical Bible to help you get an idea of what to cover. Organize the passages according to sub-topics. Write out an outline and then write down the passages that correspond with each sub-topic. Once you have put together your outline write out your study. If you are a pastor or have been called to be one do not use topical studies for sermon outlines. Go to Step 22 to see how to prepare for a sermon.

### **Example of a topical study**

#### **Disciple's prayer**

##### **I. Daily prayer**

###### **A. Pray to the Father**

1. Open by acknowledging His divinity, holiness, kingship and authority
  - a. His divinity (He is in Heaven)
  - b. His name is holy (Leviticus 20.3; 1 Chronicles 16.10; Psalm 3.21; Ezekiel 20.39; Amos 2.7)  
(therefore He is holy – Leviticus 11.44; 19.2; 20.7)

- c. He has a kingdom (Matthew 16.28; Luke 22.30; John 18.36)
- d. His will should be done on Earth as it is in Heaven
- 2. Ask for our daily needs to be met
- 3. Ask for forgiveness of our sins (1 John 1.9) as we forgive and love those who sin against us (Matthew 18.21-22; Luke 17.3-4; Ephesians 4.32; Colossians 3.13; Matthew 5.38-45).
- 4. Ask that He keep us from temptation
- 5. Ask that He deliver us from evil
- B. Why we should pray for our needs
  - 1. We are told to here and elsewhere (Matthew 7.7; Luke 18.1-8; John 16.24)
  - 1. We must first seek the Father and His kingdom (Matthew 6.33)
  - 3. We must also not be anxious about our needs (Matt.. 6.31-34)
- C. Why we should pray for forgiveness of our sins
  - 1. We sin many times every day in thought, word, deed, motives
  - 2. Sin interferes with our fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Psalm 66.18; Isaiah 59.2; 64.7)
  - 3. We must obviously confess our sins before they are forgiven (1 John 1.9)
  - 4. We must also forgive those who sin against us
    - a. If we do not forgive others the Father will not forgive us
    - b. When we refuse to forgive others that is a sin
  - 5. The forgiveness is temporal which is required for fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (1 John 1.9)
    - a. All of our sins were paid for at the cross by the blood of Jesus (Luke 22.20; Romans 3.25; Colossians 1.20; Hebrews 9.12, 14; 10.19, 29; 13.20; 1 John 1.7; Revelation 1.5; 5.9)
    - b. All of our sins were forgiven at the moment we trusted Jesus to save us (Eph. 1.7; Col. 1.13-14)
  - 6. We must keep short accounts with the Father

- a. We must ask forgiveness immediately after sinning
  - b. A blanket prayer of forgiveness at the end of the day is no good
- D. Close by acknowledging His kingship, power and glory
1. He has a kingdom (Matthew 16.28; Luke 22.30; John 18.36)
  2. He is all powerful (Gen. 1.1; Matt. 19.26; Luke 1.37)
  3. All glory is His (Isaiah 42.8; 48.11)

## **Disciple's prayer**

The prayer that Jesus gave His disciples was a sample prayer intended to show them what should be included in a prayer. He did not intend for them to pray that word-for-word day in and day out.

*“Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ‘Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]”*  
 (Matthew 6.9-13)

We should open all public prayers by acknowledging the Father is divine, holy and in charge of everything. We do not have to do that in a formal and structured manner. One can open by saying, “Dear Holy Father, Creator of all, I ask that your will be done in my life.” In our personal prayers we do not have to acknowledge His divinity, holiness and authority. If you feel compelled to you can. We can open by saying, “*Abba Father*” (Romans 8.15) as Jesus did (Mark 14.36). It is a good habit to get into to say at the beginning and or end of our prayers that His will be done in our lives.

We are to ask for our daily needs, but we should not ask for our worldly desires to be fulfilled (1 John 2.15-17). We should not ask for money, a house, a car, a good-paying job, a spouse,

etc. Instead we should ask that the Lord provide the job He wants us to have so we can share the gospel with those at work. We should ask for a dwelling where we can reach out to our neighbors and share the gospel. We should ask for a spouse that can help us serve the Lord rather than one that is beautiful/handsome, rich, popular, famous, etc.

We should ask for needs and nothing more. There is nothing wrong with asking for food, clothing, housing, medical care, etc. If you have specific items that you need to survive, ask for them.

We also are to be thankful for everything the Lord has given us. It is good to get into the daily habit of thanking the Lord for the things He has given you. Thank Him for another day to serve Him. Thank Him for your – spouse, children, parents, spiritual brothers and sisters, friends, dwelling place, job, vehicles, bicycle, motorcycle, boat, food, utilities, clothing, furniture, refrigerator, stove, washer and dryer, television, computer, cell phone, DVD player, radio, etc. The sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving is special to God (Hebrews 13.15).

We must also remember that for every request we make we need to submit to the will of the Father as Jesus did (Matthew 25.39). Whether the request is for us or others we should always say, “Your will be done.” We are also to ask according to the will of the Father (1 John 5.14). How do we know what His will is? There is only one way to learn what the will of the Father is for us and others – study His Word daily (2 Timothy 2.15). The more we study His holy Word the more we will know what His will is. We need to be mindful that if we do not study His Word He will not respond to our prayers:

***He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, even his prayer is an abomination.*** (Proverbs 28.9)

If your prayers are not being answered or they are being answered with a no, the problem could be you are not studying the Bible. Every Christian should be reading and studying the Bible every day. We should also memorize and meditate on

Scripture daily. We are to be immersed in the Word of God. It should be our spiritual food as Jesus said (Matthew 4.4) quoting Moses:

*“He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, **but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.**”* (Deuteronomy 8.3)

No one can live very long without food and water. Moses and Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights (Matthew 4.2), but very few people can do that. Most people eat three meals a day plus snacks. To stay healthy a person must eat food and drink water. The same is true about spiritual health. To grow and remain spiritually healthy a Christian must eat spiritual food every day. That means one needs to daily listen to the Word (Deuteronomy 4.9-10; Proverbs 8.34; Luke 8.15, 21; 11.28; James 1.22; Revelation 1.3), read Scripture (Deuteronomy 17.19; Psalm 42.1-2; 63.1; 143.6; Revelation 1.3), study Scripture (Deuteronomy 8.3; Matthew 4.4; Proverbs 2.1-5; 8.34; 22.17; John 5.39; Acts 17.11; Romans 15.4; 2 Timothy 2.15; 3.15), memorize Scripture (Deuteronomy 6.6; 11.18; 30.14; Psalm 37.31; 40.8; 119.11; Proverbs 2.1; 3.1, 3; 4.1, 21; 6.21; 22.18; Isaiah 51.7; Ezekiel 3.10; Romans 10.8) and meditate on Scripture (Joshua 1.8; Job 22.22; 23.12; Psalm 1.2; 4.4; 19.14; 63.6; 77.12; 104.34; 119.15, 23, 27, 48, 78, 97, 99, 148; 143.5; 1 Timothy 4.15).

Christians should also pray every day throughout the day (Matthew 7.7; Luke 18.1; John 16.24; 1 Thessalonians 5.17; James 1.5). We are to pray for our needs and the needs of others. Fellowship with the brethren as often as possible is important (Psalm 119.63; Proverbs 13.20; Acts 2.42, 46-47; Hebrews 3.13; 10.24-25) along with sharing the Gospel as the Holy Spirit leads (Psalm 96.2; Acts 2.47; 1 Peter 3.15).

Another thing that every Christian should do several times each day is to ask forgiveness for his sins. We all sin every day (1 John 1.8, 10).

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* (1 John 1.9)

The forgiveness and cleansing of our sins on a daily basis is for fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. When we sin we break fellowship with Them. We need to confess our sins to restore that fellowship. The same is true when we sin against each other. We break fellowship with one another. When we forgive one another we restore fellowship. When we do not forgive those who sin against us our fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit remains broken. Our fellowship with Them is the most important thing in our life. That is why we must always forgive those who sin against us, whether they are saved or not saved (Matthew 6.14-15). Along with forgiveness we must not hate those who sin against us or persecute us. We must love them with a holy (*agape*) love (Matthew 5.38-45).

We must forgive our brothers and sisters when they sin against us not only because we are commanded to (Matthew 18.21-22; Luke 17.3-4; Ephesians 4.32; Colossians 3.13), but in order to keep peace and harmony in the church. Those who do not forgive others are guilty of causing dissension and strife in the church. Dissension among people is a deed of the flesh (Galatians 5.20), and causing strife among the brethren is an abomination to God (Proverbs 6.16-19).

If we do not forgive those who sin against us our Father will not forgive us (Mark 11.25-26). It is also a sin to refuse to forgive others (Matthew 18.23-35). Since God has forgiven us of all our sins against Him can we do anything less for those who sin against us? Are we more important than God?

All of our sins were paid for and forgiven at the cross (Luke 22.20; Romans 3.25; Ephesians 1.7; Colossians 1.13-14, 20; Hebrews 9.12, 14; 10.19, 29; 13.20; 1 John 1.7;

Revelation 1.5; 5.9). Yet we must have temporal forgiveness by God for continual fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (1 John 1.9). Keep short accounts with God. When you sin ask for forgiveness right there and move on. Blanket prayers for forgiveness at the end of the day are no good.

We not only are to pray for our physical needs but also for our spiritual needs. The spiritual needs we can pray for are – strength (Philippians 4.13), increased faith (Luke 17.5-10; Romans 10.17), help to trust in God (Psalm 37.3-5; 118.8; Proverbs 3.5-6; 16.20; 29.25; Isaiah 26.3-4; 50.10), knowledge, understanding and wisdom (Proverbs 2.6-7; 3.13-14; 9.10; 10.14; 16.20; James 1.5), good and wise friends (Proverbs 2.20; 13.20) and the ability to see the righteous path God wants us to walk (Proverbs 2.20). We must always remember that all of our prayers are an abomination to God if we do not study the Bible every day (Proverbs 28.9). Speaking to God (prayer), but rarely listening to Him (Bible study) is the height of arrogance. Which is more important – speaking to God or listening to Him?

Every Christian needs spiritual strength. The main way to increase one's spiritual strength is through prayer and study of the Word. It is through these two daily activities that we increase our faith. Since Jesus spent long hours in prayer (Mark 1.35; 6.46; Luke 5.16) then so should we. Sometimes He prayed all night (Luke 6.12). According to Romans 10.17 faith comes by the Word. To increase your faith you must increase your prayer and Bible time.

We should also ask God to help us trust in Him for all things. When we have a decision to make about most anything we should ask for guidance to make the right one. It is also a good idea to get wise counsel (Proverbs 1.5; 11.14; 12.15; 15.22; 20.18; 24.6).

Every time we open the Bible we should ask for knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures (Proverbs 3.13-14; 9.10; 10.14; 16.20). Knowledge and understanding of Scripture is more important than riches, fame or anything you can think of (Proverbs 8.10; 16.16). Along with knowledge and understanding we can ask for wisdom (Proverbs 2.6-7; James

1.5) which is even more valuable than knowledge and understanding (Job 28.12-19; Proverbs 3.13-15; 8.11; 16.16).

The way we obtain wisdom is by wise counsel (Proverbs 13.10). The wisest counsel in the universe is found in the Bible. If you want the best counsel study the Bible (Proverbs 3.1-4). If you cannot find the answer to your question or problem in the Bible, seek counsel from a wise man (Proverbs 12.15; 19.20).

Another way to gain wisdom is to fellowship with wise men (Proverbs 13.20). We can also gain great wisdom by meditation on Scripture (Joshua 1.8; Job 22.22; 23.12; Psalm 1.2; 4.4; 19.14; 63.6; 77.12; 104.34; 119.15, 23, 27, 48, 78, 97, 99, 148; 143.5; 1 Timothy 4.15). When we earnestly pray for wisdom and we treasure the Scriptures more than our daily food we will be given wisdom. Those who obtain wisdom love their own souls (Proverbs 19.8).

We should pray for God to lead us to wise men because it is through fellowship with them that one can become wise (Proverbs 13.20).

Asking God to show us the path that He wants us to walk (Proverbs 2.20) is important. We can also ask Him to keep us from going down the wrong paths.

Keep in mind that none of our prayers will be answered in the positive if we neglect the daily study of Scripture (Proverbs 28.9).

We can also ask our Father to not lead us into testing, but to deliver us from evil. Most Bibles translate the Greek word *peirasmos* as “temptation.” The best translation is “testing” or “trial” with “beneficial purpose and effect” (*Vine’s*, p. 1140). Even though God tests us at times, we are to pray that He does not. We must remember that God knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46.10). He tests us to show us how strong or weak our faith is (Ecclesiastes 3.18). When we fail a test it means we need to strengthen our faith. We do that by being in the Word, in prayer and in fellowship more than before.

The evil is a reference to the devil or possibly evil people or evil things. The Greek word *poneros* is used of the devil several times (Matthew 5.37; 13.19, 38; John 17.15; Ephesians

6.16; 2 Thessalonians 3.3; 1 John 2.13-14; 3.12; 5.18-19). It is also used to refer to evil people and things (*Vine's*, p. 391). We should pray every day that God deliver us from the evil one (the devil), evil people and evil things.

When we conclude our prayers we need to remember that God is King of the universe and in complete control of every atom in His creation. We are to praise Him and give Him all the glory for everything in our lives, whether good or bad.



# **STEP SEVENTEEN**

## **TOPICAL STUDIES OF FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES**

Start topical studies of the fundamental doctrines:

1. Sin
2. Salvation (Explain grace, faith and repentance.)
3. Eternal Security (Explain whether or not a believer is eternally secure in his salvation)
4. Baptism
5. Judgment of the righteous and wicked (Explain the bodily resurrection of the righteous and the wicked.)
6. Eternal life and eternal punishment
7. Heaven
8. Hell and the Lake of Fire
9. Trinity
10. Father
11. Son (Include His deity, virgin birth, sinless life and sacrifice, bodily resurrection, equality with the Father.)
12. Holy Spirit.



# **STEP EIGHTEEN**

## **YOUR STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Put together your statement of faith. Statements of faith vary, but they should include fundamental doctrines. The following are doctrines which you should include in your statement of faith. You can add more if you want to.

1. God the Father
2. God the Son
3. God the Holy Spirit
4. Trinity
5. Inspiration and infallibility of Scripture
6. Creation
7. Sin
8. Grace and Salvation
9. Judgment
10. Hell (Hades) & the Lake of Fire
11. Tribulation, Rapture, Second Coming, Millennial Kingdom and Eternal Kingdom

A statement of faith is a brief statement concerning a specific doctrine. It is not a study. Keep each statement to a paragraph or two and use Scripture to support them.



# **STEP NINETEEN**

## **MORE TOPICAL STUDIES**

Start topical studies that interest you. Here are some topics you may wish to do studies of:

Angels  
Anger  
Antichrist  
Baptism  
Bondslave  
Character studies of Bible figures  
Chariots of fire  
Church  
Creation  
Daniel Seventieth Week  
Discipleship  
Duties of pastors  
Duties of deacons  
Duties of fathers  
Duties of mothers  
Duties of children  
Election versus Free will  
Eternal Kingdom  
Evangelism  
Faith  
False Prophet  
Fellowship  
Gifts of the Holy Spirit  
Giving

God the Father  
God the Son  
God the Holy Spirit  
Grace  
Greed  
Heaven  
Hell  
Holiness/Sanctification  
Humility  
Lake of Fire  
Love (of God, the brethren and the lost)  
Love of money  
Marriage  
Messiah  
Millennial Kingdom  
Miracles  
New Jerusalem  
Obedience  
Prayer  
Pride  
Rapture  
Rewards  
Satan  
Second Advent  
Sin  
Sovereignty of God  
Spiritual warfare  
Study of Scripture  
Suffering  
Temptation  
Tongue  
Tribulation

# **DISCIPLESHIP COURSE FINAL EXAM**

This is an open book exam. You may use the Bible and this book. Answer as many questions as you can, using only the Bible and this book. Cite as many Scriptures as you can for the answer to each question. Then use this book to finish the exam.

## **Introduction**

1. In the First Century what was the name of the Christian faith?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Is every true believer in Jesus Christ a disciple?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What activities should a disciple of Jesus Christ do on a regular basis?
  - A.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - C.

D.

E.

F.

G.

H.

I.

4. Should every believer know how to teach the Bible?

5. Was the Great Commission given to all believers?

6. Should every believer be able to share the Gospel in a clear and concise manner?

7. Should every believer eventually know how to make a disciple?

## **Sin and Judgment**

1. Is everyone born with a sin nature or do we acquire a sin nature by sinning?

2. At what age does everyone go astray – follow the path of sin?

3. What are the wages of sin?

4. Will those who die in their sins be judged for every sin they committed?

5. Will there be varying degrees of punishment in Hell and the Lake of Fire?

6. Where will those who die in their sins be sent to after they are judged at the Great White Throne Judgment?

7. How long will the wicked remain in their new home?

8. Are the descriptions of Hell and the final abode of the wicked literal or symbolic?

## **Salvation**

1. What must a person do to be saved?

2. What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

A.

B.

C.

3. By what and through what are we saved?

4. Can a person be saved apart from Jesus?

5. Can members of religions that do not believe that Jesus Christ is God be saved and go to Heaven?

6. Do those who die without believing in Jesus Christ get a second chance to be saved after they die?

7. Should there be noticeable changes in a person's life after they are saved?

8. If there is no visible change in a person's life could it mean their confession of faith in Jesus Christ was not sincere?

9. Does saying a salvation prayer save you?

10. Can a person think they are saved and not be born from above?

## **Sanctification**

1. What is the definition of sanctified?

2. Name as many methods of sanctification as you can.

A.

B.

C.

D.

3. What four things does worship consist of?

A.

B.

C.

D.

4. How often should we read the Bible?
  
5. How often should we study Scripture?
  
6. Should every believer memorize Scripture and why?
  
  
7. How often should we meditate on Scripture?
  
  
8. How often should we pray?
  
  
9. Who should we pray to?
  - A.
  - B.
  
10. How often should we pray for a specific thing?
  
  
11. Will our prayers always be answered as we want them to be?

12. Does the Lord answer some of our prayers to teach us a lesson?

13. What can keep our prayers from being answered?

14. What must we do to have our prayers answered?

15. Should we ever be unequally yoked with an unsaved person?

16. Should a disciple associate with, fellowship with or hangout with a backslidden Christian?

17. What does the Lord do to backslidden believers?

18. Are we to actively kill our carnal desires?

19. Should we look for the return of the Lord?

20. How do you look for the return of the Lord?

# Service

1. List your spiritual weapons of warfare.

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.

G.

2. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? List them.

A.

B.

C.

D.

3. List some things we can do for the brethren.

A.

B.

C.

D.

4. Should we go out of our way and be eager to help the brethren?

## **Evangelism**

1. What is the Great Commission?

A.

B.

C.

2. What should we pray about concerning soul winning?

3. Is there a need for every believer to be a disciple and know how to disciple others?

4. List some reasons why every believer should be a disciple and then make disciples.

A.

B.

C.

5. Write out a list of verses that you would quote to share the Gospel.

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.

G.

H.

I.

J.

K.

L.

M.

N.

O.

P.

Q.

# Maturity

1. List the ten things a disciple should do on a regular basis.

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.

G.

H.

I.

J.

K.

2. Describe what a bond servant of the first century was.

3. Will all true disciples suffer for their faith?

4. Are you willing to die for the Lord and fellow believers?

5. List the ways you can increase your faith.

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.



## DISCIPLESHIP 501

The fifth book in the *Discipleship* series is designed to train men who have been called to shepherd a local assembly. It includes a complete seminary curriculum. Any man called to be a shepherd who completes Steps 20 through 23 will be fully equipped to perform the duties of a pastor. To order your copy of *Discipleship 501* email the DOV Book Shoppe – [dovbooks@yahoo.com](mailto:dovbooks@yahoo.com)

# APPENDIX A

## THE GOSPEL

The most important thing any person can ever do is know where he/she will spend eternity. The Creator of the universe said there are only two places where a person can go when he dies – Heaven or Hell:

Everyone is a sinner in need of salvation:

*For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.*  
(Romans 3.23)

Those who die in their sins will be judged and suffer punishment in the Lake of Fire for all eternity:

*And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.* (Hebrews 9.27)

*And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal.* (Matthew 25.46)

*He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him.* (John 3.36)

*And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life he was thrown into the lake of fire.* (Revelation 20.15)

All the riches and pleasures of the world are not worth eternal punishment:

*For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (Mark 8.36-37)*

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Salvation is available to all because:

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, **Christ** died for us. (Romans 5.8)*

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Belief in Jesus Christ is the only way to be saved:

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." (John 14.6)*

*"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4.12)*

Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone:

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. (Ephesians 2.8-9)*

What must one do to be saved?

*That if you confess with your mouth **Jesus** as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved: for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. (Romans 10.9-10)*

If you believe God the Father raised Jesus from the dead, call upon Jesus Christ to save you right now:

*For “**WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.**” (Romans 10.13)*

Today is your day of salvation:

*Behold, now is “**THE ACCEPTABLE TIME,**” behold, now is “**THE DAY OF SALVATION.**” (2 Corinthians 6.2b)*

Receive Jesus today for you do not know what tomorrow may bring:

*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. (John 1.12)*

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Everyone is a sinner in need of salvation:

*For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3.23)*

Those who die in their sins will be judged:

*And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment. (Hebrews 9.27)*

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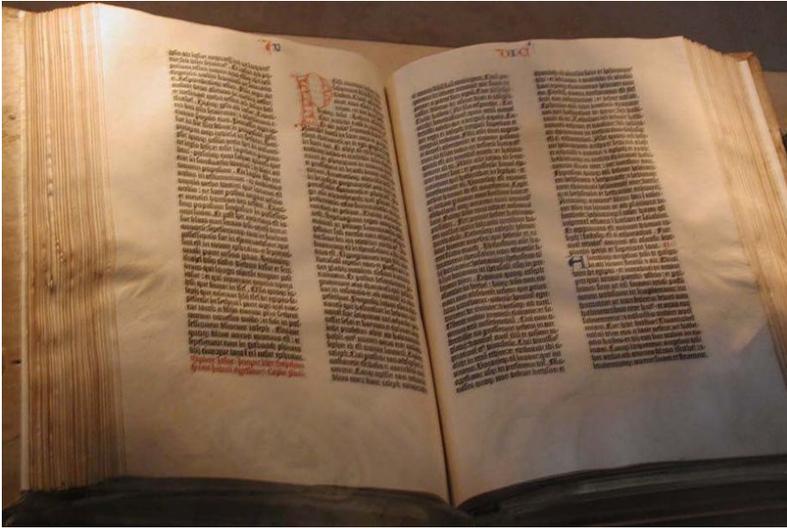
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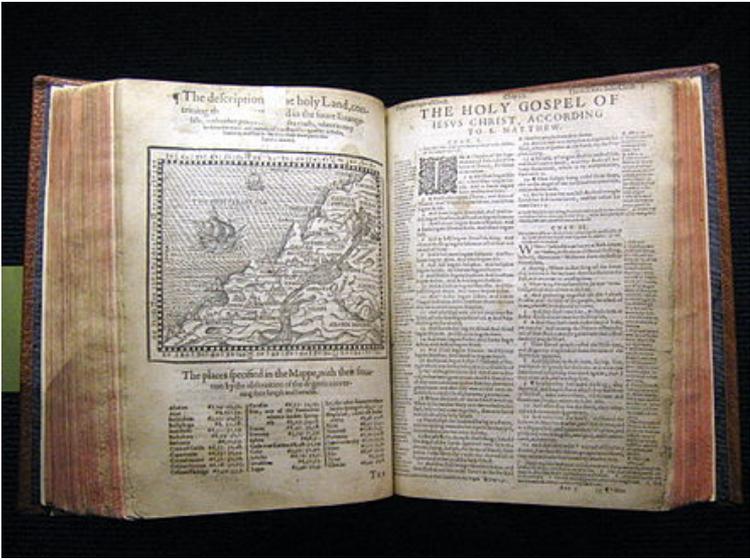
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