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Revived Co-Workers of Christ! Rooted in His Word,
Walking in His glory
(Haggai 2:6-9; Psalm 85:6; Colossians 2:6-8)

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FROM THE DESK OF THE BIBLE STUDY COORDINATOR

Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens

- Psalm 119:89

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We come your way with another edition of our yearly Bible Study outlines. This year's outline stems from the theme of the Academic and Spiritual year: "Revived Co-workers of Christ; rooted in His word, walking in His glory. This was also coined from our five-year strategic vision: "Raising co-workers of Christ, grounding and unleashing them to possess the nations".



On behalf of the Coordinators and the Bible Study Sub-Executives, I will like to express our profound gratitude to God for His immense grace which has made it possible for this outline. We appreciate our dear Campus Pastor and wife, Ps Jonathan Ebo and Mrs. Joanna Dwomoh Quaye for their great support. We assuredly avow the radical support of all the Executives of PENSA-KNUST, past Bible Study coordinators and all who helped in making this edition of the Bible Study outline a success.

As revived co-workers of Christ, we seek to be rooted in the sure word of God and in the end manifest His glory. With the same vision, this year's theme is a build-up to last year's theme: "True Disciples of Christ, Excelling in the demonstration of the Spirit's power". By God's grace some of the topics that were treated were; 'The cost of being a true disciple', 'The Lordship of Jesus Christ',

‘Paul a disciple to imitate, and ‘The depraved nature of humanity’. Others include, ‘Love a hallmark of true disciples’, ‘Being led by the Spirit of God’, and ‘Acts of the Apostles’. Teachings on these various topics indeed built members to become true disciples of Christ who excelled and are still excelling in the various forms of their respective ministries.

In contemporary times, there are so many worldviews and humanistic ideas that are infiltrating the church. These are near to the truth such that some Christians are succumbing to them unknowingly. As Christians, we can overcome this wind if we deeply root ourselves in the unadulterated word of God. This is what this year’s edition of Bible Study Outline seeks to achieve. Topics we are going to treat include: Grounded in the Word of God, Jesus Christ the Word, The Disciplined Co-worker, The Holy Spirit our helper, Timothy a young co-worker of Christ, Paul’s letter to Colossae and others. In addition to these are Study songs and further scripture readings to be studied in your closet. I humbly implore us all to diligently study this outline and prepare adequately before every Bible Study Discussion. May Grace abound for us as we study to show ourselves approved unto God as workmen who are not ashamed but rightly dividing the word of truth.

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TENETS OF THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST

1. THE BIBLE

We believe in the divine inspiration and authority of the Holy Bible. We believe that the Bible is infallible in its declaration, final in its authority, all-sufficient in its provisions and comprehensive in its sufficiency (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).

2. THE ONE TRUE GOD

We believe in the existence of the One True God, Elohim, Maker of the whole universe; indefinable but revealed as Triune Godhead – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – one in nature, essence and attributes – Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent (Gen 1:1; Matt 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14).

3. MAN’S DEPRAVED NATURE

We believe that all men have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Gen 3:1-19; Isa 53:6; Rom 3:23) and are subject to eternal punishment (Matt. 13:41-42; Rom. 6:23); and need repentance (Ac. 2:38; Matt. 4:17; Ac. 20:21) and regeneration (Jn 3:3-6; Tit 3:5).

4. THE SAVIOUR

We believe that man needs a Saviour. This need has been met in the person of Jesus Christ for the following reasons: His deity, virgin birth, sinless life, atoning death, resurrection and ascension: also His abiding intercession and second coming to the living and the dead (Matt. 1:2; John 4:24, Eph. 5:23; Phil 2:6-11).

5. REPENTANCE, REGENERATION, JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION

We believe all men have to repent of and confess their sins before God and believe in the vicarious death of Jesus Christ to be justified before God. We believe in the sanctification of the believer through the working of the Holy Spirit and God's gift of eternal life to the believer (Acts 2:28; Luke 15:7; Rom. 4:2; 1 Cor. 1:30, 1 Thess. 4:3)

6. THE ORDINANCES OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe in the following two ordinances of the church; Baptism by immersion and Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper). These are commanded by Jesus Christ for His Church (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:16; Luke 22:19-20)

7. BAPTISM, GIFTS AND FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that Baptism in the Holy Spirit with tongues speaking as initial evidence is for believers with signs following- also, the operation of gifts and bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers (Mark 16:17; Acts 2:4; 1 Cor. 12:8-11; Gal 5:22-23).

8. DIVINE HEALING

We believe that God's will to heal is revealed in scriptures. However, we do not oppose medication by qualified medical practitioners (2 Kings 20:17; Matt 9:12; Luke 10:24; Col 4:14)

9. TITHES AND OFFERING

We believe in tithing and in the giving of freewill offering toward the cause of carrying forward the kingdom of God. We believe that God blesses a cheerful giver (Gen 14:18-

20; 28:20-22; Mal. 3:6-10; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:1-3; 2 Cor. 9:1-9)

10. THE SECOND COMING AND THE NEXT LIFE

We believe in the second coming of Christ and the resurrection of the dead, both the saved and the unsaved. The saved are to the resurrection of life and the unsaved to the resurrection of damnation (Mark 13:26; Dan. 12:2; John 5:28-29, Acts 1:11; 10:42; Rom. 2:7)

11. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

We believe in the institution of marriage as a union established and ordained by God for the lifelong, intimate relationship between a man as husband and a woman as wife as biologically defined at birth. We believe that God instituted marriage primarily for mutual help, fellowship and comfort that one ought to have for the honourable procreation of children, and their training in love, obedience to the Lord, and responsible citizenship (Gen. 2:18, 21-25; Matt 19:4-6; 1 Cor. 7:1-2)

GOD'S COVENANT WITH THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST

The spiritual growth of the church of Pentecost and its spread throughout the world is a fulfilment of God's covenant made with the founders at its beginning (1931).

At the sixth extraordinary council meeting of the church held at Koforidua in April 1999, the General council decided that church members be thought these covenants below. This is to be done for the members to know what God told the founding fathers about the future of the Church, how he has fulfilled his part faithfully over the years and what the church members should do to fulfill their part of the remaining aspects of the covenant.

GOD'S PART OF THE COVENANT

"It is not because of how few or many you are in membership but according to my divine and eternal purpose and goodwill for my church."

- a. God would raise a nation out of Africa that would be a spearhead and light to the world, heralding the second coming of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gold Coast (Ghana) had been chosen to fulfill that purpose.

- b. God would accomplish this through a white missionary from Europe who would come to lead the group in the future. The group which through many trials, tribulations, temptations and persecutions would be nurtured, protected and grow up spiritually and numerically, would become a great international Pentecostal Church that would send out missionaries to Africa and the rest of the world to make disciples for Christ.
- c. He would call out men according to His own choice from time to time to work in His church.
- d. He would ensure that no weapon that is formed against the Church prospers, and every tongue that rises in judgment shall be condemned. For this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of Him.
- e. He would meet the Church's financial need in good times and

in bad times for all the Churches to acknowledge His divine presence, blessings and glory of the Church.

- f. He would pour abundant Spiritual Gifts on both men and women.
- g. He would from time to time prune and purge His Church of all parasites, pests, personality cults, false doctrines, social and religious evils, from the Church to make her holy and radiant to portray His divine presence, radiance, glory in its spiritual and physical performance in order to avoid both spiritual decline and apostasy.

THE CHURCH'S PART

- a. The church should know and understand His ways and obey His voice and commandments and that the Church would keep itself holy, blameless and pure.
- b. It is not to love and learn the things of the world, for His ways are different from the ways of the world. It should not imitate worldliness of any form, or religious sects or organizations or churches, for He has chosen the church to be holy, righteous, faithful, humble and obedient; a different model and a peculiar people, to show forth His divine virtues to angels.
- c. It should not be covetous, money-minded, selfish, proud, arrogant, and stubborn in its ways.
- d. To become a pure, disciplined and holy church that would stand the test of time, it should make holiness a watchword.
- e. The Church should not owe any man, borrow or seek financial aids, loans or grants from anywhere as its eternal riches, treasury and that He is able to sustain the Church in all its needs.
- f. Spiritual gifts to the Church are to be controlled to prevent them from being used by Satan to his advantage.
- g. The Church should not harbor sins, evil deeds and evil people among its ranks but rebuke, discipline and restore backsliders in the spirit of love, compassion and patience. If the Church would hearken to His voice and obey His precepts, it would be blessed among its peers.
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STUDY 1

GROUNDING IN THE WORD OF GOD

STUDY SONG

*The word of God is Spirit and life
refreshes the soul, nourishes the mind
If you keep them to heart reflecting on them and heeding to them
You will make your way prosperous*

*So remember, remember what you've been told
Keep them in you
Remember, remember what you've been told
Keep them in you*

Main Text: Matthew 4:1-11; 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Memory Verse: “ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness”- Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV).

INTRODUCTION

The phrase, “Word of God” has different ways of being used. It can be said to be the decreed words of God, Jesus Christ (John 1:1-5) and many more. Theologically, these can be grouped into two, Logos and Rhema. Both Logos and Rhema are the Word of God, but the former is God’s Word literally and objectively recorded in the Bible, while the latter is the word of God spoken to us at a specific occasion. To be grounded means to have a strong balance or to be firmly gripped. Therefore, one is grounded in the Word of God if such an individual has a firm and an unshakable foundation in the decrees or precepts of Elohim, Creator of the whole universe.

From our Main Text in Matthew, Jesus Christ was able to overcome

the devil’s temptations because he, himself, was grounded in the word of God. The devil approached him with an adulterated word of God but Jesus had the unadulterated word in himself so he was able to stand the devil’s schemes. Jesus had the same resources available to us today - the scriptures and the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:14). What does this teach us? May the Lord grants us understanding even as we journey through today’s study.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In your own understanding, what does it mean to be grounded in the Word of God?
2. How can one be rooted in the Word of God?
3. How was Jesus able to withstand the temptations of the devil?
4. Discuss Psalms 119:9-11; 1:1-3
5. List some hindrances toward being grounded in the word of God and suggest some possible solutions.
6. Why is it necessary to be grounded in the Word of God as a believer?

CONCLUSION

Being grounded is an anchored heart posture that lets us stand firm when troubles come. As the world becomes darker and darker, each moment filled with empty philosophies from the pit of hell through false teachers, our sure anchor is the Word of God (the Bible and personal revelations as we wait in His presence).

When we are not rooted in the Word of God, we can easily be blown around by life’s woes. We become like a tridax seed in the wind, tossed to and fro by every little thing. As a result, we may find ourselves chasing after vain things or getting caught up in sin and becoming enslaved by it.

On the other hand, when we are grounded in the Word of

God, we can withstand any temptation that comes our way because of our firm foundation. We are not shaken by the trials and tribulations of this world. Praying without ceasing, studying the Word diligently, meditating on it day and night, memorizing the scriptures and living according to it, reading good Christian literature, listening to godly music and fellowshiping with other believers help one to be grounded in the Word of God.

PRAYER FOCUS: Pray to the Lord to grant you grace so that as you diligently study his word, you may be rooted and firmly grounded in it.

FURTHER SCRIPTURE READING: Joshua 1:8; Psalm 19:7; 119:130; Jeremiah 17:7-8; Mark 4:13-20; Col. 3:16; 1 John 2:24-25

STUDY 2

JESUS CHRIST THE WORD

STUDY SONG

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name
On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

Main Text: John 1:1-5, 14-18; John 5:39-47

Memory Verse: *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14 ESV)*

INTRODUCTION

The Lord Jesus Christ throughout the Scriptures has been described in many different ways. They include the Great Physician (John 6:2), the Way, the Truth and the life (John 14:6), Lion of Judah (Rev 5:5), Son of Man (Matthew 20:28), etc. However, the most relevant to our discussion today is Jesus Christ, the Word. John's gospel offers a unique perspective into the nature of Jesus Christ which is valuable to our living in today's contemporary world, where there is an onslaught of false doctrines and false religions in society and the Church. The revelation of Jesus Christ as the Word forms the bedrock of our doctrine as Christians and informs how we view our spiritual experiences as we get grounded in Christ.

In verse 3 of John 1, it is seen that all things were made through Jesus Christ and nothing was created without Him. It is also seen in the creation story that God created the world by His word. To wit,

Jesus Christ is seen here as the Word of God. In today's lesson, we discover what it truly means when we say Jesus Christ is the Word and also, how that applies to our daily living as Christians.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of Jesus Christ according to Rev 19:13?
2. What does Jesus Christ being the Word mean to you?
3. Where can one find eternal life? John 3:39-40
4. What are some qualities in the Bible that describe Jesus Christ and the Word of God?
5. Discuss John 8:12 and Psalm 119:105.
6. How has today's lesson transformed your life?

CONCLUSION

All scripture points to and testifies about Jesus Christ (John 5:39); He is the word personified. Jesus Christ being the Word of God means that all that God says and has said is seen in the being and personality of Jesus Christ. The words of an individual represent the person and can stand for the person. In essence, the word of God represents God and Jesus is the Word therefore, Jesus is God (John 10:30).

We can become like Jesus if we diligently read the scripture which points towards him and purpose in our hearts to live by it. Paul said; "Imitate me as I imitate Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). His sole aim for the church is that everyone will become like Jesus Christ.

The word of God is able to create and bring things to life (Genesis 1); Jesus had and still has the ability to bring things back to life by raising the dead and healing the sick (John

11:43). Also, the word of God is forever fixed in heaven and changes not (Psalm 119:89); Jesus Christ also does not change and forever remains the same (Hebrews 13:8).

May we always experience the life the Word of God gives as we seek the Lord every day in the scriptures.

PRAYER FOCUS: Pray that God will always reveal a different dimension of Himself to you through His Word.

FURTHER SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 7:24-29; Deuteronomy 8:3.

STUDY 3

THE DISCIPLINED CO-WORKER

STUDY SONG

*Keep me true, Lord Jesus keep me true!
Keep me true, Lord Jesus keep me true!
There's a race I must run,
There are victories to be won;
Give me power every hour, to be true!*

Main Text: 1 Corinthians 3:8-9; Matthew 25:14-30; Colossians 3:22-25

Memory Verse: *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters – Colossians 3:23 NIV*

INTRODUCTION

Each person is called for a particular purpose and everyone has a particular work assigned to him or her at a particular point in time. Some work as students, teachers and nurses, others work as pastors and more so, some work as parents. In a nutshell, everybody works but what differs most often is the reward each individual gets at the end.

As Christians, it is prudent we are diligent and faithful in every work we find ourselves. Just as our main scripture tells us that whatever we find ourselves doing, we should work at it with all our heart as though we are working for the Lord. This calls for discipline as a co-coworker of Christ.

Discipline according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary is an orderly or prescribed conduct or pattern of behavior. It is also a form of training that corrects, molds, or perfects the mental faculties or moral character of an individual. To wit, it is an appropriate

behavior and a positive attitude towards work.

God planned to create the world and he was able to fulfill it because he was diligent and disciplined. Afterward, he gave man the charge to work and till the land he has created. We will be able to maintain and add to what God has given to us if we are disciplined and have the right attitude toward work.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In your own perspective, who will you say is disciplined?
2. From Matthew 25, compare and contrast the behaviors of the three servants.
3. Discuss 1 Corinthians 3:12-15
4. Mention other areas apart from formal work given us that an individual should remain disciplined.
5. What are some factors that prevent an individual from being disciplined?
6. What should be the lifestyle of a Disciplined Co-worker of Christ?

CONCLUSION

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it (Heb. 12:11).

A Disciplined Co-worker is one who is diligent and is willing at all costs to achieve the work set before him or her. As Co-workers of Christ, we must be willing to diligently do the will of Him who has called us. From the parable Jesus gave, two of the servants were disciplined enough to work with the talents given to them even though their master did not request that an account will be given during his return. The amount of work you are given does not really matter, it is the

results produced. The work may seem above your capacity or below your strength – no matter what work at it with all your heart. The Lord who sees what is done in secret will certainly reward you.

You may face some challenges that may prevent you from working hard. Personal ones may include, laziness, procrastination and other deliberate efforts to avoid work. Inevitable ones may include sickness, accidents and the like. Amidst all these let's rise above all odds and fulfill our divine and earthly mandates.

More so, in other aspects of our lives; physical, spiritual and sexual, we need to remain disciplined. Prayer and Bible study must be a daily activity, we must exercise and eat well to keep our bodies fit and above all flee from sexual immorality.

It is a privilege to work with Christ as His co-worker. May grace abound for us even as we discipline ourselves to live as such.

PRAYER FOCUS: Pray that the Lord will help you to remain disciplined and keep you true even as His second coming is imminent.

FURTHER SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 9:27; Titus 1:7-8

STUDY 4

THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR HELPER

STUDY SONG

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall fresh on me

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall fresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mould me, and fill me.

Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me.

Main Text: John 14:16-17; John 16:13-15

Memory Verse: “*And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever*” John 14:16
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Introduction

There is one and only one true God. He is the maker of the whole universe, indefinable but revealed as Triune Godhead (Father, Son and Holy Spirit); one in essence and attributes – Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient. Although one in essence and attributes, the Triune Godhead has different functions. Our discussion today will focus on one function of the Holy Spirit which is, He being our helper.

A helper is one who assists another person, most especially in a very difficult task. The Greek rendition of the word *Helper* in John 14:16 is Paraclete, which means one summoned or called alongside to help. It also signifies one who pleads another's case before a judge.

When Jesus Christ was leaving, He gave all His disciples a commission to fulfill. He sent them to go to all nations to make disciples for Himself. The disciples could not have done this by

themselves so He asked them to wait for the promised Holy Spirit who will empower them and be their advocate.

We see in the Acts of the Apostles the works of the Holy Spirit, how He greatly helped, strengthened and directed the church always. The Holy Spirit is still manifesting strongly in our time and is always available to help the body of Christ in times of need.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?
2. How does the Holy Spirit help us in our daily lives? (John 14:26; 16:7-9)
3. Give classic examples of how the Holy Spirit has been your advocate.
4. Discuss some characteristics or attributes of the Holy Spirit that make him a great helper. (1 Corinthians 2:10-12; Galatians 5:22-23)
5. Mention some things that will prevent us from accessing the help of the Holy Spirit.
6. What will you do differently after today's lesson?

CONCLUSION

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin”(Heb. 4:15). Jesus Christ our High Priest was able to live a sinless life because he had the Holy Spirit in him. He has given us this same Spirit therefore, we have the power to overcome sin at any point in time (1 Cor. 10:13).

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit intercedes for us in wordless groans.” (Romans 8:26). The Holy Spirit intercedes for us just as Jesus Christ is doing (1 Jn. 2:1; Rom.

8:34).

The Holy Spirit was sent to us by Jesus Christ mainly to be our advocate, our helper, to empower us, and to be our friend. To be able to access this wonderful package, you need to become a disciple of Jesus Christ by first accepting Him as your Lord. If we sin and continue to live in sin, we grieve (Eph. 4:30) the Holy Spirit and may not receive His help in time of need. However, if we honour God with our bodies and live holy lives His Spirit will always be with us. It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will always be our help in our Christian journey.

PRAYER FOCUS: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore in me the joy of your Salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me (Psalm 51:10-12).

FURTHER SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:26; 16:7; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Zechariah 4:6; Nehemiah 9:20

STUDY 5

TIMOTHY, A YOUNG CO-WORKER OF CHRIST

STUDY SONG

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me

All His wondrous compassion and purity

O thou Spirit divine; all my nature refine

Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me

Main Text: Acts 16:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 3:2-3; Philippians 2:19-23

Memory Verse: For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands (2 Timothy 1:6)

INTRODUCTION

Timothy is a Greek name that means ‘God’s honour’ or ‘dear to God.’ Timothy was a young pastor who grew up in a Christian (spiritual) home. He was fortunate to have his grandmother Lois in the faith which was passed on to his mother, Eunice and then to him (2 Tim. 4:1-5). Timothy was from Lystra, where Aps. Paul met him. Believers over there and Iconium gave a good report about him according to our main text (Acts 16:1-5).

Even though his father was Greek, he allowed himself to be circumcised when Paul wanted to take him on the second missionary journey. Some things worthy of note about Timothy were that: He was trained by his grandmother, mother (2 Tim 1:4-5; 3:14-15) and Aps. Paul (1 Cor 4:17, 1 Tim 1:2). He assisted in writing 2 Corinthians (1:1), Philippians (1:1), Colossian (1:1), 1 and 2 Thessalonians (1:1) and Philippians (1:1). He was also a missionary

(Acts 16:3-4), a teacher (1 Tim 4:6), a messenger (1 Cor 4:17), a preacher (2 Tim 4:2) and an evangelist (2 Tim 4:5).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Briefly describe the life of Timothy.
2. What made Timothy stand out as a young co-worker of Christ? (2 Tim 2:15; 1 Tim 4:12).
3. What was the proven character of Timothy? (Phil. 2:19-22)
4. From our study today, what should be the attitude of a co-worker of Christ?
5. What should be the Christian’s response to his or her weakness? (1 Tim 4:12; 2 Cor. 12:7-10)
6. How are you going to apply today’s lesson to your life?

CONCLUSION

Timothy as a young co-worker (Romans 16:21; 1 Cor. 16:10) of Christ committed himself to build God’s church. He assisted in writing 6 books and took part in the 2nd Missionary journey of Aps Paul.

Timothy might have had his own weaknesses. Perhaps he was timid and not commended for his boldness (1 Tim 4:12; 2 Tim 1:7-8). However, he had a good reputation (Acts 16:2), he was supportive, unselfish and a humble servant (Acts 18:5, Phi 2:22; Acts 10:22; 18:5).

All these characteristics showed that Timothy excelled in his ministry despite his weakness. He overcame them and persevered to the end. As Christ’s fellow workers, let us imitate the life of Timothy as he imitated Christ and we will certainly have a glorious end.

PRAYER FOCUS: Pray for grace to be able to excel in your ministry and calling just as Timothy did.

FURTHER SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Timothy 2:1-26; 3:1-17

STUDY 6

FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION

STUDY SONG

*Doing the work of the Lord
Publishing His mighty name
Doing the work of the Lord
Telling of His love to all
Into the world we go
Sowing the precious seed
Sowing in the morning
Sowing in the noon-tide
Sowing when the sun goes down*

Main Text(s): Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:4-8

Memory Verse: *“He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned’” (Mark 16:15-16).*

INTRODUCTION:

The instruction of Jesus Christ to His disciples to preach the Gospel to all creation after His resurrection is termed by most Christians as the Great Commission. A commission is an authorization or command to act in a prescribed manner or to perform prescribed acts (Merriam-Webster Dictionary). To fulfill is basically to put into effect or to execute. Therefore fulfilling the Great Commission is executing the instruction Jesus gave to the disciples to preach the gospel to all creation.

Jesus’s mission on earth was to reconcile man to God. He preached wherever he found himself and above all died on the cross for the

remission of man’s sins. The only way man can be reconciled to God is by believing in the name of Jesus and repenting of his sins.

However, before a person can hear of the gospel and repent of his sins he must hear the gospel. And before he hears the gospel, it must be preached to him. It is in view of this that Jesus gave His disciples the mandate to go and preach to all creation.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does the Great Commission mean to you?
2. Is the Great Commission still relevant? Why?
3. What are the consequences for those who believe the gospel and those who do not believe respectively? (Mark 16:16)
4. Discuss 1 Peter 3:14-15 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20
5. What should be a Christian’s preparation toward fulfilling the Great Commission? (Acts 1:4b; 13:1-3)

CONCLUSION

God is reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God is making his appeal through us (2 Cor. 5:19-20, paraphrased).

The Great Commission is relevant in contemporary times. The main reason is to preach the gospel for people to repent from their sins and be reconciled with God through Christ. Do we still have unrepentant souls in the world? If your answer is yes then the Great Commission is still relevant.

Eternal damnation is the end for those who do not believe in Jesus but eternal life is the end for those who believe in the name of Jesus and repent from their sins (John 5:29).

After Jesus told the disciples to go into the world he told them to wait for the promised Holy Spirit who will give them the power to witness. Before we go, we need to wait on the

Holy Spirit to be endued with power from on high. We ought to be prepared in and out of season. We do not have to only preach when we feel like it but at all times, we have to do the work of an evangelist (2 Tim. 4:5). God bless you!

PRAYER FOCUS: Pray to God for strength to be able to play your part in fulfilling the Great Commission.

FURTHER SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 1:16; Acts 13:47

STUDY 7

PAUL'S LETTER TO COLOSSAE

STUDY SONG

*I'm pressing on the upward way
New heights I'm gaining everyday
Still praying as I onward bound
Lord plant my feet on higher ground
Lord lift me up and let me stand
By faith on heaven's tableland
A higher plane than I have found
Lord plant my feet on higher ground*

Main Text(s): Colossians 2:6-10

Memory Verse: *See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ (Colossians 2:8 NIV).*

INTRODUCTION

According to the KJV Cross-reference Bible, the letter to the Colossians presents the person and work of Jesus Christ as the Saviour, the Creator, and the Sustainer of the universe and the total solution for humanity's needs both for time and eternity. The purpose of this letter is threefold: Aps. Paul expresses his interest in the Church at Colossae (1:3-4; 2:1-3), he warns them not to revert to their own pagan ways (3:5 ff) and lastly writes to counteract a particular theological heresy that was being promoted in the Church (2:4-23).

Heresy is an opinion, doctrine, or practice contrary to the truth or generally accepted beliefs or standards. It is also an opinion or doctrine contrary to church dogma (Merriam-Webster Dictionary).

The particular heresy or false doctrine Aps. Paul talks about is not stated emphatically in the Bible. It is assumed the church already knew about it so he was just warning them against such teachings.

We do not face anything extremely different from the early church. The church today also faces such great doctrinal oppositions such that some Christians revert to their old ways. These oppositions are both internal and external. Internal in the sense that, some Christians thwart the word of God for their own advantage; external in the sense that there are worldly philosophies that appeal to our common sense but are contrary to God's word. May God grant us understanding as we discuss the questions below.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How will you describe Paul's letter to the Church in Colossae?
2. What did Aps Paul say about Human rules and false humility? (Col 2:16-19)
3. Discuss Paul's advice for the church concerning heresies. (Col 2:8; 2 Tim 4:1-2,5)
4. Discuss 1 Timothy 4:1-5
5. How can a Christian brace himself or herself against false doctrines?
6. What will you do differently against rising heresies?

CONCLUSION

"For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear" (2 Timothy 4:2-3). It is no surprise we are experiencing this in our time. There are lot of "feel good" Christians now who always want to hear sermons and teachings that will always suit them and be pleasing to them.

We can stand against this if we firmly root ourselves in the

word of God and are strengthened in our faith in Christ. Also, we can suppress the raging rise in heresies if we study and stand to preach the unadulterated word of God. Most people have given up on their faith in Christ Jesus (apostasy) and others have backslidden because they succumbed to ungodly human rules and traditions.

Should we be intentional about studying, doing and teaching the precepts of God just as Ezra did (Ezra), we will win this war against heresy.

PRAYER FOCUS: Pray to God that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may dwell in your heart through faith. (Eph. 3:16-17)

FURTHER SCRIPTURE READING: Read the whole of **Colossians**

STUDY 8

REPENTANCE, JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION

STUDY SONG

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and Holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Maint Text(s): Romans 5:6-10; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:30

Memory Verse: And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11 NIV)

INTRODUCTION

“We believe that all men have to repent and confess their sins before God (Lk 15:7; Ac 3:19), and believe in the vicarious death of Jesus Christ before they can be justified before God (Rom 4:25; 5:1). We believe in the sanctification of the believer through the working of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 1:30; 6:11) and God’s gift of eternal life to the one who believes in Jesus Christ (Jn 17:2-3; 10:27)”. Let us define the terms:

Repentance is the intentional turning of a person from being against God to becoming obedient and living in the right relationship with God.

“Justification is the act by which, on the basis of the infinitely righteous and satisfactory work of Christ on the cross, God declares condemned sinners to be free from all the guilt of sin and its eternal consequences and declares them to be fully righteous in

His sight” (Daniel B. Pecota).

Sanctification deals with the operation of the soul where the believer first separates from the devil. It is when the believer is being set apart and consequently separated from the world to a point of oneness with God. This is replicated in the actual lifestyle of the believer.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. According to Romans 5:8, how does God demonstrate His love to us?
2. Can a person be justified but not sanctified?
3. How are Justification and Sanctification different from or similar to each other?
4. Discuss 2 Corinthians 7:10
5. How has today’s discussion impacted your life?

CONCLUSION

“Repentance, justification and sanctification are not different stages of salvation. It is an instantaneous act of God” according to Aps. Eric Nyamekye. However, Sanctification begins with justification. While Justification is God’s act of forgiving our sins and counting us righteous through faith in Christ Jesus, Sanctification is the continual work of the Holy Spirit in the believer in order for him/her to conform to the image of Christ.

Aside from the work of the Holy Spirit within the individual we must intentionally lead a holy life and separate ourselves from ungodliness (2 Timothy 2:21).

Justification sets us free from sin’s penalty; sanctification sets us free from sin’s power. Justification is what God does for us and Sanctification is what we do with God.

Repentance takes place when through the work of the Holy Spirit, the sinner is personally convicted of his or her sins and recognizes his sinful nature which leads him or her to Christ. It is not merely being sorrowful and having regrets but turning away completely from the old way of life. It is my prayer that the Lord will wash us with water through His word causing us to become like him every day (Eph.5:26).

PRAYER FOCUS: Pray that the God of peace will sanctify you through and through and cause your whole body to be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thess. 5:23).

FURTHER SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 6; 7; 8.

STUDY 9

GAMBLING (BETTING)

STUDY SONG

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey*

Main Text(s): James 1:12-27; 1 Timothy 6:3-11

Memory Verse: Wealth gathered by dishonesty will be diminished, but he who gathers by labour will increase. (Proverbs 13:11 NKJV)

INTRODUCTION

What a world we find ourselves in today! A betting-crazed world! Another method through which the devil is enslaving many youths and many people do not see anything wrong with it. We cannot be silent as young co-workers of Christ.

“Gambling is the practice or activity of betting: the practice of risking money or other stakes in a game or bet”, according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary. Many people assert that the Bible does not explicitly debunk gambling so it is appropriate. Yes, it is true however, the Bible provides godly principles to guide our thinking about such matters. Others even associate it with lot casting in the Bible. Such heresy!

From our main scriptures, the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil and those who want to get rich by all means (false means) end up in total destruction. Some people eager to gain rich early have wandered from the faith thinking God has disappointed them.

“‘I have the right to do anything’, you say ‘but not everything is

beneficial. I have the right to do anything but I will not be mastered by anything’”. Brethren, let’s be guarded! May the Lord open the eyes of our understanding even as we discuss the following questions.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What happens to those who crave to be rich? (1 Tim 6:9)
2. “For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil”: How do you understand this statement?
3. Can you share some consequences of betting on the lives of people? They can be personal examples.
4. Suggest ways the Church, the Government, and society can help curb this menace.
5. Discuss Proverbs 28:19-20
6. How will you help someone who is enslaved by gambling or betting?

CONCLUSION

Betting is not the solution to financial constraints nor is it the ideal way of getting wealthy. The mention of lot casting in the Bible was not a means to gain wealth but a way to guarantee the impartiality of important decisions and therefore does not fall under gambling - Acts 1:26, Proverbs 16:33. Gambling reflects people’s faith in chances rather than God’s providence and people’s trust in luck rather than the LORD.

Believers should not risk doing this but could invest in businesses that will be of benefit to society. In all forms of gambling, it is obvious that one party will suffer a loss which can even lead to bankruptcy. The Bible teaches us to seek the well-being of others not only us (1 Cor. 10:24).

The effects of gambling are clear even as we witnessed some

students who were deferred in KNUST in the past semesters by Management citing the use of school fees for betting and other businesses. It is therefore a call on the Church to take its members through various teachings and other programs which will help the youth escape from this canker. Also, the government should limit its legalization of many betting activities infiltrating the Ghanaian society.

Betting is a sin, betting is a disease, betting is an addiction and an insanity and people involved in betting always lose in the long run.

PRAYER FOCUS: Pray to God for grace to flee from all worldly passions and desires of the youth.

FURTHER SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:14-30, Proverbs 28:20

STUDY 10

DEALING WITH EMOTIONAL ABUSE

STUDY SONG

*When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll.
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul
It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

Main Text(s): Proverbs 15:1-4; 1 Samuel 20:24-34

Memory Verse: “Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me” - Psalm 51:12 NIV

INTRODUCTION

Emotional abuse is a pattern of behavior in relationships that purposefully controls, isolates and punishes, using fear and humiliation. It is as harmful as other types of abuse such as physical or sexual abuse, but can be harder to recognize and define. Emotional abuse is when one person in a relationship uses their power in the relationship to shame, blame, criticize, frighten, belittle, or control another person. This may happen through words or behaviors.

In the main text, it is seen how Saul raised insults against his own son (Jonathan) because of the absence of David at the table. He even went to the point of hurling a spear against him. This caused an emotional instability in Jonathan and out of fierce anger he left the table.

The Bible doesn't use the words Emotional abuse but there are many characteristics of emotional abuse addressed in the scriptures. Abigail married an abusive man; the Bible described

him as surly and mean (1 Samuel 25: 3, 14, 25). Emotional abuse can take many forms including verbal assaults, threats and insults and non-verbal rejection, neglect and isolation. Let us discuss the following questions to gain more insight.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to abuse someone emotionally?
2. What are some of the many forms someone can be abused emotionally?
3. Can you share some experiences of someone who underwent this experience? It could be personal.
4. What does 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 teach us?
5. What are some of the effects of emotional abuse on an individual?
6. How will you help someone who is abused emotionally or yourself when abused?

CONCLUSION

Our emotions form a very crucial part of our being and so emotional abuse is to be considered as serious as the much-known forms of abuse like physical abuse. It can even have negative psychological consequences on the individual.

To deal with emotional abuse, we must acknowledge that we are being abused instead of giving reasons to convince ourselves that we were not being abused. Seek professional help when necessary and do not stay in an abusive environment if possible.

The word of God teaches us not to fear and be dismayed for God is with us. He will strengthen us, help us and uphold us with His righteous right hand in times of difficulties (Isa. 41:10-11). We are also encouraged not to be anxious about anything instead, we should send our petitions before God and He will grant us His peace which surpasses all

understanding (Philippians 4:6-7).

As a believer, do not do anything that will hurt the emotions of a fellow human being. In all things let love lead!

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for wisdom to be able to handle any difficult situation.

FURTHER SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 5:21-33

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