



CHURCH DOCTRINAL

STATEMENT OF FAITH

WORKBOOK

WEEK 1 • A-C

FOUNDATIONS

Building on What You Can Trust

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Week 1 Overview

Foundations (A-C)

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." — 2 Timothy 3:16

WHAT WE'LL LEARN THIS WEEK

- A. The Scriptures — God's Inspired Word
- B. The Trinity (Godhead) — One God, Three Persons
- C. Angels (Fallen & Unfallen) — The Spiritual Realm

YOUR GOALS THIS WEEK

- Read all key verses and meditate on their meaning
- Complete all discussion questions
- Memorize this week's memory verse
- Share one insight with a friend or family member
- Apply one truth to your daily life

A The Scriptures

God's Inspired Word

KEY TRUTH

The Bible is God-breathed, written by men moved by the Holy Spirit. It is our ultimate authority for faith and life.

■ KEY VERSES

- 2 Peter 1:21** — Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17** — All Scripture is given by inspiration of God (God-breathed).
- 1 Corinthians 2:13** — Words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit.

■ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean that Scripture is "God-breathed"?
2. How does knowing the Bible is inspired affect how you read it?
3. Why is biblical authority important for daily life decisions?

■ PERSONAL REFLECTION

Think about a time when a Bible verse spoke directly to your situation. How did you know it was God speaking to you through His Word?

■ PRAYER FOCUS

Ask God to open your eyes to see wonderful things in His Word this week.

B The Trinity (Godhead)

One God, Three Persons

KEY TRUTH

God exists eternally as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—three distinct persons, yet one God in essence and nature.

■ KEY VERSES

- Genesis 1:1, 26** — In the beginning God [Elohim - plural] created... "Let Us make man in Our image."
- Matthew 28:19** — Baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- John 1:1, 14** — The Word was God... and the Word became flesh.
- 1 John 5:7** — These three are one.

■ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you explain the Trinity to someone who has never heard of it?
2. Why is it important that Jesus is fully God and not just a good teacher?
3. How does each person of the Trinity work in your salvation?

■ PERSONAL REFLECTION

Consider how the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have each worked in your life. Write a brief prayer of thanks to each.

■ PRAYER FOCUS

Thank God for revealing Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Angels (Fallen & Unfallen)

The Spiritual Realm

KEY TRUTH

God created angels as spiritual beings to serve Him. Some fell with Satan through pride; others remained faithful and minister to believers.

■ KEY VERSES

Isaiah 14:12-15 — Satan's fall through pride—five 'I wills' trying to be like God.

Ezekiel 28:11-19 — Satan's original beauty and perfection before his fall.

Hebrews 1:14 — Angels are ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation.

Revelation 20:10 — Satan's final judgment—cast into the lake of fire forever.

■ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What can we learn from Satan's fall about the danger of pride?
2. How do angels serve believers today?
3. Why is it comforting to know Satan's ultimate fate is already determined?

■ PERSONAL REFLECTION

Have you ever sensed God's protection in a dangerous situation? How might angels have been involved?

■ PRAYER FOCUS

Thank God for His angelic protection and ask for awareness of spiritual realities.

Notes & Reflections
