



CHURCH DOCTRINAL

STATEMENT OF FAITH

WORKBOOK

WEEK 3 • G-I

THE CHURCH

God's People United

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Week 3 Overview

The Church (G-I)

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit." — 1

Corinthians 12:13

WHAT WE'LL LEARN THIS WEEK

- G. Grace — Unmerited Favor
- H. The Church — The Body of Christ
- I. Ordinances — Baptism & Communion

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

G Grace

Unmerited Favor

KEY TRUTH

Grace is God's unmerited favor toward sinners. We are saved by grace, sustained by grace, and will be glorified by grace.

■ KEY VERSES

Ephesians 2:8 — By grace you have been saved through faith.

2 Corinthians 12:9 — My grace is sufficient for you.

Titus 2:11-12 — The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

Romans 5:20 — Where sin abounded, grace abounded much more.

■ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How is grace different from getting what we deserve?

2. How should grace affect how we treat others?

3. Can grace be abused? How do we avoid this?

■ PERSONAL REFLECTION

When have you experienced God's grace in a powerful way?

■ PRAYER FOCUS

Ask God to help you extend grace to others as He has extended it to you.

H The Church

The Body of Christ

KEY TRUTH

The Church is the body of Christ, composed of all born-again believers. Christ is the Head, and we are members of one another.

■ KEY VERSES

- Matthew 16:18** — I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail.
- Ephesians 1:22-23** — He is the head over all things to the church, His body.
- 1 Corinthians 12:27** — You are the body of Christ and members individually.
- Hebrews 10:25** — Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.

■ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the difference between the universal and local church?
2. Why is church membership and attendance important?
3. How can you better serve the body of Christ?

■ PERSONAL REFLECTION

How has being part of a local church strengthened your faith?

■ PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for your local church and its leaders.

Ordinances

Baptism & Communion

KEY TRUTH

Christ gave two ordinances to the church: water baptism as a public declaration of faith, and the Lord's Supper as a remembrance of His sacrifice.

■ KEY VERSES

Matthew 28:19 — Go therefore and make disciples, baptizing them.

Romans 6:4 — We were buried with Him through baptism into death.

1 Corinthians 11:24-26 — Do this in remembrance of Me... you proclaim the Lord's death.

Acts 2:41-42 — Those who received his word were baptized... continued in breaking of bread.

■ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why should believers be baptized?
2. What does the Lord's Supper represent?
3. How should we prepare ourselves before taking communion?

■ PERSONAL REFLECTION

If you have been baptized, reflect on what that experience meant to you. If not, consider why baptism is important.

■ PRAYER FOCUS

Thank God for the visual reminders of His work in our lives.

Notes & Reflections
