Foundations Lessons

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Lesson Content

Each lesson is designed to be about an hour in length. Since these lessons have been created to help new believers gain a firm foundation for their faith in God through Jesus Christ, great care has been exercised to determine, as much as possible, which subject matters are truly essential for such a purpose. Also, the same care has been exercised in determining the order in which they would best be presented.

Since the Bible is the basis for everything Christians believe, it is the very first topic to be addressed. The next most important aspect of the Christian life is prayer. God has designed that each believer start their walk with him by being saved, water baptized, and baptized in the Holy Spirit, which are covered next. In order for any believer to grow properly, they need to be planted in a local church and they need to share their faith, so these topics are covered in Lessons #6 and #7. Love is the main quality believers should be manifesting, but it is followed by eight other evidences, or fruit, of the Holy Spirit, which together make up the next three lessons. Sin is the greatest problem a follower of Christ will face, and repentance is God's way of dealing with sin. Then, the last four of the foundational doctrines listed in Hebrews 6:1-2, the ones not taught in a previous lesson, are covered. Lessons #16B through #19B all deal with matters that are truly essential to a healthy walk with God, and Lesson #20 gives the truth that is necessary to distinguish Biblical Christianity from cults and false religions.

Other topics were considered. Praise & Worship, Healing, Deliverance, Discerning God's Guidance, and other aspects of life in Christ certainly are important. Difficult decisions had to be made in what to cover and what would, unfortunately, have to be left out.

How To Utilize These Lessons

When anyone accepts Jesus Christ to be their personal Savior and Lord, much is required for them to experience healthy growth. Although these lessons attempt to meet some of the need for solid, Biblical teaching, they have never been designed to replace the need for love and care from mature believers, the need for learning to pray, and a variety of other needs.

In light of this, it seems that these lessons work best when they are utilized as homework assignments in small group settings. In this way, each member of the small group can download and print out their copy of the outline and listen to the Spoken Lesson files, or read the transcript, at their convenience. Then, when the entire group meets, opportunity can be given for the leader to answer questions that may have arisen about the lesson being studied, and the relationships within the group can develop and grow.

These lessons can be utilized in other creative ways as well. Even mature Christians have testified that they have been greatly blessed and helped by their content.

Improvements

No human work is perfect. Even though, in preparing these lessons, the help of God has been sought much and often, the room for improvement is probably quite large. Therefore, anyone who feels they are able to upgrade any of the material in these lessons (whether by correcting a typo, providing a helpful illustration, citing a Scripture that more clearly supports the truth being taught, or in any other way) is invited, encouraged, and requested to share that information. Such correspondence can be sent via email to: rolag73@gmail.com. When improvements are made to any of these documents, the date (found in the lower right-hand corner of the last page) is updated to reflect that improvement. Therefore, any lesson document with the latest date is the one which would be the most improved version.

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