

Welcome To The Beginning At Remedy

## FOUNDATION + VISION

## LOVE CHRIST

The love and acceptance of Jesus Christ is the only road to salvation.

## LOVE PEOPLE

Loving people is not a choice, it is a command. We will love people enough to help, to build, and to convict.

## BUILD COMMUNITY

The community of believers is disjointed. We want to remedy this by finding the constant connection of Christ and life and combining the influence of the believers from our community to Capitol Hill. "Relationships are everything." – Bishop Joey Johnson

## **VISION**

To seek the lost, tend to the hurt, teach the confused, and strengthen the believer; to do this, we will offer the true Remedy to all who are lost, hurt, confused, or weak. The Remedy is JESUS CHRIST!





God has given every human being a chance to accept His eternal plan of salvation. Sadly, most people have rejected it and as a result, will suffer eternal damnation (Romans 2:5). Thus, accepting Jesus Christ as your own personal Savior is the most important decision you will ever make during your lifetime. Instead of being destined for hell, you will now spend eternity with the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2:1-7). The devil also knows of your new life in Jesus Christ. His desire for you to reject God's salvation is no longer in effect. However, he now will exert every effort to keep you from growing close to God and fulfilling God's plan for your life. (Ephesians 2:10).

God's Family/Saint	
Saved – Believer	
Accepts Jesus Christ and believes the Gospel	
Living in the light	
Has responded to the WOOING and	
CONVICTING work of the Holy Spirit	
Declared righteous by God	
with Heaven promised	

Fallen Family/Sinner
Lost – Unbeliever
Never accepts Jesus Christ as Savior
Living in darkness
Has never responded to the WOOING and
 COVICTING work of the Holy Spirit
Remains unrighteous and
doomed to hell



## SESSION I: FAITH IOI

## The Fallen Family a.k.a The Family of Sinners

- o You enter this family by birth through your physical father, who is ultimately a descendant from Adam. Genesis 5:3 shows that the descendants.
- o Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death"
- o 1 Corinthians 13:22 "...In Adam all die..."

## **GOD'S FAMILY**

- o John 1:12-13 says, "But as many as received Him (that is your decision to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior), to them He gave the right to become children of God (your entrance into God's family), even to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man (It is not a physical birth), but of God." (It is a spiritual birth).
- o You also enter God's family by birth, but it is a spiritual birth by your Heavenly Father. John 3:3 states, "...unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God".

## WHAT IS MY RELATION WITH GOD NOW?

- o He is your Heavenly Father, and you are His child. "For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God." Romans 8:14
- o Now that you are saved; God no longer deals with you as a sinner, He deals with you as a child. See Galatians 4:6-7
- o He will only do things which will help you grow and mature you into the mature saint you are called to be. Sometimes these things will be painful but God's goal is never to hurt you, it is to teach you. Sometimes people may need an experience with pain to change their ways.

A GOOD FATHER:				
Loves and Cares	Protects	Provides	Helps	Disciplines
1 Peter	Mathew	Philippians	Psalm	Hebrews
5:7	18:6	4:19	46:1	12:5-11



## SESSION 1: FAITH 101

## **WILL I SIN AFTER I AM SAVED!**

YES, Galatians 5:17 tells us that the "flesh sets its desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh" so there is a war going on inside of every Christian. After we are saved and born again, we are NOT "sinners" anymore, even though we will make mistakes. The dominating power of sin has been done away with. "For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace." – Romans 6:14 However, we still commit sin because of external temptations that seduce the natural appetite of the body. If you constantly feed your spirit man by reading the Bible, praying, fasting, and faithfully attending church services, you will consistently be victorious over sin.

## NOW THAT I AM SAVED, CAN I LOSE MY SALVATION?

- o God will not cast you out of His family under any circumstances. Jesus Christ promises: "All that the Father gives Me, and the one who comes to Me, I will certainly not cast out." (John 6:37)
- o John 10:27-30 makes it clear that no man can cause you to lose your salvation, because God your Father is greater than all men.

## HLOZ

You will have days when you don't feel saved but "Whenever our heart condemns us (we think or feel lost); God is greater than our heart and knows all things." - 1 John 3:20. God knows if you are saved, even if you don't feel it. Just believe what God has said! 1 John 2:25.



## SESSION 1: FAITH 101

## **BAPTISM**

Baptism is one act of obedience in service to the Lord, whereby the believer publicly identifies, through immersion, with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

## Bible Characters Who Were Baptized

- o Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22)
- o The Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:36-38)
- o The Apostle Paul (Acts 9:18, 22:16)
- o The Philippian jailer and his house (Acts 16:25-33)

## **COMMUNION**

Communion is often referred to as the "Lord's Supper". The sacred ordinance is practiced by Christians usually during, however, not limited to a worship service. Believers partake in the bread and the wine (or grape juice) with the purpose of remembering Jesus Christ, receiving strength from Him, and rededicating themselves to His cause. Communion should bring forth Remembrance (Luke 22:19), Renewal/Recommitment (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)) and Rejoicing.

## HOLINESS

"to be set apart" it also means "to sanctify". There are two types of holiness: positional holiness, and practical holiness.

## **POSITIONAL HOLINESS**

We are declared holy and righteous by God because He imputes (places in us) these qualities and changes us. It is literally where God takes His character and places it within us.

## PRACTICAL HOLINESS

As a result of what God has done for us in Christ, we must now live out these ideas. It is now imperative that we, as believers, live and act like it. We do not try to become holy or righteous; we already are.



# Biblical Basics For Prayer

## **PRAYER**

This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us, and if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. (1

John 5:14-15)

- o Prayer is man giving God the legal right and permission to interfere in earth's affairs.
- o Prayer is not an option; it is a necessity (Luke 18:1)
- o Prayer is not a half-hearted ritual recitation of words; it is an outpouring of the heart.
- o Prayer is something we learn to do. We are not born knowing how to pray. We are not even born again knowing how to pray. We must learn how to pray. (Matthew 6:5-12)

## A - Adoration

Enjoy and praise God for who He is.

## C - Confession

Admit attitudes and actions which are self-centered, which tear down rather than build up, which conflict with God's truth and grace.

## T - Thanksgiving

Recognize provisions, blessings that are yours, and thank God who is the source of all good things.

## S - Supplication

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.





## 8 Ministries of the Holy Spirit

Previous to Salvation	At Salvation	Subsequent to Salvation
Wooing	Birthing	Controlling
Convicting	Baptizing	Empower
	Indwelling	
	Controlling	

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. The Trinity can be defined as the union of three distinct and divine persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, so that all three are one in substance, yet individually three separate persons. The term, "Triunity", accurately expresses the idea of three in one. The Triune God exists simultaneously in three persons. Each one co-equal, co-powerful, and co-eternal with the other.

## Where do we find the Holy Spirit?

The day you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit of God took up permanent residency in your body. The Holy Spirit cannot be evicted nor does He ever want to leave us. He desires to be tangible in our lives to lead and guide us every day. John 14:17..."that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you."



## WOOING WORK

The word woo carries the idea of persistence with an aim to win over. It also means "to pursue the affection of another as in courting; or to solicit or entreat with insistence or persistence". The Holy Spirit draws and woos us by displaying to us the riches of God. The bible declares, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up on the last day". - John 6:44

## **CONVICTING WORK**

To convict means to convince, to persuade, or to demonstrate to someone that he/she is wrong. The convicting that takes place prior to salvation is different from the convicting that takes place after you are saved.

How does the Holy Spirit convict a saint? In the saved, He convicts of the sin to make us aware of our disobedience to God's laws. As believers, we are convicted so that we can restore fellowship with God by confessing our sins, or agreeing with Him about our disobedience (1 John 1:9), by repenting, or changing our mind, and by receiving God's cleansing through the blood of Jesus Christ. Scriptural Reference: Rev. 3:19, 2 Peter 3:9, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 1:5

## What is the difference between guilt and conviction?

An experience or prolonged feeling of guilt is a weapon the devil, "the accuser of our brethren" (Rev. 12:10), uses to accuse us all and make us feel unworthy of and unable to receive God's blessing. Feelings of conviction and guilt are often confused. It is important that you realize the difference so that you can quickly confess by agreeing with God concerning your sin and receive His forgiveness.



Conviction	Guilt
A tool used by God	A weapon used by the devil
To help us recognize sin and	To make us feel unworthy,
convince us of our wrong	shameful, defeated, depressed
To help us realize our separation from God	To accuse us
To encourage us to take the steps necessary to restore fellowship (agree with God)	To make us unable to receive God's blessing

## BIRTHING WORK

The birthing work of the Holy Spirit is automatically carried out at the moment of salvation for every believer who places their trust in Jesus Christ. Jesus tells Nicodemus, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God". Salvation is a radical event, experience, and change. Just as a natural baby is suddenly thrust into a whole new world through the miraculous experience of being "born again". The Bible declares, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature, the old things passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

## What is the Kingdom of God?

The Kingdom of God is the sphere or realm of God's rule and authority in heaven and on earth. When we are born again we are translated into a new realm. One of the purposes for the new birth is to position us in the Kingdom of God.

NOTE

The devil's goal is to make you question your place in the Kingdom of God. God gave you a VIP pass to heaven and no one can take it away.

## BAPTIZING WORK

The "Baptizing Work of the Holy Spirit" referred to in this lesson is different from the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, that has been popularized in extreme Pentecostal and charismatic churches (the Empowering will be discussed in session 4).

The Holy Spirit baptizes us into the Body of Christ at salvation. The word "baptism" in the Greek language means to make wet, to fully immerse in, or to introduce into. Water baptism is an outward symbol of this inward work already completed by the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation.

The Body of Christ is the place that all believers are introduced into through the baptizing work of the Holy Spirit. We are made one body through the baptizing work of the Holy Spirit. The Body of Christ, like all bodies, is comprised of many parts. There are limbs, organs, and various members that, when left alone, are useless, but when assembled make up the entire body.

## INDWELLING WORK

Everyone who is saved is indwelled by the Holy Spirit. The believer's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and the glorification occurs on the inside of the believer. The purpose of the indwelling Holy Spirit is to glorify Christ while He is absent from the earth. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God with your body." (1 Corinthians 12:25 NLT)

He indwells us and reveals or illuminates to us things that are freely given to us by God. When we read the Bible,



He will reveal the heart of God to us. "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but when He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you." (John 16:13-14)

## **SEALING WORK**

The sealing work of the Holy Spirit is a guarantee of eternal security. He guarantees that Christ is coming back for the believers. Seals indicate ownership. God owns the believer, having purchased him from the slave market of sin. We are given the Holy Spirit as a pledge or down payment until Jesus returns to redeem and remove the seal placed upon us to Himself. Scriptural References: Ephesians 1:13-14, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, 1 Corinthians 6:20, and Ephesians 4:30.

## MORE ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT IN SESSION 3



## THE SPIRIT 103

## CONTROLLING WORK

"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled (or controlled) with the Spirit" Ephesians 5:18

When people are drunk with wine, the wine controls them and makes them different than they are normally or brings out aspects of them that are normally repressed. When we are controlled by the Holy Spirit we should be controlled in such a way that we are different than we normally are and demonstrating the charismatics of the Holy Spirit. This is an inward work of the Holy Spirit requiring our cooperation. The Holy Spirit reveals God's ways and we submit in agreement.

In Galatians 5:16 the apostle Paul says: "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh". There is an ongoing opposition between the flesh (my old tendencies) and the Spirit (the Holy Spirit living in me).

The Fruit of The Spirit a.k.a The Proof of The Spirit

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Love	Joy	Peace
Long-Suffering	Gentleness (Kindness)	Goodness
Faith	Meekness (Humility)	Temperance (Self-Control)



Every believer should seek to be continuously filled with or controlled by the Holy Spirit. To illustrate this point, consider what would happen if you continued driving a car without putting gas in it. Eventually, the gas would run out, and the car would need to be filled up again before you could drive it.

Many Christians have a weak spirit and a strong flesh. Whichever one is fed the most is the one that will get stronger. Living a Spirit-filled life requires a day-by-day awareness of God's Word. We must meditate on it and let it control our thinking and behavior.

## EMPOWERING WORK

One aspect of the Holy Spirit's work is to empower believers to be witnesses of Jesus Christ and to transact Kingdom business here on earth (miracles, signs, and wonders). The empowering ministry of the Holy Spirit is for every believer and is for witnessing, warning, and worshipping in the Spirit.

The believer may not understand exactly what has happened to him or her, but they know that something very dynamic has occurred.

## How do we receive the empowering ministry of the Holy Spirit?

Since the day of Pentecost, the empowering ministry of the Holy Spirit has been available to all believers. Careful exegesis of the Bible reveals that such an experience is still available for all believers. (See Acts 4:31; Acts1:8 and Luke 24:49).

The empowering is a gift, and like many gifts, all we need to do is receive it, and tell God thank you. "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will (your) heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?" - Luke 11:13



Manifestation gifts are sometimes referred to as the "flash forth" gifts or "charismatic" gifts; the aim of the gifts are to use them for the benefit of others. The manifestation of the gifts will be for a particular person or group, a particular time and a particular place.

## 9 Gifts Listed In 1 Corinthians 12

### The Word of Wisdom

It is the God given ability to know just what to say to an individual in need of wise counsel.

## The Word of Knowledge

Giving supernatural insight or information, which one would have not known apart from the Holy Spirit revealing it. It is spontaneous knowledge rather than learned through study.

## Faith

It is a miracle working faith. The ability to believe God for the supernatural in any situation.

## Gifts of Healing

Sovereign instances of supernatural healing of the body, soul, or spirit of an individual or group.

## The Working of Miracles

The sovereign display of dunamis. I.e. the supernatural, miracle working power of God, beyond the gift of healing.

## Prophecy

Spontaneous, Spirit-inspired, intelligible messages, orally delivered in the gathered assembly, intended for the edification or encouragement of the people.

## The Distinguishing of Spirits

The Spirit-given ability to discern the true source of circumstance or motive of people.

## **Various Kinds of Tongues**

Gift of Tongues – The flash forth of the Gift of tongues in 1 Corinthians 12:10 is for public worship When spoken, these tongues need to be interpreted so that the church can be edified.

Grace of Tongues – The birthright for all Christians that will take your worship to a new transcended dimension. These tongues are person and no need to be interpreted.

## The Interpretation of Tongues

Interpretation is a complementary gift which makes possible and meaningful the use of tongues in meaningful worship.





"The earth is the Lord's and it contains the world, and those who dwell in it." - Psalm 24:1 NASB

A steward is someone who manages the property, finances, or household of another. Scripture is clear that all we have comes from God. With that in mind, we do not possess our own life, gifts or wealth...we "manage" them. Scripture References: Haggai 2:8, Psalm 50:10-12, 1 Corinthians 10:26

Stewardship is WORK!!! Through work, we build up not only our world but the Kingdom of God. Work is a partnership with God – our share in a divine human collaboration in creation (I Corinthians 3:9). Jesus calls us, as His disciples, to a new way of life to be stewards and play our unique role in carrying out His divine plan.

4 Qualities Of A Good Steward			
Trustworthy (Faithful)	Wise	Responsible	Generous
1 Corinthians 4:2	Proverbs 24:3-4	Luke 12:48 Galatians 6:2	1 Peter 4:10 1 John 3:17



Christian stewards receive God's gift gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly with others and return them with increase to the Lord.

## **TIME**

"So teach us to number our days, that we may present to you a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12 NASB

"...Early will I seek thee..." - Psalm 63:1 KJV

Consider giving God a tenth of your day, or roughly two and half hours every 24 hours. This may sound like a lot, but if you consider the amount of time we spend doing other things, like social media, watching television, or recreational exercises, finding an extra two hours may not be that hard. Think about this: Does God get less time than our extracurricular activities?

In addition, honoring God with your time means when you attend service, you arrive on time. Things happen, yes, but with proper planning there is little reason to be late to service. If you're late, you may miss an important announcement, a uniquely liberating worship experience or part of the preached Word of God that could provide you with an answer to a particular dilemma you've been facing.

## **TALENT**

God has given each of us a spiritual gift to make a living with. The term "spiritual gift" comes from the Greek phrase charismata, sometimes referred to as charisma, and is defined as, "a gift of grace". This means we, as Christians, are given a "favor" or a "special gift" to do the work of a ministry on behalf of, and empowered by, our Lord Jesus Christ.



Spiritual gifts are spiritual abilities, endowments given by God, to believers, for the equipping and building up of the church.

God is very generous when He blesses everyone with their own special gift(s). Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God - to honor Him. Discovering and exercising your God-given spiritual gifts allows you to experience maximum fulfillment with minimum frustration in your Christian life and ministry.

## GIFTS ARE NOT TALENTS

	Talent	Gift
Source Common grace of the spirit Special grace of the		Special grace of the spirit
Time Given	Present from natural birth	Present from birth
Nature Natural ability Spiritual endowme		Spiritual endowment
Purpose	Instruction, entertainment,	Spiritual growth of saints,
	inspiration on a natural level	Christian service

## WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS AT THE REMEDY CHURCH

- We believe that spiritual gifts are operating in the church today.
- o The primary purpose of the gifts is to edify the Body of Christ the whole Body, whenever and wherever edification is needed.
- o Every Christian has at least one spiritual Gift and quite possibly several gifts. Ministry is the primary outlet for your spiritual gift.

## NOTE

Your spiritual gifts can be used in the church, your job, your community, and beyond.



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OBSTACLES THAT BLOCK THE FLOW OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS			
1. Y	ou didn't know you had them	Most of us have never heard about or have not received proper instruction about spiritual gifts in the church.	
2. B	ondage in your life	The devil uses fear, anger, and poor self-image to prevent us from flowing in our gifts and to keep us from reaching our full potential.	
3. B	seing who others want us to be	Sometimes people will tell you things contrary to your true nature and true giftedness; some knowingly and unknowingly.	
4. Ir	responsibility	To neglect to use your spiritual gifts to build God's Kingdom is to be irresponsible.	
	in can block or distort the vorking of your Gift	Sin pollutes every area of our lives and motivational gifts are no exception.	
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## **TREASURE**

"Honor the Lord from your wealth and from the first of all your produce; so your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine". Proverbs 3: 9 - 10 NASB

Jesus has something to say about how we spend our money. It is not only the envelope we put into the offering that concerns Him; the money we spend on groceries and recreation is also a part of Christian stewardship. God is looking for faithful people who properly manage their resources for Kingdom purposes.

### **GRACE GIVING**

"Since you excel in so many ways - in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us - I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving. I am not commanding you to do this. But I am testing how genuine your love is by comparing it with the eagerness of the other churches." 2 Corinthians 8:7-8 (NLT)

In this passage above, Paul introduces grace giving. He is basically saying, "I am not demanding that you give because that would be taking you back to the law which was based on legalistic tithing. Paul takes the freedom of Christians seriously with the understanding that they may choose to take part or not. Who are we to demand anything if God doesn't.

Within Grace Giving, at The Remedy Church we believe that there are 3 categories of giving: Systematic, Spontaneous, and Sacrificial.



## SYSTEMATIC GIVING

Systematic Giving is your weekly tithing and offerings - it is what you do automatically. You don't have to be prompted or pushed and you have matured to a level of faith that causes you to give by your very nature.

Though many churches wouldn't tell you that tithing is an antiquated principle, at The Remedy Church we teach the Bible even when it is uncomfortable. We believe in the terminology GRACE TITHING.

The idea behind grace tithing is if God was worth 10% in the Old Testament under the law, is he not worth 10% or more under the new covenant of grace. We believe that 10% is a minimum to show appreciation to God. We don't believe that you are CURSED if you don't give, but we do believe that you are BLESSED if you do!

God's church has financial obligations in which every member should share. The church is maintained through members' tithing.

## SPOTANEOUS GIVING

Spontaneous Giving is having sensitivity to the leading of the Spirit to give something you don't plan to. It is sowing an unusual seed just because He told you to. You can't explain it, just like most things about God; you just know it's Him. Sacrificial giving is when you absolutely trust God with more than you can afford to give or at least right up to your financial limits. When you hear God whisper to you to sow an unusual seed, do it!



## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving at times can also be a spontaneous prodding from the Holy Spirit. This is a time that by your calculation, you can't afford to give but you feel that God is telling you to do so. We believe at The Remedy Church, this is a time when you will feel the slight sting of giving but you are giving with expectation that God will meet you at your greatest need.

There will be times throughout the year that our Pastors will call for a monetary amount (at times you will have time to save up and at times you won't). Sacrificial giving is rooted in obedience. IF YOU FEEL THAT GOD IS NOT CALLING YOU TO GIVE AT ANY POINT...DON'T! YOU CANNOT GIVE WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE!

## THE LAW OF RECIPROCITY

One principle holds true both in the natural and spiritual and that is The Law of Reciprocity. The size of a harvest corresponds to the scope of the sowing. A man may enjoy all of the grain by eating it, or he may "lose" some of it by sowing it and later reaping a bountiful harvest. A spiritual harvest, of course, may differ in kind from the seed sown. Material seed may reap a spiritual seed.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Luke

12:34

