INTRODUCTION TO BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Mission Statement:

If God spares my Life, I will cause the Boy that drives the plow to Know more about the Scriptures than the Religious Leaders of the Day! by William Tyndale

Why is the Teaching of the Bible so Important?

1. It's the Only TRUTH that exists; everything else is a Lie! God is the Father of TRUTH, and the devil is the father of lies. Which one does your heart desire?

2. The Bible reveals God's Love for humanity. God gave everything that He Loved so that you and I can go to Heaven and be with Him forever and ever. Christ God's Only Son illuminated the Father's pathway to Heaven.

3. The Bible reveals God's character and our purpose for living in this world! Every question we have about God and eternal life is revealed in the scriptures. Many pray; "O Lord show me your will?" Not realizing that all His will is revealed to us in the Holy Scriptures.



Pay Close Attention to What the Cultural Research Center
(Arizona Christian University) said in the American Worldview Inventory (2020).

The study goes on to say;

* *70% of Americans state they are Christians.*
* *75% of Americans believe they are good and probably going to Heaven.*
* *58% of Americans reject the idea of Absolute Truth*

* *40% of Americans say they are Born-Again.*
* *But only 6% say they have a Biblical World View.*
  And for Adults between the ages of (18-29) that drops to 2%.
* *According to the Center for Study of Global Christianity, in mid-2023 there are 47,300 Christian denominations/rites. By 2025, it is predicted that there will be 49,000: Most are in Disagreement with each other!*

*People think we are all Sons and Daughters of God? **Not True**!*
*We are all God's creation **but very few are Sons and Daughters**!*

We are Epistles of Christ Written by the Holy Spirit

Forasmuch as **ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us**, **written not with ink**, **but with the Spirit of the living God**; not in tables of stone, **but in fleshy tables of the heart**. (2 Cor. 3:3)

What does this Letter Look Like?
*God's letter is always written in the Human Heart by the **WORD** and the **SPIRIT**! You cannot have one without the other, we need Both! The Word without the Spirit will produce a dead lifeless Church, and the Spirit without the Word will produce Doctrinal errors.*

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, **that they also may be one in us**: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; **that they may be one**, **even as we are one**: **I in them**, **and thou in me**, **that they may be made perfect in one**; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. (John 17:21-23)

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **that ye all speak the same thing**, **and that there be no divisions among you**; **but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment**. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, **that there are contentions among you**. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, **I am of Paul**; **and I of Apollos**; **and I of Cephas**; **and I of Christ**. **Is Christ divided**? **was Paul crucified for you**? **or were ye baptized in the name of Paul**? (1 Cor. 1:10-13)

And I, brethren, **could not speak unto you as unto spiritual**, **but as unto carnal**, **even as unto babes in Christ**. **I have fed you with milk**, **and not with meat**: **for hitherto ye were not able to bear it**, **neither yet now are ye able**. **For ye are yet carnal**: **for whereas there is among you envying**, **and strife**, **and divisions**, **are ye not carnal**, **and walk as men**? **For while one saith**, **I am of Paul**; **and another**, **I am of Apollos**; **are ye not carnal**? **Who then is Paul**, **and who is Apollos**, **but ministers by whom ye believed**, **even as the Lord gave to every man**? **I have planted**, **Apollos watered**; **but God gave the increase**. **So then neither is he that planteth any thing**, **neither he that watereth**; **but God that giveth the increase**. (1 Cor. 3:1-7)

Fulfil ye my joy, **that ye be likeminded**, **having the same love**, **being of one accord**, **of one mind**. **Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory**; **but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves**. (Phil. 2:2,3)

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **There is one body**, **and one Spirit**, **even as ye are called in one hope of your calling**; **One Lord**, **one faith**, **one baptism**, **One God and Father of all**, **who is above all**, **and through all**, **and in you all**. (Eph. 4:3-6)

The Three Pillars of God's Letter in Christ *(the* ***WORD,*** *the* ***SPIRT,*** *and* ***LOVE****)*

1. The WORD

Must be understood correctly and obeyed. Remember, Jesus the WORD made flesh (John 1:1-14):

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, **a workman that needeth not to be ashamed**, **rightly dividing the word of truth**. (2 Tim. 2:15)

And **with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish**; **because they received not the love of the truth**, that they might be saved. **And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion**, **that they should believe a lie**: **That they all might be damned who believed not the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Thess. 2:10-12)

But he answered and said, It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone**, **but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God**. (Matt. 4:4)

But I say unto you, **That every idle word that men shall speak**, **they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment**. (Matt. 12:36)

For the word of God is quick, **and powerful**, **and sharper than any twoedged sword**, **piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit**, **and of the joints and marrow**, **and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**. (Heb. 4:12)

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God**, **and keep his commandments**: **for this is the whole duty of man**. **For God shall bring every work into judgment**, **with every secret thing**, **whether it be good**, **or whether it be evil**. (Eccl. 12:13,14)

The Sower and the Seed

The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, **and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts**. And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; **And have no root in themselves**, **and so endure but for a time**: **afterward**, **when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake**, **immediately they are offended**. And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, **choke the word**, **and it becometh unfruitful**. And these are they which are sown on good ground; **such as hear the word**, **and receive it**, **and bring forth fruit**, **some thirtyfold**, **some sixty**, **and some an hundred**. (Mark 4:14-20)

2. The SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is everything in the life of a Christian. I mean Everything; He will transform you into the image of Jesus, remind you of everything Jesus has taught you, and will always Glorify Jesus Not Himself!

And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God**, **whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption**. (Eph. 4:30)

Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. **Now the Lord is that Spirit**: **and where the Spirit of the Lord is**, **there is liberty**. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, **are changed into the same image from glory to glory**, **even as by the Spirit of the Lord**. (2 Cor. 3:16-18)

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, **he shall teach you all things**, **and bring all things to your remembrance**, **whatsoever I have said unto you**. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:26, 27)

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. **But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit**: **for the Spirit searcheth all things**, **yea**, **the deep things of God**. **For what man knoweth the things of a man**, **save the spirit of man which is in him**? even so the things of God **knoweth no man**, **but the Spirit of God**. **Now we have received**, **not the spirit of the world**, **but the spirit which is of God**; **that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God**. **Which things also we speak**, **not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth**, **but which the Holy Ghost teacheth**; **comparing spiritual things with spiritual**. **But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God**: **for they are foolishness unto him**: **neither can he know them**, **because they are spiritually discerned**. **But he that is spiritual judgeth all things**, **yet he himself is judged of no man**. **For who hath known the mind of the Lord**, **that he may instruct him**? **But we have the mind of Christ**. (1 Cor. 2:9-16)

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might**, **nor by power**, **but by my spirit**, **saith the LORD of hosts**. (Zech. 4:6)

Beware of satan's attempt to Imitate the Holy Spirit
The Bible warns us of a great deception by satan, in which he deceives the whole world (Rev. 12:9; and Matt. chapter 7):

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, **lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ**, **who is the image of God**, **should shine unto them**. (2 Cor. 4:4)

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, **and you all know**. **I have not written to you because you do not know the truth**, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth. (1 John 2:20,21) NASB

But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, **and ye need not that any man teach you**: **but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things**, **and is truth**, **and is no lie**, **and even as it hath taught you**, **ye shall abide in him**. (1 John 2:27)

Behold, **what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us**, **that we should be called the sons of God**: **therefore the world knoweth us not**, **because it knew him not**. Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**, **and it doth not yet appear what we shall be**: **but we know that**, **when he shall appear**, **we shall be like him**; **for we shall see him as he is**. **And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself**, **even as he is pure**. (1 John 3:1-3)

3. LOVE

The word Love in the Bible has different meanings depending on which one is used. The word it uses for God's Love is (AGAPE). The word for man's brotherly love is (Phileo). (Eros) is for romantic Love, and (Storge) is for natural family affection.

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. **God is love**; **and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God**, **and God in him**. (1 John 4:16)

Beloved, **let us love one another**: **for love is of God**; **and every one that loveth is born of God**, **and knoweth God**. **He that loveth not knoweth not God**; **for God is love**. (1 John 4:7,8)

If I speak with the tongues of mankind and of angels, **but do not have love**, **I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal**. If I have the gift of prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, **but do not have love**, **I am nothing**. And if I give away all my possessions to charity, and if I surrender my body so that I may glory, **but do not have love**, **it does me no good**. **Love is patient**, **love is kind**, **it is not jealous**; **love does not brag**, **it is not arrogant**. **It does not act disgracefully**, **it does not seek its own benefit**; **it is not provoked**, **does not keep an account of a wrong suffered**, **it does not rejoice in unrighteousness**, **but rejoices with the truth**; **it keeps every confidence**, **it believes all things**, **hopes all things**, **endures all things**. **Love never fails**; (1 Cor. 13:1-8)

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I also have been fully known. **But now faith**, **hope**, **and love remain**, **these three**; **but the greatest of these is love**.
(1 Cor. 13:12,13) NASB

*A wise Christian will seek God's Knowledge in **Three Things**; if we understand and believe these Three Things we know we're Saved!*

1. ***The Authority of Scripture***. (2 Tim. 3:16) and (2 Pet. 1:20,21)
2. ***The Person and Exclusivity of Christ***. (John 14:6)
3. ***The Message of the GOSPEL***. (1 Cor. 15:1-9)

Remember the Parable of the Five Foolish Virgins? (Matthew 25:1-13)

The Bible Reveals that Most of Humanity is Presently in Hell

Most of historical humanity is in Hell right now as we speak, and most of the Churches and certainly the world (unsaved man) has no idea! The Holy scriptures tell us that the Real Church is very small, God calls it a <u>Remnant</u>!

(2 Kings 19:4,30,31; Ezra 9:8; Is. 1:9, 10:20-22, 37:31-32, 37:31-32, 46:3)
and many more. *New Testament;* (Rom. 9:27, 11:5)