

THE BOOK OF
CORINTHIANS
a Wednesday Night Bible Study

Lesson Three: A Christ Centric Church

Introduction: _____

“A man-centric ministry brings division, while a Christ-centric ministry builds unity.”

I. We _____ in Christ. v13a

Romans 5:6–8 KJV ⁶ For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. ⁸ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

A. He _____ for us.

1. He was the sinless _____.

Hebrews 4:15 KJV ¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

Galatians 4:4 KJV ⁴ But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

2. He was our _____.

Romans 5:8 KJV ⁸ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Genesis 22:8 KJV ⁸ And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

3. He made a way of _____.

Romans 3:23 KJV ²³ For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Ephesians 2:13–16 KJV ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; ¹⁵ Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; ¹⁶ And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

B. We should _____ for Him.

Philippians 1:27 KJV ²⁷ Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

II. We are _____ in Christ. v13b -16

Ephesians 4:4-6 KJV ⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

A. Baptism Basics:

1. Scriptural baptism requires the proper _____.

Acts 8:36-38 KJV ³⁶ And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? ³⁷ And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

2. Scriptural baptism requires the proper _____.

Matthew 3:16 KJV ¹⁶ And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

3. Scriptural baptism requires the proper _____.

1 Corinthians 11:2 KJV ² Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered *them* to you.

B. Baptism is _____ to Christ.

Matthew 28:19-20 KJV ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

C. Baptism is _____ with Christ.

Mark 1:10-11 KJV ¹⁰ And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: ¹¹ And there came a voice from heaven, *saying*, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

1. the _____

Romans 6:4 KJV⁴ Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

2. A body of _____

Mark 1:4 KJV⁴ John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Matthew 3:15 KJV¹⁵ And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

Acts 2:41–42 KJV⁴¹ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls. ⁴² And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

D. Baptism is _____ to Christ's Church.

1. At Salvation we are baptized by the Holy Spirit into Christ's _____.

1 Corinthians 12:13 KJV¹³ For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

2. Water baptism is a picture of this, and is a prerequisite to joining His only _____ body on earth: the local NT church.

Acts 2:41 KJV⁴¹ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

III. We _____ the cross of Christ. 17-25

A. Our message is the _____. v17

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 KJV³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

B. Our message is _____ to the lost. v18a

1 Corinthians 2:14 KJV¹⁴ 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.

C. Our message is the _____ of God. v18b

Romans 1:16 KJV¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

D. Our message is the _____ of God. v19-25

Isaiah 29:14 KJV ¹⁴ Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, *Even* a marvellous work and a wonder: For the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, And the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hid.

IV. We _____ only in Christ. v26-31

A. Who does God _____?

1 Corinthians 1:9 KJV ⁹ God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. God calls _____.

Acts 17:30 KJV ³⁰ And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

2 Peter 3:9 KJV ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Romans 10:13 KJV ¹³ For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Luke 19:10 KJV ¹⁰ For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

2. Not _____ comes.

Luke 14:16–24 KJV ¹⁶ Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: ¹⁷ And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. ¹⁸ And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. ¹⁹ And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. ²⁰ And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. ²¹ So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. ²² And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. ²³ And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

B. Who does God _____ to use?

1. God delights in using the foolish, because they are _____.

“God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called.”

2. God delights in using the weak, so He can show his _____.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 KJV ²³ Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, Neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, Let not the rich *man* glory in his riches: ²⁴ But let him that glorieth glory in this, That he understandeth and knoweth me, That I *am* the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: For in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD.