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 “The Whole Counsel of God (Teaching the Entire Bible)”

( Study 1 )

A. The Testimony of Paul (Acts 20:27)

 • Seen in his ministry in Acts:

 • Acts 11:26

 • 13:1,5 • 13:13-41, 44, 48-49 • 14:25 • 15:35 • 17:11 • 18:11

 • 19:10,20 • 28:23,30-31

• Confirmed by previous ministry in Acts:

• Acts 2:41, 42

• 4:4 • 4:29,31 • 6:2,4,7 • 8:4,25 • 10:44 • 11:19 • 12:24

• Expounded upon in his epistles:

 • 2 Timothy 3:14-17

• 1 Thessalonians 1:5; 2:13

• Romans 10:17; 15:4

• Confirmed elsewhere in the scriptures:

 • Isaiah 55:10-11

 • Jeremiah 23:28-29

 • Psalms 1:1-3; 19:7-8; 119:11,24,25; 138:2

 • Matthew 7:24-27

 • John 8:31-32; 17:17 - - 5:39-40

 • 1 Peter 1:23-25; 2:1-2

 • Hebrews 4:12

 • James 1:21-22

MAJOR THEMES FROM THE SCRIPTURES

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B. The Example of Ezra (Nehemiah 8:8)

• Reading the word and ministering it with understanding:

• Nehemiah 8:1-8

• Seeking understanding from the Lord:

 • Psalm 119:18,27,33-34

• Luke 24:27,32,44-45

• John 16:13-14

• 2 Timothy 2:15

• Allowing scripture to explain and support scripture:

 • Romans 15:3,9,10,11,12,21

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• 1 Corinthians 1:19,31; 2:9,16; 3:19,20

C. The New Testament Topical Use of the Old Testament (Romans 3, 4, etc.)

• Acts 13:30-39

• Romans 3:9-20; 4:1-25

• Hebrews 1:1-14

Conclusion:

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MAJOR THEMES FROM THE SCRIPTURES

 “The Centrality of Christ (Keeping Jesus the Central Focus)”

( Study 2 )

Introduction:

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A. As the Central Focus of Our Worship (Revelation 5:12)

• Psalm 2:12

• Matthew 14:25-33

• Matthew 15:21-25

• Matthew 28:7-9,16-19

• Luke 24:50-53

B. As the Pre-eminent One in All Things (Colossians 1:18c)

• Colossians 1:16-19

• 2:3 • 2:8-10 • 2:16-17 • 3:1-4 • 3:8-11 • 3:17 • 3:23-24

• Luke 10:38-42

• John 5:39-40

• Philippians 1:21

• Philippians 4:13

• Galatians 2:20

• Hebrews 12:2a

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C. As the One to Receive All Glory (1 Corinthians 1:31)

• John 16:14

• Philippians 2:9-11

• Philippians 3:3

• Hebrews 1:1-2 • 2:6-9 • 3:1-6a • 7:22-26 • 10:11-14 • 12:1-3 • 13:20-21

Supplemental:

D. The Deity of Christ (John 1:1-4)

• Isaiah 7:14; 9:6

• Jeremiah 23:6

• Micah 5:2

• Zechariah 12:7,10

• Matthew 1:20-23 • 18:20 • 28:20

• Mark 14:61-64

• Luke 5:20-24

• John 4:25-26 • 5:17-18 • 5:23 • 8:58-59 • 9:35-38 • 17:5 • 20:27-28

• Romans 9:5

• Philippians 2:5-6

• Colossians 1:16-17

• 1 Timothy 3:16

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 “The Centrality of Christ (Keeping Jesus the Central Focus)”

D. The Deity of Christ (continued)

• Hebrews 1:3 • 1:6 • 1:8,10 • 13:8

• 1 John 5:20

• Revelation 1:11,17-18; 22:12-13

E. The Trinity (Matthew 3:16-17)

• Genesis 1:1 • 1:2 • 1:26 • 22:11,15-16

• Judges 2:1-5; 13:21-22

• Isaiah 48:16 • 61:1-3 • 63:7-10

• Matthew 3:16-17

• Matthew 28:19

• 2Corinthians 13:14

• 1 John 5:7

• John 14:17,23

Conclusion:

• Revelation 5:12-14

MAJOR THEMES FROM THE SCRIPTURES

“The Holy Spirit (Giving and Sustaining Spiritual Life and Ministry)”

( Study 3 )

A. The Convicting of, and New Birth by, the Spirit (John 16:8)

 • John 16:8-11

 • John 3:1-7

 • 2 Corinthians 5:17

B. The Indwelling of the Spirit (John 14:16-17)

 • John 14:16-17

• John 20:22

 • John 15:26

 • John 16:13

 • Romans 8:9

 • 1 Corinthians 3:16

 • 1 Corinthians 2:12

C. The Transforming Work of the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18)

 • 2 Corinthians 3:18

 • Galatians 5:16

 • Galatians 5:25

 • Galatians 6:8

 • Romans 8:4

 • Romans 8:5-6

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“The Holy Spirit (Giving and Sustaining Spiritual Life and Ministry)”

D. The Empowering of the Spirit (Acts 1:8)

• NOTE: “with” and “in” (John 14:17) and “upon” (Acts 1:8)

• Synonymous Terms:

 • Acts 1:5 and 1:8 and 2:4

• Results of Being Filled with the Spirit in Acts:

• Acts 1:8

• Acts 2:1-4, 7-8, 11

 • Acts 2:14+, 22-24

 • Acts 4:8 • Acts 4:31

 • Acts 9:17-22

 • Acts 10:44, 46

• Acts 19:5-6

• Results of Being Filled with the Spirit in Ephesians:

 • Ephesians 5:18

 • Ephesians 5:19-21

 • Ephesians 5:22 - 6:9

• Results Related to the Ministries of the Spirit in Our Lives:

 • John 6:63

• John 14:26

 • 1 Corinthians 12:1, 11

 • Galatians 5:21-22

• Luke 11:9-13

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D. The Empowering of the Spirit (continued)

• “How to” be Filled with the Spirit:

 • Acts 4:29-31

 • Acts 19:6

 • John 7:37-39

E. The Gifts and the Fruit of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:1-31)

 • 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

 • 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

 • 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

 • 1 Corinthians 12:14-19

 • 1 Corinthians 12:20-21

 • 1 Corinthians 12:31

• 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

 • Galatians 5:22-23

1. The Abuses Commonly Attributed to the Spirit (I Corinthians 14:40)

 • I Corinthians 14:1-4

 • I Corinthians 14:18-19

 • I Corinthians 14:32-33

 • I Corinthians 14:40

Conclusion:

• John 16:14

• Zechariah 4:6

MAJOR THEMES FROM THE SCRIPTURES

 “The Grace of God (Needing Grace Daily)”

( Study 4 )

Introduction:

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• John 1:14

• John 1:17,16

A. In Our Standing before God (Romans 5:1-2)

• Romans 3:19-24

• Ephesians 1:7

B. In Our Daily Living (2 Peter 3:18)

• Sanctifying grace

 • Acts 20:32

 • Hebrews 13:9b

 • 2 Timothy 2:1

• Living daily by grace

• humility and faith

 • James 4:6

 • Romans 5:2 and 1:17b

• grace for fruit

 • Colossians 1:6

• John 15:4-5

• grace for works

 • Acts 4:33

 • Acts 14:26

 • 1 Corinthians 15:10

MAJOR THEMES FROM THE SCRIPTURES

 “The Grace of God (Needing Grace Daily)”

1. In Being Forgiven and in Forgiving (Matthew 18:21-35)

• Ephesians 4:31-32

D. In Restoring Fallen Brethren (Galatians 6:1)

Conclusion:

• Zechariah 4:6-7

• 2 Peter 1:2-3

MAJOR THEMES FROM THE SCRIPTURES

 “The Divine Model for the Church (Looking to the Book of Acts)”

( Study 5 )

Introduction:

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A. Its Patterns Recounted in Acts (Acts 2:42)

 • The Word (“ the apostles' doctrine”)

 • Acts 6:7a

 • Acts 12:24

 • Acts 13:48-49

 • Acts 19:20

• Fellowship (“and fellowship”)

 • 1 John 1:3

• Worship (“in breaking of bread”)

 • Acts 20:7

 • Acts 16:25

• Prayer (“and in prayers”)

 • Acts 4:23-31

 • Acts 6:4

• Acts 10:9

 • Acts 12:5

 • Acts 16:25

B. Its Expansion Related to Making Disciples (Matthew 28:19)

 • Matthew 4:19

 • Luke 9:23

 • Acts 6:7

 • Acts 11:19-26

 • Acts 14:21-22

 • Acts 20:20, 27, 31, 32

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 “The Divine Model for the Church (Looking to the Book of Acts)”

C. Its Expansion Related to Church Planting (Matthew 16:18)

 • Acts 9:31

 • Acts 14:23

• Acts 15:41

 • Acts 16:5

D. Its Essence Seen in New Wine and New Wineskins (Luke 5:36-39)

 • Jeremiah 31:31-34

 • Hebrews 8:6-13

 • Hebrews 10:15-20

 • Luke 22:20

Conclusion:

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MAJOR THEMES FROM THE SCRIPTURES

 “The Church as a Theocracy (Functioning as a Theocracy)”

( Study 5 )

Introduction:

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A. Misunderstood by Many (as three basic forms, that man has developed)

• Episcopalian - the bishops, overseers: I Timothy 3:1, Titus 1:7

 • Warning: Matthew 20:25-28

• Presbyterian - elders: Acts 14:23

 • Warning: Ezekiel 34:2

• Congregational - church members: Acts 6:3a

 • Warning: Exodus 16:2 and Numbers 14:2

 • Warning: John 10:11-13

• Note: Elder, Overseer, Bishop, Pastor - - all are the same office/person

 • 1 Peter 5:1-4

 • Acts 20:17, 28

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 “The Church as a Theocracy (Functioning as a Theocracy)”

B. Illustrated by Moses and Israel

 • Israel was a Theocracy: Exodus 3:7-8; 15:1-2, 17-18

 • God ruled primarily through a man named Moses: Exodus 19:3-7

 • 70 elders appointed to help Moses: Exodus 18:13-27

 • Warning: Israel’s switch from a Theocracy to a Monarchy: 1 Samuel 8:4-7; 10:17-19

C. Described by the Epistles

 • Jesus, the Head of the Church: Ephesians 1:22-23

 • Jesus speaking to His church through His word: Acts 20:27

 • Refining details applied through prayer by the Holy Spirit: Acts 13:1-2

 • Pastor-teachers as God’s primary leadership instrument:

 Ephesians 4:11; 1 Timothy 5:17-18

 • “undershepherds” - leading under the Chief Shepherd: 1 Peter 5:1-4

Conclusion:

• Essential safeguard: 1 Timothy 3:1-7, 8-12; Acts 6:3,5

MAJOR THEMES FROM THE SCRIPTURES

 “Eschatology (A Study on the End Times)”

( Study 7 )

Introduction:

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• Prophetic Outline in Revelation 1:19 • 1:9-18 • 2:1-3:22 • 4:1-22:21

• Revelation 4:1-22:21 Outlined

• 4:1-5:14 • 6:1-18:24 • 19:1-21 • 20:1-15 • 21:1-22:21

A. The Rapture of the Church (Revelation 4:1)

• Revelation 1:4a • 2:1,8,12,18 • 3:1,7,14

• Revelation 3:10

• Revelation 4:1-5:14

• 1 Thessalonians 5:9

• 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

• 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

• 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

• 1 Corinthians 3:9-15

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 “Eschatology (A Study on the End Times)”

B. The Great Tribulation (Revelation 6:16-17)

• Revelation 6:1-18:24

• 6:1-2 • 8:2,6-7 • 15:7; 16:1-2

• Matthew 24:15,21

• Jeremiah 30:7

• Daniel 9:24-27

C. The Second Coming of Christ (Revelation 19:11-16)

• Revelation 19:1-21

• Matthew 24:29-30

• John 14:1-3

• Acts 1:9-11

D. The Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20:4)

• Revelation 20:1-15

• Isaiah 9:7; 11:1-10; 35:1-10

E. The New Heaven and New Earth (Revelation 21:1)

• Revelation 21:1-22:21

• Isaiah 51:6

• 2 Peter 3:7,10,13

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 “Eschatology (A Study on the End Times)”

Conclusion:

• Looking for the Lord (not for Antichrist)

 • 1 Corinthians 1:7

 • Philippians 3:20

 • 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

 • Titus 2:13

• Serving and growing (not “waiting in the treetops”)

 • Luke 19:13

 • 2 Peter 3:1-18 (especially 12a)

MAJOR THEMES FROM THE SCRIPTURES

“The Sovereignty of God and the Responsibility of Man

(Acknowledging Two Apparently Contradictory Truths)”

( Study 8)

Introduction:

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A. The Election by God (1 Peter 1:2)

• Deuteronomy 7:6-8

• Matthew 24:22,24,31

• John 15:16

• Romans 11:5-7

• Ephesians 1:4-6

• Colossians 3:12

• 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

• 1 Peter 2:9

B. The Free Choice by Man (John 3:16)

• Ezekiel 18:23

• Ezekiel 18:32

• Ezekiel 33:11

• Matthew 11:28-29

• Luke 9:23-24

• Luke 13:34

• John 3:14-16

• John 4:13-14

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“The Sovereignty of God and the Responsibility of Man

(Acknowledging Two Apparently Contradictory Truths)”

B. The Free Choice by Man (continued)

• Acts 2:21

• Romans 10:8-13

• 2 Peter 3:9

• Revelation 22:17

C. The Apparent Paradox (Romans 11:33-36)

• Acts 2:23

• 1 Peter 1:1-2

• Romans 8:29

 • Romans 11:2

• Ephesians 1:11

• Romans 11:33-36

D. The Gospel for All (Mark 16:15)

• Matthew 28:18-19

• Luke 24:46-47

• Mark 16:15

• 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

• John 20:21

Conclusion:

• Deuteronomy 29:29

• Hebrews 12:1b-2a and Colossians 1:28

MAJOR THEMES FROM THE SCRIPTURES

 “The Supremacy of Love (Experiencing and Sharing God’s Love)”

( Study 9)

Introduction:

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A. As Related to Gifts (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

• 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:3

• Galatians 5:22

• Matthew 7:22

• John 15: 8,16

B. As Related to Correct Orthodoxy (Luke 6:46)

• Luke 6:46

• Ephesians 4:15

• Matthew 22:34-40

C. As Related to Faith and Hope (1 Corinthians 13:13)

• 1 Corinthians 13:13

• faith

 • Galatians 2:16

• Hebrews 11:6

 • 2 Corinthians 5:7

 • 1 John 5:4-5

 • 1 Peter 1:5; 5:9a

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 “The Supremacy of Love (Experiencing and Sharing God’s Love)”

C. As Related to Faith and Hope (continued)

• hope

 • Colossians 1:3-5

 • 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

 • Ephesians 1:15-18

D. As Related to Its Source (1 John 4:7)

• 1 John 4:7-19

• 4:7-8

• 4:9-10

 • 4:11-12

 • 4:13-15

 • 4:16-17

 • 4:18

 • 4:19

Conclusion:

• Colossians 3:14 and 1 Peter 4:8

• John 13:34-35

• 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

• 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

MAJOR THEMES FROM THE SCRIPTURES

 “A Biblical Perspective on Ministry (Being Relaxed and Casual)”

( Study 10)

Introduction:

• What this style is like

• What it is based upon

A. Related to Jesus as the Builder of the Church (Matthew 16:18)

• The Nature of the Church (Colossians 1:18a)

 • “body / Head”

• The Purpose of the Church (Matthew 28:19a)

 • “disciples”

 • Matthew 11:28-30

• The Function of the Church (Matthew 28:19b-20)

 • “baptizing / teaching”

 • Colossians 2:19

• Acts 2:47b

• Acts 4:33

• Acts 1:1

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B. Related to the Spirit as the Producer of Ministry (Zechariah 4:6)

 • 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

 • 1 Thessalonians 1:5a

 • 2 Corinthians 3:5-6

 • Romans 7:6b

C. Related to Various Biblical Warnings (John 6:63)

 • Galatians 3:2-3

 • Jeremiah 17:5-8

 • John 15:5

Conclusion:

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MAJOR THEMES FROM THE SCRIPTURES

 “Taking Ventures in Faith (Being Daring for God)”

( Study 11 )

Introduction:

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A. As Seen in Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 20:1-30)

• 20:1-4

• 20:5-12

• 20:13-19

• 20:20-23

• 20:24-30

B. As Seen in Asa (2 Chronicles 14:1-13)

• 14:1-7

• 14:8-9

• 14:11-13

C. As Seen in David (1 Samuel 17:20-49)

• 17:20-27

• 17:28-37

• 17:38-49

D. As Seen in Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:6-13)

• 14:6-13

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 “Taking Ventures in Faith (Being Daring for God)”

E. As Seen in the Apostle Paul (Acts 13:4-52)

• 13:4-12

• 13:13-23 - - 38-52

• Acts 14:1-7 - - 19-22

• Acts 16:16-24 - - 25-34

F. As Seen in Being Fools for Christ (1 Corinthians 4:10)

• 1 Corinthians 4:9-14

• 2 Corinthians 6:3-10

Conclusion:

• Hebrews 11:8-10, 24-27, 29, 30-34

• 1 Samuel 17:47 and 2 Chronicles 20:15 and 1 Samuel 14:6

• 1 John 4:4 and Romans 8:31