

Bible Doctrine Part 1

Luke 5:17-26,

Divine Trinity: Matthew 3:16-17; 1 John 5:7

Repentance: Isaiah 55:7; Matthew 4:17

Restitution: Ezekiel 33:15; Matthew 5:23-24; Luke 19:1-10

Divine Healing: James 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:24

KEY VERSE FOR MEMORIZATION: **"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."** (1 Timothy 4:16)

LIFE APPLICATIONS:

Understanding the Scriptural basis for the Bible doctrines of the Divine Trinity, Repentance, Restitution, and Divine Healing.

DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

Come up with two examples of where the concept of "three-in-one" is evident in nature. (An example: the shell, yolk, and white of an egg.).

TEXTS:

Luke 5:17-26, 17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

19 And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.

Divine Trinity:

Matthew 3:16-17; 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:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

1 John 5:7 7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

Repentance:

Isaiah 55:7; 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Matthew 4:17 17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Restitution:

Ezekiel 33:15; 15 If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Matthew 5:23-24; 23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Luke 19:1-10 1 And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

2 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.

4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.

6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

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

Divine Healing:

James 5:14-16; 14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

1 Peter 2:24 24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

These Bible doctrines were established in Scripture, and upheld in the preaching and publications of the Azusa Street ministry.

GOD'S HEALING POWER

MY LITTLE GIRL had tuberculosis in the glands of her body and had been given up by the doctors to die. When a baby of but three months old she was vaccinated and her blood poisoned. My husband and I spent a fortune to try to get healing for our little one. Climates failed, medicine failed, nine physicians where we lived in Scotland had failed, and after we moved to Portland, Oregon, two of the best specialists in this city failed to cure her. Many times when I was on my way to the doctor's office, I would look up into the heavens and say, "Jesus, I know if You were on earth You would heal my child."

Something in my heart told me to go to Portland, Oregon. When I spoke of coming to America, my people said I would bury my child at sea. But God brought us over seven thousand miles to this place. We tried the best specialist in Portland after we arrived to try to find healing for our child. He treated her with serum every week to try to kill the germs in her blood, but he failed to heal her.

Then God led me to the door of a little saint of God and when I told her about my little one, she said, "If you had only known to have brought her down to the Apostolic Faith mission on Burnside Street, our people would have prayed and God would have healed your child." I came down to see these people, and as I sat in the back of the hall, God whispered in my soul, "These are the people you have prayed so long for." They told me, "There is power in the Blood of Jesus to heal all manner of diseases." That was all I needed to hear. I heard the Shepherd's voice. I promised God I would trust in the healing power of the Blood of Christ. From that moment she began to improve and

God completely healed her body. That has been many years ago and she is a strong, well woman today, a mother and grandmother, and has never had a trace of that disease from that day to this. — Agnes Clasper

A CLOSER LOOK

1. What does each person of the Godhead contribute toward the salvation of mankind?
2. What might be some indicators of true repentance?
3. How might a person's restitution impact those to whom he/she makes the restitution?
4. Why do many in the world today reject the Bible doctrine of divine healing?

RIGHT WITH GOD AND MAN

"When God saved my poor, backslidden soul, I told Him I would go back and straighten up my life—make restitution—and I did. I asked the ministers to pray for me and for the letters I would be writing. I have letters today from people I made restitution to, letters of forgiveness. It is hard to believe the things I did after having been brought up in a godly Christian home.

"I worked for the Union Pacific Railroad and stole from them for years. I made trip after trip back there until one time someone said, 'Not again! You are bringing back more things?' I said, 'Yes, everything that says U.P.R.R. on it I am bringing back to the railroad.' I was bothered over three years about something I had taken but couldn't find. I looked high and low, in the garage, in all the cupboards, in the attic, and in the basement, but just couldn't locate it.

"One day my son-in-law came over needing a large cardboard box. I said, 'I don't know if I have a large one or not, but let's look out in the garage.' High overhead I found one I had thought was empty. But when I took it down, there was the item. Thank God, I took it back!

"Today I have the peace of God in my heart. It's a good feeling down on the inside when you know you are right with God and right, too, with your fellowman. I have a clear record today and I praise God for it." — Stanley Frank

QUESTIONS

1. Why does the world today reject divine healing?

2. What instruction is given regarding prayer for healing? James 5:14-15, Mark 6:13

James 5:14-15, 14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Mark 6:13 13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

3. If a person needs healing but is unable to go to an elder, what alternative is described in Acts 19:11-12?

Acts 19:11-12 11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

4. According to Isaiah 53:5, what did Christ's atonement on Calvary purchase for us in addition to our salvation?

Isaiah 53:5 5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

5. Some teach that Isaiah 53:5 only refers to spiritual healing. How does Matthew 8:16-17 refute this?

Matthew 8:16-17 16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

6. What is repentance? Why is it so vital?

7. What might be some indicators of true repentance?

8. What are some promises given to those who repent? Isaiah 55:7, 1 John 2:25

Isaiah 55:7, 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

1 John 2:25 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

9. What did John mean when he exhorted his listeners to bring forth “fruits meet for repentance”?

10. Referring to 2 Corinthians 7:9, what is the difference between being sorry and having sorrow to repentance? What is the outcome of both?

2 Corinthians 7:9 9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

11. What is restitution?

12. How do we know what things we should make restitution for?

13. What happens if we refuse to make a restitution?

14. Is restitution optional or mandatory?

15. What does Paul’s desire to “have a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men” have to do with restitution?

16. What are some of the results of making restitution?

17. How might a person’s restitution impact those to whom he/she makes the restitution?

18. What is the Trinity?

19. What word in 1 John 5:7 describes the triunity of the Godhead?

1 John 5:7 7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

20. What does each person of the Godhead contribute toward the salvation of mankind?

21. Give some examples of triunity in nature.