

# ***BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE FELLOWSHIP***

## **FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH**



### **Answer Key**

### **Lesson 2**

### **Session One**

In Lesson 1 we found:

1. That sin entered into the world, and God has stated, “All have sinned.”
2. That the wages of sin is death.
3. That the gift of God is eternal life.
4. That we are to “follow Christ” as Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, followed Him.
5. That we have a commission as members of the Church, the Body of Christ, which is the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-20).

If a student is to understand the relevance of the “mystery” spoken of by the apostle Paul in Ephesians, he will find it necessary to understand that God changes His dealings with men in different dispensations; yet the principles of God remain the same. (Note: You will learn more about dispensations in the next course “Understanding the Bible.” For now it is enough to know that a dispensation refers to God’s rules and expectations for His people and for mankind during a given period of history.)

Read Matthew 10:5,6 and Ephesians 3:8,9. Here we see an example of a change of dispensations. Mark 12:31 and Galatians 5:14 give an example of a principle, which remains unchanged.

The Church, the Body of Christ, started with the ministry of Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles (1 Corinthians 3:5-11). This Church was not specifically mentioned by any other writer of the Scriptures (Ephesians 3:1-8). His ministry began when he was converted on the Damascus road, some time after Pentecost.

Pray as you proceed, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and teach, for the truths of the Word of God are never fully understood unless the Holy Spirit gives the understanding.

### **Three Great Commissions**

1. Many consider the “Great Commission” of Matthew 28:19,20 Jesus’ last instructions for his disciples, to be our commission for today.

What are the requirements of this commission?

1. **Make disciples of all nations**
2. **Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**
3. **Teach them to obey everything Jesus commanded to do**

Note: As you study you will find that this commission was given to the Twelve Apostles and was a continuation of an earlier assignment. The message, which they proclaimed was that if Israel would repent, God would send Christ back to establish His kingdom on earth (Acts 1:6; 3:19-21). This was a literal kingdom, which was promised to Israel throughout the Old Testament and the Gospels.

2. a) The first commission given by the Lord is found in Matthew 10:5,6. Where were the Twelve Disciples commanded not to go? Among the Gentiles  
or Any place of the Samaritans  
To whom were they to go? To the lost sheep of Israel only
- b) (Matthew 10:7,8) What were they to proclaim? The kingdom of heaven is near  
What were they to do? Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons
3. Explain why this commission is not the one that we are to follow today. Because the disciples were not to go to the Gentiles. Today we are to go to all people, not just the Jews
4. (1 Corinthians 1:22; John 6:28-30) The Lord Jesus in this commission gave the Disciples the power to heal, cleanse the leper, raise the dead. Why? As a sign of God's power so that people would believe  
For the Jews or the Gentiles? Jews
5. (Acts 28:28) After God stopped dealing with Israel as a nation, to whom was the Gospel sent?  
To the Gentiles
6. (Romans 11:11) When Israel (the Jewish nation) rejected God's offer of the Kingdom, why did God then begin to turn to the Gentiles? To provoke them (Israel) to jealousy (KJV), To make Israel envious (NIV)
7. When God temporarily ceased dealing with Israel as a covenant nation and turned to the Gentiles, the old commission (Matt 28:19,20) was set aside. A new commission was given to the apostle Paul for the Church which is the Body of Christ. Please read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20.  
(v. 18) What have we been given? The ministry of reconciliation
8. (vs. 18,19) The "word of reconciliation" is that all people, Jews and Gentiles alike, may be saved through faith in Jesus Christ. What are we called? (vs. 20) Ambassadors for Christ

9. (Galatians 1:8) What would happen if someone preached another gospel other than that committed to Paul? He would be accursed (KJV), He would be eternally condemned (NIV)
10. (Romans 1:16) During the transition period of Acts, what was the order of the preaching of the gospel? To the Jew first, then to the Gentile (See also Acts 13:46)
11. (Acts 28:28) When did this priority of gospel preaching cease? “The salvation of God is (has been sent) unto The Gentiles
12. (Romans 11:25) How long will God cease His dealings with Israel as a nation? Until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in
13. (Romans 11:26-27) When will God bring deliverance and salvation to Israel as a nation? When Christ returns to establish His kingdom (interpretation); When the deliverer comes from Zion removes Jacob’s ungodliness, and takes away their sins
14. Can Jews today become members of the one Body, the true Church? Yes  
 What does Ephesians 2:16 say? (Use your own words) Through the cross God has reconciled both Jew and Gentile into one body having eliminated the enmity which had previously existed between them. Jews and Gentiles are now equal within the Body of Christ, the Church of this age.  
(Answers may vary)
15. (Ephesians 2:19) Which group of people has a “more favored” position with God today?  
 Circle one:    Jews        Gentiles        Neither
16. (Ephesians 2:12) What was the position of the Gentiles before the Church began?
1. Separate from Christ
  2. Excluded from the commonwealth of Israel
  3. Foreigners to the covenants of the promise
  4. Without hope
  5. Without God in the world

17. (Ephesians 2:14) How has God altered this condition of the Gentiles? **He has broken down the barrier between Jews and Gentiles through Christ's shed blood on the cross**
18. Read Colossians 3:11 and Galatians 3:28. Is there any group in the Body of Christ who might receive special honor or a special position? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No **X**.  
Why? (Note the last part of each of these verses.) **All are one in Christ**

### Fulfilling Our Commission

19. (1 Corinthians 4:1) What is the believer's responsibility and privilege as a member of the Body of Christ? **To be servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God**
20. (John 7:17) How can we know God and His will for our lives? We must \_\_\_\_\_  
**choose to do God's will**
21. (Romans 12:2) How can we "prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God"?  
**By not conforming to the world, but rather, being transformed by the renewing of our minds**

If a man would have God's day-to-day plan, he must be diligent in studying His Word. He must also be able to tell the differences between the various divisions of Scripture in order to determine what applies directly to him and what does not.

22. Please read: Philippians 3:17; 4:9; 2 Timothy 2:2; 2:7; 1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Corinthians 14:37. What is Paul telling us to do in these verses? **We are to pay attention to his teaching and life as an example**
23. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4) The Body of Christ has been entrusted with the gospel. What is the gospel?  
**Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day, all according to the scriptures**
24. (1 Thessalonians 2:4) How are we to speak? **As men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, not to please men, but God**

25. (2 Timothy 2:2) How are we to carry out the true commission for this age? **By entrusting the message to reliable (or faithful) men who will be able to teach others also**

26. (Titus 2:13) What is the “hope of the Church”? **The glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus**

## Session Two

In Session 1 we found:

1. To be “in Christ” today is to be in the Church, the Body of Christ.
2. That no writer in the Bible except the apostle Paul mentions the Church, Body of Christ.

In such a brief study we can only touch the surface. We would like to emphasize the need, as you study, to ask God for more in-depth understanding and wisdom. If this basic study fires the innermost being of someone to make a more thorough study of the Word rightly divided, it will have done its job.

As a noble Berean search out God’s precious gems, mindful of the charge we have in 2 Timothy 2:1,2: “Thou, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”

1. (Ephesians 1:20-23; 5:23) In Paul’s epistles, and nowhere else, we see the Church referred to as the “Body of Christ.” Who is the Head of this Body? **Christ**

2. (Galatians 1:1,12) How did the apostle Paul receive the gospel which he preached? **By direct revelation from Jesus Christ**

3. (1 Corinthians 12:13) How does one become a member of this Church? **By the Holy Spirit baptizing us into one body**

4. In 1 Corinthians 12:14 Paul states, “For this body is not one member, but many.” Are you a member?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5. How can you be positive that you are a member of the Body of Christ? **Answer in your own words.**  
**I have confessed myself as a sinner before God. I have accepted His free gift of salvation my placing by faith and trust in Christ Jesus**

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(Answers may vary some)

6. (Romans 10:13) Can anyone become a member of the Church, the Body of Christ? **Yes, anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be save**  
 (Galatians 3:26) What is the one requirement to become a member? **Faith in Christ Jesus**

**MEMORY VERSE:** “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part it (1 Corinthians 12:27 NIV).”

7. (Ephesians 3:8) What grace (privilege) was given to the apostle Paul as the special messenger to the Church? **To preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ**
8. (Ephesians 3:9) What responsibility did he have? **To make plain the administration (fellowship -KJV) of the mystery which for ages past has been hidden in God**
9. Read Romans 16:25-26 and Ephesians 3:1-6. What is the common idea concerning the mystery in Romans 16:25 and Ephesians 3:5? **It was kept hidden in God from prior generations but has now been revealed by Paul**
10. (1 Corinthians 2:13) Who is our teacher as we seek to understand the things of God? **The Holy Spirit**
11. (Colossians 1:9-10). It requires discernment and understanding from God to be able to apply the truths of God’s Word to our everyday living. True **X** False \_\_\_\_\_
12. (Colossians 2:6,7) How does Paul want the believers to live?
- In Him**
  - Rooted and built up in Him**
  - Strengthened in the faith**
  - Overflowing with thankfulness**
13. What warning does the Bible give in Colossians 2:4? **Not to be beguiled by enticing words (KJV), Not to be deceived by fine sounding arguments (NIV)**  
 In Colossians 2:8? **To guard against worldly philosophy and human tradition**
14. (Ephesians 1:15-19) Name five things that Paul prayed for the Ephesian believers?
- That God would give them a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him**

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- b. That the eyes of their hearts (understanding KJV) might be enlightened
- c. That they might know the hope of His calling
- d. That they might know what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints
- e. That they might know the greatness of His power
15. (Ephesians 6:11-13) What instructions does the Bible give in order for us to stand against the schemes of the devil? It instructs us to put on the full armor of God
16. According to Ephesians 6:12, what do we struggle against? Not against flesh and blood but against principalities, and powers, and rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places
17. (Ephesians 6: 14-17 List the six parts of the whole armor of God.)
1. Belt of truth
  2. Breastplate of righteousness
  3. Feet fitted with the gospel of peace
  4. Shield of faith
  5. Helmet of salvation
  6. Sword of the Spirit, which is God's Word
18. According to Ephesians 6:18:
- a. When should we pray? At all times
  - b. How should we pray? In the Spirit
  - c. For whom should we pray? For all the saints (Christians)
19. (Ephesians 6:19-20) What does Paul ask the Ephesians to pray for on his behalf? That he would proclaim the gospel of the mystery fearlessly

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18**

REJOICE EVERMORE

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS: FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF  
GOD in CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU.

**THREE-FOLD DEDICATION**

1. A DEFINITE ACT -- Romans 12:1,2

**INITIAL PRESENTATION**

Did you mean it when you presented your body the first time? (*Note: This does not have to be repeated.*) The problem is that DEDICATION is ALSO:

2. A DAILY ATTITUDE -- Romans 6:11

**INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE**

Is your daily attitude and activity consistent with having presented your body for God's control?

3. A DEDICATED ACTIVITY -- Galatians 2:20

**INDWELLING PRESENCE**

It is not enough to have presented your body and to have a good daily attitude; if you do not allow Christ to live His life IN and THROUGH you, your dedication is NOT COMPLETE.

**“CHRIST LIVES IN ME”** - This is true of every believer.

**“CHRIST LIVES THROUGH ME”** - This is not true of every believer. This takes yielding and submitting to His control.

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