

NEW CHRISTIAN BASICS – Part Four: WATER BAPTISM, GENERATIONAL CURSES, BIBLE and PRAYER

BAPTISM IN WATER

After salvation you want to be water baptized as soon as possible. You can be baptized by anyone that is a Christian and really loves and serves Jesus Christ. When you are baptized you should be immersed fully in water, not sprinkled. Babies cannot be baptized because they don't understand about receiving or rejecting Jesus Christ. Baptizing a baby doesn't save him, being too young to make an informed decision about their salvation is what saves them. If they die as a baby or a young child not understanding about salvation, they will go to heaven. We serve a loving and fair God.

Jesus is our example in all we do in this life.



Matt.3:13-17 – Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad Him, saying, I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me? 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. 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. And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.

Colossians 2:10-12 – And ye are complete in Him, which is the Head of all principality and power (rule and authority): In Whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, Who hath raised Him from the dead.

Romans 6:3-6 – Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? 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. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

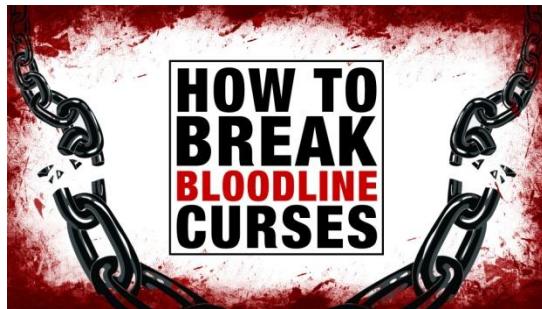
Matt.28:19 – Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:



We are all called to teach the gospel to others as well as to baptize others.

Acts 2:38 – Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

I don't think it is worth getting stressed out or arguing over what names to baptize in. God knows what you are doing.



BREAK OFF GENERATIONAL CURSES

When you get up from the altar or from kneeling before the Lord and receiving salvation, you are not free yet. You are saved but all has not been broken off of your life. You now need to address generational curses. That is the sins of your ancestors who did not repent and has now been placed upon you.

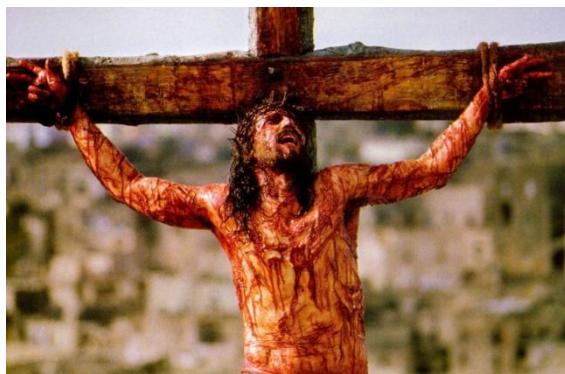
Numbers 14:18 - The LORD *is* longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation*.

The Bible gives us knowledge and so that we don't perish, God calls us to study His Word to know Him and know the truth to be set free. Just as the Bible tells us that Jesus paid the price and took all of our sickness on Himself so that we could be healed, we have to stand on God's Word to know that Jesus became a curse and took all of our curses on Him so that we could be blessed and set free from curses.

You have to know God's Word and apply it to your life and believe it to see it realized in your life.

John 8:31-32 - Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My word, *then* are ye My disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Gal.3:13 - Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:



Isaiah 53:4-5- Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

Never doubt that God wants you healed. Jesus took those stripes on His body to provide for your healing. Wait on the Lord and continually grow in your faith and watch your life be transformed.

I am including the links to a short message I did on generational curses. In this short message I share a lot of information I learned from talking with Pastor Erustus on the subject. I am also including a teaching I did on spiritual warfare in your home. That message is a foundational teaching for you to begin to look at the things in your home that are inviting satan in. It is called open doorways when you have things that do not please God and it gives satan a legal right to come into your life and cause havoc. It doesn't have to be obvious, it can be anger, marriage problems, financial difficulty, broken relationships, rebellious kids, etc. In that message things like occult objects, books, movies, jewelry, trinkets will be discussed.

Short Message on Generational Curses

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kBSR1M1iyA>

Spiritual Warfare in Your Home – how to clean up your house

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nq1JROfphOw&t=5467s>

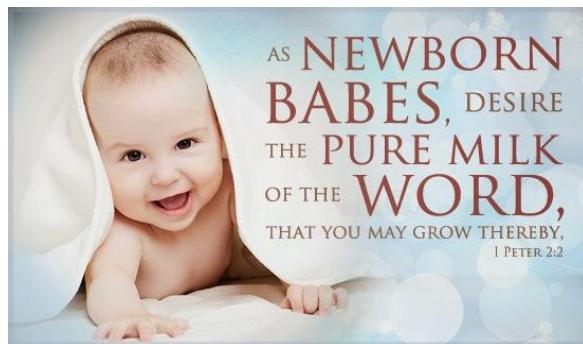
I am also providing a video link on how to pray to break off generational curses.

Prayer to break off generational curses

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4b1Q9xaMt4>

READ and STUDY GOD'S WORD

Pastor Erustus shared that all Christians are called to read, study and meditate on God's Word daily in order to grow and learn the truth. Just like a young baby craves for her mother's milk, there is need to crave for God's Word to be nourished spiritually.



Hosea 4:6 - My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to Me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

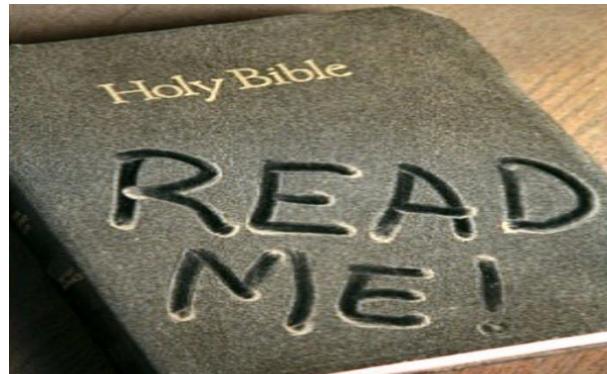
They rejected knowledge, why was that such a big deal?

Proverbs 1:7 - The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Have you heard that saying, "your mama didn't raise no fool"? Well, God doesn't want fools for children either. The Bible has nothing good to say about fools.

God's children are to reverence (fear) Him. And in so doing you begin to have knowledge. He is the source of knowledge.

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



Every time you read God's Word or listen to God's Word, ask Him to open your understanding. Ask Him to give you eyes to see and ears to hear what His Spirit is saying. The Holy Spirit is our Teacher. Seek more knowledge, wisdom, discernment, understanding and grace from Him. That is a prayer that is in His will and He will answer it.

People always say they want to hear God's voice. But when you tell them to read their Bibles they think that is a waste of time. He speaks to you through His Word. He is speaking to you when you read the Bible. They are His Words recorded for us to hear Him speak and get to know Him. No one has an excuse for not hearing His voice.

When the number of your days on this earth are finished, you will stand before a Holy God and be judged. He expects you to do the things He has asked of you in His Word. To know what He requires, you have to read His Word, His will for your life. He wrote it down for you. You don't want to come up short and be ashamed on that day of judgment.

PRAY



You can pray anywhere, any time of day.

You will not have a relationship with Jesus Christ or God the Father unless you pray. How do you get intimate with God or anyone? You talk and get to know each other. When you read God's Word, He speaks to you. When you pray, you speak to Him. Prayer doesn't have to be fancy or formal but it should be reverent. We serve a Holy God. Honor Him with your words.

Psalm 100:3-4 - Know ye that the LORD He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

When you pray, enter His gates with thanksgiving: Thank You Father for Jesus Christ, thank You for Your mercies, for Your grace, for Your Word, Your Spirit, my family, etc. and into His courts with praise: You are Sovereign, You are the One True and Living God, You are my Everything, You are All Powerful, All present, All seeing and All knowing, You are Glorious, Holy and Perfect etc.

Get into the habit of asking for forgiveness for sins daily and especially when you know you did something wrong. R E P E N T – stop the sin. You should now hate sin and it should not be your nature to want to sin. If you are struggling in an area, ask Jesus to help you, to set you free and deliver you.

John 14:13 - And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

CLOSING

Ephesians 6:18 – Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Pray for others, pray for your enemies, and pray for the lost, for those in leadership positions around the world and for militaries and for the sick. Pray what is laid on your heart.

1 Thess.5:17 - Pray without ceasing.

I used to think, there is no way I can do that. I can't go around praying all day long. I have to work, or eat or sleep etc. What this scripture means is just like we need water and food daily to live, we need prayer daily to stay intimate with Jesus Christ. Pray every day. Ask God to help you with your prayer life, ask Him to help you to pray the things that you need to be praying. Jesus taught the disciples to pray the Lord's prayer to the Father. That is always good to pray.



Be an example in teaching your children how to pray. And pray with them. Pray as a family and pray individually. Your family will be stronger spiritually when you do these things.

Three Hearts Church Teaching - "About Prayer"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gvxMb6ymztc>

Next week we will start off with group or corporate prayer.

PRAYER

Deliverance and Generational Curses

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kBSR1M1iyA>

Spiritual Warfare in Your House

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nq1JROfphOw&t=5467s>

Prayer to Break off Generational Curses

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