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(Mar/Apr 90) The Bible And Civil Law

Shows how God intended government to function in protecting the rights of law-abiding citizens while fairly punishing criminals in accordance with the seriousness of their crimes. It sets forth how and why there were no jails as we know them necessary in a godly society and how He provided for both restitution for victims and rehabilitation of criminals.

(Mar/Apr 91) Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow

Shows how the lordship of Jesus Christ in a Christian's personal life is his key to functioning in the Body of Christ and interacting profitably with other believers. When you know Jesus as Lord, you can learn from other Christians without making anyone else Lord in your life, and you can help others by following the path Jesus Christ blazed.

(May/Jun 91) The Joy Of Giving

Shows what the Old Testament tithing was, to whom it applied, how it worked and what was the heart behind giving in the Old Testament. The teaching then shows how the work of Jesus Christ completely nullified the necessity of tithing for the Church, and how today each Christian is to give cheerfully to his brethren in the Lord whatever he purposes in his heart.

(Sep/Oct 91) The Ministry Of Angels to Believers

Shows what angels are and that one of their basic functions is to help believers by providing protection and direction. Though a Christian has many supernatural enemies, he has more than twice as many supernatural friends, who can, when appropriate, come into concretion and look just like human beings.

(Nov/Dec 91) Everything You Wanted To Know About Fear, But Were Afraid To Ask

Suggests a biblical and practical definition of fear and shows that not all fear is to be feared, nor is a force that inexorably brings upon what you fear. The teaching categorizes fear as healthy or unhealthy and shows that the "fear" of God is very healthy because it results in obedience to Him, which is beneficial to you. Also shows how fear plays a large part in keeping people in religious bondage.

(Mar/Apr 92) The Kingdom Of God: Paradise Regained

This teaching shows that Paradise, not "heaven," is the ultimate destination for all those who ever believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. It shows that "the kingdom of God" is one of a number of synonymous phrases that refer primarily to the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ, as it foreshadows the new earth, which is Paradise regained, the anti-type of Genesis 1 and 2. This teaching will significantly crystallize what is for most Christians a very vague hope of what happens after the gathering together (or "Rapture") of the Church. It gives some of the biblical details of life in the new age to come, thereby helping you persevere in faith in this life.

(Sep/Oct 92) Grace Unto Works: The Christian's Rewards

This teaching begins by examining salvation by grace through faith (the new birth) as the only firm foundation for a Christian's subsequent works of service to the Lord. It shows that God's great grace includes even the Christian's future rewards for utilizing his God-given gift of holy spirit in this life. The more a Christian understands God's grace and love, the more diligently he will work to serve Him. The hope of reward is a biblically sound motivation for Christian service.

(Nov/Dec 92) A New Race For A New Age

This teaching focuses squarely on the most important issue in the whole Bible: Who is Jesus Christ? It shows why He is called a "seed" in the first verse that ever mentions Him and how it is He who will produce a new "Master Race" for the new age He will bring to pass.

(Jan/Feb 93) The "The Sons of God" Of Genesis Six

This teaching explains one of the first Satanic attacks on mankind to stop the promised "seed" of Genesis 3:15 from being born. Both prior to the Flood of Noah's time, and afterward, certain evil spirits violated a prohibition of God, took on human form and mated with women. These are the spirits currently "in prison." The result was genetic aberration called the Nephilim, which means "fallen ones." The truth regarding this subject is the key to understanding why God sent the Flood, and why He was so insistent that the people of Israel in Joshua's time kill every single living Canaanite, etc. Both of these things were completely consistent with God's nature of love and righteousness. It also shows that no matter how big the enemy, e.g., Goliath, (one of the Nephilim), a believer can triumph with the power of God.

(Mar/Apr 93) The Interpretation Of Tongues

This teaching shows that each person who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord receives from Him the gift of holy spirit, the very nature of God. Like a Swiss Army knife with a number of possible functions, the gift of holy spirit has nine manifestations, or ways it can be utilized. One of these manifestations is speaking in tongues, and another is the

interpretation of tongues. Never does God's Word call either of these "gifts," but rather "manifestations" of the one gift of holy spirit. The teaching explains why speaking in tongues is praise, worship and thanksgiving directed to God, and that thus the interpretation of tongues must, of course, be the same thing. The teaching concludes by showing you how developing a "praise vocabulary" makes you more adept at excelling in edifying the Body of Christ by speaking in tongues and interpreting in a Christian fellowship.

(May/Jun 93) Crazy About God

This teaching addresses the fundamental motivation in a Christian's life his love for God. It shows that one's love for God is the key to obeying Him, intimately knowing Him and His Son Jesus Christ and maximizing one's spiritual potential. It discusses how to grow (not "fall") in love with God and Jesus Christ. A pivotal point made in this teaching is that your love for God is directly proportional to your understanding of God's love for you. Another is that in order to know and love God, one must first know and love Jesus Christ, who alone makes known His Father. The teaching shows how one's relationship with Jesus Christ is the key to his relationship with others in the Body of Christ. It also encourages you to develop "iron-sharpening-iron" relationships with other Christians, your brethren in Christ, in order to fully develop your spiritual potential in serving the Lord.

(Sep/Oct 93) Let Us Pray

Certainly one of the most fundamental issues in Scripture is prayer. This teaching shows what prayer is and also sets forth the benefits of our prayer-for God, for ourselves, for our brethren in the Body of Christ and for those yet to believe in Him. It then centers on Jesus Christ as the example of how to pray, by looking at His prayer life as well as His teachings about prayer. The teaching shows how the fallacy that "God is totally in control of everything" greatly dilutes a Christian's prayer life, and shows that our prayers are, in fact, a catalyst for change, thereby making us part of "His-story."

(Nov/Dec 93) Let Us Praise

Throughout the Bible, God commands His people to praise Him. Why? This teaching suggests an answer to that question. It focuses on praise, worship and thanksgiving toward God as fundamental to a Christian's emotional, mental and spiritual health. It shows how praise helps to "pull down strongholds," both in our own minds and in the realm of spiritual warfare. It shows how praise can lead to a life full of joy by helping a Christian focus on God and the Lord Jesus Christ rather than on negative circumstances or his own human weaknesses. Praise God!

(Mar/Apr 94) A Biblical View Of Our Emotions

Many Christians are taught to ignore their emotions, or else categorize them as either "good" or "bad." From the biblical perspective, however, all emotions are valid, but they

must be evaluated on the basis of their intensity, duration and appropriateness. Where "religion" often leads people into bondage, denial and inappropriate emotional responses, the truth of God's Word sets us free to follow the example of our Savior and honestly and openly experience the full range of godly human emotions. This teaching will help you face your feelings and still govern your actions by the Word of God, which is exactly how Jesus Christ lived.

(May/Jun 94) Entrusting Yourself to God

This teaching asks you as a Christian to consider the depth to which the sin nature you inherited from the first Adam has infected your life. At the same time, it assures you from Scripture that the divine nature of the last Adam (Jesus Christ) gives you the ability to overcome whatever "giants" you may find in the "promised land" of your heart. It shows you how to recognize and deal with the ways in which your inherent human selfishness corrupts your ability to give and receive love. It will help you recognize and remove the "beam" from your own eye so you can help your brother remove the "speck" in his eye.

(Jul/Aug 94) The Art Of Forgiveness

This teaching contains information you can utilize for the rest of your life, because we live in a fallen world where sin plagues even the most mature Christian. Biblical forgiveness (not compromise) is an integral part of true love, and it is indispensable for spiritual, mental, emotional and physical health. You will see from Scripture that the key to you extending forgiveness (and thus the heart of Christ) to someone who wrongs you is your understanding of God's forgiveness of you in Christ. The teaching shows what forgiveness is, why we need to learn this art and how to practice it.

(Sep/Oct 94) The Manifestation Of Prophecy

Biblically, prophecy is speaking for God, energized by His holy spirit. In the Old Testament, prophesying was basically confined to those with the God-given office of a prophet, upon whom God had placed His spirit. Men such as Nathan spoke for God to give people direction, correction and information about God's will for their lives. Since the Day of Pentecost, everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord receives the gift of holy spirit, and with it the ability to prophesy. Several times in I Corinthians 14, God encourages *all Christians* to speak for Him via prophecy to edify, exhort and comfort their brethren. The same specific, personal guidance from a loving heavenly Father is available today just as it has always been. This teaching gives the Scriptural basis for personal prophecy today, a way by which the power of God can deeply touch His people.

(Nov/Dec 94) In Defense Of Obligation

Christian ethics, and how our present culture is straying from this standard. Because God commands, man has moral duties, which he ignores to his own peril. The concept of a moral ladder is described, which helps a person climb out of rebellion to be able to do the will of God with joy from the heart, which is the goal. Obligation and duty stand at the

threshold of temptation and obedience, and alert us to an opportunity to act, consistent with our commitments and promises.

(Jan/Feb 95) Living Between The Grave And The Glory

The thesis of this teaching is that only with the proper perspective of the *past* and the *future* can we truly maximize our spiritual potential in the *present*. The quality of our Christian lives (and our love) is directly proportional to how vivid is our faith in what Christ accomplished at the Cross, and our hope of what he will do at His Coming. Each of these elements is elaborated upon in relation to practical Christian living in a fallen world.

(Mar/Apr 95) The Last Week Of Christ's Life

Here is a masterful exposition of what the Word of God actually says about one of the most critical weeks in "His-story." Tradition has greatly distorted much of the beautiful truth about the events leading up to and including our Savior's death and resurrection, and this teaching should greatly enhance your love for the written Word of God in all its perfection. It should also increase your love for the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ.

(May/Jun 95) Nurturing Our Children

Taught by a doctor and his wife who are living in the crucible of raising four children, this teaching is full of very practical wisdom for parents. As a Father, God knows all about parenting, and His Word contains all the basic truth necessary about this critical-beyond-description aspect of life. Much of this truth is set forth in a humorous and down-to-earth manner.

(Sep/Oct 95) Justification By Faith

This tape shows that what Martin Luther proclaimed almost 500 years ago is still true. It examines the basic tenet of true Christianity-- that any man who believes in his heart that Jesus Christ is Lord is justified by that faith alone, independent of any good works on his part. Good works should be the fruit of a Christian understanding his salvation, but justification is by faith alone.

(Nov/Dec 95) Saved, Sealed, And Secure In Christ

Focusing on Ephesians, Chapter One, this sequel to *Justification By Faith* examines the permanence of a Christian's salvation via the new birth. Certain key Greek words and Roman customs in the Church Epistles are clearly expounded to show conclusively from Scripture that the Salvation of each Christian is indeed assured because of the finished work of Jesus Christ.

(Jan/Feb 96) A Biblical View Of Authority

This teaching takes the position that one's attitude toward authority is a vitally important factor in his spiritual growth and relationship with God. Believers are hurt and limited by both rebelliousness and subservience. The teaching provides a biblically balanced view of authority between the extremes of authoritarianism and anarchy, promoting an attitude of responsible submission to godly authority. Domains of this authority are identified, and the concept of authority is related to its companion concepts of responsibility and need.

(Mar/Apr 96) The Role Of Women In The Church

Women have often been excluded from teaching and leadership in the Church by people citing I Timothy 2:11ff, especially the phrase, "I do not permit a woman to teach." This teaching shows that the prevailing "understanding" of those verses is really a misunderstanding. Explaining the Gnostic heresy threatening the Church at that time, the teaching clearly sets forth the truth about this seldom-understood section, showing that the point of it is, in fact, that women should be encouraged to exercise their ministries in the Body of Christ.

(May/June 96) The Labyrinth Of The Heart: Passage To The Promised Land

Jeremiah 17:9 tells us that the heart of man is deceitful, and asks, "Who can know it?" For a Christian, the heart also contains great possibilities - a "promised land," if you will. But just as there were "giants" of wickedness in Israel's Promised Land, so each Christian must face and conquer the elements of his own sin nature. Our "Joshua" is the Lord Jesus. He knows the map, (God's Word) the land (our hearts), and the enemy (sin). He can, and will, lead you into the treasures of His love, and lead you out of yourself to bring those treasures to others.

(Jul/Aug 96) The Apostle Paul: Mindset, Martyrdom, And Mercy

This teaching is about how God picked Saul, the "Jew of Jews," to be the apostle (Paul) to the Gentiles. It shows how it took God about 25 years to get through Paul's Jewish skull the complete revelation of "the Mystery" as it is set forth in the book of Ephesians. During that time, Paul's zeal for his own people, Israel, led him into a piety that looked good but was contrary to the will of God. The teaching points out what Paul's going to Jerusalem may have cost the early Church. It then shows how God's grace and mercy abounded in Paul's life, and how after his repentance God blessed him in prison with the revelation of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and the pastoral epistles.

(Sep/Oct 96) The Mystery Revisited

To maximize his individual spiritual potential and to manifest the quality of life that God wants for His children, each Christian must understand the unique revelation that was "hidden" from other ages and generations and first given to the apostle Paul. This teaching on the Great Secret revealed to Paul goes into detail about how knowing "the

Secret" is the only way to resolve the many apparent contradictions between the Old Testament and the New Testament. It shows why the Church Epistles are the "meat" of the Word for Christians, and helps you determine what Old Testament revelation is still applicable to you today.

(Nov/Dec 96) There's Work To Be Done

One of the key truths in Scripture is the two elements of redemption: (1) *from* the bondage of sin and death, and (2) *unto* the freedom of serving in newness of life. As Christians, we are to work heartily for the Lord Jesus Christ, because it is He who has given us life. Our primary work, however, must be to become *one* with the Lord whom we serve. We must work "yoked with Him" or we will burn out. Passion for Jesus must be our chief motivation in serving people, and at His appearing He will reward us for our labor of love.

(Mar/Apr 97) The Ten Commandments

The New Testament teaching that Christians are not "under the Law" has often been misunderstood to the end that the directions given in the Old Testament have not been studied or applied. Although it is true that the Christian is not under the Levitical statutes pertaining to sacrifices, ritual cleansing, etc., the fact is that there are many laws of God written in the Old Testament that believers today need to obey. This teaching explains how the Christian can separate the laws that were "done away" in Christ from the ones still applicable. It gives special attention to the Ten Commandments and how they are to be applied today.

(Jul/Aug 97) Running For The Prize

What value is there in really working hard for the Lord and striving to obey Him? Why not just get saved and then do what's convenient and comfortable? This teaching clearly sets forth the difference between *salvation* and the *rewards* that Christ will give to those believers who have earned them. It also suggests what some of those rewards may be and teaches why the subject of future rewards is so misunderstood in most churches today. We believe it will help to motivate you to more diligently and enthusiastically walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Sep/Oct 97) Good News! Read All About It!

This teaching gives a detailed explanation of "the Gospel of Christ," relating the good news of Christ's victory over the tyrant, sin. It exhorts us to rejoice in the privilege of bearing this "good news" to those who are in need of salvation, and relates the credibility of the Scripture to the effective publishing of this good news. This news remains continually relevant in our ongoing battle against "the sin that dwells in us," enabling us to honestly face our sinful flesh in the light of God's acceptance and justification. This teaching shows how the concept of "good news" can help the believer separate truth from error, because false teachings are clearly not very good news at all.

(Nov/Dec 97) Defeating The Enemy Within

This teaching is for humans only. If you are in that category, the "statement of the problem" is most pertinent: "Something is wrong with me." This teaching shows that the problem is "the sin that dwells in us," and that the only solution on a daily basis is the Savior from sin, Jesus Christ. It biblically demonstrates the necessity for each Christian to recognize this internal enemy and allow his helplessness against it to drive him into the arms of the Lord Jesus. The Bible is the story of two Adams, and each Christian has those two Adams within him. This teaching will help you to be more like the Last Adam, Jesus Christ.

(Mar/Apr 98) A Matter Of Life And Death

This teaching encapsulates the material covered in our book titled *Is There Death After Life?* The issue of what happens to someone when he dies is one that has plagued the human heart since the dawn of man. The stark reality of death itself is so overwhelming to man that throughout the centuries theory upon theory about its aftermath has been propounded. Most of these deny the reality of death, and thus negate the glorious truth of resurrection life available only through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Understanding this truth will help you more greatly appreciate what he did at Calvary.

(May/Jun 98) Why The New Birth Is The Miracle Of Miracles

There is much confusion in Christian circles about all that happens in a person when he is born again. This inspirational teaching identifies and briefly expounds upon 24 biblical terms describing the New Birth and all that occurs in the believer at that one-time event: seed, adoption, inheritance, anointed, baptized, sealed, filled with the holy spirit, etc. In this teaching, these terms are likened to the spokes of a wheel, a powerful tool we use to carry heavy burdens. In the New Birth, God empowers us to carry the burdens of our own lives, as well as of those to whom we minister.

(Sep/Oct 98) Let's Not Keep The Secret A Secret

One of the most critical of all biblical subjects to understand is the secret set forth in Ephesians, that the Church of the Body of Christ is distinct from Israel and unique to this current biblical administration. But then how can Jesus speak to Nicodemus in John 3 about being born again, something that applies only to Christians in the Church administration? This teaching resolves that apparent contradiction caused by an error in translation, and shows from the Old Testament exactly what it was that Jesus expected Nicodemus to understand.

(Nov/Dec 98) Sanctification, Sin Nature and True Repentance

"Holiness" has become almost a buzzword among Christians today, and this teaching attempts to bring clarity to the whole subject. The relevant biblical term is "sanctification," which is the act of making holy, and which occurs at the time of the

New Birth. But sanctification is also a present process because of the sin nature that continues to dwell in us. The misconception that a Christian no longer has a sin nature is then refuted, which introduces the need for clear teaching on what constitutes true repentance. The fruits of true repentance are then identified, which enables us to know when we have genuinely turned away from sinful habits of belief and practice.

(May/Jun 99) Resisting Idolatry, Temptation and Deception

This tape is a very practical analysis of how idolatry is present in the life of a believer whenever we love and trust anything more than God. It also looks at the temptations of Jesus in terms of the basic ways Satan tempts all of us, and how to counteract each type of deception. His first step is to define our need for us, instead of our allowing the Word of God to do so. The second way is to create urgency for the need to be met immediately, instead of our waiting upon the Lord and worshiping Him. The third way is to tell us that that we can get away with disobeying God without consequences and lure us into unwise actions. But, armed against the lure of these deceptions, we are able to glorify God.

(Jul/Aug 99) Proverbs: Wisdom for All Ages

The book of Proverbs contains "wisdom for all ages." This includes wisdom for both the young and old, as well as wisdom that is applicable through time. This tape examines some of the structure of Proverbs, and shows that the famous section of chapter 31:1-31 is not speaking about a "virtuous woman," but is rather figurative language regarding "women" called "Wisdom and "Folly." It contains much practical advice on how to live a godly life.

(Sep/Oct 99) Discerning Good and Evil

This vitally important subject is given a comprehensive treatment, highlighting the believer's call to "hate evil" and "overcome evil with good." The believer's responsibility to educate his own conscience according to biblical ethical standards is clearly defined and shown to provide the basis for discerning both good and evil. The characteristics of evil and evil people are then gleaned from Scriptures, and these are contrasted to goodness and good people. In the process, it becomes apparent that evil stands in opposition to all that God is. This tape will empower the Christian believer to identify and root out the vestiges and influences of evil thinking and behavior so a more intimate relationship with the holy God and His righteous Son can result.

(Jan/Feb 00)"God Told Me to Do This Teaching," Part 1:Decision Making and the Will of God

This teaching explores the nature of God's interaction with the world, and critiques the traditional view that God micro-manages His creation, even as far as controlling the activities of every molecule. By properly emphasizing the biblical concepts of personal responsibility, accountability and moral freedom, the truth is revealed that God does not "control" His creation but has masterfully created a world in which creatures are free to

develop and relate to their environments in various ways. From this perspective of God's nature, evil becomes much more understandable, because it arises from the free choice of free beings outside of God's "control." The teaching then begins to show that a "wisdom model" is supported by scriptural language more than a "the personal guidance model."

(Mar/Apr 00) "God Told Me to Do This Teaching," Part 2: Decision Making and the Will of God

The second part of the teaching demonstrates that the perspective of Scripture is that God holds man accountable to make wise and moral decisions according to His Word, and does not routinely and personally direct the decisions of individuals. Many examples from the Old and New Testaments are cited to show that the language of Scripture highlights human choices and the reasoning processes that support them. The epistles of the Apostle Paul are shown to be "revelation with a human face," because of the many times that Paul reveals his motivations, intentions and goals. This teaching shows that it is the exception rather than the rule for biblical characters to say that "God told them" to do such and such, but the evidence for their being divinely inspired is derived from the godliness of their motivation and the deliverance that results from their actions.

(May/Jun 00) Understanding Prophecy

The manifestation of prophecy is very important to the Church, and that is why Satan has introduced much error and confusion about it to the end that many Christians want nothing to do with it. Prophecy is revelation in that it is what God reveals to someone in order for him to communicate to others. This teaching shows what Scripture says about it and how it is to be used properly.

(Jul/Aug 00) Life is Relationship

This teaching addresses the unbreakable connection between one's relationship with Jesus Christ and God and the relationship with the people in one's life. It shows why the first two commandments cannot be separated: Our love for God can be measured only by how we deal with people. It shows that recognizing our self-helplessness is the first step toward the goal of coming UNTO Christ, touching him and being made whole. In terms of successful human relationships, this is a very piercing, powerful and practical teaching.

(Sep/Oct 00) Christian Leadership: Living in Balance

This teaching takes a practical and insightful look at the leadership principles revealed in Titus 1:9 and Acts Chapter 6, when the apostles faced their first internal crisis. A segment of the Christian community was being neglected as a function of their rapid growth, and strategic delegation was the solution. The application of these principles to the ministry of CES is then explored, and with it the need for others with ministries to be recognized and given responsibility for the work generated by the accurate teaching of God's Word.

The concept of balance is then identified as a major component of healthy teaching, which is the essence of true Christian leadership according to Titus 1:9.

(Nov/Dec 00) Ordination

Because Scripture teaches that every Christian has a personal ministry, it does not support the concept of a distinction between a "clergy" and a "laity". Is there any purpose served, then, by an "ordination" of a Christian leader to set him apart for special recognition? As a beginning work on the subject, this teaching identifies the three "c's" that are prerequisite to biblical ordination: calling, character and commitment. The idea is also considered that some callings are more public than others, and therefore invite a public recognition by the Body of Christ. It is made clear that, biblically speaking, ordination or ordination prophecies by a group of elders are primarily for public recognition and confirmation of those who are already fully functioning in their ministry. This teaching also examines the biblical evidence that ordination may involve some kind of "activation" or "energizing" of a ministry in addition to simply recognizing it.

(Jan/Feb 01) Be Transformed! The Promise of a New Life in Christ

This teaching looks at both the promises and commandments in the New Testament that relate to becoming transformed from the "old man," which is corrupt, to the "new man," which is "created in righteousness and true holiness." Eight distinct stages in this transformation process are identified, and compared to the stages in the biological transformation of a caterpillar to a butterfly. The importance of the mind in this process is discussed, specifically the need to be conscious of our feelings, thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors. This teaching also investigates the biblical relationship between God's promises and His commandments, and shows that obedient behavior reveals true faith in God's promises.

******* The teachings below are also available on CD *******

(Mar/Apr 01) Reaching Out with the Love of God or Christianity: The Come as You Are Party

It is easy to see sin and problems in other people's lives, and it seems natural that the best way to help someone is to point out how he could change and be better. However, the wrong kind of "correction" can be counterproductive. Jesus Christ showed us how to reach out with the love of God. He loved both the sinners and the Pharisees who were around him. In so doing, he left us a model to follow and showed that the language of love is universal. He told three parables in Luke 15 that clearly show God's love for all people. This tape covers those parables and some other verses about reproof and correction that we as Christians should heed in order to best love one another as members of the Body of Christ.

(May/Jun 01) Role of Women in the Church - 2

Women have been excluded from teaching and leading in the Christian Church, historically and currently. I Timothy 2:11-15 has been used to support this stance. This teaching clarifies the meaning of these verses by exploring the Gnostic "myths" and "false doctrines," against which Paul was warning Timothy. Also in the teaching are some highlights of noted women in the Bible, and studies of Hebrew and Greek words which have been "watered down" in translation when applied to women. By Sue Carlson

(Jul/Aug 01) Establishing Healthy Boundaries

In this teaching John Schoenheit shows that Jesus Christ had boundaries in his dealings with mankind, and did not attempt to meet every need that people had. It also defines some boundaries in Christian leadership as evidenced by the apostle Paul when compared to the "super-apostles" of Corinth. Then Gary Theisen gives examples of healthy boundaries in the biological realm, in particular desma cells that have semi-permeable membranes that allow good things in but keep bad things out. He also applies this knowledge to marriage, and the way the husband is to love his wife.

(Sep/Oct 01) Overcoming Evil with Good: A Response to the Tragedy of September 11, 2001

Due to the terrorist bombings of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and with the continued threat on Americans worldwide, there has been an increased interest in whether or not what has happened is God's judgment on America and whether it is part of His plan or not. Also, there is confusion about how the United States should respond to the attack and the threats of continued violence. The opinions range from "nuke Afghanistan into a parking lot" to "do not respond at all because it will just result in more terror." This tape examines these issues from the Word of God and shows that God is not responsible in any way for terror or death. It also examines our proper biblical response to evil so that we can have a safe and free society. By John Schoenheit

(Nov/Dec 01) Increasing Faith in God's Provision and Protection

This teaching looks at the 3 P's of faith: trusting in God's *presence*, His *promises*, and His *power*. Psalm 91 and similar verses are examined to show that manifesting God's protection is relative to our obedience and trust in God as our refuge and protector. Three Biblical accounts are explored where believers stood with fearless integrity even when they were in doubt about whether God would deliver them from death. This teaching reminds us that risk cannot be eliminated from life in a fallen world, and even people of great faith died in obedience to God, looking to the Resurrection for the consummation of all of God's promises.

(Mar 02) New CES Board Members: Sharing and Discussion

This tape contains some of the discussion and sharing at the Leadership Team Meeting in September 2001 concerning the issue of the expansion of the CES Board of Directors. The process of consensus that was employed to determine who the new Board members would be is also discussed. Then Gary and Karen Theisen share their hearts to all the CES community. This tape is a must for all who want to better understand the heart of CES and its vision for the future.

(Apr 02) Ordination Ceremony

One year after John Schoenheit's bimonthly tape on ordination, CES held an ordination ceremony at the Leadership Team Meeting in September 2001. This tape captures the heart of Christian leadership, both doctrinally and practically, in the expounding of the Word of God by John Schoenheit, who officiated, and in the hearts of those ordained, who shared what ordination meant to them and then declared their commitment to the body of believers. Prophetic words were spoken over the individuals being ordained in accordance with Scripture. This tape clearly demonstrates what was explained in the September/October 2000 bimonthly tape, that ordination involves public recognition and confirmation of those who are already fully functioning in their ministries.

(May 02) The Joy and Rewards of Sexual Purity

Three dynamic women from the CES community team up to encourage the listeners to remain sexually pure, or to receive God's forgiveness and then make a new commitment to sexual purity. Nancy Berwid speaks of God's design for sexuality to be expressed in marriage, and shares her inspiring testimony about her experience of God restoring her to a place of purity after many years of disobedience to God's Word. Karen Theisen shares from her wealth of experience studying this subject biblically and teaching sexual abstinence to teenagers. Kathy Lunardini, an experienced public health nurse, then shares on sexually transmitted diseases (this part is graphic, and parental discretion is advised). Taken together, these sharings provide a powerful and persuasive package that will help anyone, but especially young people, get on the right track and glorify God with their God-designed bodies.

(Jun 02) Women: Man's View or God's View?

This sequel to *The Role of Women in the Church* (Mar/Apr '96) and *The Role of Women in the Church - 2* (May/June '01) clarifies 3 challenging sections of Scripture. First, it explains 1 Corinthians 11:1-16, which is a challenging section of Scripture about headship, men and women, and customs in a worship service. Second, it explains 1 Corinthians 14:33-35, which, as it is commonly translated, seems to indicate that women should not speak in a church service. Thirdly, it delves into the concepts of headship and submission of Ephesians 5:22-33. The teaching closes with an overview of Esther, a captivating woman whose courage saved the Israelites from destruction during their captivity in Persia. This teaching is a powerful encouragement to women who have

doubted God's calling because of false interpretations of difficult passages of Scripture.
By Sue Carlson

(Oct 02) Transformation: Becoming Like Christ

The Bible says that Christians are to be "imitators of God," and live a life of love as Jesus Christ did. Doing so requires us to get rid of anger, bitterness, and evil communication, and to purify our hearts. As many of us have learned, this is much easier said than done. How exactly are we to do it?

This teaching shows what the Word of God says about how to be transformed and become like Jesus Christ. The lynchpin of the teaching is that, as the Body of Christ, Christians are actually participating in the process of redemption, which is still ongoing. The world is still in a fallen state, in need of redemption, and the followers of Christ are now suffering in his stead in the outworking of this redemptive process.

The keys to dealing with the trials and tribulation of life are to recognize that we are suffering as our Lord and Savior did, to rejoice in the privilege we have to participate in his passion, and to know that we will be richly rewarded in Paradise for our labor of love today.

(Jan 03) Financial Stewardship - God's Heart Concerning Money And Possessions

What is God's heart concerning man's relationship to money and material possessions? If you've ever desired freedom in the area of finances and material possessions, this teaching is for you. Dan Gallagher develops the concept of Stewardship as the biblical balance between the Poverty and Prosperity extremes taught by some Christians. He also looks at the biblical concept of ownership and property rights. This most practical teaching sets forth nine principles of godly financial stewardship by which you can really get a handle on this critical area of life.

(Feb 03) Highlights from the 2002 Teen New Year's Conference

CES is a multifaceted ministry, with people of all ages and from all walks of life contributing to our unity and diversity. This tape contains highlights from Live Out Loud, the Teen New Year's Conference held in December, 2002. We trust that you will be inspired and encouraged as you listen to the hearts of our young people. They speak about many subjects pertinent not only to youth, but to all of us who seek to be more like Christ.

(Mar 03) Healthily Processing Anger

This teaching is about how to deal with our own anger in a healthy manner. It starts by taking a look at the myth that anger is always a sin. Biblically, there are two kinds of anger -- justified (like that which God and Jesus Christ display) and unjustified (like what

the Pharisees displayed). Anger is simply an emotion, but how we choose to relate to it determines whether or not it is sin. Ephesians 4:26 is examined to see the "how" of properly processing anger and channeling it into constructive behavior. The teaching also looks at the physiological, psychological, and spiritual prices we pay when we inappropriately deal with our anger. It concludes by showing godly strategies to deal with anger, focusing on Jesus' example of forgiveness ("Father, forgive them for they know not what they do"). By Karen Theisen

We recommend these other CES audio teaching tapes related to this subject: "A Biblical View of Our Emotions, Mar/Apr 94," and "The Art of Forgiveness, Jul/Aug 94" and our seminar "Growing Up in Christ, Part One: The Fruit of the Spirit - Developing the Character of Christ (12 hours with syllabus).

(Apr 03) The Ministry of Reconciliation: Making a Difference

This teaching by John Lynn defines the "ministry of reconciliation" committed to each and every Christian, and shows that it is much more than witnessing to a Buddhist on a bus stop. Drawing the analogy to how white blood cells in the human body go to help an injured part, it shows the healing power of relationships possible in the Body of Christ. Each Christian is called (and equipped) to help others reverse the behavioral effects of our sin nature and be more reconciled to God and to one another. Powerfully dissecting Matthew 18:15-20, it shows that, though it might be painful, godly "confrontation" is totally positive and is the indispensable hallmark of truly intimate relationships.

(Jun 03) Growth Begins in Truthfulness and the Power of Brokenness

Able representing the heart of the 2003 CES Conference on "Cultivating Wholeness," Nancy Berwid and John Lynn share openly about how their spiritual growth was greatly advanced by embracing a lifestyle of truthfulness and brokenness. Nancy models the way honesty can be liberating, and talks about how her self-deceptiveness worked against her healing and recognition of her ongoing need for a Savior. John then shares his struggle of finding the balance of godly self-esteem. He shows how the power of brokenness brings us to wholeness, as getting in touch with our failures and coming to grips with the sin that dwells in us can help us embrace our Savior's success and our righteousness in him.

(Sep 03) Self-Talk

In this most practical teaching given at Family Camp 2003, John Schoenheit shows the scriptural basis for thinking about what we are thinking about and then "talking" to ourselves about it, especially when what we are thinking is contradictory to God's Word and practically detrimental to our lives. Self-awareness based upon the Word of God ingrained in our hearts is essential for fruitful Christian living.

(Nov 03) The Heart of Servant Leadership

Highlights from the 2003 Servant/Leader Conference.

After Mark Graeser shares on his vision for the process of recognizing and ordaining elders in our ministry, Nancy Berwid shares poignantly and powerfully on her understanding and experience of the heart of servant leadership. Excerpts of Tom & Susan Resner's ordination ceremony follow, with many insights and principles that guide the Board in the decision to recognize individuals via ordination. Marc and Beverly DeLaBruere and Richard and Lynn VanDenBerghe then relate some of the principles and experiences that have been involved in their building local fellowship communities in their respective areas.

(Feb 04) Healthy Submission

Taught live at the CES Family Camp, this teaching looks at the biblical idea of "submission" and what that really means. Submission is often misunderstood as a hindrance to walking in liberty and self-fulfillment, especially in relation to the command to wives in Ephesians 5 (and elsewhere) to submit to their husbands. This teaching is a step toward greater understanding of God's heart for marriage, but also an exhortation to all in the Body of Christ to show their submission to the Lord Jesus by demonstrating appropriate submission to others in his Body. Each Christian is asked to submit to another as is appropriate under the lordship of Jesus Christ, even a husband to a wife when that is appropriate. This is not intended to be the definitive teaching on marriage, but is a step toward that understanding. It particularly emphasizes the importance of a husband's servant-leadership in his family, encouraging thereby a response of "healthy submission" without coercion or manipulation.

(Mar 04) Let's be real here!

That was the theme of the January 2004 Live Out Loud Teens & Twenties conference, and that's exactly what comes across in these teachings. All of them are done by Spirit & Truth teens and twenties and each of them will drive home the fact that the youth of Spirit & Truth are on fire for the Lord and are passionate about the Word of God and the freedom it brings in so many areas of life. We hope this teaching will give you a better understanding of just how serious the teens and twenties are about upholding the Word of God and living in its truths every day.

(Apr 04) Confessing Your Sin / 7 Keys To Reclaiming Balance

Greg and Linda Rogers team up dynamically to deliver a one-two punch on repentance, recognition of our need for others, and accountability in the Christian life. Linda looks at David's experience in the Bathsheba affair, and the way his brokenness before God without any justification or excuses allowed God's mercy to cover his sin. Greg gives seven practical keys to claiming or reclaiming balance in the Christian life, sharing a powerful incident that taught him that he had been uncomfortable accepting help from

others. Together, these teachings will encourage anyone who wants to live honestly before the Lord with a healthy recognition of both our weakness of the flesh and our need to rely on others for help in resisting temptation.

(May 04) What Jesus Christ is Doing For Us Today / What's Up With Our Websites

This is a most inspiring and informative teaching that will likely enhance your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ as you see from Scripture what he is currently doing for each member of his Body, the Church. As portrayed in God's Word, the exalted Lord Jesus is at the same time both awesome and personal. Although he is now the Lord of the universe, he is still for each Christian the same man we read about in the Gospels, a man of love, grace, mercy, and compassion. As he sets forth Jesus' current ministry, John Schoenheit clarifies some difficult verses in a most enlightening way.

Then Ryan Maher, the Webmaster for our two newest websites, presents a very exciting overview of how we are reaching out with the Word around the world via cyberspace. The statistics are amazing, and the feedback we are receiving is most encouraging.

(Jun 04) Getting the Secret Out: Sharing God's Word Effectively

One of the most rewarding aspects of Christianity is also one of the most challenging for many Christians. And that is "witnessing" to people--sharing the Good News about Jesus Christ and helping others understand the Word of God. Knowing what God's Word says about this, and putting it into practice, is incredibly liberating. Beside that, it helps people receive the gift of everlasting life and earns you rewards in Paradise. In this teaching, Nancy Berwid does a splendid job of setting forth practical keys to effectually speaking the truth in love. It's a winner!

(Jul 04) What is Holiness?

Holiness is not perfectionism, sinlessness, or self-centered religion. We think Oswald Chambers' definition is excellent: "a blazing truthfulness with regard to God's Word, and an amazing tenderness in regard to personal dealing." It has also been described as "the attribute of all attributes" of God, and is therefore indispensable in developing the character of God and Christ in our hearts. The phrase "perfecting holiness in the fear of God" from 2 Corinthians 7:1 is examined, as well as the kinds of behaviors and attitudes that will mirror the inward spiritual perfection and holiness that believers receive when they are sanctified by the gift of holy spirit. By Mark Graeser.

(Aug 04) On To Holiness

God has called His people to be holy, but what does that mean? How does one attain to holiness and live a holy life? This teaching by John Schoenheit gives a definition of holiness, and then gives practical steps to holy living. The right motivation is a big key. John explains holiness, and makes the point that holiness is not legalism, but rather

obedience to God's Word. The teaching focuses on building a holy heart, and then gives steps on how to do that and move forward to holiness.

(Sep 04) The Importance of Speaking in Tongues

Speaking in tongues is a subject of great interest among Christians, and many do so. However, many of those who do understand that God wants us to speak in tongues have not been sufficiently taught as to why it is so vital. Thus, they do it only sporadically. In contrast, the Apostle Paul, who is set forth as an example of what a Christian can be, wrote to the Church at Corinth that he spoke in tongues more than their entire church put together.

This teaching is primarily for people who already speak in tongues, and is an exhortation to do so as much as possible. It does not teach how to speak in tongues, but goes into detail as to why we should, setting forth the benefits and blessings of utilizing this magnificent manifestation of the spirit. By John Schoenheit.

(Oct 04) Trust: The Foundation of All Godly Relationship

Faith is a vital topic in Christian circles, and is apparently something almost everyone wishes he had more of. Faith is basically "trust," and this teaching breaks down the subject of trust by providing a practical exploration of its four components: character, competency, consistency, and cohesion. Starting with the first relationship He had with mankind, God has woven trust into the very fabric of all relationship, and we must understand its role in order to develop healthy and godly relationships.

This teaching will prompt you to examine yourself and consider the following questions: Are you generally a trusting or a distrusting person? Have you ever trusted when you shouldn't have or not trusted when you should have? Do you have relationships that you would like to see improve but are not sure where the problem is? Do you want to increase your trust in God, or have you ever considered whether God should trust you? Trust us, this teaching by Dan Gallagher will bless you.

(Dec 04) Love is Giving

Love. We think about it, talk about it, and sing about it, but do we really understand it? Biblical love, that is, genuine godly love, is not the love portrayed in many movies and songs. This teaching shows what true love is and how it is expressed. It looks at some Greek words showing the various aspects of love: *agape*, *phileo*, *eros*, and *storge*, and examines the difference between "love" and "like." Once we understand the biblical meaning of love, we can understand and apply such biblical directives as "love your enemies." By John Schoenheit.

(Jan 05) What is True Discipleship?

In one of the clearest, most concise teachings on discipleship you'll ever hear, Gary Theisen addresses the head, heart, and hands of the discipleship process. Because the Greek word "disciple" essentially means "learner," discipling is a process of educating and training believers to help them be more like Christ. Jesus is the Master, but we all need to be mentored by others who demonstrate mature faith and practice in the Lord, and we also need to be mentoring others in what we have learned. This teaching identifies a six-step biblical pattern for the delegation of authority that gives structure to the process of moving from new follower to mature and empowered disciple who acts in Christ's stead. Discussed in detail are the two aspects of discipleship--personal disciplines, and faithful doing for others.

(Feb 05) Discipling As a Body Working Together

Karen Theisen examines the role of the whole Body of Christ in the discipling process, highlighting the interaction of the "gift ministries" listed in Ephesians 4:11. The Apostle Paul is featured as a discipler who also needed discipling in the record of his fateful decision to go to Jerusalem, and the many ways that the Lord worked via the Body of Christ are identified. Mark Graeser then adds some more insight into the Ephesians 4 passage showing that all the ministries share the same goals: empowerment of the saints for the work of the ministry and raising them up to full maturity in Christ. This can only happen if the ministries are able to work together to provide the whole ministry of Christ, and this is set forth as a large part of the vision of Spirit & Truth Fellowship International.

(Mar 05) Highlights from Live Out Loud (Part 1)

This month's tape/CD features exciting excerpts from teachings at our 2005 Live Out Loud Teens & Twenties Conference in Augusta, MI. Here's the lineup: Billy Darr (What God Has Given Us), Kathy Lunardini (How to Stay Fired Up), Nate Graeser (Will You Answer the Call?), and Josh Anderson (Release from Bondage).

(Apr 05) Highlights of Live Out Loud - Part 2

This second tape/CD in the two-part set includes two powerful teachings from the 2005 Live Out Loud Teens & Twenties Conference that are sure to speak to your heart: John Schoenheit (Resolutions) and Ryan Maher (What Can You Give?).

(May 05) Slave to Sin - No More! And Open Your Heart

Have you ever felt like you were the only one who struggles with sin?

Well, you are not alone. In the first of this month's double-barreled presentation, Kathy Lunardini reveals some of her personal struggles with sin and how she decided to no longer ignore it and thereby allow it to continue to have mastery over her. Kathy is very

open and honest about her past denial of the sinful addictions in her life. This teaching is extremely practical and encouraging for anyone who no longer wants to be a "Slave to Sin."

Then Travis Williams from the Home Office shares on "Opening Your Heart," something he has had a great deal of difficulty doing since he lost his dear grandmother. Hear his heartfelt sharing on how he is overcoming the difficult situations life throws at us and what it takes to challenge ourselves to be all that the Lord has called us to be in this fallen world. Both of these teachings were recorded live at our West Coast conference on "Cultivating Wholeness."

(Jun 05) Failing Forward

There are many ways to be a winner, but there is really only one way to be a loser--to fail and then not look beyond the failure. This teaching examines the lives of some biblical characters who learned to "fail forward," establishing the biblical perspective we must adopt in order to turn the defeats of life into stepping-stones towards success. One of the greatest problems people have with failure is that they are too quick to judge isolated situations in their lives and label themselves as failures. This teaching powerfully identifies and explodes many myths we have been taught about failure, and provides practical steps we can all utilize as we learn to *fail forward*. This is a "must have" tape full of encouragement and tips for those who are stuck or feeling defeated in any area of their life, relationships, or walk with God.

(Jul 05) An Overview of the Sacred Secret

For ages and generations God kept a sacred secret so huge, and so wonderful, that had Satan known it he would not have crucified Jesus Christ. Today, in the Age of Grace, God has made known that secret to anyone who cares to read the Church Epistles carefully and understand what is written there. God has revealed that the "sacred secret" makes known God's wisdom and is for our glory.. In fact, it is so glorious that Scripture says that in comparison to the Sacred Secret, the Law had "no glory." It involves the New Birth, permanent salvation, and the indwelling of holy spirit, which is sealed in each believer and guarantees him or her a glorious future in a body that is like Christ's glorious body.. It also involves the One Body of Christ, equality among believers, and identification with Christ. This tape is a "must" for anyone wanting to know what he or she has in Christ today.

(Oct 05) The Benefits of "Thanks-Living"

This tape provides a powerful new perspective on the subject of thankfulness. We know that we are to be thankful but have you ever considered the benefits flowing from an "attitude of gratitude"? Not only are there many benefits, there are many negative consequences when we don't live this way.

This is a two-part teaching by Dan Gallagher and John Schoenheit. Dan's teaching establishes from the Word of God the psychosomatic (mind-body) relationship, demonstrating how negative emotions and thoughts powerfully affect the body, and how thankful thoughts are the antidote prescribed for us by God. Dan also shows the clear connection between thankfulness and joy. John follows by exhibiting that God *commands* us to be thankful and illustrating that it is something that does not come naturally because we live in a fallen world and beset by many things that can make us un-thankful. You'll be thankful you heard this wonderful teaching.

(Nov 05) Job: The Righteous Sufferer

Since the Fall of Adam and Eve, every person on earth has endured pain and suffering in his life. Some of this is due to Satan and his demons, some to the fallen nature of the world, some to the sin of others, and some is due to our own sin and ignorance. The great lesson of the book of Job is that despite the condition of our life at the moment, we can still worship God. The book of Job shows that God is not the cause of our problems, and that He deserves our praise and worship no matter what hardship we are going through.

Job also comforts us by showing us that there is such a thing as a righteous sufferer, one who does not deserve to suffer but is suffering nevertheless. Job's friends believed that people did not suffer unless they deserved it, and openly vilified him. Job refuted their belief, and was vindicated by God, who said "...to Eliphaz the Temanite, 'My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me what is right as My servant Job has'" (Job 42:7b). In spite of the lesson of Job, many religious people still believe the same thing Job's "friends" believed. Nevertheless, the book of Job is clear that people suffer without deserving it.

This teaching by John Schoenheit gives an overview of the book of Job, with a detailed explanation of the first few chapters, and highlights throughout the rest of the book.

(Jan 06) Live Out Loud 2006, Part One

This month features the youth of our fellowship community, with teachings recorded live at the 2006 Live Out Loud Teens & Twenties Conference. We think you will find their zeal and enthusiasm for God's Word encouraging as well as contagious. The theme for the conference was "Culture Exposed; God's Plan Revealed," and although we couldn't put all the teachers on this tape, we think the three we have chosen will bless you. You will hear: Ryan Maher ("Gossip"), Matthew Johnson ("Whom or What Do You Worship?"), and Colin Stark ("Courage").

(Feb 06) Live Out Loud 2006, Part Two

This is Part Two of teachings from the 2006 Live Out Loud Teens & Twenties Conference. The three teachers (with the titles of their teachings) are: Shawn Mercer ("The Failure of Idols"), Natalie Lawrence ("Lilies in a World of Thorns"), and Kristen Burke ("Spiritual Success vs. Worldly Success").

(Mar 06) The Balance of Truth and Love: Valuing Right Doctrine and Right Relationships

Knowing what the Bible says, and believing it, is indispensable for healthy living. However, too many Christians who know a lot of the Bible relate to that knowledge in such a way that instead of their knowledge helping them become more like Christ, that is, more loving, kind, and compassionate toward others, the “truth” that they know causes them to separate from others. They find it difficult to be in meaningful relationships with others who do not believe like they do.

This teaching shows that Jesus had both truth and a deep love for others—and the sinners, prostitutes, and tax collectors felt his love and wanted to be around him. Right doctrine did not separate Jesus Christ from sinners and those in the wrong, so why should we be different? This teaching sets forth some keys about how to enter into relationships with those who do not believe as you do.

(May 06) Healing: God’s Gift of Mercy and Grace

In Christianity today there are many questions surrounding the subject of physical healing. Have you ever asked, “Is healing available today, and if so what provisions, if any, has God made for our healing?” Or, “What are the factors that affect healing, what role does faith play, and why don’t we see more healing in the Church today.” How about, “Why are there so many different ways that healings occur in the bible,” or, “What must I do to receive the healing I need?”

In this teaching, Dan Gallagher answers these questions, and more, by providing key insights and foundational understandings that affect every Christian's ability to receive the healing that God desires for them. Understanding the material presented will provide you with a solid doctrinal understanding of healing, resulting in an increase in your faith and the faith of those to whom you minister. Learn that healing is not “prescriptive,” and that there is an interrelation among physical, emotional, spiritual, and moral healing. If healing is something you desire for your self or others, this is a teaching you will not want to miss.

(Jun 06) Understanding Healing in its Biblical Context

In light of the vast amount of sickness in the world today, everyone realizes how wonderful it is to be healthy, but for many people physical healing continues to be a misunderstood subject, with much confusion about who gets healed and why.

This teaching focuses on three areas of the biblical culture that relate to healing: (1) the prevailing patron-client social relationship in the New Testament; (2) the idiom that helps explain 1 Peter 2:24 (“by his wounds you have been healed”); (3) the “Lord’s Supper,” (aka the “communion” service), which is sometimes thought to be a kind of healing ceremony. Understanding these things helps us better understand how those in the

biblical culture related to healing, and how we too can best take advantage of God's goodness in this category.

(Jul 06) A New Perspective on the Manifestations of the Holy Spirit

God is the heavenly Father of each Christian, and He encourages us to talk with Him. Furthermore, every Christian should expect God to reply with information and direction, which are known biblically as "a message and knowledge" and "a message of wisdom" (1 Cor. 12:8). Furthermore, every Christian is encouraged to speak in tongues, interpret, and prophesy (1 Cor. 14:1-5). Yet, 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 contains confusing wording, a quick reading of which makes it seem like Christians can manifest only one of the nine manifestations. This teaching explains the manifestations of the spirit, confirms from Scripture that each person can manifest all of them, and explains why 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 uses the phrase "to one...to another," which has caused confusion in the Church.

(Sep 06) The Conditional Nature of Prophecy

Prophecy is one of the powerful manifestations of the gift of holy spirit, and is evidenced throughout Scripture, beginning in Genesis. Although prophecies have been spoken and written for years, this vital manifestation is often misunderstood. Many Christians do not know that most prophecies are conditional in nature, even if they are not spoken as such. Though spoken as if a future event will absolutely happen, prophecy is often a warning, pointing to what will happen if people do not change. We see these truths as this teaching examines the record in Jeremiah 18, in which God sends Jeremiah to a potter's house with a word from God to Israel. It then gives examples from Scripture that show the conditional nature of prophecy.

(Jan 07) Keys to Godly Communication

This very practical teaching will empower you with the understanding you need to communicate better with others, especially in times of conflict. When in conflict we always need to ask ourselves if we are really obeying God's Word; this teaching will illuminate the many verses on this important topic. Keys to better communication emerge for staying connected and reconciling relationships. As God has a big stake in good communication as a part of loving one another, so the Devil has an investment in disrupting communication as a part of his plan to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10).

Our Communication Agreement is explained and expounded, with a strong exhortation to the people in our community to live according to these principles. Giving grace and the benefit of the doubt, and seeking to understand more than to be understood are just two important keys to better communication. This teaching can change your life and greatly improve your relationships, whether in conflict or not.

(Feb 07) Jesus Christ Our Approach Offering

Even a casual reading of the Old Testament indicates that God did not seem very accessible to the believers living then. This became very clear once the Tabernacle was

built in the weeks after the Israelites' exodus from Egypt. Although it gave people a place to worship God, it also clearly kept them apart from Him. High curtains separated the people even from the courtyard where offerings were burned to God. Only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies, where God dwelled between the cherubim, and even he got to go in only one day a year.

He took so much incense that even if the place was well lighted (which it certainly was not) he could not see anything anyway. When the Israelites did come to God, they were to bring an offering, which the Hebrew text of Leviticus calls "an approach offering." One of the great works of Jesus Christ was to remove all the distance between God and the people and give each believer welcome access into the very presence of God. This teaching goes into some detail on the setup and operation of the Tabernacle, explains the offerings in Leviticus, and then expounds important verses in the book of Hebrews that pertain to the work of Christ.

(Mar 07) The Passover: A Sacrifice of Grace

The New Testament tells us that Jesus Christ is our Passover lamb. What should that mean to us as Christians today? What was the Passover, and how do we make it applicable in our lives? This tape by John Schoenheit goes into the book of Exodus and covers some of the more important verses referring to the Passover celebration, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the death of the firstborn of Egypt, and why Israel had to put blood on their door posts. It also shows how the Passover foreshadowed Jesus Christ, and how we can learn from his sacrifice and live sacrificial lives ourselves.

(Apr 07) A Community of Grace: Five Steps on the Path of Grace

God tells us that we are to use the gifts of grace we have received from Him to serve one another (1 Pet. 4:10). In this teaching, Dan Gallagher explores the concept of a community of grace, that is, a community where there is great favor, excessive kindness, and goodwill toward others. He identifies five steps we must take to become people of grace who can thus make up a community of grace. We trust you will find it inspiring, and possibly even self-convicting, as Dan explores the five steps of tying the tongue, controlling our thoughts (specifically toward others), practicing forgiveness, pursuing humility, and living love. God tells us that we are not to receive His grace in vain (2 Cor. 6:1), and this teaching will give you practical steps toward becoming a person of grace.

(May 07) Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani (My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?)

Jesus' words from the cross, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani," have confused Bible students for years. Sadly, many of them think that Jesus either was, or thought he was, forsaken by God. In this teaching, John Schoenheit sets forth the real reason why Jesus spoke those powerful words: he was quoting from Psalm 22, and thus pointing people to the clearest portrayal of the crucifixion in Scripture. With his dying breaths, Jesus was trying to tell Israel, and the world, that he was the Messiah, so that they could be saved through believing in him. What an amazing display of stamina, concentration, courage, and love!

(Jun 07) The Heart of Evangelism

Who among us is not thankful to know that he or she is saved, and glad to forever be a part of life in a world that will be far, far better than this life. The second great commandment Jesus Christ gave is to love your neighbor as you love yourself, and there are few things as loving as helping an unsaved person make a decision to be saved and live forever.

This teaching focuses on evangelism, that is, telling others about Jesus Christ. It shows from Scripture that God tells Christians to evangelize, shares some ways to do so, and emphasizes that evangelism is an act of love that flows out of a heart of compassion.

(Jul 07) Forgive One Another

When you are in relationship with someone, two things are: sooner or later he or she will do something that offends you, and you will do something that offends him or her. Jesus was very clear when he told his disciples they would be recognized by their love for one another (John 13:35), and forgiveness is certainly one of the primary ways to express love.

In this teaching, Dan Gallagher explores the consequences of unforgiveness, and some biblical records of forgiveness. He also considers what genuine forgiveness is, what it is not, and takes a detailed look at the process of forgiveness. The teaching concludes by answering some frequently asked questions about forgiveness. It will help any Christian who desires to walk in the footsteps of their Lord.

(Aug 07) Hezekiah—A Man of Action

One way God teaches us is by setting forth in His Word the lives of men and women from whom we can learn both what to do and what not to do in life. Hezekiah is one such man. There are seven chapters in the books of Kings and Chronicles about his life, more than almost any other king. Hezekiah had some magnificent and godly qualities, and also made some serious mistakes.

This teaching focuses on Hezekiah's godly character and highlights principles he exemplified that made him one of the greatest kings Judah ever had. We too can learn and practice those principles in our lives. By John Schoenheit.

(Sep 07) Truth Matters: Part One - Truth Seekers

Truth Matters

We believe that there is such a thing as absolute truth. We also believe that the very concept of absolute truth is under attack. Truth Matters is a series of teachings in which we will examine the existence of truth, seek to discover what truth is, and learn what it means to walk in the light of truth.

Introduction

As we enter the 21st century, the concept of truth is more and more under attack. Douglass Grothius states clearly in his book, Truth Decay, that “Truth Decay is the cultural condition in which the very idea of an absolute, objective and universal truth is considered implausible, held in open contempt or not even seriously considered.” In this introductory teaching, Dan Gallagher uses practical examples to powerfully communicate our need to explore both the role of truth and the impact of error in our everyday lives. Dan sets forth an overview of this teaching series and begins with the foundational need to be a truth seeker.

Part One: Truth Seekers

This teaching, Truth Seekers, explores in detail what it means to be a truth seeker, the value of truth, the price one must be willing to pay for truth, and the qualities that are common to all truth seekers. The listener will also thrill to learn how available it is to find and know the truth, and discover the relationship between wisdom and truth. The study concludes with a few examples of genuine truth seekers and why truth appears to be hidden, yet easy to find. By Dan Gallagher.

(Oct 07) Take up the Armor of God

As Christians living for the Lord, each of us should recognize that we are in a spiritual battle, and do what it takes to stand in the fight day after day, week after week, month after month, and year after year throughout our lifetime. In this regard, Ephesians 6:10-17 is an exceptionally pertinent section of Scripture, wherein God compares the armor of a Roman soldier to the spiritual armor each Christian must put on if he is to stand for a lifetime. This teaching, which is both enlightening and inspiring, exposit those key verses. By John Schoenheit.

(Nov 07) Mary, the Mother of Jesus: Defining True Greatness

This teaching is about Mary, the mother of Jesus. It covers many aspects of her life and character that show she was a truly great woman of God. Her family pedigree was exalted and spotless. She was born into spiritual royalty because she was a descendant of David through his son Solomon and down through the kings of Judah, including such greats as Asa, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, and Josiah.

Mary was a woman of faith, courage, humility, praise, and prayer. She was a good wife and mother, and an exemplary disciple of Christ. Nevertheless, Mary often is not given the recognition she deserves, and that is primarily due to all the fanciful things that have been taught about her, such as that she was a “perpetual virgin,” or that she answers prayers and dispenses grace. These unbiblical things tend to make the average Protestant Christian avoid studying her life, which is sad, because she was an awesome believer. We can learn a lot from the woman who was chosen by God to bear His only begotten Son. By John Schoenheit.

(Dec 07) What is the Church?

Every Sunday around the world, and most especially in the western world, millions of Christians “go to church.” Dan Gallagher and John Schoenheit team up in this conversational presentation to explode the traditional definition of a “church” by showing that a church is anywhere two or three people gather in the name of Christ. The way Christianity has developed in America and many other nations, with "mega-churches" of ten thousand or more Christians, the home church, or simple church, might seem like a second-class citizen, and perhaps not even a "real church."

A worldwide move of God concerning the way the saints gather, which many refer to as the Simple Church movement, has exploded on the global scene. As traditional churches decline in attendance, the Simple Church movement is experiencing a growth rate in excess of 1000 percent. While recognizing the value and role the traditional Legacy Churches play, Dan and John also explore in detail the problems created when there is too much reliance on large congregational gatherings.

The Simple Church movement is resulting in mass evangelism and a tremendous increase in discipleship. John and Dan discuss the reasons for this and the many benefits associated with small group meetings, while at the same time recognizing the difficulties common to most Simple Churches. The evidence is quite clear that when it comes to making strong and effective disciples for Christ, the Home Churches, or Simple Churches, are way ahead of the bigger churches.

This teaching is a must for anyone who desires to oversee or participate in a Simple Church, House Church, cell-group, or fellowship.

(Jan 08) Truth Matters (parts 2 & 3)

The Characteristics of Truth

One’s search for a diamond would be fruitless if he didn’t know its characteristics. In the same way, the clearer we are about the characteristics of truth, the more certain we will be able to determine when it is present and when it is not. In this teaching, Dan Gallagher explores the six basic characteristics of truth: absolute, correspondent, coherent, universal, exclusive, and objective. Developing our understanding of these qualities increases our ability to understand and recognize truth, which in turn helps us gain a clearer understanding about God, His Word, His Son, and life itself, and also helps us communicate truth to those around us. This teaching is a must for all serious truth seekers

How Truth is Revealed

Although it is popular today to believe there are many truths, this is contrary to the very nature of truth. The biblical view of truth begins with the presupposition that God is true, and is the source of truth. The question then is: How does God communicate truth to mankind? In this teaching, Dan Gallagher reviews the four ways that answer this question: words, reason (wisdom), experience, and tradition. Through the years, many people have recognized these ways, but have not kept them in proper balance, placing too

much emphasis on one area while neglecting the others. By revealing truth through multiple means, God has designed a wonderful system of checks and balances. Understanding how truth is revealed will increase our ability to know, hold, and practice the truth in a healthy way.

(Feb 08) Our Guarantee of Salvation

For centuries, a debate has raged in Christendom as to whether or not a Christian can lose his salvation. In this teaching, John Schoenheit examines scriptures from the Old Testament, Gospels, and the Epistles to the Christian Church, showing that from the moment one is born again of God's spirit, he has the absolute guarantee of salvation. There is no way a Christian can become "unsaved." John thoroughly covers the subject by examining verses concerning such things as the new birth, spiritual seed, the new nature, being a new creation, being sealed by God, being a citizen of heaven, being a part of the Body of Christ, and more. By John Schoenheit.

(Mar 08) Stand, Even When You Do Not Understand

Life often brings trials and tragedies that we just do not understand. Too often, Christians facing such adversity lose their excitement for God, and their commitment to Christianity weakens. Many stop going to church or fellowship, stop praying, stop reading the Bible, and become negative about God and life in general.

The Bible is clear that things will happen that we do not understand, but we never abandon what we do understand in the face of what we don't understand. God's Word directs us to stand on what we know, no matter what is going on around us. Joshua Anderson takes us into the lives of some of the great people in the Bible who lived through difficult times, showing that despite great trials, we can stand for God, even when we do not understand everything about the situation.

(Apr 08) The Transformed Life

Each of us knows what it is to decide to do something but then not have the will power to do it. The Bible makes a distinction between the "mind" and the "heart," and when the two are conflicted, the heart wins. Therefore, if we are going to live godly and powerful Christian lives, the key is having a pure heart. The only way to transform the heart is to renew the mind, for the mind is the gateway to the heart.

This teaching discusses the importance of transforming the heart by renewing the mind, which is to bring one's thoughts up to a new level of godliness.

(May 08) Mature in Christ

In the first-century Church, God reprovved His people for remaining "babes," not moving past the elementary teachings of Christ (Heb. 5: 12). Is it possible that one of the reasons we today do not see more of God's power demonstrated is that many of God's people are guilty of the same thing? What does it mean to be "mature in Christ"? In this teaching,

Dan Gallagher shows that God not only wants His people to be saved, but desires them to grow up to spiritual adulthood.

You will learn about two characteristics of spiritual maturity, fruitfulness and discernment, and see the role sound doctrine plays in each. This teaching identifies the two primary reasons we do not see more maturity in the Church today. It will not only challenge you, but will also do much to encourage and exhort you in your pursuit of spiritual maturity.

(Jun 08) The Example of Elisha

Having an example to follow is a big help to all of us. That point is especially well made in the poem, "Sermons We See," by Edgar Guest, which opens: "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day." In that regard, the prophet Elisha was a great example to Jesus Christ, for whom the Old Testament was written. Both Jesus and Elisha came after an "Elijah" (John the Baptist was figuratively called "Elijah"). Elisha means, "My God is Savior," while Yeshua (the Hebrew of Jesus) means, "My Yahweh is salvation."

Like Jesus, Elisha was a powerful man of God, but not in a worldly way. He never was king, never built a city or Temple, never conquered an enemy army, nor wrote any books. Like Jesus, he defined his greatness by his relationship with his God. Setting a powerful example of faith, Elisha parted the Jordan River, multiplied food, healed a leper, made the "blind" to see, raised the dead, did various miracles, and finally, even in his death, gave life to the dead. As well as being an example to Jesus, Elisha's example challenges us to be an example to others.

(Jul 08) Nehemiah: A Man of Vision

No one ever achieves anything of great importance without first having great vision, and Nehemiah was certainly a man of great vision and great accomplishment. In this teaching, Dan Gallagher explores six steps involved in accomplishing a godly vision by examining the record of Nehemiah rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem. Many people are not satisfied with their life, but do not have a clear vision of what they want or how to get there. This hard-hitting and practical teaching gives keys and principles on how to acquire, and accomplish, a vision for your life. We believe you will find this teaching inspiring and challenging as you consider the uniqueness of your own life, God's vision for you, and Spirit & Truth Fellowship's vision of building "*An Enduring Work of Truth.*"

(Aug 08) The Fruit of the Spirit

It is said that your character is who you are when no one is looking at you. Jesus Christ exemplified godly character, and every Christian should aspire to being like him. In the phrase, "fruit of the spirit," the spirit is the new nature that is born inside us when we are saved, and the fruit is the character traits of Jesus Christ, who was loving, joyful,

peaceful, etc. This teaching covers what it takes to be like Christ, and briefly discusses each of the fruit of the spirit. For further study visit TruthOrTradition.com/fruit.

(Sep 08) Death and Resurrection to Life (Parts 1 & 2)

It is commonly believed that when a person dies, only his body dies, while his soul (or spirit) goes to heaven or to a place of torment. The first two presentations in our new seminar, "Death and Resurrection to Life," presented in this monthly teaching, set the backdrop for understanding from Scripture why so many people of all faiths believe that the soul lives on after the body dies.

This teaching covers the great conflict between God, who told Adam he would die if he disobeyed, and Satan, who told Eve she would not die. It examines many of the reasons why Satan is so invested in promoting the lie that life continues after a person dies, and it covers what the Bible says happens to the body, the soul, and the spirit when a person dies. Woven throughout this teaching is the truth that although the dead are totally without life, God will one day raise them, and believers will get new, everlasting bodies.

(Oct 08) Tactics of the Enemy

God's admonition in Scripture that we not be ignorant of Satan's (the Devil's) devices is very timely, especially in light of the worldwide rise of many demonic activities. One does not have to look far to see the increasing proliferation of wizardry, witchcraft, occultism, promiscuity, criminality, murder and mayhem, and the list goes on and on. If Christians are ever going to stand effectively in the spiritual battle, we must increase our knowledge of the tactics of the Devil.

You will be amazed to see how many truths concerning the enemy, his methods, and his tactics, are revealed in Proverbs 7, especially when you consider that it was written over 3,000 years ago. In this teaching Dan Gallagher closely examines how God colorfully reveals the enemy's methods through the use of a story about an ignorant wayward youth and a cunning adulterous woman. You will see the battle of the senses exposed, the devil's powerful use of words, and the parallels between physical and spiritual disease (ignorance, exposure, contamination, infection, and death). This teaching clearly displays the enemy's methodical use of rebellion and rejection, his appeal to ego and self, and his concealment behind religious behavior. It is a lesson in wisdom concerning the enemy and his tactics and God's answer for our defense. We exhort you to add this teaching to your spiritual arsenal.

(Nov 08) The Birth of Christ

The Christmas story about the birth of our Savior is deeply embedded in people's minds, and supported by years of teachings, songs, pictures, "living manger scenes," and so forth. Tradition teaches us that Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem the night she gave birth, only to find that the local inn was full and no one in the village had room for them.

So they found a place of shelter in a local stable and Mary gave birth alone and unsupported, except by her husband and some barn animals.

In this teaching, John Schoenheit gives a much more accurate account of the birth of Christ, one supported both by Scripture and biblical custom. Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem a number of days before the birth of Jesus, and were taken into the home of a local family whose guestroom was full. The family brought the couple into their own living quarters, and Mary gave birth in the house of a loving family, with support from the women of the family and likely even the village midwife, just as any woman in that culture would have done. Understanding the Christmas story this way is not only biblically accurate, but shows a lot more of the "Christmas spirit" than does a village that would not open their homes or their hearts to a couple in need.

(Dec 08) Fundamentals of Being a Disciple

We are all familiar with "fundamentals," things that are foundational to success in what we are doing. The fundamentals of math include addition and subtraction. The fundamentals of football include blocking and tackling. There are also fundamentals in the day-to-day practice of the Christian faith.

These include spending time in the Word of God in reading and study; praying; being involved in Christian fellowship; giving to others in various ways; and sharing our faith with others. In this teaching, John Schoenheit covers these five fundamentals of being a disciple, teaching about them and showing why they are important and why we need to be doing all of them on a regular basis.

(Jan 09) Building an Enduring Work of Truth

History demonstrates that great achievement is often preceded by great vision, and the clearer a person's or organization's vision, the more likely they will achieve it. Jesus made it clear that everyone is building something all the time. The questions we need to ask ourselves are:

- What are we building?
- Are we building on the right foundation?
- What is the quality of our work?
- Will it endure?

In this teaching Dan Gallagher explores in detail the scriptural basis for Spirit and Truth Fellowship's vision, which is Building an Enduring Work of Truth. In doing so, he demonstrates how this vision is applicable to individuals as well. We believe you will be both inspired and challenged as you see how you can build an enduring work of truth in your own life.

(Feb 09) Walking with Wisdom

Like any journey, when we come to a crossroad in life we need to determine which way to go. Life is filled with choices, many of which are critical and can affect our lives in significant ways. As Christians, we should seek to please God and do His will. However, it often seems that when we come to a crossroad, we fail to receive clear instructions from God on what choice we should make. Many times God has already answered our question by directing us to gain wisdom. God tells us that wisdom is supreme, and that through wisdom we will be able to discern the answer to many of life's problems.

In this teaching, Dan Gallagher demonstrates through the life of King Solomon that we will not be able to walk in wisdom year after year unless we have godly character. Wisdom may show us the right path, but it is our character that enables us to walk forward on it. This is why God is never as invested in our gifts and talents as He is in our character. We highly recommend this teaching to everyone who desires growth and good fruit in their lives.

(Mar 09) Living From the Heart of God

The Church Epistles clearly state that Christians are not under the Law, and that salvation is obtained by faith in Jesus Christ, not by keeping the Law. Yet anyone who diligently reads the Church Epistles will see that some of the Ten Commandments are quoted in the Church Epistles, many of the same commands God gave in the Law are stated in some form in the Epistles, and even most of the points Jesus made in the Sermon on the Mount are also made in the Epistles. If Christians are not under the Law, why does so much of the Law seem to be repeated in the Epistles?

(Apr 09) Prayer Matters / How the Devil has Derailed Christian Prayer

God wants Christians to pray. He urges, even commands us over and over, to pray. We are to pray throughout the day about everything that is happening around us. "Be...faithful in prayer" (Rom. 12:12); "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests" (Eph. 6:18); "...in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Phil. 4:6); "Devote yourselves to prayer..." (Col. 4:2); "Pray continually" (1 Thess. 5:17). God has given us these clear commands, so how did it happen that the average Christian may only pray before a meal, or in an emergency or difficult situation, or perhaps to start a meeting?

In this teaching, John Schoenheit examines how the doctrine that "God is in control" and "everything that happens is God's will" has undermined prayer. The earth is a war zone, and when we pray we participate in the spiritual battle. Our prayers speak into existence the legal permission for God to act in our lives. Prayer takes time and energy, but it is vital if we are going to live blessed lives, so let's get started immediately in praying throughout the day.

(May 09) Convicted, but not Condemned: How to respond to sin in a godly manner |

Everyone's life is filled with lots of choices to make. Unfortunately, we often make the wrong choice, which can range from a simple misstep to serious sin. No matter what type of error we make, God has laid out a path that leads us from those times of darkness back to His light. In this teaching, Dan Gallagher explores the roles of reproof, remorse (godly sorrow or worldly sorrow), and repentance, and teaches about their relationship to living in the redemptive reality that God has called us to.

Dan explains the differences between the judicial (legal) and the emotional concepts of conviction and condemnation, and sets forth the biblical understanding of freedom, liberty, and character. When we improperly relate to our sin we move toward one of two extremes, having a seared conscience on the one hand (hardheartedness), or hopelessness (condemnation) on the other. When we are convicted of our wrongdoing without being condemned, we are able to grow past our mistakes both emotionally and spiritually, and live in the full light of God's high calling.

(Jun 09) Character Counts

Far too often Christians fail to understand the significant role a person's character plays in life both now, and as the basis for rewards at the Judgment. God is so concerned about our character that he has filled His Word with character instructions and lessons.

In this teaching Dan Gallagher and John Schoenheit together define character, demonstrate its value, and show why God is concerned about our character. They also illustrate that everyone's character is under their control, and if we do not like the way we are, we can change. Every Christian has a gifting given by God, but God does not reward us because of our gifts. He rewards us based on what we have done with our gifts, which will depend on our character. In closing, John and Dan provide 4 powerful steps to evaluating and changing our character.

(Jul 09) The Condition of Our Heart

The Parable of the Sower of Luke 8 is considered by many to be one of the most well known and perhaps the most important parable Jesus spoke. Generally this parable is approached from the perspective of evangelism. However, in this teaching, Mike Patten explores its meaning and how it relates to the hearts of all men. Jesus often spoke in parables, and for us, just like the disciples, "the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God" will be revealed to those who aggressively inquire of Jesus. The parable includes a stern warning to "consider carefully how you listen," as Jesus reveals four conditions of the heart; the hard-hearted, half-hearted, shallow-hearted, and good-hearted. This teaching concludes with an exhortation to all that the "noble and good-hearted who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering, produce a crop."

(Aug 09) Gifts of Grace (Romans 12)

God tells us that each of us should use whatever gift he or she has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace (1 Peter 4:10). Gaining a greater understanding of our personal gifts should help us to be more effective in administering God's grace to the rest of the Body of Christ.

Traditionally, much focus has been placed upon the equipping ministries of Ephesians 4:11 (the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher). In this teaching Dan Gallagher provides new insights and a fresh perspective on the various gifts listed in Romans 12 (the Perceiver, Server, Teacher, Encourager, Giver, Leader, and Mercy Giver). We believe you will enjoy learning about the characteristics, strengths and weaknesses of each of these gifts, and possibly learn some new insights about your own gifts of grace.

(Sep 09) Is Everything That Happens God's Will?

Many people believe that "God is in control" of things on earth today, and that everything that happens is His will. However, that is not what the Bible actually says and furthermore, it makes God out to be very unloving and unfair. In this teaching John Schoenheit explains what he means when he says that God is not in control as he shows from Scripture that what God wants often does not happen. The Devil has a lot of control, and people can defy and disobey God's will. Although the doctrine that God is in control is comforting to many people and therefore popular, we believe the truth declared in this teaching will help set people free from the harmful effects of this popular Christian misunderstanding.

(Oct 09) What is Going on in Heaven?

If you are like most people, you have pictured heaven as a peaceful and restful place. Certainly it must be a wonderful place, but it is probably not like we imagine it to be. Do you think it is a tranquil place where angels strum on harps all day and God rules from His throne surrounded by His messengers? In this teaching John Schoenheit opens the Word of God and examines the scriptures which say that the "whole creation," not just earth, is groaning in pain. John also teaches on verses which say that the Devil is often in the presence of God, accusing the brothers day and night.

John shows that Satan still has access to heaven, and that Scripture reveals that heaven is at times like a courtroom, where the Devil is making fiery accusations before God, while Jesus Christ is making passionate intercession for the believers. We believe this teaching will add a greater dimension to your understanding of the nature of the spiritual battle, and magnify your appreciation for what Jesus Christ is doing for us now.

(Nov 09) The Giver and the Gift: A Study of the Holy Spirit

The doctrine of the Trinity teaches that "the Holy Spirit" is the Third Person in the Godhead. This has led to people misreading and misunderstanding many Scriptures about the wonderful gift of God, the holy spirit. This teaching, "The Giver and the Gift," shows that because God is holy and God is spirit, one of the names for God is "the Holy Spirit." Similarly, God is a solid foundation and place of shelter so one of His names is "the Rock" (Ps. 28:1). No one thinks there is another God called "Rock," so everyone knows that is just another name for God, and people should understand the same thing about God when He is called "the Holy Spirit." When God gave gifts to mankind, one of the gifts He gave was the gift of His very nature, which is holy and spirit, and therefore called "holy spirit."

Because both God the Giver and the gift God gives have the same name, they are often confused. After differentiating between the Giver and the gift, this teaching shows that the holy spirit God gave in Old Testament times was different from the gift of holy spirit He gives to Christians. The gift is still holy and still spirit, so the name is the same, but a study of its characteristics shows that it is a different gift. If we are going to understand the Bible, and what God has done for us as Christians, it is vital that we understand what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit, both the Giver and the gift.

(Dec 09) Giving and Tithing

The Christian world is very confused about giving and tithing. Many Christians believe that God commands them to tithe, and some believe that if a person does not tithe he will be cursed by God. This causes guilt, shame, and even fear among Christians who do not tithe. In this teaching, John Schoenheit opens the Word of God and shows that, while each person should give generously, Christians are not commanded to tithe. The Word of God shows that the tithe was instituted by God as a part of the Mosaic Law, so that the Levites and Priests, who could not own land, would be provided for.

Before the Law God did not command a tithe, and the command to tithe ended when the Church started, just like the Temple, sacrifices, and priestly system ended. However, the Word of God says that Christians should give their very lives as living sacrifices and that certainly includes giving; giving time, material goods, and money. Although some people's situation may be such that they cannot give ten percent to the work of God, many people can and should give more than that. This teaching not only covers giving and tithing, but also provides biblical information about what to give and where Christians should give.

(Jan 10) Let's Get Together!

God tells us in the book of Hebrews that we should "consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Heb. 10:24). Then in the immediate context He adds in verse 25, "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing...." We believe you will be inspired by this teaching as Dan Gallagher spurs us to

consider three fundamental aspects of why we should meet: to reach the lost of the world for Christ, to raise up to maturity those who come to him, and to develop greater relationships and connections with others in the Body of Christ.

Dan also discusses various meeting models (the small home church setting and the larger congregational meetings), as well as provides insight into how to reach others through your various spheres of influence. This teaching is a great encouragement to get connected to others in the Body of Christ.