

LIFE TOGETHER
at
CHRIST THE ROCK FELLOWSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Why should I take this class?

First Purpose - Establish common foundation - Unity of the House

I Cor 3:3-6:

3 *For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?*

4 *For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?*

5 *Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?*

6 *I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.*

Matt 7:25-26:

25 *And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.*

26 *And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:*

All agree:

I Cor 1:10

10 *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

House divided cannot stand:

Matt 12:25

25 *And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:*

BASIC RULE OF DOCTRINAL AGREEMENT

"In things essential, unity. In other things, freedom. In ALL things, LOVE."

Second Purpose - Stability of the Believer:

Eph 4:13-14

13 *Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*
14 *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

The purpose of the Church, and the five-fold ministry, is to establish believers on the foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ; then to establish them as effective ministers (workers - good works/God Works) of the LORD.

Third Purpose - Walk together in Fellowship and Purpose:

Amos 3:2-3

3 *Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*

- For those who are new Christians:
 1. To establish basic doctrines we hold together.
 2. To learn what it means to become a part of a church family.
- For those coming from other Churches:
 1. Confirmation of what you already understand.
 2. Leaving behind differing doctrines that would be divisive or confusing.
 3. Moving on in the Lord.
- For Everyone in the Come Together Class:

A time for you to receive affirmation from the Lord on your desire to become a confirmed member of Christ the Rock Fellowship and to understand the nature of that commitment.

Col 3:12-14

12 *Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;*
13 *Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.*
14 *And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.*

Key verse: Romans 10:9-10: *If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.*

I. Who is He? (God or Man?)

John 10: 30

30 *I and my Father are one.*

John 10:38

38 *But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.*

John 10:36

36 *Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?*

How we know He was the Son of God:

1. He forgave sins:

Mark 2:1-10

1 *And again he entered into Capernaum, after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house.*

2 *And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.*

3 *And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.*

4 *And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.*

5 *When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.*

6 *But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,*

7 *Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?*

8 *And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?*

- 9 *Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?*
10 *But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)*

2. He received worship:

John 20:24-29

- 24 *But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.*
25 *The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.*
26 *And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.*
27 *Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.*
28 *And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.*
29 *Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*

Matt 16:16

- 16 *And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

Matt 28:17

- 17 *And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.*

II. The God of the Old Testament (of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) is the God of the New Testament (The Alpha and The Omega)

A. Some of the Old Testament names that reveal the Nature and Being of God (Exodus 3:14):

Jehovah-Tsiskenu - Jehovah our righteousness
Jehovah-M'Kaddesh - Jehovah who sanctifies
Jehovah-Shalom - Jehovah is peace
Jehovah-Shammah - Jehovah is there
Jehovah-Rophe - Jehovah heals
Jehovah-Jireh - Jehovah's provision shall be seen
Jehovah-Nissi - Jehovah my banner

Jehovah-Rohi - Jehovah my shepherd

B. Some of the characteristics which Jesus confessed:

I am the Bread of Life
I am the Living Water
I am the Way
I am the Truth
I am the Life
I am the Light of the world
I am the Vine, you are the branches
I am the Resurrection and the Life
I am the Good Shepherd

C. Jesus is God:

John 1:14

14 *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

John 10: 30

30 *I and my Father are one.*

D. No other God but one:

John 14:10

10 *Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.*

1 Cor 8:4-6

4 *As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.*

5 *For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)*

6 *But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord*

Ephesians 4:6

6 *One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

1 Tim 2:5

5 *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*

I Jn 5:7

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

III. The Son of Man

A. His humanity is demonstrated by his human responses:

Heb 5:7-9

7 *Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;*

8 *Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;*

9 *And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;*

1. Disgust - Mark 9:19

19 *He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him unto me.*

2. Fatigue - John 4:6

6 *Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.*

3. Hunger - Mark 2:15

15 *And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.*

4. Anger - Mark 11:15-17

15 *And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;*

16 *And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.*

17 *And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.*

B. He literally became man:

Col. 2:9

9 *For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.*

Phil 2:5-7

5 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*

6 *Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*

7 *But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*

2 Cor 8:9

9 *For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.*

Phil 2:8

8 *And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

IV. What Jesus Has Done For Us

A. He Came to save us from our sins:

Matt 1:21

21 *And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. (NKJ)*

What is sin? Separation from God. Anything we do, say or think which is contrary to the will and holy nature of God.

Rom 3:23

23 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

I John 3:8

8 *He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

B. His death paid in full the penalty for our sins:

John 19:30

30 *When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.*

- C. His shed blood is our atonement.** Def. - To save from judgment by satisfying the righteous demands of God's holy wrath against sin (i.e. to cover our guilt with His mercy.)

John 10:15

15 *As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.*

Rom 5:11

11 *And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.*

- D. His obedience obtained for us reconciliation to the Father:**
(*Reconcile - to re-establish relationship by restoring righteousness.*)

Romans 5:10

10 *For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

2 Cor 5:18-21

18 *And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;*

19 *To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*

20 *Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

- E. Redemption - The glorious transfer of our sins to Him and of His righteousness to us**

1 Pet 1:18-19

18 *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;*

19 *But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

I John 3:5

5 *And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.*

Isaiah 53:6

6 *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

2 Cor 5:21

21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

V. Jesus is to be Lord of our life and the measure of what is true.

A. Confess Jesus as Lord:

Phil 2:9-11

9 *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:*

10 *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*

11 *And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Romans 14:9

9 *For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.*

B. Test the spirits for truth:

I John 2:22-23

22 *Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.*

23 *Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.*