

# FOUNDATIONAL BIBLE STUDY



## Do I Need a Church?

By now, hopefully you've figured out that becoming a Christian means a lot more than just saying a few words and then going on about your life doing the same things you've always done. God has made us some promises, including eternal life in His presence, but He has some expectations of us as well. In very simple terms, salvation means accepting Jesus as the Lord (Master) of your life. It means you believe He died on the cross to pay for your sins and He rose from death to conquer death and to intercede on your behalf to God the Father.

In short, He died for you and now He expects you to live for Him.

Let's look at that thought for just a moment: Please read the following scriptures and then in your own words, briefly write what they mean to you.

### **2 Corinthians 5:15**

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### **1 Thessalonians 5:10**

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### **Galatians 2:20**

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So, if God expects us to live for Him and if we have given Him control of our life, just how do we go about learning what God's will is? Let's look at that. Please read the following scriptures and fill in the blanks.

**Matthew 26:41** - "Watch and \_\_\_\_\_ so that you will not fall into \_\_\_\_\_. The spirit is willing, but the body is \_\_\_\_\_."

**James 5:13** - "Is any \_\_\_\_\_ in trouble? He should \_\_\_\_\_. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise."

Based on these scriptures, one way to know God's will is to \_\_\_\_\_.

Now let's look at a few more scriptures. Please read these verses and fill in the blanks.

**Matthew 22:29** - "Jesus replied, "You are in \_\_\_\_\_ because you do not know the \_\_\_\_\_ or the power of God."

**Romans 15:4** - "For everything that was \_\_\_\_\_ in the past was \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ us, so that through endurance and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ we might have hope."

Based on these Scriptures, another way to know God's will is to read the \_\_\_\_\_.

Let's look at one more way to understand God's plan for you.

Please read the following scriptures and fill in the blanks.

**Matthew 5:2** - "and he began to \_\_\_\_\_ them, saying:"

**Colossians 3:16** - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you \_\_\_\_\_ and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

**Psalms 107:32** - "Let them exalt him in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the people and praise him in the council of the elders."

**Matthew 18:20** - "For where two or three \_\_\_\_\_ in my name, there am I with them."

**Hebrews 10:25** - "Let us not give up \_\_\_\_\_, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Based on these Scriptures we can clearly see the need to be taught. We see the scriptural command to assemble or come together and we see the promise that when we do come together, God will be there with us.

As you seek to become the person God desires you to become, it is critical that you understand your need to be taught and to spend time with other believers. If you haven't already, please pray and ask God to help you find a church. Ask God to direct you, and then start visiting local Christian churches. Be certain they teach only from the Bible and believe, as you do, that the only way to Heaven is through Jesus Christ. You will know when you have found the right place. Committing to a local church is one way to please God and one of the most important things you can do as you attempt to walk out the commitment you made when you accepted Christ.

**Suggestion: Please pick a verse that spoke something to you and memorize it.**