

## **BIBLE**

Over the past 200 years archaeology has brought to light not only the location of many biblical cities, and the chronology of their kings, but has also provided a glimpse into daily life during Old Testament times as numerous ancient languages have been decoded and thousands of texts translated. Archaeology now relies heavily on the biblical text for clues as to the location of cities and the date of kings, kingdoms, and significant battles. Archaeology confirms rather than disproves the statements of Scripture.

## **CHURCH**

What is the church and who is the head of the church? (Ephesians 1:22-23, Colossians 1:17-18)

- Jesus Christ is the head of the church
- The church is the body of Christ (all believers are the church)

What does the church do? (Matthew 28:18-20, Ephesians 3:10 & 21, 1 Peter 2:5, Revelation 1:6)

- Train followers of Christ (disciple, promote holiness & sanctification)

How does the church accomplish its mission? (Matthew 18:15-17, Acts 2:41-42 & 47, Romans 12:10, 15:14, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:9 & 16, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 1 Peter 2:2)

- Study and apply Scripture
- Encourage the “one-another’s”
- Promote the spiritual disciplines
- Discipline sinning believers
- Follow the lead of the Holy Spirit

What is the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the church? (John 14:15-18 & 23-27, 16:7-15, Acts 1:4-5, Romans 12:4-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-30 & 14:12, Ephesians 4:11-16, Titus 2:11-14, 1 Peter 4:10-11)

- Give spiritual power for obeying Christ
- Provide spiritual power for discipling
- Give special gifts (abilities) to build up the church
- Motivate believers to serve and worship God

## **CONCLUSIONS**

- Christ is the head of the church (all believers)
- The Holy Spirit motivates and leads each believer
- The church cannot function without the Holy Spirit and His gifts
- The church teaches and trains believers in Spirit-led obedience
- Sanctification takes place in the church

## HOMEWORK

- **Memorize:** 1 Corinthians 12:7
- **Read:** Revelation chapters 2 and 3 (ignore the symbolism)
- **Answer the following questions:**
  - What were the churches doing that Jesus liked?
  - How were they able to do the things that Jesus liked?
  - What were the churches doing that Jesus did not like?
  - What were the churches told to do in order to change?
- **Consider the following:**
  - How important is it for a believer to join a local church?
  - Are paid staffs the only people who can make a church run well?
  - Can a church function if only a few members use their spiritual gifts?
  - Who suffers if believers don't use their spiritual gifts?

**Memory Verse:** 1 Corinthians 12:7 (1124) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.

**Memory Hint:** Pray daily that God and His Holy Spirit would aide you in memorizing God's Word. Pray for wisdom and understanding. Pray for obedience that you would apply His Word to your life.