

## Essentials Matter—Part I - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Acts 17:32-29, as Paul talked to the Athenians, what did he observe (v22)? How would you define religion (v22-23) and how does this contrast to God's approach (v24-25, 26-27, 29)?	
5. Based on 1 Timothy 6:13-16 list the characteristics of God (v13, 15, 16) and what you think these mean. What do these characteristics show that God deserves (v17)?	
6. How do these 3 passages—2 Cor 13:14, Matt 28:20, and Is 48:16 show that God is three persons but one nature? Why does this matter? As	
7. From Rom 1:18-20 and Ps 19:1-2 how has God revealed Himself? What other two ways has He been revealed (2 Tim 3:16, John 1:14)?	
8. Based on Colossians 1:13-20 what is Jesus like and what has He done? Add to this list by looking at Hebrews 1:1-5. How does this impact you?	
9. According to Phil 2:5-11 what was Jesus' humanity like (v5-8) and what is the result (v9-11)? Who did He claim to be as a Jew (Mark 14:61-63)?	
10. In John 17:1-3 what did Jesus come to do for mankind? How did He do this (1 Pet 3:18) and what is He doing now for us (Heb 7:24-28)?	
11. Using Rom 8:9-11 who is the Holy Spirit (v9-10) and what does He do (v11)? What are some of His other roles (Rom 8:14-17; John 3:6-	
12. From 1 Cor 12:7-11 what are the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to the church? What else does He do for every Christian (1 Cor 12:13) and what should the result be (1 Cor 12:12-13)?	

### Scripture to Remember

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the Word of Truth."

**1 Timothy 2:15 (NASV)**

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### Life Group Questions—Under Construction (Acts 2:1-13)

*(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Share with your group about some dramatic event—like a fire, burglary, disaster, etc— that has happened in your life. How has that affected you?
2. Read Acts 2:1-13. What phenomena occurred and when? Who was there (v1) and what did they do (v4)?
3. Talk about the significance of each of these—the day of Pentecost, the violent wind, tongues of fire on their heads, and speaking in other tongues.
4. Discuss the reaction to this event in Jerusalem (v5-7). How does this reaction reveal some of the reason why God might have done this? How can we apply this?
5. Describe what this manifestation of tongues actually was (v8-11). What was the content (v11) and how does this show the purpose of this supernatural event?
6. What were the ongoing reactions to this occurrence (v12-13) and what can we learn from this? Along the same lines, have you ever had (or do you have) anything going on in your life that has created an open door for sharing Christ? How did you respond?
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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## Essentials Matter—Part I



**Jesus' one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.**

### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

The famous quote, "In essentials unity, in non-essentials diversity, in all things charity" is attributed to Augustine who wrote it over 1500 years ago. This quote provides the framework as we begin a six week study of New Testament Christianity as it is applied here at Celebration Fellowship. In the first week the essentials upon which we must agree are what the Bible says about itself and creation, as well as the Trinity, God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. That's a lot of ground to cover but each is vitally essential as a truth upon which to build the Christian life. The Bible is God's Word, inerrant and infallible. It is not a collection of fables, but a true revelation of the heart and mind of God. He breathed His words into human authors so that man would have

an authoritative and sufficient guide for his life. He protected the transmission of the Bible through human hands so that we could know His nature and works. He first revealed Himself in the world He created, but revealed Himself in a special way by His written word. Finally, God's ultimate revelation was His Son who was sent to be God's Word in the flesh. The invisible God has made Himself known as immortal, holy, and infinite in every way; yet, He is accessible to mankind because He is also loving, faithful, compassionate and just. He created all things for His glory, not of necessity, but for His pleasure. He is complete in Himself, eternally co-existing as God in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The eternal Son became Jesus in the

flesh, verifiably presenting Himself both as the Jewish Messiah and the Savior of the world. Through His death and resurrection He offers eternal life to all who believe in Him and intercedes for them before God. The Holy Spirit is the agent of the new birth, and is God, always present in and with His people. He empowers, convicts and bears fruit through them, enabling them to bless the world and one another. He also gives special abilities to His people to accomplish God's work here. In summary these are some of the truths that show that essentials matter.

## Study Questions for Essentials Matter—Part I

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Read 2 Tim 3:14-17. What do the Scriptures provide for us (v15) and how did they originate (v16)? What 4 things does the Bible do for us (v16) and what is the result (v17)?</p>	
<p>2. Using 2 Pet 1:16-21 explain the process of how God's written Word came to be (v16, 20-21). What is Scripture not a product of (v16, 21) and why is this important?</p>	
<p>3. According to Jude 1:3-4 what scriptures should be in the Bible? How does 1 Cor 11:2 add to this idea?</p>	

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