

Romans 8:31

“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”



[Acts 19](#) [Hebrews 5: 11-6:2](#)

Week 6: Aug.15

Chapter 19 The Basics
of the Right-side up
Church/Upside Down
world Church Part 3-
What Then...

Hurricane Henri Edition

Week 7: Right Side up
Basics 101 part 3

WEEK 1: In God's Right-side up Kingdom soylent Green- Hint-It's people!

WEEK 2: We reshape people with God's Mirror- His word, Not hammers.

WEEK 3: Ground has to be broken up- via Suffering to get nutrients.

WEEK 4: Teaching the truth of what is right side up via the Spirit not ego
(Smoking Doctors)

Week 5: The 101 Course of Christ- the Basics. Eternal Judgement.

Week 6: I am a Christian- I am learning the basics- Now what?

Week 7: (This Week) What does the Future hold for us as Christians
and how do we get there through the struggles? REMEMBER GOD IS
IN CONTROL and ROMANS 8:28- He works all things for our Good.

Why are the Basics so important? **THEY HELP US JOIN IN THE STORY...**
They give us the muscle memory for when times get tough and we begin
to doubt- Ourselves, Others, God.

Tough times lead to Triggers, Triggers lead to Thoughts, Thoughts lead to
Elephant/ Flesh actions.
Doubt leads to Questions.

What answers/Sources to you have for yourself and others?

Acts 19 has Primarily 4 parts that Address the BASICS

I. What/Who is the Holy Spirit Apollos? (vs 1-7)

Basics- Belief, Picking a side, Baptism & Holy Spirit

II. Paul Preaches and some people reject the message (vs 8-12)

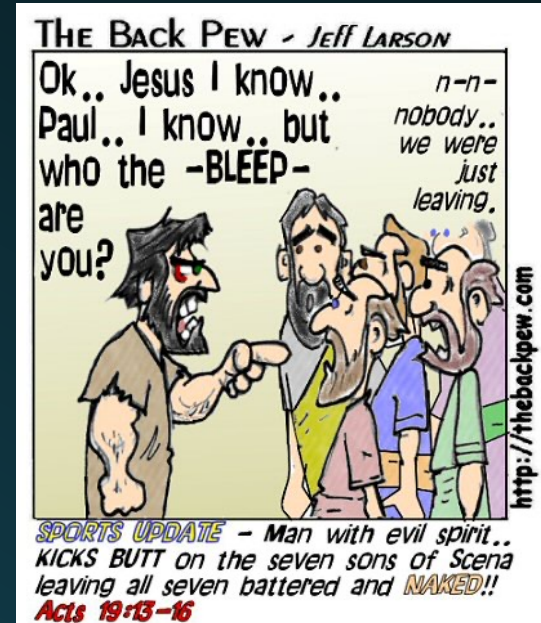
Basics- Teaches for 2 years the Basics, Uses his gifts (miracles, etc.)

III. Seven Sons of Sceva (possibly a Chief priest) (vs 13-20)

Basics-Know Jesus for yourself, works won't work, Pick a side as seen in what you are willing to give up, Does Satan know your name? God does...

IV. The Blow up (vs. 21-31)

Basics- Suffering is part of our normal experience- See and respect everyone as potentially part of God's kingdom.





Paul's missionary Journey is
A truth Journey for **ALL** the
World!

They had all of the basics they needed
after 2 years of teaching to Ace the
tests God would send them, and
when they messed up, God would
encourage and correct them as well

Basics: WHAT IS Repentance?

1. We often think of repentance as
turning away from a sin or sins...
2. REPENTANCE IS CHANGING ONE'S
MIND ABOUT WHO JESUS IS TO YOU!
3. Actions are proof that the
Transformation has taken place by
faith in one's mind Romans 12:1
4. Again it is picking a King!

The Basics 101-the Finished Work of Jesus

Rebellion, Repentance and Restoration... The
story of the Bible.

1. The Wages of Rebellion (witchcraft,
idolatry and Paganism and Pride) are
Death Romans 6:23
2. For all have sinned and fallen short of the
glory of God Romans 3:23
3. Jesus Came and died that we might
have life (John 3:16)
4. When we Change our Minds about who
Jesus is to us... Then we are saved.

Addressing Questions/Needs that lead to God!

- We don't just address people's Questions... We ask Questions too! We are not trying to convince people to follow God, we are breaking through the Callouses that prevent them from knowing God for themselves...
- Right-side up thinking Puts God first, but He does answer Real Questions and Needs!
- Our Prayers need to connect God's kingdom to our and others needs.
- Don't answer Questions that lead to Answers.... Answer Questions with WHO JESUS IS, Questions, Miracles and prayer so they discover Jesus for themselves... There are a lot of tough questions out there for Christians... Why do bad things happen, What is God's view of certain sins like abortion, LGBTQ issues, What happens after we Die? How will Jesus return? Does God still do Miracles? Etc. Work on these questions for yourself (with others/in the Word, by experience, etc.) and Find God in them! Pointing people to Jesus and His Kingdom truly are the Basics in God's Right-side up Kingdom... Not the questions themselves....

We are Teachers of the Basics if we are Disciples ourselves....Answering Questions (with our lives and sometimes with words)

- The basics of God being Sovereign...
- 1. Don't Forget God's Miracles... Ps. 106
- 2. He works all things for the Good- Including Earthquakes, Hurricanes, Chaotic withdrawals.
- 3. God uses struggles (ours and even unbelievers- sons of Sceva) to get our attention... and work for the good of those who love Him and are called for his purposes.
 - A. We need to focus on trusting him REALLY... Shouting at God is a real thing.
 - B. We need to love him
 - C. we need to focus on Our purpose...

- Questions new believers may have.. : asked of the congregation ...


QUESTION #1

• 1. What Happens to us when we get disappointed with God ?

- A. Name a time when God used a disappointment/difficulty to help you grow?
- B. Have you ever had a time when you had to shout at God asking WHY!!!!!! And How did God use that?
- C. What Slaps do we need when we go off? Are you strong enough to give a slap for someone as well? God has been Good... Don't forget!

If God works all things for our Good... We can't stay angry at God... or ourselves or others...

- Be REALLY encouraging! Don't be fake about encouragement.. Don't overdo or people will stop listening. Use Peoples NAMES AND WORDS...
- Learn how not to be Frustrated about situations!
- Learn how to be lovingly slapped and give a loving slap (know what that looks like before you do it) ! Jesus' slapped the Pharisees...
- Why are people born with sicknesses? How could God work these together for the good?



Be loving and compassionate. But also know how to slap a deserving face.

storymirror.com

Prayer to a sovereign God Romans 8:28 Style...

- 1. Share your **Love** for Him because of His goodness and in spite of our challenges...They won't listen in the Synagogue go to the gentiles...
- 2. a. Ask specific Questions/ **Purposes** does He have for us? Ex. Daniel- what does this dream mean? Paul- How long do I stay?
- 2. b. Listen/Look to His response. Do what we see Him doing.. Ex. Jesus
- 3. Empower the **Miracles**... (as Paul did) people need to see to know him ! People need Miracles... to See God... Then to know He doesn't do our bidding but builds faith and Kingdom... Praying for Dad's arm(God healed), Donny(brother in law) asked son to pray for a Bike (after one of those shout experiences) God provided. My Dad still got a stroke...more on Miracles?
- Have you seen God perform them?

JOHN FOURTEEN:TWELVE - FOURTEEN

GREATER WORKS

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.***



More Basic Questions.... Q#2 When/How will Jesus come back?

- a. First I will let you know that many people have different takes on this, including Pastor and I. This is important because this question is NOT important for one's Salvation. We are on the same team. We differ on What Play the Coach is calling at the end of the game.
 - i. Paul's Take... People were concerned about what would happen to those who died before Jesus Came back. They were expecting him...
 - ii. Right side up lesson- We should Expect Jesus to come at any time!
 - iii. Satan is NOT in control. God is. Job is not just a lesson on Suffering but on God's Sovereignty. Think of End times like Job's life. Satan may come in but God did the guiding.
 - iv. Rapture, Tribulation Millennium Kingdom- Things you should be familiar with... Views- Premillennialism, Amillennialism...

Turning the Upside Down Kingdom... Right side up- Eternal Judgement views

Here is a resource of different views of Eternal Judgement... I am a bit more Traditional, but I could be persuaded to Conditional View.

Jesus had lots of Parables about Judgement which included separation eternal punishment vs eternal life and burning of weeds. Weeds are burned then are no more. That is where the conditionalism idea has biblical weight. Though eternal burning also has weight too. Hell was made for angels... Because they had to go somewhere. Are they eternal too?

HELL TRIANGLE

Three views of final punishment

- ▶ **Traditionalism**
Everyone lives forever. The unsaved will suffer everlasting conscious torment.
- ▶ **Universalism**
Everyone lives forever. The unsaved will be refined and restored to God.
- ▶ **Conditionalism**
The unsaved are raised but not given immortality. They are punished with permanent destruction, including any finite conscious torment.

Universalism

UNIVERSAL RECONCILIATION



Apokatastasis (Acts 3:21)

Restoration/redemption of all things, also reflecting a view of the fate of Evil. Sometimes equated with Universalism, but relatable to each view.

Purgatory (Catholic)

In addition to a traditional Hell, a place of refinement for some Christians in preparation for Heaven.

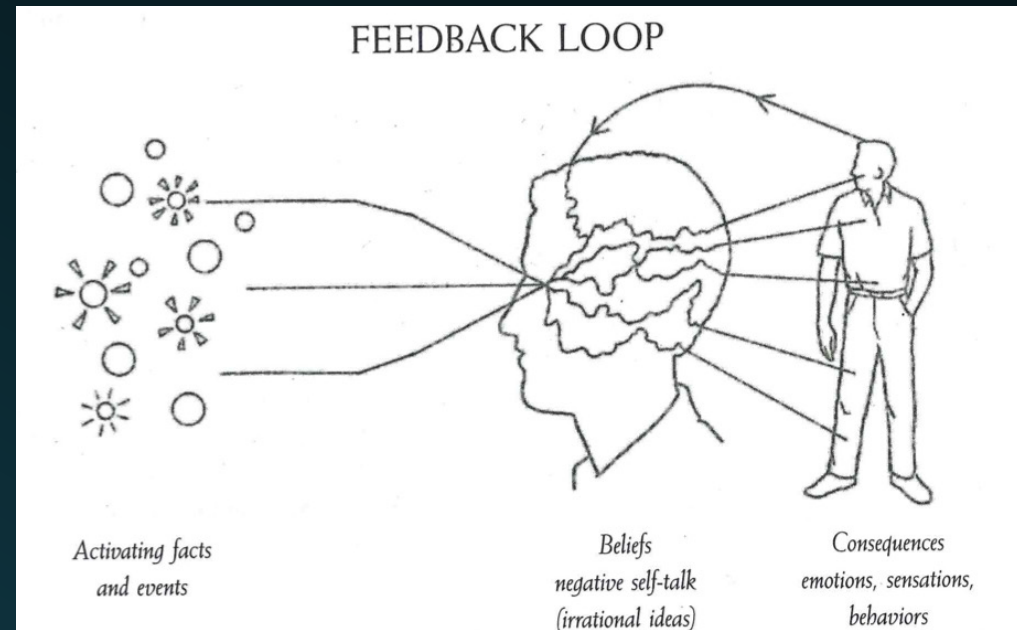
RethinkingHell.com



Here is one way to look at the process... Before and after we get saved...

1. Triggers lead to thoughts,
2. thoughts to behaviors,
3. behaviors to consequences.

4. **Jesus upends the Eternal Consequence part for us as Believers.** That is why we have to come to God on His terms because it is Him who we sin against... Praise the Lord for His goodness. He allows us to experience the *temporal* consequences of sin (for our own good). But He has saved us from the *eternal* consequences of sin. Jesus paid the penalty for our sins so we will never experience the second death, which is the lake of fire (Revelation 20:14). Believers in Christ are promised that the curse and consequences of sin will be completely removed one day, and “nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain” (Isaiah 11:9, NLT). (Got Answers.com)



Source: <https://www.youthadtoolbox.org.au/c4ii-understanding-thoughts-feelings-facts>

Let's Get Real, Once we are saved, now what?

- Question #4 How do you encourage yourself in this Discipleship walk? What is our Virus Dance?

- 1. Know your triggers. What are your triggers for sins?
- 2. What thoughts do you get with those triggers?
- 3. What role do stressors, pain, weaknesses (like being tired etc) play with those thoughts?
- 4. How can you plan ahead for success and failure..... Get back on track normally, don't overdue it because of guilt. That leads to a cycle of guilt and can make one question their inoculation.

5. Look at your inoculation card (the word of God) regularly. Hang around the vaccinated. Share your freedom and joy of being vaccinated with the unvaxed. Share the danger (judgement) of being unvaxed with those you love and those who will listen. Look to the brass serpent. Know some will deny that the brass serpent works or the vaccine. Many may learn the hard way but don't say or think I told you so but lament their deception and rebellion as someone who was once in their shoes. That is God's sacrificial Love.

We didn't finish these last week so I am keeping them here: Teaching what is SIN? A disease or Symptom

- Once we understand what Eternal Judgement is, then we need to understand the nature of sin... in God's Right Side up world in Contrast to our Upside down one.
- Sin is the natural State and Nature of mankind. Like fallen angels, We are fallen, Banished People. The nature of state allow us to naturally miss God's mark. This allows eternal Judgement to be the Default state of Man.
- Death was not the normal condition of mankind initially. Physical death is symbolic of Spiritual death. Death is the ultimate Disease. Choosing not to sin is not an option to avoid Death. It had to be defeated... In Christ!

Symptom vs Sign (*effect vs cause*)

- Symptom = The plants response to stress



- Sign= The reproductive or vegetative structure of the pathogen



Types of Sin, Wages of Sin, Treating the Disease...

- The types of Sin (I John 2:16):
 1. **Lust of the Flesh** -Sex Drugs Rock and roll (and I can't put my phone down... We can be given over to these over time... Addictions... Are these diseases or Choices?
 2. **Lust of the Eyes**- Finding worth in the things you see over the things of God. Think Hoarding...That is often thought of as a disease. Suffering 2x4's Interventions, etc. are sometimes needed. Think Prodigal son- and God used his rock bottom to help him make a anti rebellious choice.
 3. **Pride of Life**- Power Wealth, Feeling important in the sight of the world. These come from the world (Satan's Kingdom and will look upside down to God's Kingdom)... Most of these are thought of as choices and Rebellion. Think Saul... vs David.

Again this shows that the Disease we are fighting is Death (like the snake bite which was really caused by a Heart Condition- Whining against God- AKA rebellion), Some Sins are how we deal with the stress of that, and others are choices that we must be accountable to because unlike flowers we can move and get help and look to Jesus. This does not mean we are off the hook for sins, because once we become alive we are witnesses to the Life of the Kingdom and have access to all of the Books (like God's word) vaccines, Sprays, Math Teachers we need to grow stronger!

Jesus is the Vaccine for the Disease of Death... This is a Basic of the Church! Focusing on Sin misses the point because if you focus on the Sin you then think if I am Good I need not worry! We Must be Vaccinated by Jesus!



Today's Questions

- What Basics do you feel Good about Not so good about for yourself?
 - 1. We are saved by faith in Jesus;
 - 2. Baptisms
 - 3. Spiritual gifts/ Laying on of Hands
 - 4. Resurrection of the dead
 - 5. Eternal judgment/Sin
- Which one's would you have difficulty sharing with others and why?