



NORTH JAX
BAPTIST CHURCH

New Beginnings

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Lesson 1



FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH

6-Week Curriculum on the Fundamentals of the Christian Faith

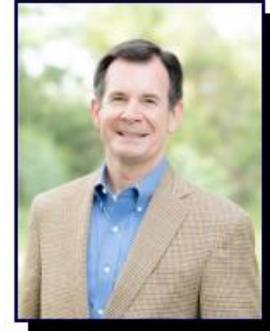
Join Us in Studying the “Sanctifying Truth” of
God’s Holy, Inspired, Infallible, Inerrant Word

Psa 119:160 • Prov 30:5 • John 17:17 • 2 Tim 2:15; 3:15-17 • Rom 7:12 • James 1:21-25

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North Jacksonville Baptist Church's New Beginnings Bible Study Class



Dear Friend,

Welcome to the exciting North Jacksonville Baptist Church. We want to do all we can to enhance your walk with God. A Christian is a follower of Jesus Christ. We are ever becoming and never arriving in this life. The New Beginnings class will familiarize you with our church, our doctrinal beliefs, and will help you connect personally with our ministry. Through the New Beginnings class you will be inspired to move beyond where you are spiritually to greater maturity and fruitfulness.

Please make every effort to attend all the sessions. "A student learns what his teacher knows, but a disciple becomes what his master is." The goal of the New Beginnings class is ultimately to help you become more like Jesus Christ. Come and be blessed! We look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ,

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THE DISCIPLE'S CROSS

If any man come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me – Luke 9:23

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**WITNESSING
TO THE
WORLD**

Matt 28:18-20

John 15:7 – If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

**PRAISING
IN
FAITH**

Luke 18:1

WITNESS

John 15:8 – Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Matthew 4:19 – Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.

CHRIST

John 15:5 – I am the Vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing (1 John 5:12; Phil 4:13).

John 14:15 – If ye love Me, keep My commandments.

FELLOWSHIP

John 13:34 – A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. ³⁵By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

**LIVING
IN THE
WORD**

2 Tim 2:15

John 8:31 – ... If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; ³²And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

**FELLOWSHIP
WITH
BELIEVERS**

Heb 10:25

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INTERESTING FOOD FACTS

It has been said that, over the average lifetime, the average American will consume approximately:



150
cows



3,000
chickens



300
pigs



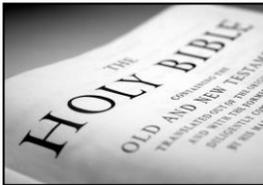
26 acres of
grain



50 acres of
fruits & veggies

Yet, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has said that we SHALL NOT live by these things alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God (Matt 4:4). Therefore, let us pray that our appetite for the “Milk” and “Meat” of God’s Word is at least as voracious as our appetite for food (see 2 Tim 3:15-17; Jos 1:8; Psa 1:2, 119:11-12; Acts 17:10-11; Luke 11:28; James 1:22; Matt 5:6; Rom 3:19; Gal 3:24; 2 Pet 3:18; 1 Cor 3:1-3; Phil 3:10-14; Heb 5:12-14; 1 Pet 2:2).

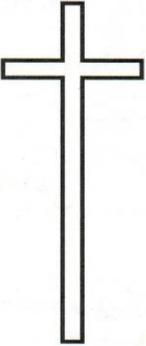
Lesson 1 – The Bible & What We Believe



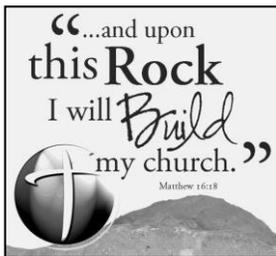
Part 1 – The Bible: The Bible is not just another history book that **can “inform.”** It is a library of 66 books – 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament – of HIS-story, i.e., the story of Jesus Christ, that **can “transform”** its readers from death to life, from darkness to light, from sinners to saints and from Satan’s victims to God’s victors. Every word of the Bible’s original text was given by God’s inspiration and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness, in order that God’s children may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Tim 3:15-17). Perhaps, this is what prompted Dwight L. Moody to state that “the Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible” (see John 5:22; 12:48 – Jesus will judge us by the “WORD” He speaks).

Though man, in his finite and fleshly wisdom, tries to subscribe errors and contradictions to it, the Bible – in the words of Pastor Herb Reavis, Jr. – is the **“HOLY** (Rom 7:12), **INSPIRED** (2 Tim 3:16), **INFALLIBLE** (Psa 119:160; John 17:17; James 1:21,25), **INERRANT** (Prov 30:5) Word of God,” which: (i) was written **BY** the Holy Spirit **THROUGH** 40 men over a period of 1,500 years; and (ii) we are instructed to dwell in or study to show ourselves approved unto God (2 Tim 2:15, 3:15-17; Col 3:16; 2 Pet 1:20-21). As we study the Bible, the Holy Spirit guides the children of God that we might be sufficiently taught and have a clear understanding of the Bible; otherwise, we could not understand it and would – like the natural man – consider it foolishness (John 16:13; 1 Cor 2:10-16; 1 John 2:27; but see Rom 3:11; **Mark 12:24**).

Almighty God is looking for those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). In order to worship God in spirit and in truth, we must know the truth about who God says He is and, in order to know the truth about who God says He is, we must study His holy Word (Psa 119:160; Deut 29:29; 1 Thes 2:13; John 8:43; 10:27; 17:3,17). Therefore, we, like **Job**, should esteem God’s Word more than our necessary food (Job 23:12; see also John 6:27,35). We, like **David**, should consider God’s Word more desirable than gold, sweeter than honey and perfect in converting the soul (Psa 19:7-10, 40:8, 119:72, 103; see Rom 1:15-16). We, like **Jeremiah**, should rejoice at the hearing of God’s Word (Jer 15:16; see also 1 Thes 2:13). We, like **Paul**, should not be ashamed of God’s Word, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes (Rom 1:16; see also John 14:6; Acts 4:12; **2 Tim 3:15; James 1:21**). We, like, **Peter** should embrace God’s Word as our nourishment and protection whereby we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (**2 Pet 3:18**). We, like the **psalmist**, should say, Blessed art Thou, O LORD: teach us Thy statutes that we may hide them in our heart that we might not sin against You (Psa 119:11-12; see Matt 5:6; Rom 3:19; Gal 3:24).

THE BIBLE AT A GLANCE						
OLD TESTAMENT			 <p>About 400 years between Testaments</p>	NEW TESTAMENT		
(39 books)				(27 books)		
HISTORY (17 books)	POETRY (5 books)	PROPHECY (17 books)		HISTORY (5 books)	LETTERS (21 books)	PROPHECY (1 books)
The Law		Major Prophets		Gospels	Paul’s Letters	
1 Genesis 2 Exodus 3 Leviticus 4 Numbers 5 Deuteronomy	1 Job 2 Psalms 3 Proverbs 4 Ecclesiastes 5 Song of Solomon	1 Isaiah 2 Jeremiah 3 Lamentations 4 Ezekiel 5 Daniel		1 Matthew 2 Mark 3 Luke 4 John	1 Romans 2 1 Corinthians 3 2 Corinthians 4 Galatians 5 Ephesians 6 Philippians 7 Colossians 8 1 Thessalonians 9 2 Thessalonians 10 1 Timothy 11 2 Timothy 12 Titus 13 Philemon	Revelation
History and Governments		Minor Prophets		History of the early church		
1 Joshua 2 Judges 3 Ruth 4 1 Samuel 5 2 Samuel 6 1 Kings 7 2 Kings 8 1 Chronicles 9 2 Chronicles 10 Ezra 11 Nehemiah 12 Esther		1 Hosea 2 Joel 3 Amos 4 Obadiah 5 Jonah 6 Micah 7 Nahum 8 Habakkuk 9 Zephaniah 10 Haggai 11 Zechariah 12 Malachi		Acts	General Letters	
					1 Hebrews 2 James 3 1 Peter 4 2 Peter 5 1 John 6 2 John 7 3 John 8 Jude	
The New is in the Old, concealed. The Old is in the New, revealed.						
God used 40 different men over a period of 1,500 years (about 1400 B.C. to A.D. 90) in writing the Bible – 2 Peter 1:20–21						

* The above “Bible at a Glance” chart is from “Fundamentals of the Faith,” by John MacArthur and Grace Community Church. The above “Study Hand” is from <http://www.navigators.org/us/resources/illustrations/resources/hand-illustration1.gif>.



Part 2 – What We Believe: Before becoming a member of a church, it is extremely important to be able to ask questions about that church’s beliefs and to receive **biblical** and **contextual** answers in support of the same; otherwise, one may join a “church” or cult that is or may become susceptible to the lying whims of Satan’s emissaries or hucksters who peddle “another gospel” or false doctrine that has led and/or will lead astray those who are not looking for a true and fulfilling relationship with Christ, but who are looking for a religion that merely tickles or soothes their itching ears (2 Cor 11:13-15; Gal 1:6-9; 2 Tim 4:3). This is why one of the first things a North Jacksonville Baptist Church (“NorthJax”) decision counselor is asked to do – after leading a thorough discussion on the issue of salvation – is to generally share what the leadership and congregation of NorthJax “**Believe**,” support for which is exclusively found in a **contextual study of the Bible**, which NorthJax considers to be the **holy, inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God**. In establishing what it believes, NorthJax “began at the beginning” by endeavoring to understand **Almighty God**, based solely upon how He has revealed Himself in the Bible, i.e., one God manifested in three Persons: (i) God the Father; (ii) God the Son; and (iii) God the Holy Spirit (see 1 Tim 3:16; Deut 6:4; Gen 1:2,26; Heb 2:2-3; Matt 3:13-17; Rom 8:9; John 1:1-3,14, 8:58, 10:30, 14:16,18,23; Col 1:16; Heb 1:6,8, 9:14; Rev 1:8,11,17-18, 22:13). A good foundational knowledge of the Trinity is so important to NorthJax that its New Beginnings curriculum devotes three full weeks to its study.

Also important to NorthJax is what the Bible reveals about the origin, commission, ordinances and function of the **Church**. The origin of the Church is, perhaps, best summarized in Matthew Chapter 16, where Jesus – for the first time – mentions His “Ekklēsia,” or Church of “Call Out Ones.” In response to what some refer to as the **Great Confession** or Simon Peter’s divinely revealed statement that Jesus is “the Christ, the Son of the living God,” Jesus states that, “upon this Rock I will build My Church” (Matt 16:13-18). As such, the Church finds its origin, ownership and foundation in Jesus Christ, who, as the Chief Cornerstone, has promised to build His Church, not of bricks and mortar, but by fitting / joining together “living stones” who believe the Great Confession that Jesus is “the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt 16:18; 1 Pet 2:5; Rom 10:9; 1 Cor 3:11, 10:4; Eph 2:19-22, 4:11-16). This is the true Church against which the gates of hell or death shall not prevail (Matt 16:18; 1 Cor 15:51-58; Heb 2:14-15). While Christ is responsible for building His Church, it is the responsibility of each Holy Spirit indwelt follower of Christ to fulfill the **Great Commission** of the Church, i.e., going into all the world through **Members, Missions** and otherwise, discipling / teaching the lost to observe the things Christ commands and baptizing confessing believers in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8, 2:47; Matt 16:18, 28:18-20). By the way, NorthJax believes that **Believers Baptism by Immersion** is one of only two ordinances that Christ has commanded of His Church (Acts 8:36-37). The other ordinance is the communal observance of the **Lord’s Supper**, whereby we commemorate the body Jesus sacrificed and the blood He shed as the propitiation of our sins (Phil 2:5-11; 1 Pet 1:18-19; Rom 3:23-25; 1 John 4:10; Acts 2:38, 16:30-33; 1 Cor 11:23-32; Eph 1:22,23, 4:11-16).

Excerpts of NorthJax’s Doctrinal Statement

(for a full statement on what NorthJax “Believes,” visit <http://www.NorthJax.org/doctrine>)

Word of GOD – Old and New Testaments of the Bible are the holy, inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God (Psa 12:6-7, 119:160; Prov 30:5; 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:19-21).

One True God – God, the Great I AM, has revealed Himself in three co-equal Persons: (i) God the Father; (ii) God the Son; and (iii) God the Holy Spirit (Gen 1:1; Exo 15:11; Deut 6:4; Psa 83:18; 139:7-9; Matt 28:19; John 10:30; 15:26; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Cor 13:14).

Lord Jesus Christ – God in flesh, the “God Man,” begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, was tempted as we are, yet without sin; freely gave His life to redeem the sins of man in total obedience to God the Father’s plan of salvation, such that whosoever believes on Him should not perish but have everlasting life (Isa 7:14; Matt 1:18-25; John 1:1, 14; 3:16; 6:37-40; Rom 4:25, 5:1-11; Gal 4:4, 5; Col 2:9; Phil 2:5-11; 1 Cor 15:3-7; Heb 4:14-17, 12:2; 1 John 2:1-2, 4:10, 5:9-12).

Holy Spirit – Instantaneously and supernaturally indwells the hearts of those who receive the Lord Jesus as Savior; He convicts, regenerates, seals, anoints, guides, teaches, sanctifies and baptizes all believers into the Body of Christ (John 3:5, 14:16-17,26, 15:26, 16:7-14; Rom 8:9; 1 Cor 2:10-16, 12:3,12-14; 2 Cor 3:6,18; Eph 1:13-14, 4:30, 5:18; Matt 28:19; 1 Pet 1:2-5).

Mankind – Created in the image and likeness of God; yet, is under the condemnation of God as a result of a sin nature inherited from Adam; can do nothing to save himself and must be drawn to Christ by God the Father and God the Holy Spirit (Gen 1:27, 2:17, 3:6; Psa 51:5, 58:3; Rom 3:10-23, 5:12-21; 1 Cor 2:14, 12:3; Gal 3:11; Matt 11:27).

Salvation – By grace alone through faith alone, made possible by the virgin birth, sinless life, vicarious death and justifying resurrection of Jesus Christ, who redeemed / purchased us with His blood and paid our sin-debt on Calvary’s cross; it is a gift of God received by man in faith and repentance (Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; John 1:12, 3:14, 10:28-29; Rom 8:1; Phil 1:6; 2 Pet 3:9; 1 John 2:2; 1 Cor 15:1-4; Rev 22:17).

Eternal Security – Jesus Christ, the “Author and Finisher of our faith,” seals His followers by the Holy Spirit, completes the good work He has begun in them and keeps them saved until the day of redemption such that nothing can pluck them out of His or God the Father’s hand (John 3:8,16, 6:36-40, 10:27-30; Gal 3:24-26; 1 John 5:11-13; Heb 12:2; Eph 1:13-14, 4:30; 1 Pet 1:5; Phil 1:6).

Satan – A literal and personal creation, who was cast from heaven because of a prideful rebellion against God, was defeated at Calvary and may be resisted by those who submit themselves to God (Isa 14:14-21; John 16:11; Eph 2:1-4; James 4:7; Rev 20:10).

Heaven and Hell – Literal places prepared for those who accept and reject Christ, respectively (John 14:1-6; Rev 20:11-15, 21:1-8; Matt 25:41-46; Luke 16:19-31; 2 Thes 2:7-14).

Last Things – God, in His own time and way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. The Bible teaches the personal and imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ. First is the Rapture or a “catching away” of the saints, then a seven-year period of tribulation, then the Second Coming of the Lord to rule and to reign on the earth for the millennium or 1,000 years (Matt 24:44; John 14:1-3; 1 Cor 15:51-57; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Rev 20).

Let's Study the Bible (the following questions contemplate biblical answers, as opposed to opinions)

1. Why was the Bible written? (1 John 5:13; see also John 20:31): _____

2. How was the Bible written? (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21; see also 2 Sam 32:2): _____

3. About whom was the Bible written? (John 1:45, 5:39; Luke 24:25-27, 44-45; Acts 3:18, 18:28): _____

4. Upon whom must we depend to teach us the Bible? (John 14:26, 16:13; 1 Cor 2:10-14; 1 John 2:27): _____

5. What must we mix with our understanding of the Bible in order for it to be profitable for us? (Heb 4:2; 11:6): _____

Let's Study What NorthJax Believes (the following questions contemplate biblical answers, as opposed to opinions)

1. What is NorthJax's belief as to salvation? (Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16; Romans 10:9; Titus 3:4-7): _____

2. What is NorthJax's belief as to eternal security? (John 6:37-40; 10:27-29; Phil 1:6; 1 Pet 1:3-5; 1 Thes 5:23-24): _____

3. What is NorthJax's belief as to who Owns, Builds and Adds to the Church? (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47): _____

4. What does NorthJax believe about believer's baptism? (Mark 1:9-10; Acts 8:36-39, 19:4): _____

5. What phrase in 1 Corinthians 11:26 permits NorthJax to observe the Lord's Supper once a quarter? _____

6. What does NorthJax believe about spiritual healing? (James 5:14-15; Psa 30:2; Jer 32:17,27): _____

7. What does NorthJax believe about speaking in tongues? (Acts 2:1-6,8,11; 1 Cor 13:8, 14:4,19,22): _____

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Independent Study on the Bible & What NorthJax Believes (please take time to answer the following questions on your own based solely upon the referenced verses of Scripture and check your work with the answers provided in the back of this booklet)

1. How is the Bible profitable for us (2 Tim 3:16-17; Psalm 19:7-8, 119:11,165; Romans 1:16; John 8:32): _____

2. How should we receive Bible truth and what should we do with what we learn? (1 Thes 2:13; Luke 11:28; James 1:22; Deut 6:6-7): _____

3. What is represented by the three types of soil that can hinder the “SEED” of Bible truth from bearing fruit in our lives? (Luke 8:4-15): _____

4. How often should we study the Bible? (Joshua 1:8; Psa 1:2; Acts 17:10-11): _____



5. What are some things NorthJax believes about God? (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 44:6, 1 Timothy 3:16; John 6:44): _____

6. What are some things NorthJax believes about Jesus? (John 8:24,58; Luke 1:34-35; Romans 4:25; John 14:6; Acts 4:12): _____

7. What are some things NorthJax believes about the Holy Spirit? (John 14:16-17, 16:13; Eph 4:30; Rom 8:9): _____

8. What are a few things NorthJax believes characterize a healthy Church?
- a. Hebrews 10:25 _____
 - b. John 4:23-24 _____
 - c. Hebrews 13:7,17; 1 Thes 5:12-13 _____
 - d. 1 Cor 12:25-26; Phil 2:1-4 _____
 - e. Eph 4:11-16 _____

† † † † † † † **EXTRA CREDIT ANSWERS** † † † † † † †
Independent Study on the Bible & What NorthJax Believes

1. How is the Bible profitable for us? **See Bold Text Below (“Grow in Grace and Knowledge of Christ”-2 Pet 3:18)**
 - **2 Tim 3:16** – All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for *doctrine*, for *reproof*, for *correction*, for *instruction in righteousness*: ¹⁷That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
 - **Psa 19:7** – The law of the LORD is **perfect, converting the soul**: the testimony of the LORD is sure, **making wise the simple**.
⁸The statutes of the LORD are right, **rejoicing the heart**: the commandment of the LORD is pure, **enlightening the eyes**.
 - **Psa 119:11** – Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I **might not sin against thee**.
 - **Psa 119:165** – **Great peace** have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them (see **Isa 26:3**; Phil 4:7).
 - **Rom 1:16** – For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the **power of God unto salvation** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (**2 Tim 3:15**; see also **Luke 16:29-31** – Salvation is from faith in the Word, not emotion).
 - **John 8:32** – And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall **make you free** (see **John 17:17** – “Sanctified” by the Word).

2. How should we receive Bible truth and what should we do with what we learn? **HEAR the Word, RECEIVE it as the Word of God and not of man, KEEP it, be DOERS of it and TEACH it to our children (Ex. Cell Phones)**
 - **1 Thes 2:13** – For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the Word of God which ye heard of us, ye **received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God**, which **effectually worketh** also in you that believe (John 17:17; see **Gal 1:11** – Paul’s received Revelation of Christ; **Rev 21:5** – John received Revelation of Christ).
 - **Luke 11:28** – But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that **hear the Word of God, and keep It** (see **Rom 10:17**).
 - **James 1:22** – But be ye **doers** of the word, and not **hearers** only, deceiving your own selves (1 John 3:18; see also **1 Sam 15:22** – **To obey is better than sacrifice**).
 - **Deut 6:6** – And these Words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: ⁷ And thou shalt **teach them diligently unto thy children**, and shalt **talk of them** when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up (**Psa 22:6** – **Train your children and when they are old they will not depart** (Phil 1:6)).

3. What is represented by the three types of soil that can hinder the “SEED” of Bible truth from bearing fruit in our lives?
See Below:
 - (i) **The Devil** – (Way Side / Fowl of the Air; see 2 Cor 4:3-4)
 - (ii) **Temptations** – (Rocks; see James 1:13-15)
 - (iii) **Cares, Riches and Pleasures of Life** – (Thorns; see Matt 6:25-34; 1 Tim 6:6-19; Rom 1:28-32)
 - **Luke 8:11** Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God**. ¹² Those by the **way side** are they that hear; then cometh the **Devil, and taketh away the word** out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. ¹³ They on the **rock** are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of **Temptation** fall away. ¹⁴ And that which fell among **thorns** are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with **Cares and Riches and Pleasures of this life**, and bring no fruit to perfection. ¹⁵ But that on the **good ground** are they, which in an honest and good heart, having **heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience** (see Matt 7:24-27; but see **Luke 11:28; Matt 6:33; Prov 30:7-9** – **Pursue righteousness, not just happiness; 1 John 2:19** – **never saved**).

4. How often should we study the Bible? **Meditate on the Bible DAY and NIGHT (should become a lifestyle)**

Jos 1:8 – This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate therein day and night**, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy **way prosperous**, and then thou shalt have good success.

Psa 1:2 – But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he **meditate day and night**.

Acts 17:10 – And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto **BEREA**: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. ¹¹These were **more noble** than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched the scriptures daily**, whether those things were so.

 - * **God intends for His holy Word to be our “DAILY” diet and not just an occasional or holiday feast.**
 - * **Treat God’s Word like you treat your cell phone; Always have it with you by studying it and hiding it in your heart (Psa 119:11).**

5. What are a few things NorthJax believes about God? **See Bold Text Below:**

- **Deuteronomy 6:4** – *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:*
- **Isaiah 44:6** – *Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and His redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God (see Rev 1:8,11,17-18, 22:12-13).*
- **1 Tim 3:16** – *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory (John 1:1-14; see also Acts 5:3,5,9).*
- **John 6:44** – *No one can come to Me (Jesus), except the Father which hath sent Me draw him; and I will raise him up in the last days (see also John 1:12-13; 6:65; Matt 11:27; Rom 3:10-11; 1 Cor 12:3).*

6. What are a few things NorthJax believes about Jesus? **Jesus Christ is the GOD / MAN, the ONLY way of Salvation**

- **John 8:58** – *Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM (see John 8:24).*
* see **Exo 3:14; John 1:1-5,14, 10:30, 18:5-6**
- **Luke 1:34** – *Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? ³⁵And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God (Luke 3:21-22; Mark 9:7; Isa 7:14).*
- **Romans 4:25** – *[Jesus] was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.*
- **John 14:6** – *Jesus saith unto him, I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me (see Matt 11:27).*
- **Acts 4:12** – *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (see 1 John 5:9-12).*

7. What are a few things NorthJax believes about the Holy Spirit? **Holy Spirit is God, Abide With and In Believers, and Guides us in All Truth and Seals us in Christ (see Rom 8:9; Acts 5:3,4,9; see John 17:11-12)**

- **John 14:16** – *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; ¹⁷Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you (see Acts 5:3,5,9; see generally 2 Thes 2:7, about Holy Spirit being taken out of the way).*
- **John 16:13** – *Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come (see 1 Cor 2:10-14; 1 John 2:27).*
- **Ephesians 4:30** – *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption (Eph 1:13-14).*

8. What are a few things NorthJax believes characterize a healthy Church? **See Bold Text Below:**

- a. **Hebrews 10:25** – **Do not forsake the assembling** of ourselves together (**physically in the presence of other believers regularly**)
- b. **John 4:23-24** – **Worship God in Spirit AND Truth** (see also Heb 13:15-16; **Worshipping outside of Truth = Idolatry**)
- c. **Hebrews 13:7,17; 1 Thes 5:12-13** – **Esteem highly and obey church elders in the Lord**, who will give an account to God; **be at peace with one another** (so that the Pastor / Elders may be able to focus on studying and feeding the flock).
- d. **1 Cor 12:25-26; Phil 2:1-4** – **No schism; care for one another and esteem others before yourself – Selfless, not Selfish . . .**
- e. **Eph 4:11-16** – **Use gifts and ministries** not for our own glory but **for the Edification of the Church** that we not be tossed to and fro but that we may grow in Christ (see **1 Cor 14:4**).

Extra – What are some reasons for why it is necessary to study the Bible?

- To increase in spiritual understanding (see John 17:3,17).
- To increase awareness, appreciation and dependency on the things of God.
- To increase our faith in and prayers to the Lord.
- To increase spiritual development through spiritual nourishment and protection.
- To increase discernment and recognition of false doctrine and sin (1 Cor 2:10-14).
- To increase in wisdom and in the ability to live and teach God's Word (2 Tim 3:15-17).