



Basics

Salvation.

Creation and the fall: Genesis 1-3:

God is creator of the Universe: He created man in his own image: Told man to take care of the Earth: Man disobeyed God, followed Satan's tempting and sin came into the world: Man's punishment is separation from God and eternal hell.

Old Testament Sacrifice: Leviticus 16:

God wanted a way for man to be freed from sin so he taught us the principle of sacrifice. Hebrews 9:22 "In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. (See also Lev 17:11)

Jesus as sacrifice:

The sacrifice of animals could never fully take away sin and reunite God and Man. Hebrews 10:1-4: God worked his amazing plan to deal with sin once and for all. He sent his own son to be the ultimate sacrifice for sin. On the cross Jesus bore the sin of the whole world as the only perfect sacrifice that would satisfy God's justice balanced against his love for us. John 3:16. 1Peter 2:24

Repentance:

We need to acknowledge that we are sinful and have fallen short of God's standards. Romans 3:23. Then we need to say sorry to God and turn away from that sin (REPENT) and "walk in the opposite direction".

Forgiveness:

We can then know God's forgiveness because our sin has been taken away and the penalty for our sin has been paid by the death of Jesus on the cross. Ephesians 1:7



Jesus as sacrifice:

Grace and Faith:

We must realise that our salvation is nothing to do with what we have done it is all by God's grace. We can not earn salvation, it is God's free gift that we receive by faith, and even that faith is his gift to us. *Ephesians 2:8.*

Future:

Because of the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ we are now (spiritually) seated with Jesus in heavenly places and we will be with him in heaven for all eternity. *Ephesians 2:6,7. John 3:16. 1Thes 4:14-17.*

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The Godhead

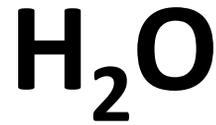
God is one God and there is none like him. *Deuteronomy 6:4,5. Romans 3:30.*
However, God is referred to as the Trinity, three in one!

Father: Son: Holy Spirit:

All three persons of the Trinity appear in the creation story right at the beginning. *Gen 1:1* *"In the beginning **God** created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and **the Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters."* *John1:1-3* *"In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word was with God**, and **the Word was God**. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."* This passage later makes it clear that **The Word is Jesus.**

A good analogy to help us understand the Trinity a little more is the substance that we know best as WATER. (H₂O) However, nobody can fully understand the mystery of the Trinity!

The Trinity



Ice, Water and Steam, all the same substance but three completely differing forms or “states” existing separately and (at the “triple point”) existing together at the same time! They have different properties and characteristics but are the same nature or substance.

ICE Solid H₂O

Like FATHER Solid “The ROCK”

WATER Liquid H₂O

Like JESUS “The life giver”

**STEAM
Gas H₂O**

Like HOLY SPIRIT The invisible presence and power of God

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When we come to true faith in the living God through the Lord Jesus, we are born into the family of God and we have a new Father, God Himself *John 20:17, Romans 8:15-16, 1 John 3:1-3*. We are to know Him as our Father, listen to Him and do as He says, for He knows what is best for us. Unfortunately, our understanding of our Heavenly Father is coloured by our experiences with our earthly fathers. We therefore need the help of Holy Spirit to teach us what God our Father is like i.e. both loving and strict *Hebrews 12:5-11*. As Father, God has adopted us as His children through the work of Jesus and we can therefore call him "Our Father" *Romans 8:14-17. Matthew 6:8,9*.

Jesus

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John 14:8,9 .1 John 4:7-9

In the beginning: Jesus has always existed. He came to Bethlehem as a human baby, but that was not his origin. *John 17:5, 1 Peter 1:20. Genesis 1:1, John 1 :1*

His Childhood: Jesus was not only born as a human baby, he also grew and developed as a human child. *Luke 2:21. Luke 2:41-52. Matthew 2:19-23*. and as a carpenter *Mark 6:3*. He was and is Emmanuel which means God with us.

His Ministry: Fully man. *Matthew 4:4, 8:20. 1 Timothy 2:5. Fully God. Isaiah 9:6. Luke 5:8. John 1:1. 10:30. 14:6. 20:28*. Jesus went about, preaching good news to the poor, *Matthew 4:23-25. 11:4-6. Luke 16:16*, proclaiming freedom to the prisoners, *Matthew 9:1-8. 17:14-18. Mark 5:1-20. Luke 7:11-17. 23:39-43. John 8:31-36. 11:38-44*, recovering sight to the blind, *Matt. 9:27-31. Mark 10:46-52. John 9:1-7*. and releasing the oppressed. *Matt. 8:14-17. Mark 5:25-34. Luke 13:10-13. 14:1-4*. This was in accordance with the prophecy in *Isaiah 61:1-2. (Luke 4:18-21)*.

His death. *John 3:16*

Jesus did not just talk about the Kingdom of God, He made it possible for people to enter it *John 3:3,5*. For this to happen man's sin had to be dealt with and the demands of God's righteousness had to be met. Jesus became the sinless sacrifice for the sin of the whole world *Hebrews 10:10. 1 John 2:2. 1 Peter 1:18-19. 2:24*. He endured the loneliness, *Matthew 26:56. 27:46*. the pain and suffering *Matthew 27:26. Luke 22:44*. and the ridicule *Matthew 27:27-31. Luke 22:63-65*. so that we might be set free from the penalty of sin. When Jesus shouted out "It is finished" *John 19:30*. He knew that His work of redemption was completed *1 Peter 1:18-19*, the power of Satan was broken, *Colossians 1:13-14, 2:15. 1 John 3:8*. and that access to God was possible *Matthew 27:51. Hebrews 10:19-20*.

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His resurrection and ascension

On the third day after His death, God raised Jesus from the dead! *Matthew 28:5-7. Acts 2:24*, proving His victory over sin and death and His supremacy over all. Forty days later He returned to His Father *Acts 1:9* where He now lives and intercedes for us, *Hebrews 7:25-26*.

His Return

He is waiting for the day when He will return and the Church, His Bride, will be with Him in Heaven for ever *Matthew 24:44. John 14:3. Acts 1:11.*

Matthew 25:1-13. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17. Revelation 19:6-9. 21:1-7,9.

He has been given the name above all names and has all authority as Lord of lords and King of kings! *Philippians 2:9-11. Matthew 28:16. Revelation 19:16* and there is no other way to God *John 14:6*.

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Holy Spirit:

Sometimes

called the Spirit of Jesus, *Acts 16:7.*

Philippians 1:19. He is a person of the Godhead. He is the presence of God with us today and at all times.

Acts 1:8. Matthew 28:19,20.

He teaches us about Jesus *John 14:26.*

1 Corinthians 12:3. God gives GIFTS to His people and His Church through His Holy Spirit *1 Corinthians 12:4-11.*

Gifts of The Spirit (*1 Corinthians:12*)

APOSTLES
PROPHETS
TEACHERS
ADMINISTRATION
HELPING

MIRACLES
HEALING

PROPHECY
TONGUES: INTERPRETATION
WISDOM
KNOWLEDGE
FAITH
DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN SPIRITS

Gifts to the Church

Ministry gifts

It is Holy Spirit who grows "fruit" in us and makes us more like Jesus. *Galatians 5: 22,23.* As a Christian grows, they will begin to find that the Holy Spirit brings about change and produces this fruit which is increasingly evident in the Spirit-Filled Christian's life. The Fruit of the Spirit is.

Love.

Joy.

Peace.

Patience.

Kindness.

Goodness.

Faithfulness.

Gentleness.

Self Control.

He makes us bold *Acts 4:31*, fills us with power *Acts 1:8. Ephesians 3:16. 1 Corinthians 2:4.* and guides us *John 15:26.* He helps us in our praying *Romans 8:26,27.*



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Water: 1. John's baptism:

John the Baptist as he was known turned up baptising in the river Jordan just before Jesus began His ministry. He encouraged the people to repent, turn away from their sins and be baptised. This involved being immersed completely in the river as a symbol of sins being washed away and a statement of intent to follow God. *Mark 1:4,5*. When Jesus turned up He insisted that John baptise Him. *Matthew 3:13-17*

2. Post Jesus: Believers' Baptism

Before He ascended to heaven after His resurrection, Jesus sent out His disciples telling them to "Make disciples of all nations, baptising them In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*. The disciples continued with "Believers' baptism" and this is what we practise today.

Believers' baptism is sometimes called Adult Baptism although being an adult is in no way a condition or a qualification for a person being baptised. When a person has come to accept Jesus as their Saviour and Lord (the only biblical qualification for baptism) the next step for them according to the bible is baptism. *Acts 8:26-40 (see v 36,37 New King James Version.)*

Believers' baptism usually involves the believer being fully immersed in water for a second or two and is full of symbolism.

1. Washing away of sins. *Acts 22:16*
2. Public statement of repentance from sin and trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour. *Matt 3:5,6. Matt2 8:19,20*
3. Dying to sin. If the believer remains underwater they will drown! *Romans 6:3-7*.
4. Rising with Jesus to new life. *Romans 8:10,11*
5. Points to baptism in the Holy Spirit. *Matt 3:16,17*



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3. Baptism in the Holy Spirit:

John told people “I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Matt 3:11.

After Jesus had risen from the dead He told His disciples “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 1:4,5.

The disciples waited and after a few weeks the Holy Spirit came. Acts 2: (especially verses 1-4.) Later, many people had this experience of being baptised or filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 10:27,44. Acts 19: Acts 19:1-7.

The symbolism of the term “baptism” in the Holy Spirit denotes the complete soaking in God with no part of us untouched by Him.

The Bible

Sometimes referred to as “The Scriptures” and also “The word of God”. It must be noted though, that the Bible clearly refers to the person of Jesus Christ as the “Word of God” and the Bible never describes itself as “The Word of God”.

The Bible can be described as our “manual for life”. It was written over a period of about 2,000 years, by at least 40 different authors, including kings, scholars, philosophers, fishermen, poets, statesmen, historians and doctors!

There are 66 “books” in all. 39 in the “Old Testament” and 27 in the “New Testament”. These books can be categorised as HISTORY, POETRY, PROPHECY, LETTERS.

Although written by people, the Bible is 100% Inspired by God.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that God’s servant may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

God still speaks to us today through prophecy, preaching and prayer (listening to God is a vital part of prayer) as well as through nature and everyday circumstances. However, no true prophecy or “word from God” will ever contradict the overall teaching of the Bible.



The Church

The Universal Church is the total company of redeemed men, women and children, (Christians) past, present and future. One day we will all be together in the glorious presence of God, Father, Son and Spirit. Hebrews 12:22,23. At present, only God sees The Universal Church because it is made up of:

The Church Triumphant which is all those who have lived and died having trusted God fully for the forgiveness of their sins (Salvation) even if it was before the death and resurrection of Jesus. We do not see this Church yet.

Church Militant which is all those who are still alive and are trusting in the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for the forgiveness of their sins (Salvation) and are living their lives as “living sacrifices” for Him. Romans 12:1. We see and are a part of this Church.

The Local church. A group of believers (Christians) joined together in one place. There were local churches in the new testament, usually one church in a town or city. 1Corinthians 1:2, and 11:18, There are of course many churches all over the world today. One of them is Emmanuel Community Church Duffield, Derbyshire, England!

The Church is portrayed in the Bible using four main pictures that help us to understand what the Church is.

The Building of Jesus In the Old Testament God introduced man to the Tabernacle and then the Temple in which He could “live”. Exodus 25-27,40. 2 Chronicles 3-5. In the New Testament Jesus showed that there was no longer a need for a physical temple, He came to replace it with Himself John 1:14. John 2:19-22. Each Christian is also called to be a spiritual temple in whom God lives! John 14:23, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19. Christians are also called to be living stones built together on Jesus Himself as the Foundation and Chief Cornerstone, to be a spiritual dwelling, together declaring the praises of God 1 Corinthians 3:11, Matthew 21:42, Ephesians 2:19-22, 1 Peter 2:4-9.

The Body of Jesus This is the most common picture of the Church in the New Testament. The picture is of the Church as a body with Jesus as the Head and us as the “parts” of the body. Ephesians 1:22,23. 5:23. Colossians 1:18. 2:19. We all have different gifts and functions but with Jesus as our head, each one of us can function as an effective part of the “Body of Christ”. We also empathise with and love and support support each other as a body supports its own parts. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.



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The Bride of Jesus This picture is of Jesus as the Bridegroom *Matthew 9:15, John 3:27-30, 2 Corinthians 11:2* and the Church as the Bride of Christ *Ephesians 5:25-33, Revelation 21:2,9-10*. It is as though when a person becomes a Christian they are engaged to the Bridegroom and now are longing for the wedding supper, which will take place when Jesus comes again *1 Thess. 4:13-18*.

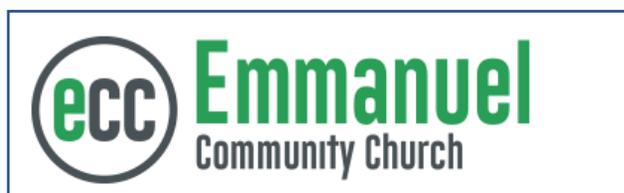
The Army of Jesus When a person becomes a Christian they enlist in God's army, becoming a soldier of Jesus *2 Timothy 2:3-4*. Being a soldier involves spiritual warfare *2 Corinthians 10:3-5, Ephesians 6:12*. As soldiers we need to recognise:

a) **Who is the enemy.** Our enemy is Satan the one who first appeared to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. *Genesis 3:1*. He seeks to deceive, defeat and control every Christian. *1 Peter 5:8, Revelation 12:7-9*. He brings accusations against God's people. *Revelation 12:9b*.

b) **Where is the enemy.** Satan (and all his demonic forces) was totally defeated by the death and resurrection of Jesus *Colossians 2:15*. Today he is under the sentence of everlasting torment in the lake of fire, which one day will be carried out *Revelation 20:10*. Through the victory of Jesus on the cross we can resist Satan until the time of his punishment and our final eternal victory in Jesus *Revelation 12:10-11*.

c) **How we fight the enemy** As long as we walk in the light with God and with each other *1 John 1:5-7*, Satan's works are exposed. God has given us spiritual armour *Ephesians 6:10-18* and methods and weapons to defeat the enemy whenever he attacks *2 Corinthians 10:3-5, James 4:7*.

About.....



Led by ELDERS: There are currently four elders led by the senior elder who is the full time paid pastor of the Church. The elders have overall responsibility before God for the spiritual oversight and care of the church.

The finances and legal matters pertaining to employment of staff and the buildings is overseen by the TRUSTEES currently consisting of the four elders and two or three others.

There are a number of teams responsible for various jobs and responsibilities within the church. Catering: Stewards: Technical: Maintenance: Creative: Administration: Ministry.

The statement of “The church we see” is:

God-centred, Spirit-led, empowering people to make a positive difference in Duffield and beyond.

Communication and “church family matters” are shared at a bi-monthly Family Forum for partners (committed members) of the church.

More information can be found on the website at. <http://www.emmanuelduffield.org/>

Commitment: Becoming a member, or joining the local church is an expression of commitment to the Lord and of the desire to live out our lives in relationship with other Christians. Commitment in partnership is joining our life to the lives of others through the sacrifice of Jesus and sharing with each other the joys and difficulties of the Christian life. It is not possible for members of the local Body to accept a person as a member who is unwilling to commit himself to that Body and accept all the responsibility that involves, for a person can only be accepted as far as he is willing to commit himself.

Committed partnership can be entered into by anyone who is a bible believing Christian and who gives their assent to this commitment course. Having considered this course, if you feel that God may be leading you to be in commitment in Emmanuel Community Church, please complete the attached form and pass it on to the Elders who will prayerfully consider your application.



Application for Partnership

Application to be joined in commitment in Emmanuel Community Church, Duffield

I have sought the Lord's will and I believe He is leading me to be committed in His Body within this local church.

I desire to be in covenant relationship with other members of the body here and I commit myself, as far as I am able, to share in the upbuilding of the church in the regular gatherings of the Body. It is my desire to receive the ministry and teaching of the leaders of the church here and I recognise and gladly accept their authority in The Lord Jesus.

I have read and agree with the Commitment course and I am willing to commit myself to the teaching contained within it.

Name

Address

Post Code

Tel.No.

Signed

Date