

faith basics

**Essentials for
Believers**

the basics

Every engaged couple knows that they will need to assemble certain “must-have” items, like a bed, a kitchen table, dishes, and bath towels, in order to be prepared for their new life together. There are just certain basics that every home needs so its occupants can live daily life there.

In the Christian life, there are also important “faith basics” that we all need, those core elements that help to give us the foundation for living our daily lives as Christ followers. Included in this booklet, you will find a select set of those “basics”. We at Providence Church believe these core Scriptures and doctrines are so important to understanding and living out our faith that we are challenging each of our members, old and young alike, to commit these basics to memory. We believe that storing these foundational truths deep in our hearts and minds will help each of us to express our faith to others, give us guidelines for living, find comfort in challenging times, and remind us of our purpose in life. We encourage you to use this booklet with your families at the dinner table, at bedtime, or any time you talk with your children about faith and how to live it out. (Deut. 6:6-9).

As a church body, we are committed to learning and understanding these faith basics together. You will notice sermon series and elements in our worship services that help us to engage with these foundational “must-haves”. Our children’s and youth departments will include them as they explore faith with our kids. We pledge to do our part in helping to plant the passages in this booklet into our collective hearts. We ask that you would also personally commit to making them a part of the foundation of your faith. Together, we will all be richer and better equipped for living daily life as Christ followers!

In Christ,

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About Salvation

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast.”

1 John 1: 8-9

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

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About Living The Christian Life

The Shema – Deut. 6: 4-5

“Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”

The Great Commandment – Matt. 22: 37-39

“Jesus replied, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

The Great Commission – Matt. 28: 18-20

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’ ”

The Ten Commandments – Exodus 20: 1-17

¹ And God spoke all these words:

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ **You shall have no other gods before me.**

⁴ **You shall not make for yourself an image** in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ **You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God**, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ **Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.** ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² **Honor your father and your mother**, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ **You shall not murder.**

¹⁴ **You shall not commit adultery.**

¹⁵ **You shall not steal.**

¹⁶ **You shall not give false testimony** against your neighbor.

¹⁷ **You shall not covet** your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Micah 6:8

“He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.”

Matt. 5: 14-16

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

1 John 4: 7-8

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

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About God's Faithfulness

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me besides quiet waters,
he restores my soul.
He guides me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever.

The Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer #1

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A: That I am not my own,
but belong-
body and soul,
in life and in death-
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven.

In fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

For yours is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory forever.

Amen.

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A Summary of What We Believe

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

an extra challenge

Memorizing the books of the Bible is a helpful way for believers to learn to navigate the Scriptures. We encourage you to try to memorize the books in order.

The Old Testament Books

Genesis	Ezekiel
Exodus	Daniel
Leviticus	Hosea
Numbers	Joel
Deuteronomy	Amos
Joshua	Obadiah
Judges	Jonah
Ruth	Micah
1st and 2nd Samuel	Nahum
1st and 2nd Kings	Habakkuk
1st and 2nd Chronicles	Zephaniah
Ezra	Haggai
Nehemiah	Zechariah
Esther	Malachi
Job	
Psalms	
Proverbs	
Ecclesiastes	
Song of Songs	
Isaiah	
Jeremiah	
Lamentations	

The New Testament Books

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts
Romans
1st and 2nd Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1st and 2nd Thessalonians
1st and 2nd Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
1st and 2nd Peter
1st , 2nd , and 3rd John
Jude
Revelation



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