

# TRUE LOVE CENTER SHEPHERD'S VOICE CLASS MANUAL

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## Welcome to TRUE LOVE

We are delighted that you have chosen True Servant Worship and Praise Church as your place of fellowship and worship. We consider you joining True Servant more than membership, rather we view your move as a decision to join a local church as a part of the greater Kingdom of God. We are not interested in building membership, but are dedicated to building members.

Whether you are newly saved, recommitting your life to Christ or changing your local church, we believe it is essential as a member of True Servant that you fully understand the Godly principles that govern our Christian beliefs, praise, worship, community service and kingdom administration.

For this reason, Shepherd's Voice was established as the catalyst for such learning; and we hope this will be a rewarding and life changing experience for you. Over the course of six sessions, we will review **who we are, what we believe, and who and how we serve the community**. Again, we thank you for selecting our ministry to partner with you in your Christian walk and are privileged that God allowed you to be a part of our family.

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**What We Believe**

We believe in the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Bishop Jenkins teaches that the Godhead (God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit), the triune being, is represented in three respects.

♦ **God the Father**

At True Servant, we believe in the one and only living God. **Jeremiah 10:10** states that, "...the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king...:"

Even though, we welcome all God's children from all walks of life and denominations, we preach only one God; Jehovah-Jireh, Jehovah-Elohim, Yahweh! No matter which Godly attribute we call Him by, we know that He is one God. **God the Son—Jesus Christ**

**John 10:7**, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." **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." Both scriptures, clearly define Christ as the gateway to God. Jesus Christ is the beloved son of God.

♦ **God the Holy Spirit**

**1 Corinthians 2:12-14** states, "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man received not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

The Holy Spirit is our ever-present Comforter and Intercessor in the absence of our physical Savior. Jesus comes to us in the form of the Holy Spirit, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." **John 14: 18-20**

♦ **Sin**

God created man in His image and after His likeness to till the ground, have dominion over every creature and ultimately to be His representative on earth, but man decided to sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." (**Genesis 3:6**)

♦ **Affects of sin:****Cursed ground**

"And unto Adam he said, Because thou has hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;" (**Genesis 3:17**)

**Dust of the ground now becomes "awfawr" (rubbish, garbage etc...)**

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return".

**Man born in sin...By nature man is sin... Train up a child**

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (**Romans 3:23**)

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it". (**Proverbs 22:6**)

♦ **Penalty of sin:****Wages of sin is death**

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord". (**Romans 6:23**)

**Man's nature & spirit are sentenced to death**

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance". (**2 Peter 3:9**)

**Nature returns to ground; spirit spends eternity in lake of fire**

(41) "The son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

(42) And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth". (**Matthew 13:41-42**)

♦ **Salvation**

God's plan to save man from destruction was not an after thought because we know that God is omnipresent and omniscient. He knows all and therefore, the plan for salvation was always His plan.

**God so loved the world...**

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life". (John 3:16)*

**Jesus died for our soul (inner man) not flesh**

*"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins". (James 5:20)*

- ♦ **1 John 5:11-12**, "And th... eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life." This passage tells us that God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son, Jesus Christ. In other words, the way to possess eternal life is to possess God's Son. The question is, how can a person have the Son of God?
- ♦ **Isaiah 59:2**, "But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear."
- ♦ **Romans 5:8**, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

According to **Romans 5:8**, God demonstrated His love for us through the death of His Son. Why did Christ have to die for us? Because Scripture declares all men to be sinful. To "sin" means to miss the mark. The Bible declares "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory (the perfect holiness) of God" (**Rom. 3:23**). In other words, our sin separates us from God who is perfect holiness (righteousness and justice) and God must therefore judge sinful man.

## Communion

### **What is Communion?**

The word "communion" is defined as the *act of sharing, or holding in common; participation*. What is communion in a biblical sense? The word "communion" as translated in the King James Version is the Greek word "koinonia" and it means a partnership, participation or social intercourse, fellowship, communion, communication, distribution, contribution or to communicate. The cracker we use represents Jesus' body. The grape juice represents the blood of Jesus.

### **Fellowship**

Communion is a fellowship of believers by which they gather together to remember the sacrifice of the LORD Jesus Christ. On the night that Christ was betrayed, He instituted this "remembrance." "And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20). (Also see, Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25.)

The Apostle Paul also gives us the order of the Lord's Supper. "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup" (1 Corinthians 11:23-28).

We know that the Apostle Paul was not in the upper room the night that Jesus instituted His Last Supper. Therefore, Paul must have received this instruction during the time he was "caught up" (2 Corinthians 12:1-10).

### **Remembrance**

Communion is a remembrance of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. He gave His life a ransom for whoever believes. The elements in themselves are not the issue, it is the fact that believers assemble together to fellowship, to remember Christ's sacrifice and to examine their own hearts as to whether they have any un-confessed sin. This is something that we are privileged to do. Taking the elements gain no merit for the participant other than one of remembrance in thanksgiving for what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for all who trust in Him as their personal Savior.

## Water Baptism

### Water-Baptism

The word baptize comes from the Greek word baptismo which means "to dip, to immerse, to plunge, to cover wholly with liquid, to submerge." **(5)** "Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, **(6)** And were baptized of him in the Jordan, confessing their sins." **(Matthew 3:5-6)**

#### ♦ Water-Baptism represents two occurrences in your spiritual life:

1. The burial of this dead man. It is a ceremonial putting away of the past, of the remains of the old man. It is a remitting of who you used to be and how you used to live.  
*"(3) Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (4) Therefore we are buried by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life".*  
**(Romans 6:3-4)**
2. Christian maturity  
*"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:38)*

#### ♦ Does Water-Baptism Save You?

1. Thief on cross was not baptized  
*"(39) And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, if thou be Christ, save thyself and us. (40) But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? (41) And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. (42) And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. (43) And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise".* **(Luke 23: 39-43)**

#### ♦ Nicodemus' perspective

*"(5) Jesus answered, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. (John 3:5-7)*



- ◆ Why do we baptize in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost in Jesus name?

1. Jesus tells the disciples in **Matthew 28:19** to "go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost..." The bible tells us in **Colossians 2:9** that "For in Him (Jesus) dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead (Father, Son and Holy Ghost) bodily".
2. So Peter fulfilled in **Acts 2:38** what Jesus commanded in **Matthew 28:19** because Jesus tells us the full expression and representation of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost who came in the form of a physiccil man (**Colossians 2:9**). And the name given Him is Jesus.

- ◆ **Temptation After Baptism**

1. "(16) And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: (17) And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased". (**Matthew 3:16-17**)
2. "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil". (**Matthew 4:1**)

## True Love Center What We Believe

### Tithe & Offering

Have you ever wondered why you should pay tithes, or would simply like additional clarification on the biblical principle of tithing?

Have you ever sat in the church and seen someone come to the altar and leave money or some sort of gift at the altar as the preacher was speaking?

Well throughout this course, Bishop will share with you what the Word of God says, not only in regards to tithes, but also the purpose of offerings as well.

The concept of offerings and tithe is rooted back to the Old Testament. Tithe in Greek is Mesar, which means "tenth". From the establishment of the priesthood, tithe was instituted as a Godly principle. Numbers 18:26 reads, "Speak to the Levites and say to them: 'When you receive from the Israelites the tithe I give you as your inheritance, you must present a tenth of that tithe as the Lord's offering.'" Nehemiah 10:38 further confirms this point by adding, "A priest descended from Aaron is to accompany the Levites when they receive the tithes, and the Levites are to bring a tenth of the tithes up to the house of our God, to the storerooms of the treasury."

Tithe is not a payment to God, but it's a holy thing that belongs to the Lord.

- ◆ *"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the LORD." **Leviticus 27:30***
- ◆ *"Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." **Proverbs 3:9-10***

The purpose of tithe is to support the Kingdom of God by providing the resources to enable the local church to fulfill the vision God has given to the spiritual leader, the Pastor. How can we clothe the naked or feed the hungry without funds to purchase food and clothing? How can we provide a place for fellowship and worship without the resources to purchase facilities or pay for needed utilities such as gas and electric? Tithe is the means God uses to further his kingdom.

- ◆ *"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." **Malachi 3:10***
- ◆ In the days of old God in **Leviticus 27** established a principle or standard for Israel to bring their tithe & offerings to the tabernacle. Israel adhered to this



decree and was a giving nation. Even in the tabernacle at Mt. Sinai, Israel gave so much that according to **Exodus 36:3-7** Moses had to stop their giving. And when the tabernacle was transformed into the temple, they built it with their best. But after the temple was destroyed and Israel returned to Jerusalem from exile, they were reluctant in rebuilding the temple and held on to their tithe. They became more concerned about building their own houses at the expense of neglecting their tithe to God. **Haggai 2**, Haggai and Zechariah encouraged them to rebuild the temple and they did, but built it on leftovers, thus never teaching the next generation the principles of tithing.

**Malachi 3:6-12** personally reinforces his principles to a new generation of people that had not been taught tithe. He says **(6)** "for I am the Lord I change not"**(7)** *Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?* **(8)** *Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.* **(9)** *Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye robbed me, even this whole nation.* **(10)** *Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.* **(11)** *And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.* **(12)** *And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts. (KJV)*

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#### Tithes & Offering

##### **Sub-Topic: Offerings & Altar Offerings**

#### **OFFERINGS**

Offering is a form of worship & sacrifice. *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service".* **Romans 12:1 (KJV)** (Worship God in giving of self for the building of the kingdom)

#### **SEED OFFERINGS**

A seed Offering, also referred to as Freewill Offering – is a monetary seed above tithe. It's normally given during special times in the service or toward a need. *"So the people of Israel – every man and woman who wanted to assist in the work given to them by the Lord's command to Moses brought their freewill offering to him".* **Exodus 35:29 (TLB)**

#### **ALTAR OFFERINGS**

Altar Offerings occur when a message stimulates the heart of the listener to spontaneously bring a monetary offering to the altar during the message.

**(6)** "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. **(7)** Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap". **Galatians 6: 6-7.** The amount is based on what God purposed in one's heart.

*"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully".* **(7)** Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver". **2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (KJV)**

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Tithe & Offering Litany

**To whom does the tithe belong?**

"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy unto the Lord".

**Leviticus 27:30**

**Who should tithe?**

"Let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered".

**1 Corinthians 16:2**

**Why should we tithe?**

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house"

**Malachi 3:10a**

**Should we tithe our gross or our net?**

"Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year".

**Deuteronomy 14:22**

**How much should we tithe?**

"Now consider how great this man was, to whom even Father Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils".

**Hebrews 7:4**

**What is God's Promise to the tither?**

"If I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

**Malachi 3:10b**

**What kind of giver does the Lord love?**

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver".

**2 Corinthians 9:7**

**ALL:**

"...It is more blessed to give than to receive".

**Acts 20:35**

## Evangelism

### Introduction:

Once we are saved, God desires that we spread the good news (gospel) that Jesus saves. God desires for us to tell others that He loves them and there is a better way they can live with Christ in their lives. We must share the message of that hope that we've found in Christ Jesus. Therefore, every believer in some way must become involved in evangelism, which is spreading the gospel to help save the lost.

#### ◆ What is Evangelism?

- ◇ Evangelism is the act of spreading the gospel to the lost and sharing the love of Christ with the unbelievers.  
**John 1:36-51, 3:1-13, Acts 8:26-40, 9:17, 13:6-13**

#### ◆ What is witnessing?

- ◇ Witnessing is telling someone about the salvation or blessings that you've experienced by faith in Christ and through the grace of God.
- ◇ Effective Witnessing

**John 15:16** "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you".

**Acts 3:1-7** "(1) Now Peter and John went together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. (2) And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, who they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; (3) Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. (4) And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John said, Look on us. (5) And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. (6) Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. (7) And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength".

**Luke 14:23** "And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled".

**What are some forms of evangelism?**

- A. Street Witnessing – **Matthew 5:1, 24:3, Acts 16:12-13, 17:22**
- B. Visiting Prisons – **Acts 16:25-35**
- C. Visiting Hospitals – **Matthew 25:35-44**
- D. Feeding the Hungry – **Matthew 25:35-44**
- E. Clothing the Naked – **Matthew 25:35-44**

**When and to whom should we evangelize?**

- A. We should share the love and salvation that Christ offers daily, wherever we go.
- B. We should share Christ with:
  - A friend – **John 1:4-45**
  - Rulers and leaders – **John 3:2, Acts 13:6-12, 24:24, 26:27**
  - Outcasts – **Luke 7:28**
  - Other Christians for encouragement – **Acts 18:26**
  - Sinners – **Luke 23:43, John 4:6-30**
  - All people – **Acts 17:17**

**Community Outreach**

Our mission to S.E.R.V.E. surpasses the four walls of the church. Since its inception in 1998, Changes Inc. (formerly True Servant Community Development Corporation) has been committed to bettering the lives of those in our community, one positive change at a time. Through this separate non-profit entity, Bishop Jenkins' vision to serve the community at large has been realized. Changes, Inc. currently serves more than 100 families including children and youth, elderly and adults through early childhood education, emergency food management and various other programs.

Changes, Inc. is governed by a board of directors which encompasses community service, education and business professionals responsible for the overall governance of the its operational, financial and legal affairs. True Servant church members can become involved with Changes by joining one of the following standing or special committees:

- ◆ Governance and Strategic Planning
- ◆ Fund Development and Fundraising
- ◆ Marketing and Public Relations
- ◆ Finance / Audit.

Additionally Changes, Inc. recruits board members annually with expertise in the above-mentioned areas.

## Spirit of Excellence

### Introduction:

This lesson will help you understand God's purpose as it relates to your quality of servant hood. If we are to reflect the personality of God then it is a must that we must do what he requires with the Spirit of Excellence.

#### ◆ Excellence vs. Perfection

*"Because it is written, be ye Holy; for I Am Holy". (I Peter 1:16)* This text does not refer to God's nature but rather his intentions. There is no comparison between God and man.

*"To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like"? (Isaiah 46:5)*

*"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away". (Isaiah 64:6)*

To be holy like God does not require for us to be perfect like him, but rather for us to take on his attitude. *"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus". (Philippians 2:5)*

The mind that was in Christ Jesus was the mind of God. The mind of God is the attitude of completing his assignment with the Spirit of Excellence. *"And God saw every thing that he made, and behold it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day". (Genesis 1:31)*

#### ◆ God expects results

*"His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the lord". (Matthew 25:21)*

The distinction between faithful and good is that faithfulness means to be committed to something; good represent the quality of that something.

You can't gauge your effort toward your assignment based on the level of the assignment. God requires us to complete our assignment with the Spirit of Excellence regardless of the level. (Ushers, Ministers, Members, Leaders etc...)