

C.L.O.N.E.

Introduction

Course Introduction and Outline

Our Mission Statement: Our mission at Cleary Baptist Church is to become a clone of the Acts 2 church and to clone the Acts 2 church in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the Ends of the Earth for the glory of God and the good of mankind.

Acts 2:42-47 42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- I. **C** _____—They were together
- II. **L** _____—They devoted themselves to the apostles' doctrine
- III. **O** _____—The Lord was adding to their number day by day
- IV. **N** _____—They were taking care of one another
- V. **E** _____—They were worshipping together and breaking bread together in worship.

This is what we long to be as a church. This is what God has called us to be as a church. Each week we are going to look at each one of these characteristics of the Acts 2 church and determine how they can become a practical part of our church.

C is for CONNECT

Connect through...

I. Salvation

2 Cor 13:5 *Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you are disqualified*

- Periodically read through the letter of _____ in order to examine yourself as to whether you are in the faith.

I have identified for you 4 of the high points in John's first letter to help you do a brief self-examination.

When one truly possesses the faith, Christ will impact several aspects of their life.

1. He Impacts their L_____

First John 2:3 says, *“Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.”*

2. He Impacts their Loyalties

First John 2:15 says, *“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”*

3. He Impacts their L_____

First John 3:14 says, *“We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.”*

4. He Lives within Them

First John 5:10 says, *“He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself.”*

The Way of Salvation

Acts 26:20 *(I) declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.*

There are three steps to salvation that everyone must take in order to become a true believer. They are . . .

1. **Turning v20a**

2. **T** _____ **v20b**

We must trust in _____.

3. **Transforming 20c**

HOMEWORK: Write out your testimony on paper before the next session. Also, please take time to get alone with God in order to prayerfully read through the pages following this lesson or log onto <http://www.matthiasmedia.com.au/2wt/> and read "Two Ways to Live." Let God use this time to speak to you about your relationship with him.

II. Baptism

1. **Believer's Baptism is** _____

Acts 2:37-38 *Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you*

Acts 8:12 *But when they believed Philip they were baptized, both men and women*

Baptism is a very important part of the Christian life. It is a public

_____ of a personal _____.

2. **Believer's Baptism is Explained**

Rom 6:3-4 *Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

3. **Believer's Baptism is** _____

1 Peter 3:21 *There is also an antitype which now saves us — baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ*

III. Membership

There are two extremes in church membership.

1. Church membership means _____.
2. Church membership means _____.

“Less is expected of church members today than civic organizations expect of their members. We have dumbed down church membership to the point that it means almost nothing!” Thom Rainer, President of Lifeway Christian Resources

We expect you, as a member of this church to make a number of commitments.

1. To be a part of a small group
2. To be faithful to attend corporate worship
3. To serve in some capacity
4. To be involved in outreach
5. To give a tithe offering
6. To spend time with God regularly in prayer and in the Word.

Heb 10:23-25 *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

My Personal Testimony

My life before Christ:

How I met Christ:

My life after Christ: