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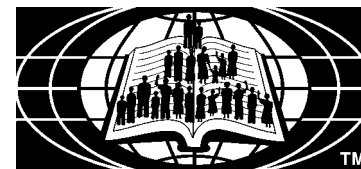
The Presence of Christ and the Extension of the Church



Pastoral Leader Training Booklet

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Peter the evangelist visits John's home in a very remote village where there is little law enforcement, to witness to him...

Millions of people have come to experience the presence of Jesus Christ. It's real! It's the same Jesus who walked in this world healing the blind and...



I like what he says.

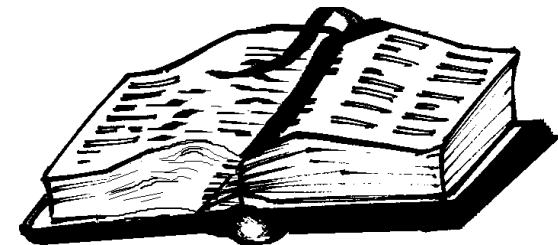
This is new to me.



10. What does the Holy Spirit help us to do, according to Acts 1:8?

11. Does a humble believer from a remote rural area, have the same Holy Spirit as a missionary or a trained pastor?

12. Who is responsible for doing the work of Christ in a place? Is it the local believers, or only some teacher from elsewhere?



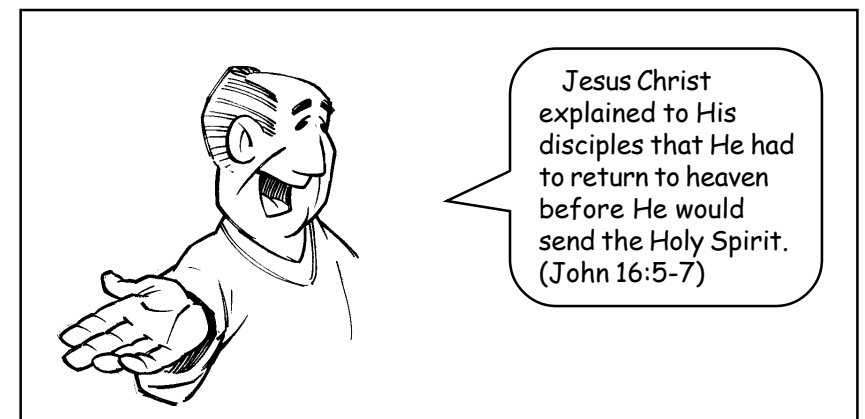
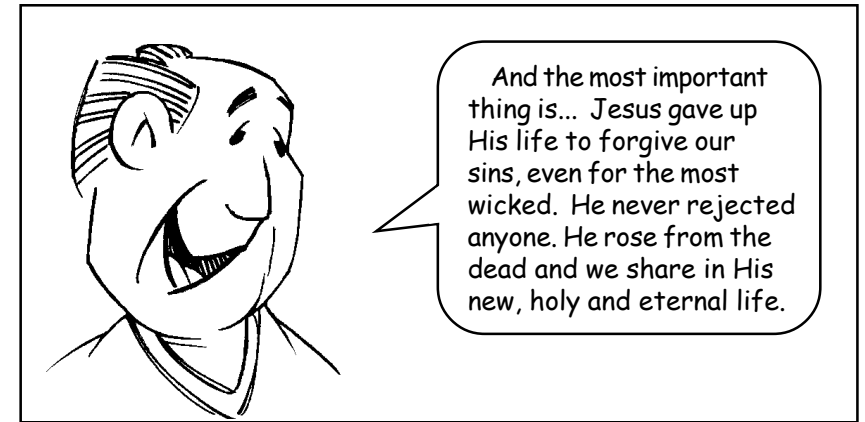
5. What must we do according to Acts 2:38?

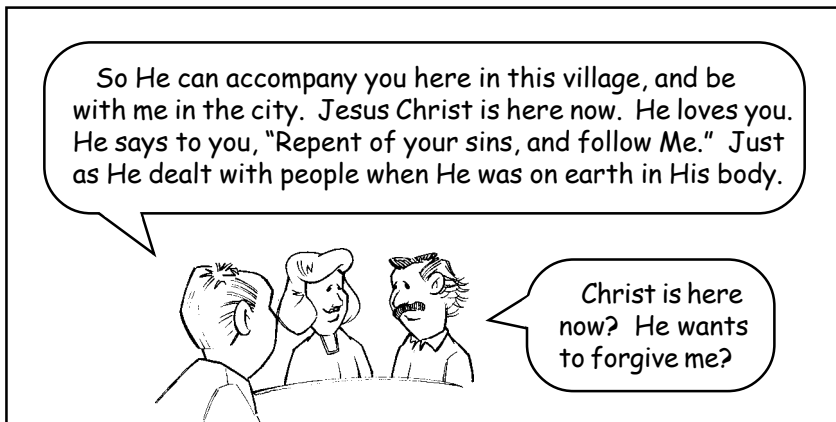
6. What must we do according to 1 Thessalonians 5:17-19?

7. What must we do according to 1 Corinthians 10:16?

8. What must we do according to Luke 24:25-32?

9. What does the Lord promise us in John 14:15-21 if we obey His commands?





SUMMARY TEST

1. What did Jesus do when He went back to heaven? (John 16:7)

2. Is Jesus still present in the world? How?
(Matthew 28:20 and John 14:16-18)

3. How do we know that Jesus still has the same love and forgiveness for everyone? (Luke 24:46-49)

4. How do we know that the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ, although they are different persons, are the same God? (John 14:16-18)



Having found the reality of the presence of Christ, we won't go back to praying to statues or spirits.



Because He said: "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, the Spirit of truth, to stay with you for ever. The world cannot receive Him, because it cannot see Him or know Him. But you know Him because He remains with you and lives in you."
He also said, "I will not leave you alone; I will come back to you." (John 14:16-18)

Hundreds repent and share in eternal life and the joy of Christ.



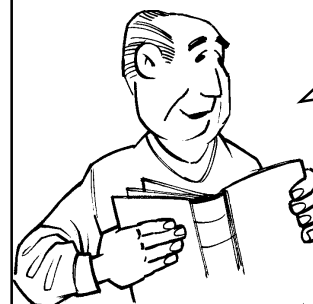
I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...



Does He still want to forgive us?

Yes. He still has the same love and the same power to save us from sin and hell.

All's lost here. Whole villages and towns have come to know the power of Christ's holy presence. Scandalous! I'm off.



Do you want to experience His presence, love and salvation? You can, right now. Look, He tells sinners: "Turn away from your sins, each one of you, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

John feels the Spirit of God stirring in his soul.



Now I can understand what I read better.



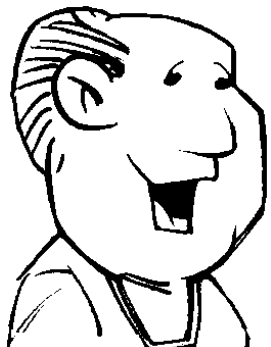
That's what I want to do. If Christ is willing, I want to do that, Peter.

So do I.



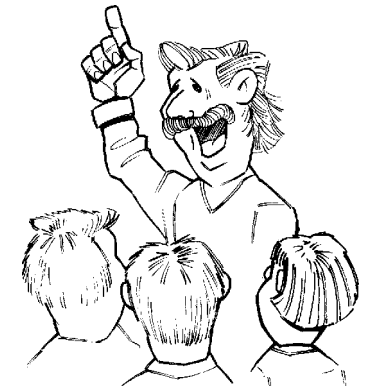
The believers again feel Christ's presence. John teaches...

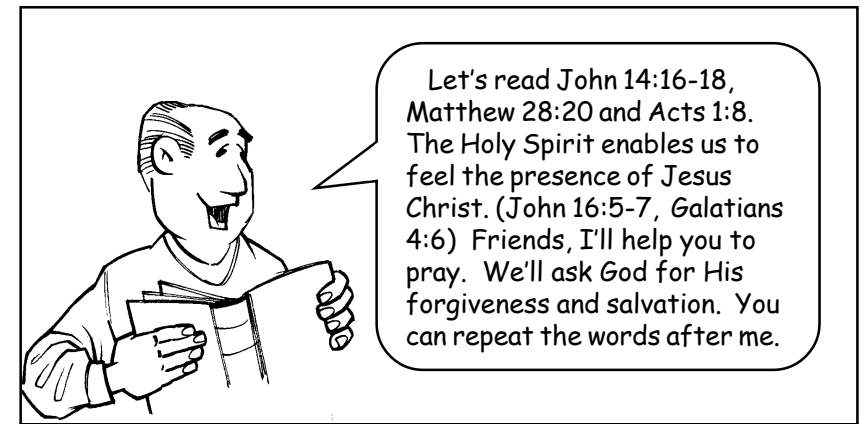
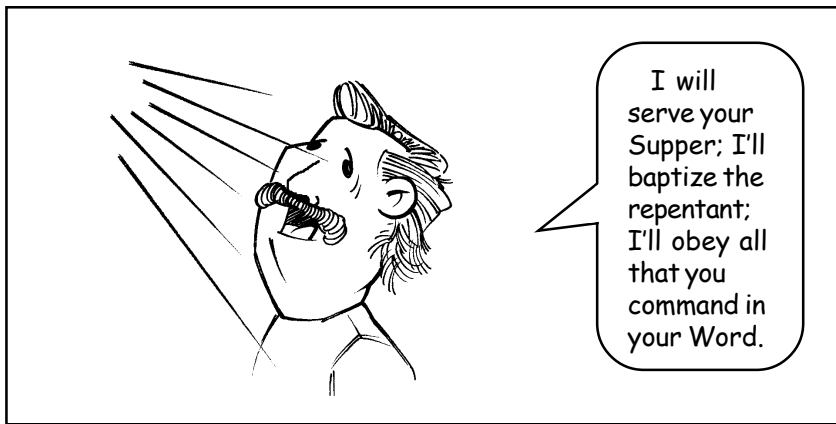
Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are two divine Persons, but they are united; there is only one God. This is the mystery of the Holy Trinity. When Jesus promised to be with us, he was referring to the presence of the Holy Spirit.



We have overcome! The One Who is in us is greater than the devil who is in the world. (1 John 4:4)

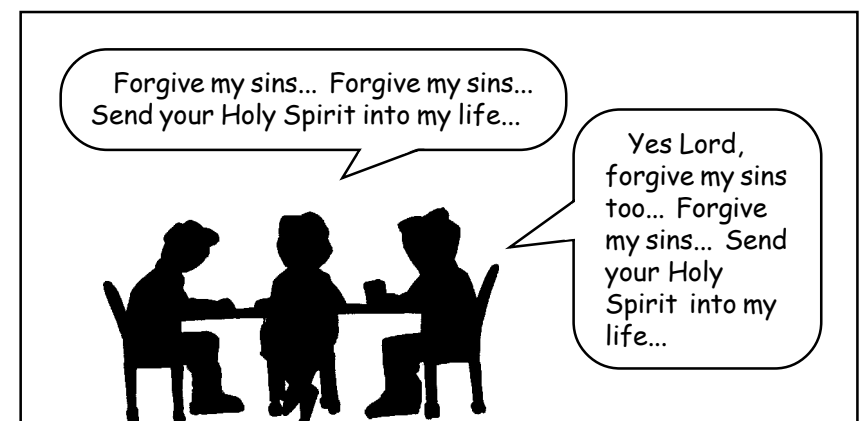
"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
(Philippians 4:13)

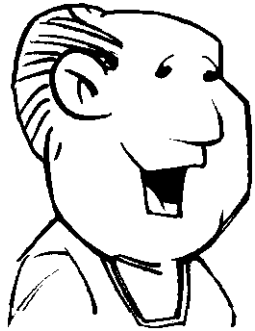




John and his wife Rhoda sense in their hearts that God is speaking to them. They receive the Holy Spirit and feel Christ's presence.

He studies his Bible so as to teach about Christ.
He finds Christ's presence on every page...





John, your sins are forgiven. And yours, too, sister.



It's your fault. You made him come, through your own weakness. Now you're alone. And you're useless.

After several hours of explaining how to follow Jesus, Peter starts to leave. John asks,

Peter, when are you coming back? I must tell my friends about the Gospel.

You can tell them, John. I'll be back on Tuesday.



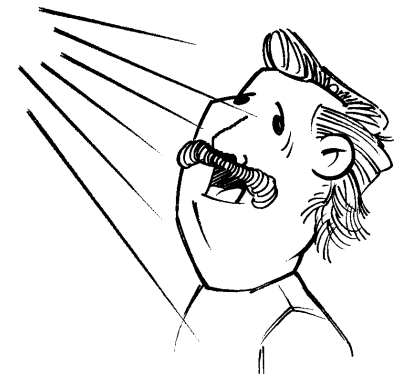
John clings to Christ's precious presence in prayer...

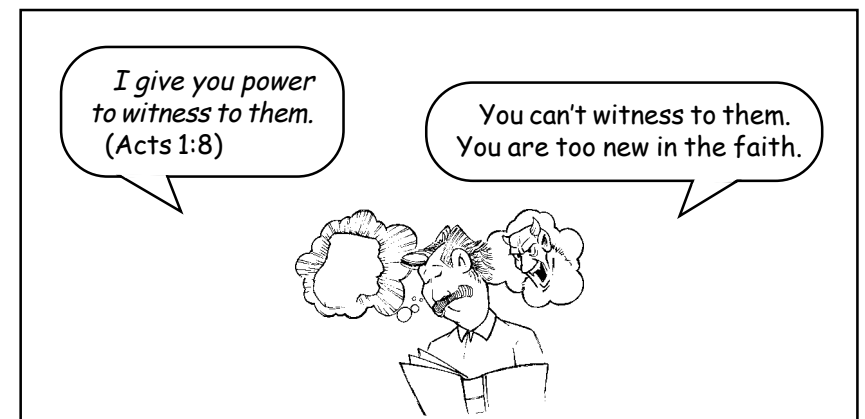
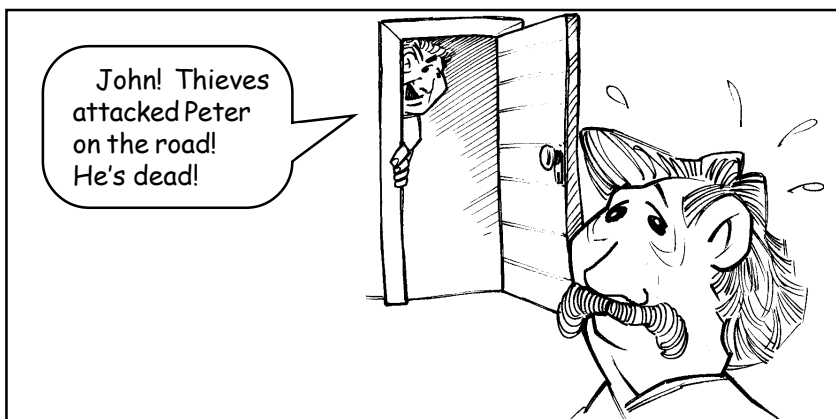
When Peter sets out from John's home...



Peter... Don't go back by the same road...

MY GRACE AND FORGIVENESS ARE SUFFICIENT FOR YOU. YOU ARE NEVER ALONE. I AM ALWAYS WITH YOU.





John realizes he now has two conflicting tendencies, as Romans 7:18 explains...



His new tendency is the one born again, the real John. This John is a “*temple of the Holy Spirit*.” The old tendency is the one inherited from Adam. This “old man” wants to give way to the devil. This is the old John.

(Colossians 3:9-10)

That day John witnesses...



The neighbors will stone us. There's just problems. We'd better wait till Peter comes.

That's it. Forget the Lord's Supper. It's not worth it. Didn't I tell you that you're useless?



Disheartened, John writes to Peter...

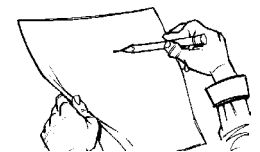
Dear Brother Peter,
Please come
because I'm no use
at being a Pastor
and brother James
is drinking again...

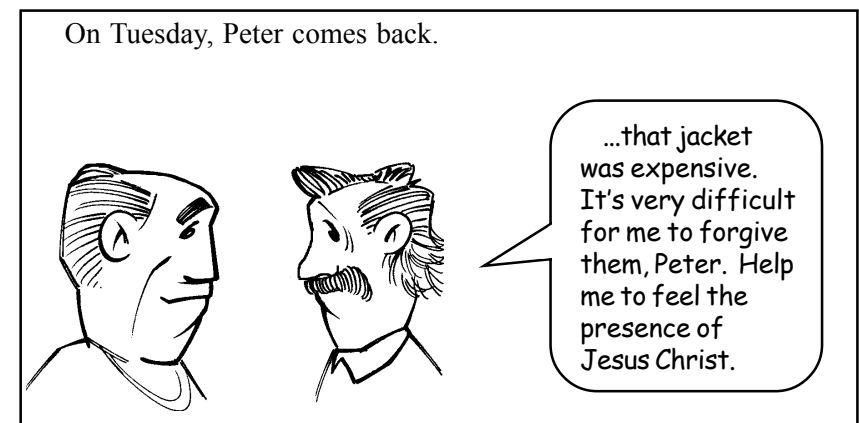
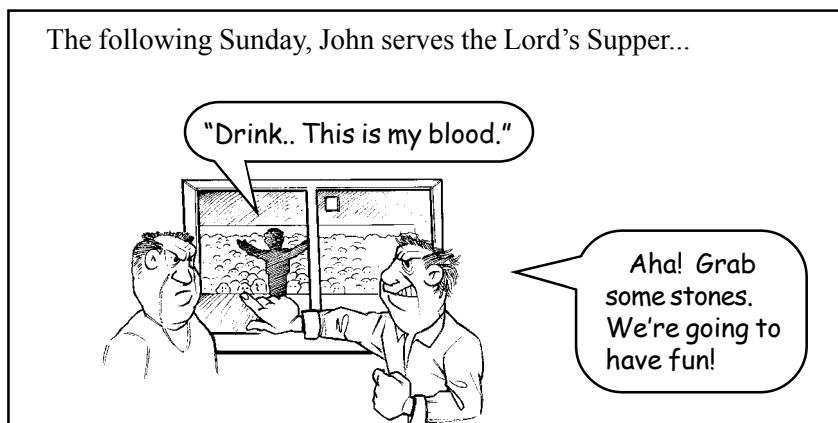


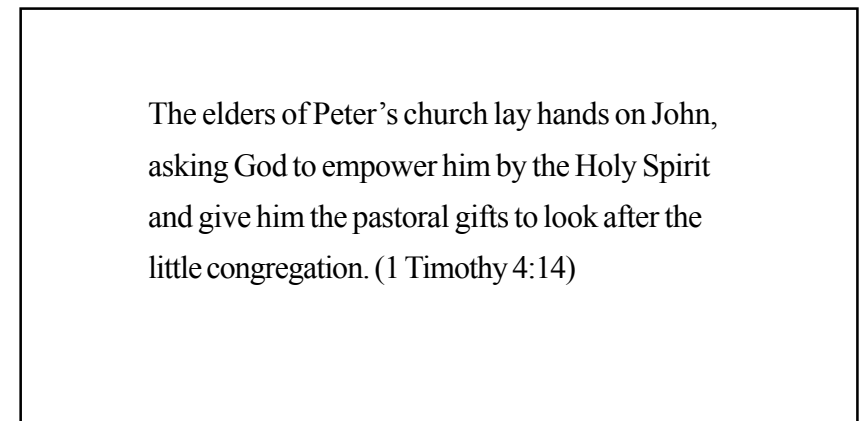
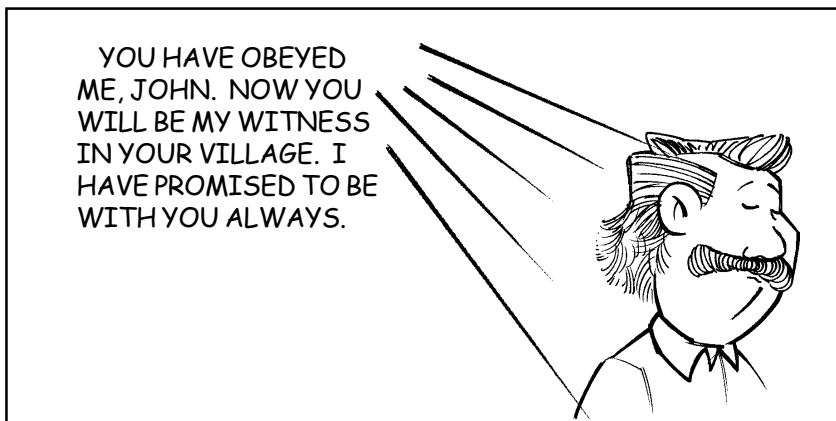
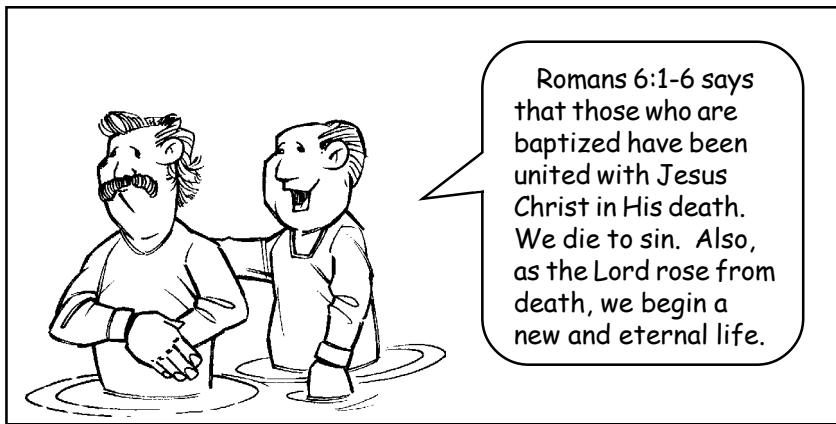
Peter replies...

...and I have to visit other places. I can't go to your town every week.

You know Christ's commands so you can look after the group yourself. The brothers must take responsibility. Jesus Christ will always be with you, as with me. Nevertheless I'll come on Saturday.







John forgives...

Before, I wanted to kill you. But not any longer. Now I feel sorry for you. However, it's not me but Jesus in me.



What humbug!
You say you love me! Who'd believe it!

Time goes by...

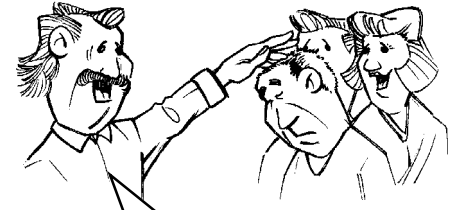
Peter continues to visit. He teaches them to obey all Christ's commands.

John studies pastoral courses with him.

Yes, John. You can take charge of the work of Jesus Christ in the village. I can't come every week. You can teach what I taught you.
(2 Timothy 2:2)



"I will help you, putting words into your mouth. My Spirit is in you."
(Acts 1:8)



The sacrifice for all sin was made on the cross, once for all time. God freely offers us eternal life...

Look. Your friend's wearing your jacket. He's making fun of you. See how angry you feel. You're useless!



The following Tuesday...

Thank God you came, brother. John was encouraged when we were baptized, but now he's angry with his friends, who mock him.

