



STUDENT GUIDE

Four Cardinal Truths



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JOHN 8:3

THE TRUTH
WILL SET
YOU *free*



¡WELCOME TO THE LEVEL UP SCHOOL OF COMUNIDAD CRISTIANA EMANUEL!

We're embarking on a journey of spiritual growth and learning together, and we're excited to be part of this journey with you. Our desire is that, through this school, you will gain a deeper understanding of God's Word and a stronger relationship with Him.

John 8:31–32 NLT

³¹ Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Jesus urges those who believe in him to “Know the truth.” This involves accepting God's truth as revealed in the Bible and in Jesus, and living according to it, freeing ourselves from sin and everything that threatens the fullness of life God desires for us to live.

On the other hand, the Bible says:

Hosea 4:6 NIV

My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge...

Today, there is a latent threat to the faith and truth of God. Through worldliness and humanistic and diabolical trends, the devil seeks to keep human beings in slavery and destroy them. We must not allow this!

Today, more than ever, we must delve into the Scriptures and defend their teachings. Walking in the freedom and spiritual fulfillment that lead to eternal life depends on this.

The LEVEL UP SCHOOL seeks to contribute to this purpose.

Let us come with open minds and hearts, ready to learn, listen, and grow together.

Life is better in **COMMUNITUY!**

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HISTORICAL ROOTS

Throughout the second half of the 19th century in the United States, Protestants of diverse backgrounds began to wonder why their churches didn't seem to exhibit the same vibrant, faith-filled life as those of the New Testament. Many of these believers joined evangelical or Holiness churches, dedicated themselves to fervent prayer and self-sacrifice, and fervently sought God. It was in this context that people began to experience biblical spiritual gifts and Pentecostal revival.

Formed amidst this growing worldwide Pentecostal revival, the Assemblies of God were founded in 1914 in Hot Springs, Arkansas, by a broad coalition of ministers who desired to collaborate to achieve common goals, such as experiencing the move of the Holy Spirit, establishing doctrinal unity, evangelizing the world, sending missionaries, and fostering fellowship and accountability. The Assemblies of God quickly spread to other countries, and today there are nearly 13,000 churches in the United States with nearly 3 million members and worshippers. With more than 86 million members worldwide, the Assemblies of God is the largest Pentecostal denomination in the world.

These achievements bear witness to the fact that a Christ-centered church, rooted in sound doctrine, fulfills divine purposes. May our historical roots inspire us to continue this legacy.



THE FOUR CARDINAL TRUTHS

Rev. Pedro Solá

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Two years after its founding, the Assemblies of God established 16 doctrines as the standard by which preaching and teaching are evaluated. These doctrines became our Statement of Fundamental Truths.

Four of these beliefs are considered the fellowship's fundamental beliefs. We may hear them referred to as our cardinal truths. They permeate all teaching, music, preaching, discussions—everything we do. The message of the Church revolves around these four defining beliefs:

- 1. Salvation Through Jesus Christ**
- 2. Divine Healing**
- 3. Baptism in the Holy Spirit**
- 4. The Second Coming of Christ**

During these weeks we will address these four topics.

RELEVANCE TO LIFE

A knowledge of these four cardinal truths is essential for spiritual growth, doctrinal integrity, and effective ministry. These core beliefs provide a biblical foundation that shapes personal faith, guides worship, and influences evangelism. Understanding salvation ensures a strong relationship with Christ and the ability to share the gospel effectively. Believing in divine healing strengthens faith in God's restorative power and helps us face life's storms with steadfastness. The baptism in the Holy Spirit empowers believers for service and deepens their connection with God, while the doctrine of Christ's second coming instills hope and urgency for godly living. These teachings unite believers in purpose, strengthen the church's mission, and empower members to defend their faith with clarity and confidence.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will have demonstrated the ability to: (1) Know and recite the four cardinal truths of our faith; (2) Incorporate knowledge of these cardinal truths into their daily lives and participation in the Great Commission; (3) equip themselves with additional tools to defend their faith and our church's position on these various issues; (4) Allow these truths to transform their lives and thinking to lead more Christlike lives.



SUGGESTED READING FOR FURTHER LEARNING

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COURSE FORMAT

WEEK 1: SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

*Through whom is humanity saved?
How are we freed from sin?*

WEEK 2: DIVINE HEALING

*Does God still heal people today?
Who has access to God's healing?*

WEEK 3: BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

*What is speaking in tongues?
What does the Holy Spirit do in me?*

WEEK 4: THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

*Who will be with Christ when he returns?
What will Christ do when he returns?*



SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST



This truth results in _____, _____ and _____.

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The only hope of humanity's redemption from the fallen state of sin is through the _____ of _____, the Son of God, blood that was shed when Jesus died on the cross.

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Luke 24:47 NKJV

and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

John 3:3, 16, 17 NIV

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

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.

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**Romans 8:16 NIV**

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Romans 10:13–15 NIV

¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Ephesians 2:8–9 NIV

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 4:24 NIV

and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

**Titus 2:11–12 NIV**

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Titus 3:5–7 NIV

⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Other Bible verses:

Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; Acts 4:12, 8:26–39; John 3, 19; Romans 5:8–11, 6:23, 10:9–13 and Ephesians 2:8–9



DIVINE HEALING



Our Lord still heals today, and it is vital that the church preach, teach, and practice this biblical truth. The Scriptures command believers to pray in _____ and _____ God for the outcome.

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Isaiah 53:4–5 NIV

4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Matthew 8:16–17 NIV

16 When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: “He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.”



James 5:14–16 NIV

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. **16** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Other Bible verses:

Isaiah 61:1; Matthew 4:23–24, 9:35, 18:16–17; Mark 1:34; Luke 4:18–19, 6:19; John 5:1–9, 14; Hebrews 4:15



BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



This truth explains the _____ and _____ of our _____.
Jesus promised his followers that they would receive _____ from on high
to be his _____.

[illegible]



What is the doctrine of the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

_____ believers can receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and therefore, they should _____ and earnestly _____ the _____ of the Father according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ.

That was the _____ experience of all Christians in the Early Christian Church.

With this experience comes empowerment for victorious _____
_____ and _____. It also provides specific
spiritual _____ for more effective ministry.

The baptism of Christians in the Holy Spirit is accompanied by the _____ of speaking in other _____ (unlearned languages) as the Spirit enables them to express themselves.

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Luke 24:49 NIV

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

Acts 1:4, 8 NIV

4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**Acts 2:4 NIV**

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 8:12–13; 17 NIV

¹² But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³ Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. ¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 10:44–46 NIV**

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. **45** The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. **46** For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Acts 11:14–16 NIV

14 He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’ **15** “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. **16** Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’

**Acts 15:7–9 NIV**

7 After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: “Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. 8 God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. 9 He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith.

Other Bible verses:

Romans 15:13; 1 Corinthians 12:1–31 (Spiritual Gifts)



THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST



We believers must _____ in the certainty of our Lord's imminent _____ and _____ this hope with those who do not have it.

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What is the doctrine of the second coming of Christ?

All Christians who have _____, will one day rise from their _____ and meet the Lord in the _____.

The _____ who have not died will be _____ along with them to be with the Lord.

Then _____ of all _____ will live forever with the Lord.

The biblical truth of the Lord's imminent return is "The _____."

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Romans 8:23 NIV

Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:51–52 NIV

⁵¹Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵²in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.



1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 NIV

16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Titus 2:13

while we wait for the blessed hope—
the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior,
Jesus Christ

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