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DEDICATION

The word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and the spirit, and of the joints and the marrow, and is a critic of thoughts and intents of the heart. (Heb 4:12) All Scripture is God-breathed, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God might be mature, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2Tim 3:16-17) Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2Tim. 2:1)

This compilation of doctrinal principles is dedicated to my pastor of some 40+ years, Col. R. B. Thieme Jr., who, in my humble opinion, is one of, if not the, foremost theologian of the 20th century and most likely many others as well. Without his consistent undaunted dogmatic teaching of Orthodox Fundamental Christian Bible Doctrine this document would not have been possible and I would most likely NOT have a clue about the Christian Way of Life. In his physical presence, mental acuity, supreme dedication to the word of God and overriding dogmatic veracity in the presentation of the doctrines of the bible he has been a life changing inspiration to myself and literally hundreds of thousands of other believers throughout the world. I, and these others I am sure, look forward to the honor of standing in ranks before the Judgment Seat of Jesus Christ as representatives of the "Berachah Battalion" who have grown up in the Spiritual Life under his phenomenal grace teaching.

I would like to give special thanks to Pastor Robert Lyon who has been a stimulation and encouragement to me in putting this and other materials together as a consolidation of bible doctrine to enable others to assimilate or review these fantastic doctrinal principles. I give special recognition to Mrs. Evelyn Lyon who simply puts up with Pastor Bob and supports him constantly proving what a Right Man / Right Woman relationship should truly be.

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PREFACE

Before a believer begins to study anything related to bible doctrine he must name his sins privately to God the Father. "If we confess (Name or Cite) our (known) sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our (known) sins and to cleanse us from all (unknown sins) unrighteousness." (1John 1:9) This will put the believer into fellowship with God and under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit and ready to learn Bible Doctrine. If you have never personally expressed faith alone in The Lord Jesus, The Christ alone the issue is NOT naming your sins. The issue is nonmeritorious faith alone in The Lord Jesus, The Christ alone. "He who believes in the Son has Eternal Life; But he who does not obey the command to believe in the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:36)

If we are totally objective we must admit to having illusions about some things in life at some time. For myself there is ONE thing in this life which I have no illusions about, Bible Doctrine. Were it not for the teaching ministry of Col. R. B. Thieme Jr. and his consistent clear, concise and dogmatic presentation of the doctrines of the bible I would know nothing of doctrine at all. I have no illusion about my knowledge or calling or spiritual gift and recognize that I could not do what he and many other pastors have done and continue to do in the constant studying of the history of the bible times, the original languages and categories of biblical principles and then the teaching of doctrine to their congregations. I have over the years learned innumerable principles from these studies done by Pastor Thieme. One of the most important things I have learned has been that "the rate of learning MUST exceed the rate of FORGETTING" in order to advance in the Spiritual Life or even maintain some level of spiritual growth. This amplifies the necessity therefore of constant consistent Perception, Cognition, Inculcation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine and ultimately the application of it to life. It is my desire that this document be a source of consolidated doctrine to fulfill that very purpose.

This is, in fact, a compilation of notes I have taken on the principles directly derived from the lessons taught by Col. R. B. Thieme Jr., primarily in 1976 on the Life of Abraham. Within these lessons he extrapolated principles of "Spiritual Common Sense" which are in fact essential for the believer in The Lord Jesus, The Christ to understand and function in the Christian Way of Life especially as a member of the Royal Family of God in this Church Age. These lessons, having been taught many years prior to the time of my compiling this document, still, to this day, reflect an essential necessity for the Christian as part of the Royal Family of God. These lessons were taught after many years of Pastor Thieme serving in his ministry of Studying and Teaching Orthodox Fundamental Biblical Christian Doctrine in an Isagogical, Exegetical and Categorical method. With this in mind the reader should be conscious of the fact that some of the terminology, doctrine and principles presented here will be at best obscure and possibly totally meaningless to the new or infant believer. It took the Colonel many years to come to the point of being able to extract these doctrines and principles from the original languages of scripture so it should certainly take some years of study by the believer under his type of ministry to be able to understand what is contained herein.

As one would expect, I am sure, I have entered some opinions and concepts of my own from what I have learned from my studies under his teaching of Bible Doctrine in later lessons, from later years, from life experiences and other current materials. I have in addition, I am sure, not kept the order of presentation of these principles of common sense but tried to reorganize them into categories for better understanding of their content. The effort here on my part has been to consolidate the principles of “Spiritual Common Sense” in order to provide a place where believers might go to acquire or review concise but detailed principles related to building common sense in order to live as a Christian. However, nothing contained herein is ever to be construed to have been originated by my personal abilities to extract doctrines from the scripture. Neither is this to be a substitute for consistent daily study under one’s right Pastor Teacher in order to develop the momentum needed to reach and HOLD ON TO spiritual maturity, the ultimate objective of the Spiritual Life. I have taken the liberty of TRYING to ONLY add pertinent examples of historical and social trends which I see occurring some time after these lessons had elucidated them. If more details and reference passages are desired on “Spiritual Common Sense” or how these principles were derived the original lessons can be ordered from R. B. Thieme Jr. Bible Ministries, P.O. Box 460829, Houston Tx. 77056-8829, 713-621-3740.

I have, in fact, attempted the impossible in trying to ORGANIZE these principles into discrete segments or categories. The doctrinal principles of “Spiritual Common Sense” are interactive and interrelated and as such in reality cannot be segregated. With this in mind understand that there will be duplication and repetition and one aspect of doctrinal application to common sense principles cannot be separated and individually studied without relating it to, often, several others. However, as the Colonel might have said on occasion, “REPETITION IS INVALUABLE SO GET USED TO IT AND ENJOY IT.

Dr. Frank P Ferraro

SPIRITUAL COMMON SENSE
PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING
LAWS OF DIVINE ESTABLISHMENT PRINCIPLES
AND
CONTEMPORARY HISTORICAL TRENDS - 1976 TO 2020

COMMON SENSE IS SOMETHING WHICH HAS TO BE TAUGHT AND LEARNED
COMMON SENSE IS THE APPLICATION OF THINGS WHICH YOU LEARN IN LIFE
IT IS NOT INSTINCTIVE.

PRINCIPLES HAVE TO BE TAUGHT AND THE APPLICATION OF THESE
PRINCIPLES ARE COMMON SENSE.

INTRODUCTION

This is a summary, not so short, of **WHAT WE SHOULD DO WITH DOCTRINE.** When we have common sense principles of the *Spiritual Life* delineated by **Bible Doctrine** we will then learn how to Adjust to the Justice of God. This should offset the tendency to become weird in the understanding and application of Bible Doctrine.

COMMON SENSE

It must be related to training. You must be trained in life somewhere along the line and what we call *COMMON SENSE* has its origin in the training from parents and other people who appreciate the fact that in life whether at a party or living with people in very close quarters, thoughtfulness and courtesy are essential and have to be cultivated and trained and gone over and over again and again. *We as Royal Family of God must be trained as royalty which, in the past, were trained through the discipline and structure of the most difficult of schools and the teaching of courtesy and manners was extremely important in this training. Everything in life which is worth knowing, being able to handle oneself in every situation in life properly, demands training and teaching and this is NO different in Christianity. The trend is to not engage in teaching in Christianity and this is why many if not most Christians are boors and terribly crude. A Person with unrestrained emotional activity, with emotion not being related to Bible Doctrine, is like a crude rude boor who no one wants around. There is no substitute for training in all aspects of life and during childhood all children must be constantly trained.*

SPIRITUAL COMMON SENSE

It is based on Orthodox Fundamental Bible Doctrine and is an application of biblical principles someone in past history has made before us and our time. The number of principles elucidated in this study are extensive and interrelated. These are

things which some great believer of the past has done and God the Holy Spirit has seen to it that they have been recorded for us so that we can learn from them in order that when we face the same types of situations and problems they faced we can have the same great victories and turn situations around for our benefit. *The Application of the principles of Bible Doctrine we learn results in **Spiritual Common Sense**.* There must be Bible Doctrine mixed into the Spiritual Common Sense principles to allow us to use and apply the doctrines and the principles. This compilation is a concentration of those **PRINCIPLES OF SPIRITUAL LIFE AND OF SPIRITUAL COMMON SENSE** so be sure to read them slowly and focus on them and even read and reread them as often as needed to inculcate them.

Consistency under ANTITHETICAL situations is the beauty of spiritual common sense. You never handle any 2 situations the same but there may be a case to handle antithetical situations the same. EX: You never go to court because someone maligns you, BUT if someone cheats you in business you go to court and sue them to the poor house. This is consistency in antithetical situations. You go to court to get a criminal convicted and if someone cheats in business they are criminal. God is the only one consistent throughout Human History. Total confidence in God and the Plan of God accompanies the primary zone of blessing from God for the Ultra Super Grace believer. If you get to this primary zone of blessing your friends will all say you are arrogant and dogmatic. Just leave this with the Justice of God because God has a great way of dealing with vacillating people. Only the believer in Maturity Adjustment to the Justice of God has the good common sense to exercise total confidence in the Justice of God no matter the situation or circumstances. The believer must have the ability to work out the commands of God without falling into the inconsistencies. As a result of having Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Soul the believer must remain alert and flexible in understanding and executing the commands of God. For some this is the beginning of having a sense of humor which is an ESSENTIAL part of the Christian Way of Life. It is very easy to lose your sense of humor and all that is needed is for you to go to a Christian school, get involved with do good bleeding heart liberals, or Neglect Bible Doctrine.

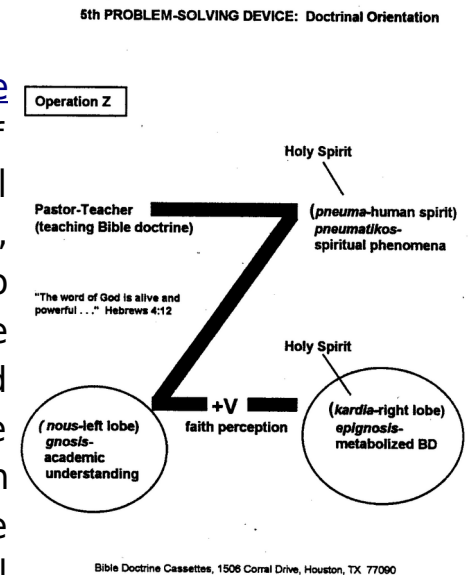
Spiritual Common Sense is almost gone today since people generally have little if any interest in Bible Doctrine and want a short cut to everything in life. They want great and exciting experiences in life and therefore the consistent self discipline and the dedication needed to take in Bible Doctrine daily is very scarce. This compilation is an attempt to concentrate the principles NOT the detailed doctrines surrounding each principle and if the situational details are what you want or need then the study which these principles have been derived from is 1976 The Life of Abraham, which you can

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THE GRACE PRINCIPLE OF THE PLAN OF GOD

The whole concept of grace is that God does the work and man receives the benefit and responds to it. The working of God on behalf of the Human Race is Justice and the Righteousness of God is just as much an issue in the motivation as is the Love of God. The Love of God and Righteousness of God are motivators and the Justice of God is what provides the action or function in the Plan of God especially salvation and blessing in time and for eternity. This includes the imputed gift of Eternal Life needed to live with God and the fantastic rewards possible for the believer in eternity. The greatest principle of security for the believer is to realize that his Adjustment to God is ONLY on the basis of the Justice of God. Once you understand the Justice of God you move into the area of security and then your blessings are totally and eternally secure and your Divine Discipline becomes a matter of thanksgiving and your life becomes a wonderful life based on the Justice of God not the Love of God. **(John 3:18, 36)**

Grace dynamics includes the principle that Justice Demands Justice and in grace we adjust to the Justice of God starting at the cross and going through the Spiritual Life with Rebound and consistent Perception, Cognition, Inculcation & Metabolization of Bible Doctrine. Failure to make Adjustment to the Justice of God means that the Justice of God must provide for us Divine Discipline and punishment until we make a correction and return to the Plan of God or are removed from this life. Through spiritual momentum from daily function under the Operation Z Grace Apparatus for Perception you fulfill the principle that Justice Demands Justice.



Grace always emphasizes who and what God is never who or what we are. Grace always depends on the character of God NEVER on our character. The only way we enter into the benefits of grace from God is through Adjustment to the Justice of God which is a nonmeritorious factor. The whole system of spiritual Perception, Cognition, Inculcation & Metabolization of Bible Doctrine is a nonmeritorious system. It is only through maximum Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul that any believer in all of history can ever reach Maturity Adjustment to the Justice of God. There is a tendency for believers to get involved in systems of works and doing good

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