Before the Beginning

LESSON #1

Introduction:

Have you ever heard anyone say "I just can't understand the bible?"

- -Its to hard
- -It says so many different things.

If you were to get a magnify glass and sit at a table to examine the Mona Lisa only up close. You would learn about brush strokes and facial shapes but you would never see the big picture.

Our soul purpose in this study is to see the big picture or the frame work of the Scriptures.

Everything we read about in scripture fit's a mainframe of thought and if taken out of context leaves the reader to make the interpretation instead of letting God do the explaining.

-Example. 2 Cor. 6:14 "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness.

-Taken at face value we would understand that we shouldn't have anything to do with unbelievers and should stay away from them, become munks and isolate ourselves. However in context, taking into account the sum of God's word being truth (Psalms 119:160) we understand this verse to mean that we shouldn't stand on common ground with them. Jesus tells us that we are to go unto the world teaching them the gospel Matt. 28:18-20. Jesus prays for his disciples to be in the world but not of the world.

Lesson

I. God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit

-<u>One</u>

- Genesis 1:26 (us)?
- Matt. 28:19 (into the name of) means by the authority of.
- John 1:1 word (Logos = Jesus) was God.
- John 17:5,11

- Eternal

- Alpha and Omega Rev. 1:8 Past, present and future.
- Psalms 90:1-2

-Created all things

- -Rev. 4:11
- -Col. 1:15-17
- Neh. 9:6
- -All includes angels, Satan etc.

II. Angels

- -Created by God Psalms 148:2,5
 - -Why? Heb. 1:14
- -Choice (Right or Wrong)
 - -Some choose bad 2 Pet 2:4 & Jude 6
- III. War (Satan cast down)
 - -Rev 12:7-9
 - -Luke 10:18
- IV. Genesis 1:26 "Let us make man in our image"
 - -Why? *****
 - -He knew we would sin 1Pet. 1:20
 - -Psalms 8:4 what is man that you are mindful of him?
 - -Eph 1:4 to be holy and blameless
 - -Eph 2:10 to do good works
 - -James 1:18 First fruit
 - -John 3:16 Love
 - -John 17:24
 - -Matt. 25:34
- V. Before the beginning the **theme for the bible is** set and it is the **salvation of man**.