



SESSION
05
LOGIC HELPS
UNDERSTAND TRUTH



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I was born 1961 into a Christian family close to Cologne, Germany. As a young man of 18 I faced my saviour Jesus Christ, who challenged me through a preaching about John 11 – from this moment I knew in my heart that following Christ is life itself.

I was called to a Church in Hagen in the Ruhr area. Here I met people from many nations in 2015 as they came to Germany. Today I am serving them full time to help them to find a home in Germany, both spiritually and physically as they must overcome many obstacles.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course is broken down into six specific sessions. Each session will include a video lecture, course guide, and in some cases short assignments to help you grow. We encourage you to not only do this course on your own time, but with others who share the same passion to expand God's Kingdom.

SESSION OVERVIEW

01 Learning from God & Learning about God

02 What Happens to me When I Learn?

03 Logic as a Tool for Learning

04 Logic Connects Meaning

05 Logic Helps to Understand Truth

06 We are Made to Learn

Session Summary

Logic helps us to understand truth.

You learn how to explain what you have understood as truth.

You learn to use various means for teaching the truth as you find them in the Bible.



5 Logic helps us to understand truth

Analogies

Assignment

What is an analogy or what meaning fits to the first statement?

- This thick layer of cloth is like this long piece here.
- This thin layer of cloth is like this ??? piece.
Use the following words:
 - Small
 - Narrow
 - Short
 - Young
 - Slim

James 2:26

*As the **body** without the **spirit** is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.*

What is compared with what?

What does this mean for your actions of faith you are practicing?

Proverbs

Assignment:

Proverbs 10,12

Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all transgression.

Which of the following from 1. Corinthians 13,7 says the same as this proverb

1. Love bears all things
2. Love believes all things,
3. Love hopes all things,
4. Love endures all things

What does this mean for you today? How is hatred and love working in your life today?

Synonyms and Antonyms.

Synonyms = this is the same

Antonyms = this is the opposite.

Assignment:

- Which terms says the same or almost the same
- which term means just the opposite?
- Are there terms that do not fit at all?

Use A for the opposite

Use S for the same

Cross what does not fit

1. Perfect
2. In hope
3. Complete
4. Finished
5. Practicable
6. Patient
7. Partial

Romans 5:15-17

15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! 16 Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

List what is compared with what.

Is here a synonym (it is like) or an antonym (it is not like) mentioned?

Similarities

Take **Romans 6,1-23**.

Paul explains what baptism really means for us. He uses various words.

Do you find the term that does not have the meaning as the others have?

Christian baptism means:

1. Baptized into Christ
2. Blessed through our good works
3. Consider yourself dead to sin
4. Alive from the dead
5. Buried with Christ
6. United into the likeness of HIS death

Logic helps to show the importance or priority

Logic helps to remember

Parallelism – Let me say it again this way ...

Example 1

Prov.30:18-19

*18 "There are three things that are too amazing for me, four that I do not understand:
19 the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship on
the high seas, and the way of a man with a young woman.*

Example 2

Proverbs 30:15-17

*15 "The leech has two daughters. 'Give! Give!' they cry. "There are three things that
are never satisfied, four that never say, 'Enough!': 16 the grave, the barren womb,
land, which is never satisfied with water, and fire, which never says, 'Enough!'*

Example 3**Hebrews 4:12**

12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword,

The alive and active word is _____

it penetrates even to dividing

the word penetrates to divide _____

soul and spirit, joints and marrow.

soul = joints – spirit = marrow _____

it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Word judges my thoughts and attitudes _____

From the lesser to the greater

Hebr.1,2-3

7 times the Son of God is superior over all

1. The Son is Heir of all things
2. Through the Son the world was made
3. The Son is the radiance of God's glory
4. The Son upholds all things
5. The Son made the purification of sin
6. The Son sat down at the right hand of the Majesty
7. The Son has inherited a more excellent name than angels

The Son has **become much better** than the angels,
Many descriptions of the authority of the Messiah

The Supremacy of the Son of God**Colossians1: 15-20**

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross

Christ is the fulfilment of Isaiah's Prophecy from 9,6-7

Isaiah 9,6-7

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

The message being spoken through angels has to be observed
how much more a message that is brought to us by the Son of God

Hebrews 1,1-2

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe

Hebrews 2,3-4

This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. 4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Assignment

1. Read through Hebrews 1 and 2
2. Underline the phrases that shows the lesser and the greater – a “How much more...” argument.
3. What does this say to you?