Prayer Study #392
First Love Ministries of Perry, Georgia USA

VARIOUS BIBLE TOPICS
"THIS AND THAT"

1. SLAIN IN THE SPIRIT

1. 2nd Chronicles 5:13-14: *It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music and praised the LORD, saying, For He is good; for His mercy endureth forever-that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD, so that the priest could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.* (This event happened when Solomon's temple was finished and the elders brought the Ark of the Covenant out of the city of David, which is Zion, and took it into the temple at Jerusalem.)
2. John 18:4-8: Jesus, therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him went forth and said to them, "Whom seek ye?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said unto them, "I am He." And Judas also, who betrayed Him, stood with them. As soon, then as He said unto them, "I am He," they went backward and fell to the ground. Then asked He them again, "Whom seek ye?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He; if therefore, ye seek Me, let those go their way."

Other possible examples of this experience:

3. Daniel 10:9-10: Daniel falls on his face and being as one in deep sleep when the Lord's Glory came down and the Lord spoke to Daniel.
4. Matthew 17:1-13: When the disciples fell on their faces in fear at the Mount of Transfiguration when the Father spoke.
5. Acts 9:3-4: Paul's conversion experience when he fell off the horse on the Damascus Road when the Lord spoke to him.
6. Revelation 1:17: John on the Isle of Patmos who fell at the feet of Jesus as one who was dead when he saw the Lord.

Notice that no one touched any of these men. The Lord did this work in each of them sovereignly. There was absolutely no pushing or breathing on these men or any human intervention.

Some interesting facts about this phenomenon:

1. This same experience with similar symptoms continues to happen in Hindu and cult/occult circles. The Hindus call this *Shapktipat* or *Divine Touch.*
2. In the Biblical accounts almost always believers fall forward on their faces while sinners fall backwards. In today's Charismatic circles people almost always fall backwards.

Additional Information:

Slain in the Spirit is also called Resting in the Spirit, Falling under the Power, Overcome by the Spirit, or just Falling Out. It generally happens when a minister or speaker lays hands on a person's forehead (although some ministers, like Benny Hinn, just wave their hands and masses of people fall down at one time), and the person falls backwards. Some Charismatics say this happens when God's presence comes on the human body and a person simply cannot stand under the weight of God's presence. Generally, the person "slain" just lies quietly, but sometimes there are violent movements, and sometimes people react as if they are having an epileptic seizure. Most say they just experience peace and a pleasant sense of calm, while others feel like they are under a heavy weight. Some see visions. Some remain in an unconscious, catatonic state. Often people report that they were pushed by the minister, and some admit to giving a "courtesy drop." Some hop right back up, while others remain on the floor for hours.

2. DISPENSATIONALISM

Dispensationalism is an adherence to a system of interpreting history in terms of a series of God's dispensations in time. There are many different views of dispensationalism, but I will give you 5 of the most common dispensations:

1. Dispensation of Innocence: In time from creation to the fall in the garden
2. Dispensation of Human Government: In time from the fall to the Law of Moses
3. Dispensation of the Law: In time from the giving of the Law to the Ascension of Christ
4. Dispensation of Grace (commonly referred to as the Church Age): In time from the Ascension of Christ to the 2nd Coming of Christ
5. Dispensation of the Fullness of Time: In time from the 1000 year reign of Christ on the earth to the eternal state

(Look at 1st Corinthians 9:17, Ephesians 1:10, Ephesians 3:2, and Colossians 1:25) Dispensationalists also believe that the Church is separate from Israel

and that God still has a covenant relationship and is not finished with the Jewish people, who in the end of time will come to Jesus the Messiah.

3. THE DIVINITY OF JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

To say that the divinity of Jesus is not found in the Gospel of John is simply ludicrous. You need only read the 1st Chapter of this Gospel to find a clear and powerful acknowledgment of the divinity of Christ. Just to quote a few verses from that first chapter: 1. *In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* 10. *He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not.* 14. *And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.*

However, there are numerous other references to the divinity of Jesus in this Gospel. John 5:21, John 10:30-33, John 11:24-27, John 17:5 and Isaiah 42:8, John 4:25-26 and Isaiah 9:6; John 8:58; etc.

4. JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY

To deny that Jesus is the only way is the height of arrogance. Christians who say this are saying in effect that they are smarter than the Bible, which I remind you was written by men as the Holy Spirit gave utterance. Therefore, they think they are smarter than the Holy Spirit. The Old Testament and New Testament make it abundantly clear that we are saved and therefore inheritors of eternal life in heaven only by being washed by the blood of Jesus. Here are some supporting scriptures:
Romans 6:23-*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Acts 4:12-*Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is NO OTHER NAME under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

Hebrews 2:9-*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, that he, by the grace of God, should taste death for every man.*

John 3:16-***For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.***

John 14:6-*Jesus said unto him,* ***"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.***

John 17:2-3-***As thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given Him. And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.***

Ephesians 2:4-13-*But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath made us alive together with Christ (by grace ye are saved), and hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kingdom toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God-****not of works,*** *lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Wherefore, remembering that ye, being in times past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands-that at the time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus ye who once were far off are made near by the blood of Christ.*

5. SATURDAY OR SUNDAY CHURCH

For me personally this is not an issue. The Word says in Romans 14:5-6: *One man regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Let each man be convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it…* Colossians 2:16-17 tells us, "*Therefore, let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day-things which are a mere shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ."*

Traditionally, Christians celebrate Sunday as the Lord's Day because this was the day of the resurrection of Christ and in addition, this was the day the Church was born on Pentecost. I have researched this topic and have many scriptural reference to back up the tradition of Sunday worship in scripture, but we do not have time to go into an indepth study of that at present.