

# God's Mirror

## Lesson 1 – Outline

1. We are three-part beings: spirit, soul, and body.

**“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole *spirit and soul and body* be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thess. 5:23, emphasis mine).**

- A. Spirit – Our innermost part.
- B. Soul – Our mental, emotional part. Includes the mind, will, emotions, and conscience. Often called “personality.”
- C. Body – Our physical part.

2. You can feel both your body and your soul, but your spirit cannot be accessed in any natural way.

**“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (John 3:6).**

- A. No direct connection between spirit and flesh (flesh = soul and body).
- B. Can't contact your spirit through your emotions or physical body.
- C. Understanding spirit, soul, and body unlocks the spirit realm so you can experience who you are and what you have in Christ.

3. God's Word is the only accurate way to perceive the spirit realm.

**“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63).**

- A. God's Word is spirit and life.
- B. God's Word reveals spiritual reality.

4. God's Word is a spiritual mirror.

**“For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty [God's Word—specifically the New Testament], and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed” (James 1:23-25, brackets mine).**

- A. God's Word perfectly reflects who you are in the spirit.
- B. Trust the spiritual reality you see in the Word.

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## *Lesson 1 – Discipleship Questions*

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23. Who does the sanctifying?
2. Who is being sanctified?
3. What part(s) is/are being sanctified?
4. In what way will you be preserved?
5. Until when will you be preserved?
6. According to John 3:6, “That which is born of the flesh is \_\_\_\_\_; and that which is born of the Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_.”
7. Is there any direct connection between the two?
8. Read Ephesians 1:18-20. What needs to be enlightened?
9. For what purpose? That you may know:
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.
10. Where are the riches of the glory of His inheritance?
11. Who is a “saint”?
12. The exceeding greatness of His power is toward \_\_\_\_\_ .
13. What mighty power is this? (Verse 20)
14. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. If someone is “in Christ,” they are a \_\_\_\_\_ .
15. What is true of a “new creature”?
16. God reconciled us to Himself by what or whom?

17. Who was speaking in John 14:12?
18. What two things did He promise us?
19. Who will accomplish these things?
20. Why will they be able to do these things?
21. Read John 6:63. What does the spirit do?
22. What does the flesh do?
23. What are spirit and life?
24. James 1:23-25 compares God's Word to a \_\_\_\_\_.
25. What happens to the person who looks into God's Word, continuing in it, not forgetting what they've heard, but doing it?

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## *Lesson 1 – Scriptures*

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**“The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:18-20).**

**“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Cor. 5:17).**

**“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father” (John 14:12).**

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# All Things New

## Lesson 2 – Outline

1. Every born-again believer has undergone a complete inner transformation.

**“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ” (2 Cor. 5:17-18a).**

- A. Your body and soul didn’t change when you were born again.
- B. The transformation of your body and soul won’t be completed until you go to be with Jesus.

**“For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality” (1 Cor. 15:53).**

- C. The change occurred in your spirit (2 Cor. 5:17).
2. Your spirit totally changed at salvation.
    - A. Your spirit was instantly and completely transformed.
    - B. Everything you’ll ever need in the Christian life is already present in its entirety in your spirit.
    - C. At this very moment, your born-again spirit is as perfect and complete as it’ll ever be throughout all eternity.
    - D. Your spirit is—right now—as perfect, mature, and complete as Jesus Himself.

# **All Things New**

## *Lesson 2 – Discipleship Questions*

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-18a. What has passed away?
2. What has become new?
3. What is of God?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:53. “For this corruptible must put on \_\_\_\_\_, and this mortal must put on \_\_\_\_\_.”
5. Read Ephesians 1:14. What does the word “earnest” (down payment, or token) imply about our inheritance?
  - A. That we haven’t received the full inheritance yet.
  - B. That the earnest is all we need.
  - C. That we’ve received the full inheritance of what Jesus paid for.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
6. When the redemption of the purchased possession occurs, it will be unto whose glory?
7. Hebrews 10:39, James 1:21 and 5:20, and 1 Peter 1:9 all refer to what?
8. According to these verses, is soul salvation automatic?
9. Read 1 Corinthians 13:9-12. What happens when that which is perfect comes?
10. What did Paul do when he became a man?
11. Now we see through a glass how?
12. Later, how will we see?
13. Later, we will know even as what?
14. According to the lesson, where did the complete change occur?
  - A. In the body of a person.
  - B. In the soul of a person.
  - C. In the surroundings of a person.
  - D. In the born-again spirit of a person.
  - E. In the actions of a person.

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**“Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory” (Eph. 1:14).**

**“But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul” (Heb. 10:39).**

**“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls” (James 1:21).**

**“Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins” (James 5:20).**

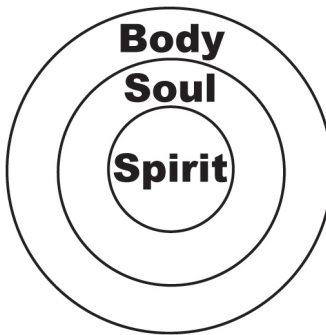
**“Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls” (1 Pet. 1:9).**

**“For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known” (1 Cor. 13:9-12).**

# The Pivot Point

## Lesson 3 – Outline

1. After being born again, the rest of your Christian life consists simply of renewing and releasing.
  - A. As you renew your mind and believe God’s Word, your soul will agree with what’s already transpired in your spirit.
  - B. When your spirit and soul agree, you release and experience the life of God.
  - C. When your body and soul agree, you cut off the supernatural flow of life from your spirit.
  - D. What’s in your born-again spirit must flow through your soul in order to get out to your body and the physical world around it.
2. The diagram of three circles (appears like a target).



- A. The outer circle is your body. It’s the part you can see and feel.
  - B. The inner circle is your soul. It can’t be seen, but can be felt. Also, it touches both your body and your spirit.
  - C. The innermost circle is your spirit. Although it’s the center of who you are, it can’t be seen or felt. It’s completely surrounded by your soul.
3. Your spirit is the core of your being, the real you, your life-giving part.

**“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also” (James 2:26).**

**“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul” (Gen. 2:7).**

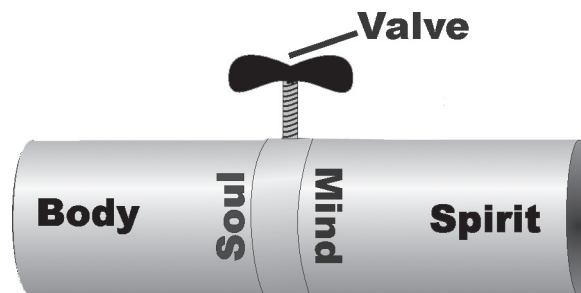


4. The diagram of three rings.



- A. Your spirit has no direct access to your physical body.
- B. Everything that comes out from your spirit to your body must go through your mental, emotional part.

5. The pipe diagram.



- A. Your soul acts as a valve in between your spirit and your body.
- B. The flow of God's supernatural life from your spirit to your body (natural realm) depends on how open your soul is.
- C. Can you see how pivotal your soul is?

# **The Pivot Point**

## *Lesson 3 – Discipleship Questions*

1. According to James 2:26, what is the body without the spirit?
2. What is faith without corresponding works?
3. Read Genesis 2:7. What did the LORD God form man out of?
4. What did God do next?
5. What part of our beings is this?
6. Once God did this, what happened?
7. According to Job 33:4, who did Job say made him?
8. What gave him life?
9. What do 2 Samuel 23:2, Job 26:4, and John 6:63 have in common?
10. Read Proverbs 20:27. What is the candle of the LORD?
11. Where does it search?
12. According to John 7:38-39, where is the seat of our born-again spirits?
13. What did Jesus say is the requirement for this living water to flow?
14. At what level did the Lord say this living water should flow: a trickle, a stream, or rivers?
15. According to Ephesians 1:18-20, what power do we have in our born-again spirits?
16. Read Galatians 5:22-23. What is the fruit of the Spirit?
17. Where does this fruit stem from?

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**“To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?” (Job 26:4).**

**“The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly” (Prov. 20:27).**

**“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63).**

**“He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)” (John 7:38-39).**

**“The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:18-20).**

**“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law” (Gal. 5:22-23).**

**“The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life” (Job 33:4).**

**“The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue” (2 Sam. 23:2).**

# Renew, Acknowledge & Experience

## *Lesson 4 – Outline*

1. Most Christians are dominated by what they can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel instead of God's Word.
  - A. The flow of life within stays turned off because they don't believe anything they can't see.
  - B. They don't understand the change that happened in their born-again spirits or who they are in Christ.
  - C. To them, something's just not "real" if it can't be perceived through their five natural senses.
2. The Christian life isn't a process of "getting from God"; it's a process of renewing your mind and learning to release what you've already received.
  - A. It's much easier to release something you've already got than to go get something you don't yet have.
  - B. Doubt is eliminated once you believe you've already got it.
3. Your faith becomes effective, productive, and operative by acknowledging every good thing in you (your spirit) in Christ.

**"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus" (Philem. 6).**

- A. To communicate means to release or transfer.
  - B. "Effectual" means it begins to work or produce.
4. Under the New Covenant, we have all received (past tense) His fullness.

**"And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace" (John 1:16).**

- A. God gave you everything when you were born again.
- B. Old Testament principles don't necessarily apply to New Testament faith.
- C. The rest of your Christian life is learning how to manifest in the physical realm what's already in your born-again spirit.

5. Most Christians believe God can do anything, but they experience very little.
  - A. They focus on what they need to do instead of what Christ has already done.
  - B. They don't doubt God's power, but His willingness to use it on their behalf.
  - C. They think His power is out there somewhere and that they must do things in order to obtain it.
6. When you were born again, God put His power, anointing, victory, joy, peace—everything—in you in abundance.
  - A. The only reason they don't manifest is your unrenewed mind.
  - B. God already gave, but you're still looking at the physical realm instead of His spiritual mirror.
  - C. Until the Second Coming of Christ, or when you die and go to Him, the Christian life is renewing your mind and acknowledging the perfection already in your spirit so that your soul and physical body can experience the benefits of salvation.
7. Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

**“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom. 12:1-2).**

- A. To be conformed means to be poured into the mold of.
  - B. You can't avoid being melted, but you can choose which mold you'll be poured into.
  - C. “Transformed” is the picture of a worm metamorphosing into a butterfly.
  - D. Your mind, thoughts, and attitudes determine whether you experience victory and the life of God in your spirit, or the defeat and death of the fallen natural realm.
8. Renewing your mind to the Word facilitates your transformation.
    - A. God's Word gives you the new values and attitudes you should conform yourself to.
    - B. As you continually look into the Lord's spiritual mirror, you'll begin to see and experience yourself for who you really are.

# Renew, Acknowledge & Experience

## *Lesson 4 – Discipleship Questions*

1. Read Philemon 6. What is being communicated?
2. How does your faith become effectual?
3. Can you acknowledge something that isn't really there?
4. According to this verse, are the things in you in Christ Jesus good or bad?
5. According to John 1:16, whose fullness have we received?
6. Who has received?
7. When did we receive this fullness?
8. According to Romans 12:1-2, we are to present our bodies as what?
9. This living sacrifice is what?
  - A. Holy.
  - B. Acceptable unto God.
  - C. Your reasonable service.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
10. What are we NOT to be conformed to?
11. We are \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of our minds.
12. How is God's will described?
  - A. Bad, unacceptable, and imperfect.
  - B. Good, acceptable, and perfect.
  - C. Boring, sickly, and destructive.

13. As your mind becomes more and more renewed to the Word of God, you will experience His will \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. More.
  - B. Less.
  - C. The same.

# **Renew, Acknowledge & Experience**

## *Lesson 4 – Scriptures*

**“That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus” (Philem. 6).**

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**“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom. 12:1-2).**



# Reality—Carnal or Spiritual?

## Lesson 5 – Outline

1. Carnal-mindedness is allowing your mind to be dominated by what you can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel.

**“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace”** (Rom. 8:6).

- A. “Carnal” means “sensual,” or of the five senses.
  - B. Carnal-mindedness doesn’t necessarily mean sinful-mindedness.
  - C. You are carnally minded when your thoughts center primarily on the physical realm.
2. Spiritual-mindedness releases the flow of God’s life in you, but carnal-mindedness shuts it off.
    - A. Carnal-mindedness = death, and spiritual-mindedness = life and peace.
    - B. “Death” refers to anything that’s a result of sin.
    - C. In this fallen world, being dominated by your natural senses produces death.

3. When your thoughts are dominated by what the Word says, you’re spiritually minded.

**“The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life”** (John 6:63b).

- A. It doesn’t matter what your physical circumstances may be. God can keep you in perfect peace.

**“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee”** (Is. 26:3).

- B. As your mind stays on Him, your soul agrees with your spirit, and God’s peace is released into your soul and body.

4. Believers shouldn’t live like lost people who are trapped in their carnal, physical world.

**“This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind”** (Eph. 4:17).

- A. A Gentile was a non-Jew, someone not in covenant relationship with God.
  - B. Unbelievers don’t use their minds to perceive spiritual truth.
5. If you don’t renew your mind and use it to study and meditate God’s Word, it will automatically gravitate toward what you can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel.

**“Having the understanding darkened”** (Eph. 4:18a).

- A. The knowledge of God is critical, but it must be understood to be useful.
  - B. Without understanding, you can't release the life in it.
6. When a Christian walks like an unbeliever, they get the same results—death.
- A. When a believer's understanding is darkened, they are alienated from the life of God within them through ignorance.

**“Alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart”** (Eph. 4:18b).

- B. Most Christians live their lives separated from the life of God within due to their own ignorance of spiritual truth.
7. Lasciviousness is being controlled by what you feel.

**“Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness”** (Eph. 4:19).

- A. Most people have gone beyond simply receiving sensory input to being dominated by it.
- B. Feelings were designed to follow what you think, not lead the way.

# Reality—Carnal or Spiritual?

## *Lesson 5 – Discipleship Questions*

1. According to Romans 8:6, what produces death?
2. What produces life and peace?
3. What does a spiritually minded person think on?
4. What does a carnally minded person think on?
5. Who was speaking in John 6:63?
6. What are spirit and life?
7. According to Isaiah 26:3, who keeps us in perfect peace?
8. In order to do that, what does He first require of us?
9. Ephesians 4:17 states that believers should not \_\_\_\_\_ as other Gentiles (unbelievers) \_\_\_\_\_, in the vanity of their mind.
10. According to Ephesians 4:18, an unbeliever's understanding is \_\_\_\_\_.
11. They are alienated from what?
12. Why?
13. Ephesians 4:19 says that this kind of person is given over to \_\_\_\_\_, which is being dominated by their natural senses and feelings.
14. In this state, they \_\_\_\_\_ all uncleanness with \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Who is the first half of 1 Peter 2:24 speaking about?
16. Who is the second half of 1 Peter 2:24 speaking about?
17. What are we dead to?

18. What should we live unto?
19. How did Jesus heal us?
20. Is this healing past, present, or future tense?

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**“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed” (1 Pet. 2:24).**

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# Righteous & Holy

## *Lesson 6 – Outline*

1. Your born-again spirit—the new man—was created after God in righteousness and true holiness.

**“But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness”** (Eph. 4:20-24).

- A. Recognize and acknowledge your true self in God’s mirror.
  - B. The degree of holiness you live outwardly may vary, but the nature of your born-again spirit is righteousness and true holiness.
2. You must worship God in spirit and truth.

**“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth”** (John 4:24).

- A. You cannot approach God unless you come to Him through the righteousness and true holiness of who you are in the spirit.
  - B. No matter how hard you try, you’ll never measure up to God’s perfection through your own efforts in the physical, emotional, and mental realms.
3. Jesus Himself literally became your righteousness.

**“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption”** (1 Cor. 1:30).

- A. Now that you’re born again, one-third of your being is completely righteous.
  - B. Unlike your spirit, your body and soul are in process.
4. God can only accept you based on who you are in your born-again spirit.
- A. Anyone who hasn’t received the Lord but tries to approach Him based on who they are in their actions and thoughts will always fall short of His glory (Rom. 3:23).
  - B. People’s performance simply cannot accomplish what only the new birth can—change their spiritual natures.

5. Fix your gaze on God's mirror.

A. God's mirror reflects you as righteous, holy, and pure.

B. As who you are in Christ grows stronger in your heart, carnal "reality" must give way to spiritual reality.

# **Righteous & Holy**

*Lesson 6 – Discipleship Questions*

1. According to Ephesians 4:20-24, what are we to put off?
2. What are we to put on?
3. How does verse 23 tell us to do this?
4. According to John 4:24, God is a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. As believers, what part of us is like God?
6. How, then, must we approach Him?
7. Isaiah 64:6 says that we are all as an \_\_\_\_\_ thing, and all our \_\_\_\_\_ are as filthy rags.
8. Is this speaking of an unbeliever or a believer?
9. When a New Testament believer confesses, “All of my righteousness is as filthy rags,” they are:
  - A. Talking about their own self-righteousness, which they aren’t supposed to approach God with anyway.
  - B. Totally ignorant of the truth that they’ve been made righteous in their spirit with Christ’s righteousness.
  - C. Insulting God and His Word.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
10. What does Romans 3:23 say about approaching God based on who we are in our actions and thoughts?
11. According to Galatians 4:6, who has God sent forth into the hearts of His children?
12. From their hearts, what does He cry?
13. According to Romans 8:9, who does the Spirit of God dwell in?
14. Those who have not the Spirit of Christ are \_\_\_\_\_.



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**“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth”** (John 4:24).

**“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption”** (1 Cor. 1:30).

**“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away”** (Is. 64:6).

**“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”** (Rom. 3:23).

**“And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father”** (Gal. 4:6).

**“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any many have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his”** (Rom. 8:9).

**“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father”** (Rom. 8:15).

# One with Jesus

## Lesson 7 – Outline

1. As Jesus is, so are you—right now—in this world.

**“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world” (1 John 4:17, emphasis mine).**

- A. It’s not your body, nor your soul, but your spirit—the born-again part of you—that’s as Jesus is.
- B. Over time, you’ll see radical changes manifest as you continue believing this truth and continue releasing God’s corresponding power from within your born-again spirit.

2. You are one with Jesus Christ right now.

**“But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit” (1 Cor. 6:17).**

- A. “One” means “a single (one), to the exclusion of others” (*Vine’s Expository Dictionary*).
- B. In your spirit, you are completely one with Him.

3. You can believe and experience these truths.

- A. You can be transformed by renewing your mind to the point where you prove—manifest to your physical senses—the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God (Rom. 12:1-2).
- B. By embracing the Word, you’ll be able to see the perfection that’s in your spirit start flowing out through your soul and body to impact your life and those God touches through you.

4. If you think that what you can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel is all there is to reality, you won’t be able to walk in all of God’s will.

- A. You won’t experience the power and ability of God within if you can’t perceive things beyond your body and soul.
- B. If you think that God’s power is with Him somewhere out there, you’ll doubt you can ever attain it and will eventually become discouraged.
- C. You must believe you are one with Him in spirit and that it’s your responsibility to release His power from within in order to see it manifest.

5. As I kept digging into God’s Word, I realized that I’m not just a man anymore.

- A. One-third of me is complete, identical to and one with Jesus, and wall-to-wall Holy Ghost.

- B. Because of the confidence, security, and faith this has given me, I can confront and overcome problems now that I wasn't able to before.
- C. As you keep digging, these truths will do the same for you.

# **One with Jesus**

*Lesson 7 – Discipleship Questions*

1. According to 1 John 4:17, as Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Right now, is Jesus sick, depressed, impoverished, or defeated?
3. What does this tell us of God’s will for our lives?
4. What does this revelation do in our hearts?
5. First Corinthians 6:17 says that whoever is \_\_\_\_\_ unto the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ spirit.
6. This means that in our born-again spirits, we are:
  - A. Separate from the Lord.
  - B. Partially united with Jesus.
  - C. Completely one with Him.
7. According to Romans 12:2, how do you “prove” to yourself and others what the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God is?
8. Discussion question: When problems come, have you been feeling inadequate, saying, “O God, I’m just a person. I don’t have any power”? Explain.
9. Discussion question: Which tool—a spoon, a shovel, or a backhoe—best describes what you believe you’re currently using to mine the riches in your born-again spirit?

# **One with Jesus**

## *Lesson 7 – Scriptures*

**“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world” (1 John 4:17).**

**“But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit” (1 Cor. 6:17).**

**“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom. 12:1-2).**

# Sealed!

## Lesson 8 – Outline

1. What God does in the spirit always remains constant and unchanging, regardless of fluctuations in your performance.
2. A newly born-again believer will often become vulnerable to discouragement, doubt, and unbelief because they don't understand that the change took place in their spirit and that the rest of their Christian life involves renewing their mind to believe and release what God has already put inside them.
  - A. Looking only in the physical realm, it's easy for them to conclude, "It didn't work. The Word isn't true. God didn't change me, because everything's still the same."
  - B. The devil wants to stop your witness, so he'll often throw everything he has at you as soon as you're born again.
3. Jesus became sin so you could become righteous.

**“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Cor. 5:21).**

- A. Jesus became what you were so that you could become what He is.
  - B. He took your sin and gave you His righteousness.
  - C. If you believe the first half of 2 Corinthians 5:21, then you ought to believe the second half too.
  - D. God sees you as righteous and truly holy because He's looking at your spirit.
4. God is pleased with you.

**“Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved” (Eph. 1:5-6).**

- A. The same Greek word translated “accepted” was also translated “highly favoured.”

**“And the angel [Gabriel] came in unto her [Mary], and said, Hail, thou that art *highly favoured*, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women” (Luke 1:28, brackets and emphasis mine).**

- B. As the woman who bore Christ was accepted, so are you highly favored of the Lord.

5. Once you believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit.

**“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise”** (Eph. 1:13).

- A. All the righteousness, holiness, and goodness your born-again spirit was recreated with was immediately sealed tight with the Holy Spirit.
  - B. When you were born again, your spirit was immediately encased—vacuum packed—by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of preservation.
  - C. When you fail in any area of your life after being saved, the rottenness, uncleanness, and defilement that comes to your body and soul doesn’t penetrate your spirit.
  - D. This Holy Spirit seal keeps the good in and the bad out.
6. Sin isn’t only doing something wrong by violating a command; it’s also not doing something right that you should have done.

**“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin”**  
(James 4:17).

- A. According to God’s definition of sin, everyone constantly falls short.
  - B. If you don’t understand that the Holy Spirit encased your born-again spirit, your conscience will eventually give you the impression that you’ve lost the righteousness and true holiness your spirit was created in.
7. When you sin, your spirit doesn’t participate.

**“Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God”** (1 John 3:9).

- A. You are as righteous and holy in your spirit now as you will ever be.
- B. No matter how you’re performing in your body and soul, you can always approach God through who you are in your born-again spirit.

# Sealed!

## *Lesson 8 – Discipleship Questions*

1. Who is 2 Corinthians 5:17 speaking of?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Who was made sin for us?
3. Had He known any sin before that?
4. Why was He made sin for us?
5. Discussion question: Until now, have you only believed the first half of 2 Corinthians 5:21? Explain.
6. Use Ephesians 1:5-6 and Luke 1:28 to create a personalized Scripture confession. Then read it out loud, declaring God's Word over your life.
7. According to Ephesians 1:13, in whom did you trust?
8. What kind of "word" did you hear?
9. How is the Gospel described in this verse?
10. What happened once we believed?
11. According to James 4:17, to know to do good and not do it is \_\_\_\_\_.
12. First John 3:9 says that \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ does not commit sin.
13. What remains in them?
14. Therefore, can they sin?



# Sealed!

## *Lesson 8 – Scriptures*

**“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Cor. 5:17).**

**“And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” (Eph. 4:24).**

**“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Cor. 5:21).**

**“Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved” (Eph. 1:5-6).**

**“And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women” (Luke 1:28).**

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**“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (James 4:17).**

**“Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God” (1 John 3:9).**

**“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us” (1 John 1:8).**

**“If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us” (1 John 1:10).**

**“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (1 John 2:1).**

**“And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard” (Deut. 21:20).**

**“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God” (Gal. 5:19-21).**

# Eternal Redemption

## Lesson 9 – Outline

1. What we've received through Jesus in the New Covenant is far superior to the Old.
  - A. Old Testament sacrifices were symbolic and had to be offered over and over again.
  - B. Jesus gave His life once—as the perfect sacrifice for sin—and it never again needs to be repeated.
2. Your born-again spirit never needs to be re-cleansed, re-purged, or born again, again.

**“But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us” (Heb. 9:11-12).**

3. Your salvation is eternal.

**“For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance” (Heb. 9:13-15).**

4. Jesus entered once into the holy place and made one sacrifice.

**“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now *once* in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men *once* to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was *once* offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation” (Heb. 9:24-28, emphasis mine).**

5. The Old Testament sacrifices couldn't do what the New Testament sacrifice of Jesus did.
  - A. They were only temporary shadows of the real thing to come.

**“For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins”** (Heb. 10:1-2).

- B. If the Old Testament sacrifices really could have made the people perfect, they wouldn't have had to be offered over and over again.
  - C. If they had worked, the worshipers—once purged—should have had no more conscience of sin.
6. New Testament believers need not be conscious of sin.
- A. If you focus your thoughts on who you are in the spirit, you'll be conscious of righteousness.
  - B. Draw near to God boldly because you are now the righteousness of God in Christ.

**“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him”** (2 Cor. 5:21).

7. “Eternal redemption” means that you've been forgiven of your sins—past, present, and even future tense sins.
- A. You were sanctified—separated, made holy—through the offering of Jesus Christ once for all time.

**“By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all”** (Heb. 10:10).

- B. The context proves that Hebrews 10:10 means one sacrifice made you holy for all time.

**“And every priest standeth *daily* ministering and offering *oftentimes* the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man [Jesus], after he had offered one sacrifice for sins *for ever*, sat down on the right hand of God; From *henceforth* expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected *for ever* them that are sanctified”** (Heb. 10:11-14, emphasis and brackets mine).

8. Christ's one offering perfected and sanctified you forever.

**“To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to *the spirits of just men made perfect*”** (Heb. 12:23, emphasis mine).

- A. David saw by faith, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, just how great salvation would be.

**“Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered [past and present tense sins]. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not [future tense] impute sin”** (Rom. 4:6-8, quoted from Ps. 32:1-2, brackets mine).

In Psalm 32:2, David even added,

**“And in whose spirit there is no guile.”**

- B. Because of your born-again spirit’s righteous nature, the Lord no longer holds any sin against you.

# **Eternal Redemption**

*Lesson 9 – Discipleship Questions*

1. In Hebrews 9:11, what is Christ described as?
2. What “tabernacle” is this verse referring to?
3. By what did Jesus enter the holy place in Hebrews 9:12?
4. How many times did He do this?
5. What did He obtain for us?
6. Since this redemption is eternal, do our born-again spirits ever need to be re-cleansed, re-purged, or born again, again?
7. In Hebrews 9:12-13, what are the blood of goats, calves, bulls, and the ashes of an heifer referring to?
8. According to Hebrews 9:14, what should the blood of Christ do in our lives?
9. Who is the “mediator of the new testament” in Hebrews 9:15?
10. What are the “called” to receive?
11. What does Hebrews 9:24 say about the Old Testament holy places (tabernacle and temple)?
12. According to Hebrews 9:25, how often did the high priest have to enter into the holy place with an animal’s blood?
13. How many times has Christ appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself (Heb. 9:26)?
14. According to Hebrews 9:27, how many times is it appointed unto men to die?
15. What’s after that?
16. In Hebrews 9:28, how many times was Christ offered to bear the sins of many?

17. According to Hebrews 10:1, why couldn't the sacrifices made under the Law (Old Covenant) make the comers thereunto perfect?
18. If they had really worked, what would have happened (Heb. 10:2)?
19. According to 2 Corinthians 5:21, the Righteous One became \_\_\_\_\_ so that the sinners could become \_\_\_\_\_.
20. In Hebrews 10:10, how many times was the body of Jesus Christ offered?
21. Through this offering, we are sanctified (made holy) for how long?
22. How many time-oriented words/phrases can you find in Hebrews 10:11-14?
23. What part of our beings does Hebrews 12:23 reveal has been "made perfect"?
24. What word is used in Romans 4:6-8 to describe someone in a New Covenant relationship with God?

# **Eternal Redemption**

## *Lesson 9 – Scriptures*

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**“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation” (Heb. 9:24-28).**

**“For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins” (Heb. 10:1-2).**

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**“By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified” (Heb. 10:11-14).**

**“To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect” (Heb. 12:23).**



**“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile” (Ps. 32:1-2).**

**“Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin” (Rom. 4:6-8).**

# Standard Gospel Questions

## Lesson 10 – Outline

1. Once people understand that their performance—either good or bad—doesn't affect their born-again spirits or their relationship with God, serious questions usually arise.
2. People ask, “Since God will love me and I won't lose my right standing with Him no matter what, can I just go live in sin?”

**“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid”** (Rom. 6:1-2).

- A. Unless this question comes up, you aren't preaching the same Gospel as the Apostle Paul.
  - B. Typical teaching today produces a works-righteousness (self-righteousness based on your actions) in most believers because it ties God's love and acceptance to your performance.
  - C. Righteousness is not based on your actions.
3. “Are you saying it doesn't matter how I live?”
    - A. If you are truly born again, God has changed your nature.

**“How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?”** (Rom. 6:2-3).

- B. If you're truly born again, you have a desire to live for God.

**“And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure”** (1 John 3:3).

- C. Sin gives Satan access to your body and soul.

**“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”** (Rom. 6:16).

- D. It's to your advantage to live holy, because your actions and attitude determine how you get along with other people.

4. Knowing that I can relate to God based on the perfection, holiness, and righteousness in my spirit has set me free *from* sin—not *to* sin.
  - A. This makes my relationship with Him stable and secure.

- B. I've lived a holier life accidentally than most people ever have on purpose.
  - C. I live holy because I want to, not because I have to.
5. God would still love me if I lived in sin (because my spirit is changed), but I wouldn't love me, and other people wouldn't love me either.
- A. Living holy doesn't make God love you more, but it does increase your love for Him.
  - B. A lack of holiness won't cause God to love you less, but it will definitely decrease your love for Him.
  - C. Although God's love for you doesn't change, your performance directly affects your love for Him.
6. Sin is never a wise choice, but it's also never an issue between you and God.
- A. He dealt with your sin—past, present, and future—when you were born again.
  - B. You can still come boldly into the very presence of your Father and receive from Him because your spirit didn't lose any of its right standing with Him.
- “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16).**
- C. Your heavenly Father has invited you to draw near to His throne at any time by faith in His Son and who you are in Him.

# Standard Gospel Questions

## *Lesson 10 – Additional Information*

My teaching entitled “The Purpose of the Law” expounds much more on how the Law actually strengthens sin and causes you to lust for the very thing that’s forbidden.

In *The True Nature of God*, you’ll discover how God, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8), can act so differently toward mankind from the Old Testament to the New. Without understanding how everything changed when Jesus Christ came, you’ll think God is schizophrenic. I assure you, He’s not!

I strongly recommend these resources for further study.

# Standard Gospel Questions

## *Lesson 10 – Discipleship Questions*

1. According to Romans 6:1, what question did the Apostle Paul normally have to address while preaching the Gospel?
2. How does Romans 6:15 phrase this same question?
3. The answer, of course, is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. According to Romans 3:8, what did Paul's slanderers report that he said?
5. Read Galatians 2:17. What question is Paul addressing?
6. The answer, of course, is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Can you see how both the question in Galatians 2:17 and the slanderous statement in Romans 3:8 are really just different expressions of the same basic questions Paul addressed in Romans 6:1-2 and 6:15?
8. According to Romans 6:2-3, why should a Christian live holy?
  - A. We are dead to sin.
  - B. We were baptized (placed) into Christ.
  - C. We have a new nature.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
9. First John 3:3 says that every believer desires to do what?
10. According to Romans 6:16, why else should a Christian live holy?
  - A. Sin gives Satan access to our bodies and souls.
  - B. Sin negatively affects our relationships with other people.
  - C. Living holy prevents our enemy from having opportunities to come against us.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
11. According to Hebrews 4:16, God has what kind of throne?
12. How, then, should we come before this throne?

13. What can we expect to receive from Him?
  
14. Discussion question: Take a moment and imagine yourself boldly approaching this throne of grace. Picture God—your heavenly Father—warmly and affectionately receiving you. See yourself receiving His mercy and His grace to help in your time of need. Is this easy or hard for you to see? Explain.
  
15. Discussion question: What does this tell you about how you currently view your relationship with God?

# Standard Gospel Questions

## *Lesson 10 – Scriptures*

**“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?” (Rom. 6:1-3).**

**“And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just” (Rom. 3:8).**

**“What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” (Rom. 6:15-16).**

**“But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid” (Gal. 2:17).**

**“And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure” (1 John 3:3).**

**“The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law” (1 Cor. 15:56).**

**“For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died” (Rom. 7:9).**

**“Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith” (Gal. 3:24).**

**“They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover” (Mark 16:18).**

**“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16).**

**“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Heb. 13:8).**

# Once Saved, Always Saved or Born Again, Again?

## Lesson 11 – Outline

1. When I first started understanding this revelation, I wondered, *God, is it once saved, always saved? Or is it saved, lost, saved, lost, born again, again?*

A. The Lord said, “Neither.”

B. Both positions have a partial truth, but the full truth is somewhere in between.

2. The Law is like a plate glass window.

A. If you violate one tiny command, you’re guilty of breaking the whole thing.

**“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all” (James 2:10).**

B. Therefore, everyone falls short.

C. According to God’s Word, there is no such thing as a “big” sin or a “little” sin.

3. If you’ve come short of the glory of God, you’ve missed it.

A. God doesn’t grade on a curve.

B. Either you have to be perfect, or you need a Savior who was.

C. Nobody always does all of the good they know to do (James 4:17).

4. Your spirit has been sealed, sanctified, and perfected forever.

A. Since salvation depends solely upon putting your faith in Jesus and being born again, your sin doesn’t affect your relationship with God.

B. He fellowships with you based on your faith in Christ alone.

5. Scripture doesn’t teach “once saved, always saved.”

**“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame” (Heb. 6:4-6).**

A. If a person falls away, there’s no more sacrifice.

B. You can make the sacrifice of Christ of no effect by turning to legalism and trusting in your own works for righteousness.



**“O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?” (Gal. 3:1-3).**

- C. Salvation is both received and maintained by faith in Christ alone.
6. You can't sin your salvation away, but you can renounce it.
- A. It's not something you just lose. You must deliberately and openly reject it.
  - B. Although sinful actions don't cause you to lose your salvation, sin can harden your heart until you eventually come to a place where *you* renounce your faith in the Lord.
7. You can't renounce your salvation ignorantly.
- A. The qualifications listed in Hebrews 6:4-6 are pretty stiff.
  - B. You have to be a mature Christian who was drawn by the Spirit, born again, baptized in the Holy Ghost, mature in the Word, and operating in the gifts of the Holy Spirit before you can reject the Lord.
  - C. You aren't reprobate if the Holy Spirit is still dealing with you.

# Once Saved, Always Saved or Born Again, Again?

## *Lesson 11 – Additional Information*

In order to qualify as a biblical reprobate, you have to meet some very stiff requirements.

You have to (1) be enlightened, which means drawn by the Holy Ghost. John 6:44 declares:

**“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him.”**

You couldn't have been coerced into making some statement, signing a church roll, or repeating a prayer. Then, after not experiencing a dramatic change, you became tired and renounced it, saying, “I reject this. It's not real!” If this describes you, it wasn't a true conviction from the Holy Spirit. You were coerced, not drawn. You went to church because your parents made you, or you were dating someone who had you repeat a prayer. You don't qualify! Therefore, you aren't even held accountable for that so-called “rejection.”

You also must have (2) tasted of the heavenly gift, which means you must be truly born again; (3) made a partaker of the Holy Ghost, which refers to being baptized in the Holy Spirit; (4) have tasted the good Word of God, which means the Word has literally impacted you. You've done more than just put it in your mouth—you've swallowed it, digested it, and benefited from the nutrients and life in it; and (5) you've tasted the power of the world to come, which refers to a Spirit-filled person who has exercised the gifts of the Holy Spirit and is going on to maturity. In other words, you must be a mature Christian before you can actually renounce your salvation.

If a mature Christian rejects the Lord, they can never be brought back to a place of repentance. It's a one-time deal. They're held accountable, damned, and that's it.

Jesus proclaimed that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit was the one unpardonable sin (Matt. 12:31-32). Yet Paul said he obtained mercy because he “did it ignorantly in unbelief” (1 Tim. 1:13). This shows that even the unpardonable sin of blaspheming the Holy Spirit depends upon whether or not you did it knowingly.

### *Beyond Hope*

When someone rejects their salvation, they can never come back into relationship with God.

**“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient. . . . Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them”**  
(Rom. 1:28 and 32).

Giving them over to a reprobate mind, God takes away the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

“Reprobate” means beyond hope. You aren't convicted of your need for relationship with

the Lord unless the Holy Spirit is dealing with you (John 6:44). As long as He's dealing with you, you aren't reprobate. However, if someone fulfills the qualifications of Hebrews 6:4-6 and renounces their salvation, then God takes the Holy Spirit away and they become reprobate. Without conviction, they no longer know they're doing wrong. Not only do they like it, but they like all those who are in rebellion against God too. Reprobates display a total lack of desire and response toward the Lord.

# Once Saved, Always Saved or Born Again, Again?

## *Lesson 11 – Discipleship Questions*

1. According to James 2:10, if you keep the whole Law but offend in one point, are you guilty of just that one point?
2. Which word picture best represents the Law?
  - A. A window with multiple individual panes of glass.
  - B. A plate glass window.
  - C. A stained glass window.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
3. According to James 4:17, sin is also defined as \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Does anyone always do all the good they know they should do?
5. Put the following five qualifications from Hebrews 6:4-6 in their biblical order.
  - A. Mature in the Word.
  - B. Baptized in the Holy Spirit.
  - C. Drawn by the Holy Spirit.
  - D. Operating in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
  - E. Genuinely born again.
6. Is it possible for someone who met all five of these qualifications to be renewed again to repentance once they've fallen away?
7. According to Hebrews 6:6, why can't someone reject their salvation and then receive it again?
8. What two words did Paul use in Galatians 3:1 to describe these people who had turned from the Gospel to legalism and were trusting in their own works for righteousness?
9. What had been plainly laid before their eyes?
10. What question is being asked in Galatians 3:2?
11. What's the correct answer to that question?
12. Is it possible to begin in the Spirit (Gal. 3:3) and be made perfect by the flesh?
13. What does the Bible call people who begin in the Spirit and then attempt to be made perfect by the flesh?

# **Once Saved, Always Saved or Born Again, Again?**

## *Lesson 11 – Scriptures*

**“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all” (James 2:10).**

**“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (James 4:17).**

**“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God’s ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour” (Rom. 13:1-7).**

**“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame” (Heb. 6:4-6).**

**“O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?” (Gal. 3:1-3).**

**“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)” (Heb. 10:23).**

**“But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end” (Heb. 3:13-14).**

**“Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief” (1 Tim. 1:13).**

**“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:44).**

**“Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come” (Matt. 12:31-32).**

**“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient. . . . Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them” (Rom. 1:28 and 32).**

# Fullness Received

## Lesson 12 – Outline

1. First John 1:9 has been traditionally taught that every time you sin, you have to confess it in order to receive forgiveness.

**“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).**

- A. If you have to confess every sin before it’s forgiven, nobody could retain their salvation.
  - B. This just can’t be what it means.
2. First John 1:9 refers to when you first come to the Lord.
    - A. This verse instructs the unbeliever to be born again, not the believer to confess every sin all the time.
    - B. You confess that you’re a sinner in need of forgiveness and are cleansed from all unrighteousness by receiving your brand-new, born-again spirit.
  3. First John 1:9 can also mean cleansing the effects of sin from a believer’s soul and body.
    - A. Your spirit isn’t affected by sin, but your soul and body are.
    - B. Sin gives the devil a legal right to work his death into your life because you yielded yourself to him (Rom. 6:16).
    - C. By confessing, you take the salvation, the forgiveness, the holiness, and the righteousness that’s already a reality in your spirit and which didn’t fluctuate when you failed, and draw it out into your body and soul.
    - D. This literally drives the devil out and takes his place away, because he no longer has rights and privileges in your life once you repent and turn away from what you’ve done.
  4. Understanding your eternal redemption will cause you to live holy.
    - A. You’ll desire to live holy so that nothing will ever dull you or keep you from perceiving these great truths and His love.
    - B. Holiness is a fruit—not a root—of salvation (Rom. 6:22).
    - C. Holiness doesn’t produce God moving in your life, but your external actions of holiness are a result of understanding the righteous nature of your born-again spirit.

5. This has given me a deep abiding security in my relationship with God.

A. I'm His workmanship.

**“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Eph. 2:10).**

B. God loves me, and I'm never separated from His love.

**“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:35 and 38-39).**

C. In my spirit, God has already given me His full measure of love.

**“And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace” (John 1:16).**

D. You'll be so appreciative of what God has done that you'll live holier in your actions accidentally than you've ever lived on purpose.



# **Fullness Received**

*Lesson 12 – Discipleship Questions*

1. What does Ephesians 4:24 reveal that our born-again spirits were created in?
2. According to Ephesians 1:13, what did the Holy Spirit do with this purity the instant we believed?
3. Read Hebrews 10:10, 14; and 12:23. Can the sin we commit now in our physical actions penetrate or contaminate our born-again spirits?
4. According to 1 John 3:9, can our born-again spirits sin?
5. What does Hebrews 9:12 reveal about the redemption Christ obtained for us?
  - A. It's temporary.
  - B. It's eternal.
  - C. It's contingent.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
6. According to John 4:24, how does God see us?
7. Ephesians 1:6 says that we are?
8. What part of us is in the Beloved?
9. According to 1 John 1:9, what is our part?
10. What is God's part?
11. Who is 1 John 1:9 primarily directed toward?
12. What happens when an unbeliever confesses their sins and repents?
13. What happens when a believer confesses their sins and repents?
14. Notice the word "whom" in Romans 6:16. According to this verse, to whom can we be servants?

15. If we yield ourselves to sin, whom are we serving?
16. What fruit does this produce in our lives?
17. If we yield ourselves to obedience, whom are we serving?
18. According to Romans 6:16, what fruit does this produce in our lives?
19. Fill in the blanks of the following personal confession based on Ephesians 2:10. I am God's \_\_\_\_\_, created in Christ Jesus unto \_\_\_\_\_, which God hath before ordained that I should \_\_\_\_\_ in them.
20. According to Romans 8:35 and 38-39, is there any external person or thing that can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord?
21. In John 1:16, whose fullness have we received?
22. How much of His fullness does this verse reveal we have received?
  - A. Some.
  - B. Much.
  - C. All.
  - D. None.
23. Fill in the blanks of this personal confession based on John 1:16 and Colossians 2:9-10. I have received \_\_\_\_\_ of the fullness of Jesus Christ. In Him, I am \_\_\_\_\_. I'm full of God. One-third of me is wall-to-wall Holy Spirit! Hallelujah!

# Fullness Received

## *Lesson 12 – Scriptures*

**“And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” (Eph. 4:24).**

**“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise” (Eph. 1:13).**

**“By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. . . . For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified” (Heb. 10:10 and 14)**

**“To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect” (Heb. 12:23).**

**“Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God” (1 John 3:9).**

**“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us” (Heb. 9:12).**

**“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” (Rom. 6:16)**

**“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24).**

**“For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace” (Rom. 6:14).**

**“To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved” (Eph. 1:6).**

**“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).**

**“But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life” (Rom. 6:22).**

**“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Eph. 2:10).**

**“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:35 and 38-39).**

**“And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace” (John 1:16).**

# God's Supernatural Faith

## Lesson 13 – Outline

1. In your spirit, you have the complete measure of faith.
  - A. You don't need more faith from God, because you already have all you'll ever need.
  - B. Your faith isn't small, immature, or in the process of growing; it's already as perfect and complete as the faith of Jesus.
  - C. You just need to renew your mind and learn to release it.
2. The way you were born again is the way you receive everything in the Christian life—by grace through faith.

**“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” (Eph. 2:8-9).**

- A. Salvation is everything God provided through Christ's atonement—forgiveness of sins, healing, deliverance, prosperity, joy, peace, love, etc.
  - B. All these salvation benefits come the same way you were born again—by grace through faith.

**“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him” (Col. 2:6).**
  - C. God not only provides the salvation you need, but He also supplies the very faith you use to appropriate His grace.
  - D. Both salvation and the faith to receive it are gifts from God.
3. You can't receive salvation without hearing the Word.

**“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17).**

- A. God's Word contains His faith.
- B. When you receive the Word into your heart, you're receiving God's supernatural faith.
- C. The faith you use to receive salvation is not mere human faith but God's own supernatural faith, which came to you through His Word.
- D. It's not only the faith you used to become born again, but it's the faith you use to appropriate everything in the Christian life.

4. Human faith is based upon natural knowledge.
  - A. It's a faith based on sense knowledge—facts.
  - B. Human faith is limited to what it can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel.
  - C. If the facts don't seem to support the action, you can't act contrary when you are using natural faith.

5. While human faith follows sense knowledge, supernatural faith precedes it.

- A. God acknowledges those things that aren't yet manifest as if they already are.

**“(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were”** (Rom. 4:17).

- B. Natural faith can only acknowledge what it already sees, tastes, hears, smells, and feels, but supernatural faith literally brings things into manifestation from the spirit realm.

6. The same faith you used to become born again is now always present in your spirit.

- A. Faith is a fruit that stems from your spirit.

**“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, *faith*, Meekness, temperance: against such things there is no law”** (Gal. 5:22-23, emphasis mine).

- B. Faith—belief—is a product from deep within the heart, not just the mind.

**“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness”** (Rom. 10:10a).

- C. As you cooperate with the laws that govern how faith works, you'll find that the faith that's already inside you is more than sufficient for any problem you'll ever face.

# God's Supernatural Faith

## *Lesson 13 – Discipleship Questions*

1. According to Ephesians 2:8-9, what is the gift of God?
  - A. Grace.
  - B. Salvation.
  - C. Faith.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
2. How do we receive God's gift of salvation?
3. Can we do anything to earn God's gifts?
4. What does Colossians 2:6 reveal about the Christian life?
5. Putting Ephesians 2:8-9 together with Colossians 2:6, how, then, do we receive everything else in the Christian life?
6. What does Colossians 2:6 call this?
7. According to Romans 10:17, what comes by hearing the Word of God?
8. What tense is the verb "hearing" in?
  - A. Past.
  - B. Present.
  - C. Future.
9. In light of this, how do we keep our faith in the present tense today?
10. What does God's Word contain?
11. According to Romans 4:17, how does God release His faith?
12. What was Abraham's part in cooperating with God?
13. What are the fruits of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23?
14. Is there any law against such things?

15. Why not?

16. According to Romans 10:10, is faith a product of our hearts or just our minds?



# God's Supernatural Faith

## *Lesson 13 – Scriptures*

**“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (John 14:26).**

**“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” (Eph. 2:8-9).**

**“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him” (Col. 2:6).**

**“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17).**

**“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you” (1 Pet. 1:23-25).**

**“And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness” (Gen. 15:2-6).**

**“As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee” (Gen. 17:4-6).**

**“(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were” (Rom. 4:17).**

**“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law” (Gal. 5:22-23).**

**“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Rom. 10:10).**

**“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world” (1 John 4:17).**

# Like Precious Faith

## Lesson 14 – Outline

1. You were justified by the faith of Christ.

**“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by *the faith of Jesus Christ*, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by *the faith of Christ*, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified”** (Gal. 2:16, emphasis mine).

2. God not only provided salvation but also gave you the faith to receive it.

- A. Not only were you born again through that faith, but you’re to live your entire Christian life by it.

**“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh *I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me*”** (Gal. 2:20, emphasis mine).

- B. It’s not just a human faith that receives from God but His own supernatural faith.

3. The first step is to believe you have this faith, but the goal is to release its benefits into your soul and body.

- A. You don’t have a faith deficiency; you have a knowledge problem.

- B. If you don’t acknowledge this faith and learn how to use it, then you won’t see it manifest.

4. Every born-again believer has been given *the* measure of faith.

**“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man *the measure of faith*”** (Rom. 12:3, emphasis mine).

- A. You received the exact same quantity and quality of faith when you were born again as did every other Christian.

- B. Some people are using more of their measure of faith than others.

5. Both Paul and Peter had this faith.

- A. If Paul lived by the faith of the Son of God, then that means every other born-again believer like him also has the faith of the Son of God (Gal. 2:20 and Rom. 12:3).

B. Second Peter was written to a group of believers who had already obtained this “like precious faith.”

**“Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 1:1).**

C. Paul and Peter lived their lives by the faith of the Son of God—and you can too.

6. You have the same faith as Jesus.

A. You might not have all of it operating the way He did, but it’s there.

B. Your soul, like a filter, screens what flows out from your spirit into the physical realm.

C. As you continue renewing your mind, more of God’s supernatural faith that’s in you will be free to manifest.

# Like Precious Faith

## *Lesson 14 – Discipleship Questions*

1. According to Galatians 2:16, we are NOT justified—made righteous in God’s sight—by what?
2. How many times in this one verse is this point made?
3. What were we justified by?
4. How many times in this one verse is this point made?
5. When all is said and done, how many people will be justified—made righteous in God’s sight—by the works of the Law?
6. Read Galatians 2:20. Who were we crucified with?
7. Now that we’ve been crucified, who lives in and through us?
8. By what do we now live the life we live in the flesh?
9. What did Jesus do for us?
10. Compare Galatians 2:16 and 20 in the *King James Version* with the same verses in the version you tend to use the most. How are they the same? How are they different?
11. According to Philemon 6, what must we do to begin to see our faith work?
12. Read Romans 12:3. What does this verse tell us not to do?
13. What should we do instead?
14. Why should we think this way?
15. According to this verse, all Christians have:
  - A. No faith.
  - B. Some faith.
  - C. Varying degrees of faith.
  - D. The exact same quantity and quality of faith.
  - E. None of the above.

16. Read 2 Peter 1:1. Who was Peter writing to?
17. Was this faith something these people were searching for or seeking after?
18. Did they receive this faith by being holy and doing things?
19. How, then, did this faith come?
20. As Peter released his faith—the same precious faith we have—he manifested many awesome things. Fill in the blank after each scripture, listing something he did.
  - A. Matthew 14:29 \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Acts 2:37-41 \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Acts 3:6-7 \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. Acts 5:15-16 \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. Acts 9:36-41 \_\_\_\_\_
21. Read Matthew 17:20. What does Jesus compare faith to?
22. What did Jesus say that such faith could do?
23. What would be impossible?

# Like Precious Faith

## *Lesson 14 – Scriptures*

**“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified” (Gal. 2:16).**

**“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20).**

**“That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus” (Philem. 6).**

**“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith” (Rom. 12:3).**

**“Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 1:1).**

**“And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus” (Matt. 14:29).**

**“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:37-41).**

**“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength” (Acts 3:6-7).**

**“Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one” (Acts 5:15-16).**

**“Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive” (Acts 9:36-41).**

**“And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you” (Matt. 17:20).**

# Your Spirit Knows All Things

## Lesson 15 – Outline

1. Your born-again spirit came with the mind of Christ.

**“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16).**

- A. In your spirit, there’s a mind that already knows all things.
- B. The rest of the Christian life is learning how to draw it out into the physical realm.
- C. When that happens, you experience what’s called revelation knowledge.

2. You were born with a natural mind.

- A. It operates both in the soulish realm and in the physical realm as your brain.
- B. Your natural mind had to be educated and trained.

3. When you were born again, you received the mind of Christ in your spirit.

- A. Your spirit mind doesn’t have to be developed, trained, or taught, because it was born again in perfect knowledge.
- B. First Corinthians 13:9-10 refers to your natural mind in your soulish realm not being totally renewed until you receive that which is perfect—your glorified body.
- C. The mind of Christ in your spirit is already complete.

4. Your spirit mind and physical mind are two separate entities within you.

- A. When they don’t agree, double-mindedness occurs.

**“Purify your hearts, ye double minded” (James 4:8b).**

- B. The key to the Christian life is training your physical mind to agree with your spirit mind, which is the mind of Christ.

5. Your spirit mind always thinks the way God thinks.

- A. The Word perfectly represents what you think in your spirit.
- B. If your physical mind agrees, then you’ll see supernatural power and ability flow through your soul into your body, which produces results in the physical realm.



C. If your physical mind disagrees, then you're double-minded and you will receive nothing from the Lord.

6. Single-mindedness brings stability, but double-mindedness causes instability.

**“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways”** (James 1:5-8).

A. The mind of Christ is in your spirit, but your soul doesn't automatically think that way.

B. It takes effort to renew your physical mind to agree with your spirit mind.

C. Basically, this is where the conflict in the Christian life is—in the mind.

7. In your spirit, you know all things.

**“But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things”** (1 John 2:20).

A. “Unction” simply means an anointing, a special endowment of power, or an ability.

B. The “Holy One” is Jesus.

C. “All” basically means to the exclusion of nothing.

D. In your spiritual mind, you know everything Jesus knows.

# **Your Spirit Knows All Things**

## *Lesson 15 – Discipleship Questions*

1. What does 1 Corinthians 2:16 reveal that we have?
2. In which part of our beings is this located?
  - A. Our spirits.
  - B. Our souls.
  - C. Our bodies.
3. What is 1 Corinthians 13:9-10 referring to?
4. What promise are we given in James 4:8?
5. Who should purify their hearts?
6. In order for someone to be double-minded, how many minds must they have?
  - A. One.
  - B. Two.
  - C. Three.
  - D. None.
7. According to Philippians 4:13, what can I do?
8. How?
9. What does James 1:5 instruct us to do when we lack wisdom?
10. What qualification does James 1:6 add?
11. What is a wavering person compared to?
12. According to James 1:7-8, can this wavering, double-minded person expect to receive anything from God?
13. If double-mindedness causes instability, what does single-mindedness cause?
14. How do we become single-minded?

15. First John 2:20 reveals that we have received what from the Holy One?
16. Do we know all things in our natural minds?
17. Then where do we know all things?

# **Your Spirit Knows All Things**

## *Lesson 15 – Scriptures*

**“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16).**

**“For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away” (1 Cor. 13:9-10).**

**“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded” (James 4:8).**

**“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” Phil. 4:13).**

**“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways” (James 1:5-8).**

**“But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things” (1 John 2:20).**

# Releasing the Mind of Christ

## Lesson 16 – Outline

1. Studying God's Word will draw out the wisdom that's in your spirit.
  - A. When you're reading the Bible, you are receiving words with your physical eyes that are spirit and life.
  - B. As you take this knowledge into your soul, new thoughts and ideas come to your physical mind.
  - C. When this happens, your spirit—which already has the truth and mind of Christ—will bear witness with it.
  - D. Several scriptures reveal this inner witness.

**“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God” (Rom. 8:16).**

**“He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself” (1 John 5:10a).**

2. Studying God's Word is vital for achieving single-mindedness and releasing God's power.
  - A. When a truth from God's Word takes root in your soulish realm, that same knowledge, which has already existed in your spirit mind, rises up and meshes with it.
  - B. This draws God's power resident within you out into the physical realm.
3. Praying in tongues is another powerful way to release the mind of Christ.

**“Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries” (1 Cor. 14:1-2).**

- A. When you pray in tongues, your spirit prays.

**“For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful” (1 Cor. 14:14).**

- B. Your spirit prays, but your understanding—your soulish, physical, natural mind—is unfruitful.

4. You build yourself up by praying in tongues.

**“He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself” (1 Cor. 14:4a).**

- A. “Edify” means “the act of building . . . the promotion of spiritual growth” (*Vine’s Expository Dictionary*).
  - B. Your goal is to facilitate single-mindedness.
  - C. As your soul unites to your spirit’s way of thinking, you’re built up by drawing your spirit’s wisdom and knowledge out into the physical realm.
5. When you pray in tongues, your spirit prays the hidden wisdom of God.

**“Howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries”** (1 Cor. 14:2b).

**“The wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory”** (1 Cor. 2:7).

- A. Since you cannot really understand the things of God with just your natural mind, you must understand them through your spirit man.
  - B. Paul preached the hidden wisdom of God that he received by revelation (1 Cor. 2).
- “I speak with tongues more than ye all”** (1 Cor. 14:18).
6. Simeon recognized the Christ child by revelation knowledge.

**“And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God”** (Luke 2:26-28).

- A. Revelation knowledge comes from the inside out, not the outside in.
  - B. The mind of Christ in your born-again spirit reaches up from inside and grabs that truth, shouting, “Yes! This one’s true. This one is for you!”
7. When you pray in tongues, you can believe God for interpretation.

**“Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret”** (1 Cor. 14:13).

- A. Whether you receive interpretation or not, praying in tongues relieves stress and releases the peace of God into your body and soul.

**“For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing”** (Is. 28:11-12).

- B. Since you are praying from the mind of Christ, why wouldn't you want to interpret?
- C. Meditating on God's Word, speaking in tongues, and receiving interpretation is the fast track to single-mindedness and manifestation.

# Releasing the Mind of Christ

## *Lesson 16 – Discipleship Questions*

1. Read Romans 8:16. Who bears witness with our spirits?
2. What does He bear witness about?
3. According to 1 John 5:10, where is the witness for the person who has believed on the Son of God?
4. What does 1 Corinthians 14:1 say we are to follow after?
5. What does 1 Corinthians 14:1 say we are to desire?
6. According to 1 Corinthians 14:2, when we speak in tongues, are we speaking to men or to God?
7. When we speak in tongues, what are we speaking?
8. According to 1 Corinthians 14:14, what part of our beings is praying when we pray in tongues?
9. When we pray in tongues, our understanding is \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What does 1 Corinthians 14:4 say we are doing when we speak in tongues?
11. According to 1 Corinthians 2:7, these mysteries that we are speaking are what?
12. How did the Apostle Paul describe his ministry in 1 Corinthians 2:4?
13. According to 1 Corinthians 2:16, who has the mind of Christ?
14. Why did Paul thank God in 1 Corinthians 14:18?
15. According to 1 Corinthians 14:19, did Paul preach in tongues?
16. What was revealed to Simeon in Luke 2:26?
17. Who revealed this to him?



18. What does 1 Corinthians 14:13 say that we are to pray for?
19. According to Isaiah 28:11-12, how does praying in tongues benefit us?
20. In light of 1 John 5:7, do the Word and the Holy Spirit ever disagree?

# Releasing the Mind of Christ

## *Lesson 16 – Scriptures*

**“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God” (Rom. 8:16).**

**“This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son” (1 John 5:6-10).**

**“Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries” (1 Cor. 14:1-2).**

**“Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful” (1 Cor. 14:13-14).**

**“He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church” (1 Cor. 14:4).**

**“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory” (1 Cor. 2:7).**

**“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power” (1 Cor. 2:4).**

**“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. . . . For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:9-12 and 16).**

**“I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue” (1 Cor. 14:18-19).**

**“And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God” (Luke 2:26-28).**

**“For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear” (Is. 28:11-12).**

**“For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him” (Is. 64:4).**

**“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” (1 Cor. 2:14).**

# Empowerment Required

## *Lesson 17 – Outline*

1. God has imparted perfect wisdom and complete revelation into your born-again spirit.

**“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding”** (Prov. 4:7).

- A. Wisdom and understanding are keys that will unlock anything else in life you need.
  - B. Therefore, draw on that wisdom and receive understanding so the floodgates of your soul will open up to allow God’s truths already in your spirit to manifest in the physical realm.
2. Without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, you won’t be able to fully release all of these wonderful realities already present in your born-again spirit.

- A. The Holy Spirit is the one who releases the wisdom and revelation of God.

**“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you”** (John 14:26).

- B. He comforts, teaches, reminds, guides into all truth, listens, speaks, shows things to come, glorifies Jesus, and receives of Him and shows it by revelation to you.

**“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you”** (John 16:12-14).

3. When you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the ability to pray in tongues comes with it.

- A. As you pray in the Spirit, you draw on and release the wisdom that’s in the born-again part of you.

- B. It’s not the only way, but it’s certainly one of the primary ways.

4. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a second, separate experience from salvation.

- A. You are endowed with power by the Holy Ghost and the gift of speaking in tongues, which will help you operate this power.

- B. Speaking in tongues produces tremendous spiritual benefits.

5. If you aren't baptized in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues, you're really missing out.
  - A. In fact, you're probably frustrated and powerless in your Christian life.
  - B. Will you obey the Lord's command?

**“Receive ye the Holy Ghost”** (John 20:22b).

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# Empowerment Required

## *Lesson 17 – Discipleship Questions*

1. What does Proverbs 4:7 call wisdom?
2. What two things should we be sure to get?
3. What baptism did Jesus receive in Luke 3:21?
4. What baptism did Jesus receive in Luke 3:22?
5. How did the Holy Spirit descend upon Him?
6. What did the voice from heaven say?
7. In Luke 4:1, how does the Bible describe Jesus immediately after being baptized in the Holy Spirit?
8. Where did the Spirit immediately lead Him?
9. According to Luke 4:14, how did Jesus return to Galilee after facing down the devil in the wilderness?
10. Had Jesus done any miracles before being baptized in the Holy Spirit?
11. What did Jesus call the Holy Spirit in John 14:26?
12. According to John 14:26, what does He do?
13. What did Jesus call the Holy Spirit in John 16:13?
14. According to John 16:13-14, what does He do?
15. What did Jesus do to His disciples in John 20:22?
16. After that, what did He say?

17. Was this a suggestion, a request, or a command?
  
18. According to 1 Corinthians 14:13, what are we able to ask for and receive when we pray in tongues?

# **Empowerment Required**

## *Lesson 17 – Scriptures*

**“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding” (Prov. 4:7).**

**“Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased” (Luke 3:21-22).**

**“And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. . . . And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about” (Luke 4:1 and 14).**

**“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (John 14:26).**

**“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you” (John 16:12-14).**

**“And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost” (John 20:22).**

**“Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret” (1 Cor. 14:13).**



# Spirit vs. Flesh

## Lesson 18 – Outline

1. Once you're born again, the rest of the Christian life is learning to walk in the Spirit, which is letting what God has done through the new birth dominate you more than your physical, emotional realm.
2. One of the hardest things you'll ever do is learn how to turn from your natural self-rule and let who you are in Christ dominate instead.
  - A. It's difficult because you must perceive your spirit by faith in God's Word because you can't see or feel it.
  - B. All you have to do is start basing your thoughts, actions, and identity on who you are in Christ.
3. As long as your flesh is contrary to your spirit, you'll have conflict.

**“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law” (Gal. 5:16-18).**

- A. “Contrary” means they're opposite, enemies, and adversaries.
  - B. This conflict between your spirit and flesh is your true spiritual warfare.
4. You cannot please God in your flesh.

**“So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God” (Rom. 8:8).**

- A. Living after the flesh brings all forms of death.

**“Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live” (Rom. 8:12-13).**

**“For the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23a).**

- B. Your flesh is Satan's inroad to bring death into your life.
  - C. As a born-again believer, your flesh is made up of your soulish and physical realms.
5. As Paul taught how God now deals with people based on His grace, not their performance, this raised the question in Romans 6:1:

**“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?”**

A. The answer, of course, is no.

**“God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”**  
(Rom. 6:2).

B. Your spirit is the part of you that’s dead to sin.

C. Your body and soul can still do sinful things, but the born-again part of you cannot.

6. When you were born again, you were baptized into His death.

**“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?”** (Rom. 6:3).

A. Being baptized into His death is automatic, but walking in newness of life isn’t.

**“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also *should walk in newness of life*”** (Rom. 6:4, emphasis mine).

B. Manifesting newness of life is something that should happen, but it depends on how you renew your mind.

**“For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this”** (Rom. 6:5-6a).

7. Your spirit died to sin, cannot sin, and has no desire for sin, but this doesn’t automatically mean that your soul and body will reflect that change.

A. Your walking in resurrection life depends upon you:

**“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin”** (Rom. 6:6).

B. “Old man” refers to the spirit you had prior to salvation.

C. Your “old man” no longer exists because it’s been crucified, has died, and was buried with Christ.

D. Your new self is now who you are in the spirit.

E. What you’re dealing with is the spirit vs. the flesh.

# **Spirit vs. Flesh**

*Lesson 18 – Discipleship Questions*

1. According to John 6:63, what are Jesus' words?
2. What does James 1:23-25 reveal God's Word to be?
3. Second Corinthians 5:7 says that we walk by \_\_\_\_\_, not by \_\_\_\_\_.
4. According to Galatians 5:16-18, if we walk in the Spirit, we will not:
  - A. Fulfill the lust of the Spirit.
  - B. Fulfill the law of the flesh.
  - C. Fulfill the lust of the flesh.
  - D. Fulfill the law of the Spirit.
5. What effect does it have upon you when your flesh lusts against the Spirit and the Spirit lusts against your flesh?
6. How do we avoid being under the Law?
7. According to Romans 8:8, who cannot please God?
8. Read Romans 8:12-13. What are the results of living after the flesh?
9. How, then, do we live?
10. According to Romans 6:23, what are the results of sin?
11. Read Romans 6:1-2. What question is normally raised once we begin to understand that God now deals with us based on His grace and not our performance?
12. How does Paul answer that question?
  - A. "For heaven's sake!"
  - B. "God bless you!"
  - C. "God forbid."
  - D. "Lord willing!"

13. Which part of our born-again beings is dead to sin?
  - A. Spirit.
  - B. Soul.
  - C. Body.
  - D. None of the above.
  
14. According to Romans 6:3 and 1 Corinthians 12:13, what happened the instant we were born again?
  
15. What else does Romans 6:3 say occurred at this point in time?
  
16. Read Romans 6:4. Since Jesus died and was raised up by the glory of the Father, we also died and should what?
  
17. According to Romans 6:5-6, what must we know in order to be able to manifest this resurrection life?
  
18. What does Ephesians 2:1 reveal about our old selves?

# **Spirit vs. Flesh**

## *Lesson 18 – Scriptures*

**“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63).**

**“For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed” (James 1:23-25).**

**“For we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7).**

**“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law” (Gal. 5:16-18).**

**“So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God” (Rom. 8:8).**

**“Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live” (Rom. 8:12-13).**

**“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 6:23).**

**“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin” (Rom. 6:1-6).**

**“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:13).**

**“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins” (Eph. 2:1).**

# Walk in the Spirit

## Lesson 19 – Outline

1. Your old self was crucified with Him, but then the body of sin has to be destroyed.

**“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin” (Rom. 6:6).**

2. When you die physically, you leave a body behind.

**“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also” (James 2:26).**

- A. Physical death occurs when your spirit leaves your body.
  - B. Even though your spirit is gone, your physical body can look exactly the same as it did during life for a brief period of time.
3. When you were born again, your old sin nature left behind a body.
    - A. Your old self was crucified, has died, and now is gone, but its effects are still being felt through your physical body and unrenewed mind.
    - B. Your natural mind was programmed to act like the child of the devil that you were before receiving the Lord (Eph. 2:1-2).
    - C. This means your physical mind will continue functioning like a computer under its prior programming until you renew it to God’s Word.
  4. You have one nature, but two minds.
    - A. You only have one nature—the new one.
    - B. But you do have two different minds—the unrenewed mind (flesh) and the mind of Christ (spirit).
    - C. As you reprogram/renew your natural mind to think like your spirit, you’ll experience the life and power of God within you.
  5. Your physical mind decides whether you’ll be dominated by your spirit or your flesh.
    - A. If you don’t renew it with God’s Word, your natural mind will automatically gravitate toward what it can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel.
    - B. You must get into God’s Word and mix it with faith in order to be led by your spirit.

**“Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh”** (Gal. 5:16).

- C. You can mistake something that comes so naturally to you today as your “nature,” when in reality, it’s something you learned.
  - D. The reason you still do some of the things you do is because you haven’t renewed your mind.
6. After you’ve been born again, the “flesh” isn’t really describing a sinful nature, but more accurately refers to every thought, emotion, desire, and part of you that isn’t under the control of your brand-new, righteous spirit.
- A. Technically speaking, what’s true of the Holy Spirit is also true of your born-again spirit because they are one.

**“But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit”** (1 Cor. 6:17).

- B. Since there aren’t capital letters in the Greek, translators decided from the context of a passage whether to render it “Spirit” or “spirit.”
- C. Either way—Holy Spirit or born-again spirit—the same point is made.

**“Walk in the Spirit [spirit], and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh”** (Gal. 5:16, brackets mine).

7. The thoughts, desires, patterns, and habits that were established in you through the old sinful nature will begin to diminish as you choose to be dominated by your spirit instead.
- A. You can break all of those things off because, in your spirit, you’re already free.
  - B. It’s just a matter of renewing your mind and beginning to manifest who you are in Christ.

# Walk in the Spirit

*Lesson 19 – Discipleship Questions*

1. According to James 2:26, what is the body without the spirit?
2. What is faith without works?
3. Read Ephesians 2:1-2. What were we before we were born again?
4. In times past, how did we walk?
5. Who is the prince of the power of the air?
6. What is he and what does he do?
7. What are we commanded to do in Galatians 5:16?
8. If we do that, what will we simultaneously not do?
9. Does this verse address believers or unbelievers?
10. According to 1 Corinthians 6:17, born-again believers are:
  - A. One spirit with the Lord.
  - B. Loved of the Lord.
  - C. Joined unto the Lord.
  - D. Both A and C.
  - E. All of the above.



# Walk in the Spirit

## *Lesson 19 – Scriptures*

**“But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit”** (1 Cor. 6:17).

**“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin”** (Rom. 6:6).

**“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also”** (James 2:26).

**“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience”** (Eph. 2:1-2).

**“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh”** (Gal. 5:16).

# The Impossible Life

## Lesson 20 – Outline

1. Paul acknowledged his born-again spirit, but declared, “There is no good thing in my flesh—my unrenewed mind and physical body, all the external parts of me functioning independent from Christ.”

**“For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (*that is, in my flesh,*) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members”** (Rom. 7:15-23, emphasis mine).

- A. Sounds a lot like what he wrote in Galatians:

**“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would”** (Gal. 5:17).

- B. Then Paul summarized his dismal dilemma in Romans 7:24:

**“O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”**

2. Paul was simply describing the inability of the flesh—your physical ability, natural mind, emotions, and all actions independent from Christ—to please God.
  - A. In your flesh, you can’t do what the Lord has told you to do.
  - B. It’s natural to be self-serving, self-seeking, and self-promoting.
  - C. Without supernatural assistance, it’s impossible to do what Jesus commands.
3. There’s a tremendous amount of liberty that comes with recognizing and releasing Christ in you.
  - A. The Lord wants you to forgive totally—as much and as many times as it takes.
  - B. When you humble yourself, turning away from your own natural ability and to God and His divine ability, you’ll discover a supernatural strength flowing through you.

4. You have an unlimited supply of God's kind of love in your spirit.

**“Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things” (1 Cor. 13:4-7).**

A. His love never fails (1 Cor. 13:8).

B. In your spirit, you have an unlimited ability to forgive, endure, believe, and hope.

C. Now, let your spirit take over.

# The Impossible Life

## Lesson 20 – Discipleship Questions

1. Read Romans 7:15-18. What's the main idea?
2. Where did Paul say dwells in him no good thing?
3. Read Romans 7:18-23. What did Paul delight in after the inward man (spirit)?
4. What did he see working in his members, warring against his mind?
5. According to Galatians 5:17, what does the flesh lust against?
6. What does the Spirit lust against?
7. Since the Spirit and the flesh are contrary to one another, this means \_\_\_\_\_.
8. How did Paul describe himself in Romans 7:24?
9. What did he need deliverance from?
10. Read Matthew 5:39-41. What did Jesus command us to do when someone strikes us on the right cheek?
  - A. Immediately apply oil to the wound.
  - B. Turn and run.
  - C. Respond with a left jab.
  - D. Turn to them the other cheek also.
11. If someone brings a lawsuit against us and takes away our coat, what should we do?
  - A. Go to their house at night and steal it back.
  - B. Give them our cloak as well.
  - C. Hire a hit man.
  - D. Sue someone else for their coat.
12. What should we do if someone compels us to go a mile?
  - A. Go with them two.
  - B. Go half a mile and sneak off.
  - C. Flag a taxi.
  - D. Tell them, "No way!"

13. According to Galatians 2:20, who is crucified with Christ?
14. Who lives, then?
15. What do we live by now?
16. Who loved us and gave Himself for us?
17. What question did Peter ask Jesus in Matthew 18:21-22?
18. How did Jesus answer?
19. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Since God is love (1 John 4:8), read this passage again, substituting the word “God” for “love.”
20. Since God lives in and through you, read the following personal confession aloud.

***I suffer long and am kind. I don't envy others or boast of myself. I am not puffed up, nor do I behave unseemly, nor do I seek my own. I am not easily provoked, and I think no evil. I don't rejoice in iniquity, but I do rejoice in the truth. I bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, and endure all things. God's love in and through me never fails!***

# The Impossible Life

## *Lesson 20 – Scriptures*

**“For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” (Rom. 7:15-24).**

**“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would” (Gal. 5:17).**

**“But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain” (Matt. 5:39-41).**

**“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20).**

**“Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven” (Matt. 18:21-22).**

**“Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away” (1 Cor. 13:4-8).**

# Releasing Your True Identity

## Lesson 21 – Outline

1. You can't please God if you're in the flesh.
  - A. Romans 7 describes living by your own natural, carnal ability.
  - B. That's why the results are defeat, failure, and an inability to do the desired good (Rom. 7:19).
  - C. "Who will deliver me from this flesh?"  
  
**"O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"** (Rom. 7:24).
  - D. Deliverance from the flesh comes through living by who you are in the spirit.  
  
**"I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord"** (Rom. 7:25).
2. You must walk after the Spirit (Rom. 8).  
  
**"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit"** (Rom. 8:1).
  - A. Your spirit is the only part of you in Christ Jesus.
  - B. If you're in the Spirit, there is no condemnation to you whatsoever.
3. Romans 8 is one of the most victorious chapters in the whole Bible because it's written from the perspective of your born-again spirit.
  - A. The frustration of living after the flesh described in Romans 7 is not the typical Christian life.
  - B. Romans 8 describes the typical Christian life.
4. This revelation of spirit, soul, and body unlocks so much of the Christian life.
  - A. When you understand that it was your spirit that changed, then you can begin comprehending that who you are and what you have in Christ doesn't fluctuate based on your performance.
  - B. Once you believe, you must reject the flesh and walk by who you are in the spirit.
  - C. As you cultivate a good image of who you are in Christ and it becomes real to you, you'll release and experience your true identity.

5. The Christian life is growing stronger in the Spirit and weaker in the flesh.
- A. The flesh's dominance steadily diminishes as you learn to consistently depend on and draw out more of what's in your spirit.
  - B. Focus on who you are in the spirit by meditating on God's Word, and your flesh will bow the knee to the spirit's rule and reign.

**“Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would”**  
(Gal. 5:16-17).

- C. You'll break the control of the flesh as you base your identity and potential on what the Word says about who you are in Christ.
- D. Instead of being controlled by your old carnal self, your spirit man will begin to dominate.



# Releasing Your True Identity

## *Lesson 21 – Discipleship Questions*

1. What question does Paul ask in Romans 7:24?
2. According to Romans 7:25, what is the answer?
3. What word in Romans 8:1 refers back to what has previously been said?
4. How much condemnation is there now for those who are in Christ Jesus?
  - A. Much.
  - B. Little.
  - C. Some.
  - D. None.
5. Do we walk after the flesh or after the Spirit?
6. Which part of our beings is in Christ Jesus?
7. What best describes Romans 7?
  - A. Frustration.
  - B. Flesh.
  - C. Struggle.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
8. What best describes Romans 8?
  - A. Victory.
  - B. Spirit.
  - C. Love.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
9. According to Galatians 5:16-17, how are we to walk?
10. What happens automatically—as a byproduct—as we walk this way?
11. What does the flesh lust against?
12. What does the Spirit lust against?

13. What one word in verse 17 best describes this relationship between the Spirit and the flesh?
14. What results from this?
15. According to Proverbs 28:1, what do the wicked do?
16. Who are as bold as a lion?
17. List the seven characteristics given of the Holy Spirit in Isaiah 11:2.

# Releasing Your True Identity

## *Lesson 21 – Scriptures*

**“For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do”**  
(Rom. 7:19).

**“O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin”** (Rom. 7:24-25).

**“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit”** (Rom. 8:1).

**“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would”** (Gal. 5:16-17).

**“The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion”** (Prov. 28:1).

**“And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD”** (Is. 11:2).

# Mind Your Spirit

## Lesson 22 – Outline

1. Through spiritual dyslexia, most people perceive Galatians 5:16 completely backwards!

**“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh”** (Gal. 5:16).

- A. This verse doesn’t say “Walk in the Spirit, and you’ll hinder the flesh” or “Overcome the flesh, and then you’ll walk in the Spirit.”
  - B. It says just the opposite: “Walk in the Spirit, and you won’t fulfill the lust of the flesh.”
  - C. When you walk in the Spirit (turn on the light), by default—as a byproduct—you won’t fulfill the lust of the flesh (darkness flees).
2. You can know whether you’re walking in the Spirit or not by what your attention is on.

**“For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit”** (Rom. 8:5).

- A. What you’re thinking about will tell you whether you’re in the flesh or the spirit.
  - B. If your mind is stayed on the things of the flesh, then you’re in the flesh.
3. By learning to keep your mind stayed on God, your spirit will dominate and control your flesh.

**“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace”** (Rom. 8:6).

- A. This isn’t just quality time; it’s both quality *and* quantity of time spent focused on the things of God.
  - B. “Carnal” means of the five senses.
  - C. Carnal-mindedness is being fleshly, physical, outward-minded instead of spiritually minded.
  - D. To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
  - E. You need to get to where God’s Word dominates you more than what you can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel.
4. Seeing a truth doesn’t mean you’ll automatically profit from it.
- A. Normally, conflict will arise.

**“After you were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions”** (Heb. 10:32).

- B. Satan immediately comes to steal the Word before it takes root in your heart and produces (Mark 4:15 and 19).
  - C. He attempts to dislodge it when you’re at your youngest, when a truth is still new to you, before it’s rooted and established as part of who you are.
5. You overcome by being mindful of what God’s Word says about you—especially the New Testament.
- A. When you’re Word-minded, you’re spiritually minded because God’s words are spirit and life (John 6:63).
  - B. If you’d dominate yourself with those thoughts, all it would produce is life and peace.
  - C. If you’re having something other than life and peace, then you’re something other than spiritually minded (Rom. 8:6).
  - D. You receive the victory He’s already achieved and provided for you by focusing your attention on the spirit.
6. You won’t manifest much of the life of God if you’re plugged into the world through radio, television, newspapers, and magazines.
- A. It takes a lot of effort—real effort—to keep your focus on the things of God.
  - B. How can you expect different results when you read, watch, listen to, and think all the same things as your unbelieving neighbors?
  - C. In order to release God’s power and life, you must overcome the flesh by continually focusing your mind on who you are and what you have in the spirit.

# **Mind Your Spirit**

## *Lesson 22 – Additional Information*

For an in-depth look at healing, I recommend my teaching entitled *God Wants You Well*.

Recently I was required to take a treadmill test while receiving a qualifying physical for an insurance policy. However, since I refused to allow them to shave my chest hair, the electrodes fell off after only twelve minutes. Several weeks later, the insurance company called and said they couldn't insure me. They cited the fact that my readings indicated I had a serious heart problem that surfaced at about the twelfth minute of the test. When I asked them if the electrodes falling off would've made a difference or not, they decided to give me another test.

This time I let them shave my chest, but not before informing the nurse that she was removing virgin hair! I finished the test without incident and waited for the doctor to review my results. He was fine with my readings up until about the thirteenth minute of the test. That's when he got a worried look on his face and told me I had a serious problem. This medical professional then advised me of my "need" to see a specialist that very day and began writing out the note for me to give to this other doctor.

I boldly looked this man in the face and declared, "I don't believe your results!" It was easy to see that he wasn't used to someone countering his opinion. However, I challenged him to look again at the printout and then honestly tell me that I had a heart problem.

He replied, "Well, this doesn't really say you have a heart problem. It's just that your results aren't completely typical. Since everyone's heart is a little different, you could be totally healthy. I just think you should go get another test!"

"That's not what you said!" I thundered. "You told me I had a serious heart problem, not that there's a small chance and you think I should get another opinion."

This guy backed down and sputtered, "You're fine. Just forget about that other test."

Most people would have taken the word of this doctor over the Word of God, which emphatically declares that we're healed. By the time they finished obsessing about it, their hearts would have failed—from fear (Luke 21:26)! The next time you're faced with a report that's contrary to God's, whose report will you choose to believe?

# **Mind Your Spirit**

*Lesson 22 – Discipleship Questions*

1. What do people who interpret Galatians 5:16 backwards normally think and/or say about this verse?
  - A. Overcome the flesh, and then you'll walk in the Spirit.
  - B. Walk in the Spirit, and you'll hinder the flesh.
  - C. If I can just stop doing these bad things and having these foul thoughts, then I'll be in the Spirit.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
2. Darkness is simply the absence of light. If walking in the Spirit is like turning on a light, then darkness fleeing is like what?
3. Which chapter best describes the victory of walking in the spirit, Romans 7 or 8?
4. Which chapter best describes the frustration of walking in the flesh, Romans 7 or 8?
5. According to Romans 8:5, what's on the mind of believers who are after the flesh?
6. What's on the mind of believers who are after the Spirit?
7. How can we tell whether we're walking after the flesh or after the Spirit?
8. According to Romans 8:6, what produces death?
9. What produces life and peace?
10. If we're experiencing something other than life and peace, what are we?
11. Read Hebrews 10:32. Remember those times when you were first enlightened to a particular truth from God's Word? What normally occurred immediately afterwards?
12. According to Mark 4:15, what is Satan's goal for this?
13. What else does Mark 4:19 say that the devil uses to cause the Word to become unfruitful in our lives?
14. Read 1 Peter 2:24. Who is the first half of the verse referring to?

15. Who is the second half of the verse referring to?
16. By whose stripes were we healed?
17. The words “were healed” are in what tense?
  - A. Past.
  - B. Present.
  - C. Future.
18. According to Ephesians 1:18-20, what do the eyes of our hearts need to be enlightened to?
  - A. The hope of His calling.
  - B. The riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.
  - C. The exceeding greatness of His power toward us-ward who believe.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
19. What main idea does James 2:17, 20, and 26 all have in common?
20. Since the Holy Spirit recorded this concept three times in one New Testament chapter, do you think it’s something He wants us to understand?
21. According to John 6:63, what is the life-giving part of our beings?
22. What profits us nothing?
23. God’s words—written down for us in the Word—are what?
24. According to Romans 8:8, who cannot please God?



# Mind Your Spirit

## *Lesson 22 – Scriptures*

**“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh” (Gal. 5:16).**

**“For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace” (Rom. 8:5-6).**

**“But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions” (Heb. 10:32).**

**“And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. . . . And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful” (Mark 4:15 and 19).**

**“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed” (1 Pet. 2:24).**

**“The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:18-20).**

**“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. . . . But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? . . . For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also” (James 2:17, 20, and 26).**

**“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63).**

**“So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God” (Rom. 8:8).**

**“Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken” (Luke 21:26).**

# Time to Leave!

## *Lesson 23 – Outline*

1. When you make Jesus Christ Lord of your life by truly believing on Him, an instantaneous change takes place.
  - A. This change occurs in your spirit, not your flesh (i.e., your body and soul).
  - B. Whether the change ever manifests itself in your physical realm depends on what you think.
2. The flesh, your natural self, pulls in one direction, and your spirit leads you in another.
  - A. How you think determines what you experience.
  - B. If your mind stays only on physical things—not even necessarily sinful things—then you’ll be limited to and dominated by your flesh.
3. The only way you’ll experience the power of God within you is to walk in the Spirit.
  - A. You have to get beyond the physical and acknowledge that there is a spiritual world.
  - B. As you recognize your true power and believe, the spiritual realm will become more real to you than the physical.
  - C. Everything in the natural may be coming against the Word, but if you stay in the spirit, fixed on what God’s Word says, your spirit will overcome your flesh and break its dominion.
  - D. That’s when you’ll see the Word manifest.
4. Whether you ever see your true spiritual potential released into your physical life or not depends on what you think (Rom. 12:2).
  - A. If natural things—either sinful or just plain carnal—dominate and control your thoughts, you’ll shut off the flow of God’s Spirit through you.
  - B. But if you dominate yourself with the truths of God’s Word and get beyond the natural limitations of your five senses, you can start releasing the supernatural life that’s inside you.
5. As long as you stay focused on the Word, you’ll be able to experience a peace that passes understanding.

**“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:7).**

**“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me” (John 14:1).**

6. If you want to experience God's best, you must understand these truths concerning spirit, soul, and body.
  - A. Spend less time feeding the flesh, and focus on the spirit instead.
  - B. You'll develop an entire mentality based on your new identity in Christ as you dominate yourself with what you see in the spiritual mirror of God's Word.
  - C. Soak your mind in these truths that God has spoken.
7. Renewing your mind to God's Word is a lifelong process.
  - A. Until you see Jesus face to face, you never arrive; you just leave.
  - B. Applying these truths will take some real focus and effort on your part.
  - C. The Holy Spirit will reveal to you who you are in Christ.
  - D. Pray out loud from your heart:

***“Father, I open my heart to the Holy Spirit to continue revealing these truths to me. I recognize that this is a process and not just a one-time thing. Therefore, I ask You to give me greater revelation of spirit, soul, and body throughout the rest of my life. As I apply what You've shown me, please encourage me with some quick results. I want to establish new patterns of walking by the spirit so I can live a full and effective life in You.***

***“Thank You for bringing these truths to my remembrance when I need them. Thank You for helping me to share them with others so they, too, can break free from their flesh's dominion. Thank You for setting me free and using me to set many others free! I love You, Father! Amen.”***

# **Time to Leave!**

*Lesson 23 – Discipleship Questions*

1. What key principle is revealed through the first half of Proverbs 23:7?
2. Read 1 John 4:17. As born-again believers, how are we in this world?
3. According to Romans 12:2, what are we not to do?
4. How are we transformed?
5. How does Philippians 4:7 describe God's peace?
6. What does it keep?
7. In John 14:1, what did Jesus command us not to do?
8. What did He command us to do?
9. According to John 4:24, God is what?
10. How must we worship Him?
11. How must we approach Him?
12. According to Galatians 5:17, what are the two contrary directions from which we are constantly being fed information and drawn toward?
13. Read Philippians 3:13-14. Did the Apostle Paul consider himself to have "arrived"?
14. What two aspects—working together at the same time—enabled Paul to press toward the mark?
15. What did Paul press toward the mark for?
16. As we press toward the same mark and prize, what must we forget and what must we reach toward?

# **Time to Leave!**

## *Lesson 23 – Scriptures*

**“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee” (Prov. 23:7).**

**“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world” (1 John 4:17).**

**“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom. 12:2).**

**“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:7).**

**“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me” (John 14:1).**

**“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24).**

**“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would” (Gal. 5:17).**

**“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:13-14).**