

SODIUM AND CHLORIDE

Lesson 1 – Outline

- I. The body of Christ is basically divided into two groups: those who emphasize grace (what God does) and those who emphasize faith (what we do).

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.

Ephesians 2:8-9

- A. The first group preaches that everything is totally up to God, and the second group teaches, “No, you have to do this and that, and this and that.”
- B. You might phrase this same issue differently, but it all comes down to which part is God’s and which part is ours.
- C. God’s Word clearly reveals a balance between grace and faith.
- D. God has done so much for us by grace, but for us to receive what He has done, there must be a positive response on our part, which is what the Bible calls “faith”—there has to be a combination of both grace and faith.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

Titus 2:11

- II. Grace is what God does for you—it’s His part. Grace has nothing to do with you. By definition, it is “unmerited, unearned, undeserved favor.”

- A. God’s grace is the same toward everybody because it’s not based on, or tied to, what you do.
- B. The moment you begin relating God’s blessing—the manifestation of His power in your life—to anything you’ve done, you have just voided grace, because you’ve made God’s blessing and manifestation in your life proportional to something that you’ve done.

Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Acts 16:30-31

- III. The Word reveals that your sins are already forgiven.

He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:2

- A. What you have to do is believe the Gospel—that Jesus has already come, already died, and already forgiven the sins of the world.
- B. The sin that is going to send people to hell is the singular sin of rejecting Jesus as their personal Savior.

When he [the Holy Spirit] is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me.

John 16:8-9, brackets mine

- C. If you have made Jesus your Lord, then all of your sins—past, present, and even future sins (sins you haven't committed yet)—have already been forgiven.
- D. Sin has already been dealt with by grace (Heb. 9-10).

IV. The grace of God is identical toward us all.

- A. The grace of God is consistent.
- B. God is no respecter of persons (Rom. 2:11).
- C. Grace is what God does for us independently of us.

V. God, by grace, has already done everything.

- A. He anticipated every need you could ever have, and He already met all of those needs through Christ.
- B. Salvation, healing, and deliverance have already been provided.
- C. When people today hear the truth and believe, all of a sudden what God has already provided by grace becomes a reality to them.
- D. As they mix faith with the Word of God, what He has already done by grace begins to manifest in their lives.

VI. True Bible faith is simply a positive response to what God has already provided by grace.

- A. Faith only appropriates what God has already provided.
- B. Faith doesn't move God or make Him do anything.
- C. There has to be a balance between grace and faith.

Sodium and Chloride

Lesson 1 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Ephesians 2:8-9, how are we saved?
2. It is the gift of whom?
3. How does Ephesians 2:5 reveal that we are saved?
4. What does Titus 2:11 say brings salvation?
5. And this has appeared to whom?
6. In Acts 16:30-31, what did the Philippian jailer ask?
7. What was the answer to this question?
8. According to 1 John 2:2, Jesus is the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for whose sins?
9. According to John 16:8-9, the Holy Spirit reproves the world of the singular sin of not believing on whom?
10. According to Romans 2:11, is there respect of persons with God?

Sodium and Chloride

Lesson 1 – Scriptures

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.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved).

Ephesians 2:5

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

Titus 2:11

And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Acts 16:30-31

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:2

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me.

John 16:8-9

For there is no respect of persons with God.

Romans 2:11

Is God Sovereign?

Lesson 2 – Outline

- I. People have taken the truth that God moves independently of us, not based on our performance, and developed a teaching that is commonly called “the sovereignty of God.”
 - A. Basically, what they’re doing is overemphasizing grace.
 - B. The theological term for this tension between grace and faith is Calvinism versus Arminianism.
 - C. Calvinism emphasizes that everything is totally up to God.
 - D. Arminianism emphasizes that you have a part to play, that you can believe and receive or doubt and do without.
 - E. You can control the measure of the grace of God you experience by your faith.
- II. If you want to use *sovereign* the way the dictionary uses it, God is sovereign.
 - A. But religion has come along and said that “sovereign” means God controls everything and that nothing can happen without His permission.
 - B. That’s not what the Word of God teaches.
 - C. God is not sovereign the way religion has taught.
 - D. This is a convenient theology.
 - E. We don’t understand certain things, so it’s easier to make statements such as this.
- III. People die all the time without it being God’s will.
 - A. Scripture makes it very clear that Jesus came to “**destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil**” (Heb. 2:14).
 - B. Satan is the one who goes about seeking whom he may devour (1 Pet. 5:8 and John 10:10).
 - C. We started the corruption on this planet (Gen. 2:17)—God doesn’t control all of those things (old age, deterioration, sickness, disease, and death).

D. It's knowing the truth that will make us free.

Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

E. If God were guilty of everything He's blamed for today, there isn't a civilized nation on the face of the earth that wouldn't persecute, prosecute, and execute Him if He was a physical person.

IV. This teaching that God controls everything sovereignly is the worst heresy in the body of Christ because it renders people passive.

A. If you really believe that He controls every single thing that happens, then what's the point of you doing anything?

B. Some people see the extreme of this, but they still mix it in when it's convenient.

C. Either God controls everything, or He doesn't—it has to be one or the other, but not a combination of both.

D. If you truly believe that God controls everything, then when you get sick, why would you ever go to a doctor (or take medicine) and try to get out of God's will?

E. You have to be taught this religious doctrine and accept it on blind faith. It does not function in the natural world.

V. God, by grace, has provided everything, but you have complete freedom of choice as to whether His perfect will for you comes to pass or not.

A. It doesn't happen without your cooperation.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Ephesians 3:20

B. God cannot—or you could say does not—do anything beyond this power that works in you, which is faith.

C. How can you put 2 Peter 3:9 and Matthew 7:13-14 together and come up with any other conclusion except that God's will does not automatically come to pass?

D. You have a choice.

E. God, by grace, has provided everything, but if you don't believe, you won't receive.

Is God Sovereign?

Lesson 2 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Hebrews 2:14, who had the power of death?
2. First Peter 5:8 reveals our adversary to be whom?
3. As a roaring lion, whom does our adversary walk around seeking?
4. According to John 10:10, why does the thief come?
5. Jesus came that we might have what?
6. Adam and Eve were commanded in Genesis 2:17 not to eat of what?
7. What would happen if they did?
8. According to John 8:32, knowing _____ shall make us free?
9. Ephesians 3:20 reveals that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all what?
10. According to what that works in us?
11. According to 2 Peter 3:9, is it God's will that any should perish?
12. God wills that all should come to what?
13. According to Matthew 7:13-14, is the gate that leads to life narrow and straight or wide and broad?
14. How many find it?

Is God Sovereign?

Lesson 2 – Scriptures

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.

Hebrews 2:14

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5:8

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Genesis 2:17

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Ephesians 3:20

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Matthew 7:13-14

God's Will

Lesson 3 – Outline

I. Jesus is the perfect example of God's will.

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:38

- A. What Jesus did was good, healing all that were oppressed of the devil.
- B. The Bible reveals that in the last days, people will call evil “good” and good “evil” (Is. 5:20).
- C. If you cannot discern between what God is doing and what the devil is doing, you won't know what to resist or what to yield to.

II. James 1:2-4 has been twisted and misused to teach that God controls everything in your life.

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

A. Romans 15:4 says that patience comes through Scripture:

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

- B. Patience is simply faith applied over a prolonged period of time.
- C. When you were born again, God gave you faith and patience—they are fruit of your brand-new, born-again spirit.

But the fruit of the Spirit is...longsuffering [patience]...faith.

Galatians 5:22, brackets mine

D. Patience does not come through hardship and tribulation.

III. If you already have patience through the Word of God and the fruit of the Holy Spirit on the inside of you, it has to be used before it reaches its full strength.

- A. You become a better soldier when you are attacked and have to put your training into practice. There's a difference between intellectual knowledge and experiential knowledge.
- B. Problems are not given by God to make you better—if you think they are, then you'll welcome and embrace those problems as being from the Lord.
- C. You'll attribute evil to God, which is wrong, and Satan will use that to kill you.
- D. James 1:2-4 isn't saying that God puts problems on you any more than an enemy comes against you to make you a better soldier—they come against you to kill you.

IV. There are certain things you need to submit to and others you need to resist.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

- A. There are certain things that are from God—you submit to those. There are other things that are from the devil—you resist those.
- B. *Resist* means “to actively fight against.”
- C. If you don't actively fight against the devil, then you have submitted to him.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.

James 1:12-13

- D. If it's good, it's God. If it's bad, it's the devil. God is a good God. The devil is a bad devil (John 10:10). Anytime you get that confused and start embracing problems, it will destroy you and render you useless.

V. People who think that the Lord's will is coming to pass with or without them have to blame God for the bad things that are happening in the world.

- A. Not only does this mindset give you a skewed opinion of who God is, it'll destroy your relationship with Him as well.
- B. There are a lot of people in this nation who are turning against a God who is represented as the one who sent the terrorist attacks, earthquakes, floods, and hurricanes.

God's Will

Lesson 3 – Discipleship Questions

1. Acts 10:38 reveals that Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of whom?
2. Isaiah 5:20 declares woe to those who what?
3. According to James 1:2-4, what does the trying of our faith work?
4. Romans 15:4 says that through patience and comfort of _____ we have hope.
5. According to Romans 10:17, what comes by hearing the Word of God?
6. What is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, and faith in Galatians 5:22?
7. Who does James 4:7 tell us to submit ourselves to?
8. Who are we to resist?
9. Romans 8:28 declares that all things work together for good to them that love God and are called according to what?
10. According to James 1:12-13, the person who endures _____ is blessed.

God's Will

Lesson 3 – Scriptures

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:38

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Isaiah 5:20

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

James 1:2-4

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Romans 15:4

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.

Galatians 5:22

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.

James 1:12-13

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

All Things Work Together for Good

Lesson 4 – Outline

I. We have been taught a religious doctrine from Romans 8:28.

A. But if you read it in context and look at the words, you wouldn't fall for such an erroneous interpretation:

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

B. There is nothing in there that blames God for everything that happens.

C. It's just saying that the Lord can take whatever happens and work it together for good.

D. But it has qualifications.

II. The very first word of this verse is the conjunction “and,” which ties this verse to the previous verses, 26 and 27, which were talking about how the Holy Spirit...

Helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought... he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:26-27

A. The Greek word rendered “**Helpeth**” literally means “to take hold of opposite together, i.e. co-operate (assist)” (Strong's Concordance).

B. It describes a union, not the Holy Spirit doing all the interceding for us.

C. When we start doing what we know to do and pray, if we will allow Him, the Holy Spirit will take hold together with us and intercede and produce supernatural results. But it doesn't happen automatically.

D. When the Holy Spirit gets involved and you're operating in supernatural intercession, then you can say that we know that all things will work together for good.

III. Then there are two more qualifications:

All things work together for good to them that love God.

Romans 8:28

- A. The Bible calls a person who says that they love God but doesn't live like it, a liar (1 John 2:4, 4:20; and Luke 6:43-44).
- B. No matter who someone is, if they haven't been born again before they die, they go to hell.
- C. There are consequences for one's actions.

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.

Deuteronomy 30:19

- D. This extreme sovereignty of God is the religious church's counterpart to the secular world idea about refusing to accept responsibility for anything—the religious church just blames God.
 - E. He didn't cause problems like the terrorist attacks, but yes, He can take those things and work them together for good.
 - F. First, it's dependent upon the Holy Spirit interceding through a person, and second, they have to love God.
- IV. The third qualification listed in Romans 8:28 for God to work all things together for good is that it is for **“them who are the called according to his purpose.”**
- A. The purpose of God is to destroy the works of the devil:

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8

- B. All things won't work together for good if we aren't resisting the devil and fighting against the problems he brings.
- C. It only works together for good if you love God, are resisting the problem, and are out to destroy the works of the devil.
- D. If you will let the Holy Spirit work through you, then you can take anything that the devil throws at you, and it will work together for good.
- E. Thinking that God controls everything and nothing happens without His permission is a real faith-killer.

All Things Work Together for Good

Lesson 4 – Discipleship Questions

1. What does Romans 8:26-28 reveal that the Spirit also helps?
2. The Spirit itself makes intercession for us with what?
3. He that searches the hearts knows what is the mind of whom?
4. He makes intercession for whom?
5. According to the will of whom?
6. According to Luke 6:43-44, can a good tree bring forth corrupt fruit, or a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit?
7. What is every tree known by?
8. What does 1 John 2:4 call someone who says that they know God but doesn't keep His commandments?
9. First John 4:20 calls someone a liar who says that they love God but hates whom?
10. What does Deuteronomy 30:19 counsel us to choose?
11. According to 1 John 3:8, who sinned from the beginning?
12. For what purpose was the Son of God manifested?

All Things Work Together for Good

Lesson 4 – Scriptures

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:26-28

For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

Luke 6:43-44

He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1 John 2:4

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

1 John 4:20

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.

Deuteronomy 30:19

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8

God Is Not Your Problem

Lesson 5 – Outline

- I. Although it's a major doctrine in the body of Christ, there are only two places in Scripture where predestination is mentioned: Romans 8:29-30; Ephesians 1:5, and 11.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Romans 8:29

- A. Nobody has been predestined to be saved or lost, but once you become born again, God has predetermined—predestined—that you will be conformed to the image of His Son.

We shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:2

- B. If you've been born again, it's predetermined that you will ultimately be like Jesus.
- C. If you'll cooperate, you can experience it here in this life to the degree that you renew your mind.
- D. If you don't cooperate, you'll eventually be like Jesus anyway because you'll be like Him when He comes.

- II. God didn't predestine anyone to be a mess or predetermine anybody to be a failure.

- A. God has good plans for you.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Jeremiah 29:11

- B. He has a plan and a destiny for every person.
- C. God didn't plan the hurt and heartache that you've experienced.
- D. People have made wrong choices, and sometimes you suffer because of them, but God didn't determine this.
- E. He doesn't control people like chess pieces and make everything happen.

III. I take great comfort in knowing that God is a good God.

- A. I've had a lot of negative circumstances happen in my life.
- B. Those things happened to me, but God didn't order them.
- C. At the very least, it was the devil, and half the time or more, I was cooperating somehow.
- D. It blesses me to know that God is not my problem.
- E. God is not your problem either.

IV. The things of God don't come to pass automatically.

- A. If you don't pursue them, you won't get them.
- B. You must pursue the things of God.
- C. You must believe.
- D. You have to reach out and take them.

God Is Not Your Problem

Lesson 5 – Discipleship Questions

1. Romans 8:29-30 declares that whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to whose image?
2. According to Ephesians 1:5, we were predestined unto what?
3. By whom?
4. To whom?
5. According to the good pleasure of what?
6. What does Ephesians 1:11 say we have also obtained in Him?
7. We were predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of what?
8. According to 1 John 3:2, when are born-again believers the sons of God?
9. Who shall we be like when He appears?
10. How shall we see Him then?
11. According to Jeremiah 29:11, does the LORD think thoughts of peace or thoughts of evil toward us?
12. To give us what?

God Is Not Your Problem

Lesson 5 – Scriptures

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Romans 8:29-30

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

Ephesians 1:5

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.

Ephesians 1:11

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:2

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Jeremiah 29:11

The Response of Faith

Lesson 6 – Outline

I. Both grace and faith need to be combined to see the power of God released in your life.

A. Emphasizing either one—grace or faith—is wrong if you take them independently of the other.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

B. Grace or faith taken by themselves, at the exclusion of the other, is actually disastrous and will destroy you.

II. You must recognize that some things are from God, and some things are from the devil.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

A. You are the one who allows Satan to come in.

Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5:8, emphasis mine

B. The devil cannot devour everybody, and he can't do things to you without your consent and cooperation.

C. You cannot actively fight against something if you think God has ordained or permitted it.

III. Consider when the Israelites came out of Egypt.

A. In their hearts, they turned back to Egypt, tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

Psalm 78:41

B. The Lord is not forcing His will upon us individually or collectively as a nation or group of people.

C. You have to cooperate with God to see His will come to pass in your life.

If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations are more than I; how can I [God] dispossess them?

Deuteronomy 7:17, brackets mine

D. God cannot bring deliverance in your life if you yield to fear through unbelief and doubt (Deut. 7:15-18).

IV. You have to choose God's will.

For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

1 Corinthians 15:9-10

A. The Lord extended grace toward the man who was killing His own people (Acts 2:37; 7:55-56, 58, 60; and 9:5).

B. However, if he hadn't responded and labored more abundantly than all of them, we might have read the report about how Saul became converted, but he wouldn't have ever become Paul—the apostle who wrote half of the New Testament and did all of these great miracles.

C. For God's grace—what He's freely provided for us—to work in our lives, it takes a response on our part.

D. The grace of God is the same toward every person, but not everybody labors abundantly to see what God's purpose and plan is for their lives.

E. God has a plan for your life that is superior to anything you could ever plan on your own—you need to follow Him.

V. You need to do whatever it takes to follow God, balancing grace and faith.

A. God, by grace, gives you giftings, talents, and abilities that are completely independent of anything you deserve.

B. You need to discover what God has done by grace—what He's provided, what His will is.

C. Then there needs to be an appropriate response on your part, which is what the Bible calls faith.

The Response of Faith

Lesson 6 – Discipleship Questions

1. If we submit ourselves to God and resist the devil, what does James 4:7 reveal that Satan will do?
2. Psalm 78:41 says that the Israelites turned back, tempted God, and did what to Him?
3. According to 1 Corinthians 15:9-10, was God's grace bestowed on Paul in vain?
4. He labored more abundantly than whom?
5. Yet not him, but what that was with him?
6. According to Galatians 2:16, we know that a man is not justified by the works of what?
7. We have believed in Jesus Christ that we might be justified by what?
8. For by the works of the Law shall no _____ be justified.
9. What question did Saul ask in Acts 9:5?
10. In Acts 2:37, what did the people who were pricked in their hearts ask?
11. According to Acts 7:55-60, the witnesses laid down their clothes at which young man's feet?
12. As Stephen kneeled down, what did he cry with a loud voice?

The Response of Faith

Lesson 6 – Scriptures

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5:8

Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

Psalms 78:41

And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee. And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee. If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them? Thou shalt not be afraid of them: but shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt.

Deuteronomy 7:15-18

For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

1 Corinthians 15:9-10

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.

Galatians 2:16

And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

Acts 9:5

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?

Acts 2:37

But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 7:55-60

Making God Move

Lesson 7 – Outline

- I. Faith is simply your positive response to what God has already done by grace.
 - A. Faith is not something you do to get God to respond.
 - B. Faith doesn't move God—He has already moved by grace.
 - C. Faith is just your positive response to what you believe God has already provided.

- II. Faith only appropriates what God has already provided by grace.

- A. If God hasn't provided it by grace, then your faith can't make it happen.

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:23-24

- B. Many people err, trying to force God to do something.
 - C. The reason you can't rob a bank using Mark 11:32-24 is because God didn't provide thievery for you in His atonement.
 - D. The reason you can't curse someone's mate and command them to die so you can marry their spouse is because God didn't provide murder and adultery in His atonement.
- III. Once you understand the balance between grace and faith, it takes the struggle out of receiving from God.
 - A. How can you doubt that God will do what He's already done?
 - B. Grace is not something that is going to happen—it's something that has already been done.
 - C. Jesus already died for the forgiveness of our sins, the healing of our bodies, and the deliverance from bondage (1 Pet. 2:24).
- IV. There's a totally different attitude in a person who is trusting and relying upon what God has already done versus someone who is trying to get God to do something.

- A. We need to understand that God, by grace, has already done everything.
 - B. And if He's done it, then it's just a matter of resting in what He's already done.
 - C. It's just a matter of reaching out by faith to receive it.
- V. You need to quit trying to get healed and start trusting that you've already been healed—there's a huge difference between the two.
- A. You need to understand that God healed you before you ever became sick, before you were ever born, before you ever had a problem—God has already healed you.
 - B. According to Ephesians 1:19-23, the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead already dwells in you—you have raising-from-the-dead power at your disposal.
 - C. Jesus gave you the authority to use it to speak to the mountain and command it to be removed.
 - D. Your faith is a response to God's grace—if you ever get those things mixed up, you'll be frustrated.

Making God Move

Lesson 7 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Mark 11:23-24, we should not doubt in our what?
2. When should we believe that we receive the things we desire?
3. According to 1 Peter 2:24, what did Jesus bear in His own body on the tree?
4. Since we are dead to sins, what should we live unto?
5. How were we healed?
6. Ephesians 1:19-23 speaks of the exceeding greatness of His power toward whom?
7. This is the same mighty power that God wrought in Christ when?
8. God set Him at His own right hand where?
9. What has been put under His feet?
10. What is the church?

Making God Move

Lesson 7 – Scriptures

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:23-24

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 Peter 2:24

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, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Ephesians 1:19-23

Already Provided

Lesson 8 – Outline

- I. It's not about God giving—it's all about you learning how to receive.
 - A. Once you understand that, it makes the Christian life so simple.
 - B. You study the Word so you can learn what He's already done, what God has already provided.
 - C. As you learn about your great salvation, faith rises up on the inside, and you start believing God.
 - D. Even then, there will probably still be some things that you believe God has provided by grace that you aren't seeing come to pass in your life—when that happens, just keep renewing your mind to the Word.
 - E. God's Word works, but it's a process.
- II. Many people have misunderstood what Jesus was communicating in Luke 11.

Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

Luke 11:5-8

- A. It's a contrast, not a comparison.
- B. Jesus was saying, "Do you know anyone, whom you consider a friend, who would treat you that rudely? Of course not! No friend would treat you that way. Then how do you expect God to be like that? Why do you think you just have to badger Him?"
- C. It's saying that if you expect that much mercy and kindness from a physical human being, then how much more should you expect God to answer your prayer without having to badger Him?

I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any

of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Luke 11:9-13

- III. God, by grace, has anticipated the needs of the entire human race as well as every one of us individually.
 - A. He made the supply before you ever had the need.
 - B. God has already provided everything.
 - C. There's nothing that will ever come into your life that will catch God by surprise.
 - D. Everything is already provided, but that doesn't mean you'll experience that provision unless you have an appropriate response, of faith.
 - E. Faith gives you consistency.
- IV. The Word reveals that the angels behold the face of God—they aren't listening to you (Matt. 18:10 and Heb. 1:14).
 - A. You aren't sharp enough to tell your angels what to do.
 - B. Once we get to heaven, we'll find out that there were so many times that the devil tried to kill us and we didn't even know it because we were walking in joy and peace, believing and trusting God.
 - C. Angels are real and they protect us.
 - D. But God is the one who directs them and takes care of you.
- V. God, by grace, has provided everything that is necessary for you to accomplish what He wants you to do.
 - A. Now it's simply us resting and trusting that God has already provided everything we need.
 - B. That sounds easy, but the hardest thing you'll ever do is rest.
 - C. You must labor to enter into rest (Heb. 4:11).

I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

1 Corinthians 15:10

Already Provided

Lesson 8 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Luke 11:5-8, what did this fellow ask his “friend” to lend him?
2. First John 4:8 reveals God to be what?
3. Does someone that doesn't love know God?
4. According to Luke 11:9-13, how much more does our heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to whom?
5. Matthew 18:10 reveals that the angels do always behold the face of whom in heaven?
6. According to Hebrews 1:14, what are angels?
7. They are sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of what?
8. Hebrews 4:11 admonishes us to labor to enter into what?
9. Lest we fall after the same example of what?
10. According to 1 Corinthians 15:10, what was with Paul that enabled him to labor more abundantly than them all?

Already Provided

Lesson 8 – Scriptures

And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

Luke 11:5-8

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1 John 4:8

And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Luke 11:9-13

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 18:10

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Hebrews 1:14

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Hebrews 4:11

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

1 Corinthians 15:10

Believe and Receive

Lesson 9 – Outline

- I. God wants you to understand, believe, and receive what He’s already provided.
 - A. Faith isn’t something you do and then God responds to you.
 - B. Faith is just your positive response to what God has already accomplished by grace—it’s how you appropriate and receive what He has already provided.
- II. First Peter 2:24 reveals that by His stripes, you were healed two thousand years ago.

By [His] *stripes ye were healed.*

Brackets mine

 - A. The Lord Jesus Christ, on His way to the cross, took those stripes on His back (Matt. 27:26).
 - B. All of the power that it takes to heal every sickness, infirmity, and disease of the entire human race was generated two thousand years ago.
 - C. The very instant you received the Lord and became born again, God placed that raising-from-the-dead power on the inside of you—in your born-again spirit (Eph. 1:19-20).
 - D. You just need to understand what has already been provided by grace and learn how to release that provision (out into your soul and body) by faith.
- III. The Christian life isn’t about getting God to do anything—it’s about renewing your mind to the truth of God’s Word and receiving the physical manifestation of what He’s already done.
 - A. On the inside of every born-again believer is the same power that raised Christ from the dead.
 - B. The fullness of the Godhead dwells in you bodily (Col. 1:27 and 2:9).
 - C. You are complete in Christ (Col. 2:10).
 - D. In your spirit, you already have love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Gal. 5:22-23).
 - E. There is a spiritual part of you that is seated with Christ Jesus in heavenly places (Eph. 1:3 and Col. 3:1).

IV. Once you get this revelation, it'll change your entire mindset.

- A. Instead of trying to get healed, you'll know God has healed you.
- B. Then you'll defend what God has already given you.
- C. You're not going to let the devil steal it from you.
- D. This makes all the difference in the world!
- E. It's much easier to defend what you already have than to try to get something you don't have.

V. The grace of God never fluctuates or changes.

- A. It's never the Lord who releases His power into your life and then—when you do something wrong—switches it off.
- B. God is always on—He's always releasing His power.
- C. Everything that God will ever do for the whole human race has already been accomplished through the Atonement.
- D. God's grace has already provided. The issue is: Will you believe and receive or doubt and do without?

Believe and Receive

Lesson 9 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Matthew 27:26, who was released when Jesus was scourged and delivered to be crucified?
2. What does Ephesians 1:19 reveal is to us who believe?
3. What is the hope of glory in Colossians 1:27?
4. According to Colossians 2:9-10, what dwells in Him bodily?
5. What are we in Him?
6. He is the head of all what?
7. According to Galatians 5:22-23, there is no what against the fruit of the Spirit?
8. What does Ephesians 1:3 say that we are blessed with?
9. In heavenly places where?
10. According to Colossians 3:1, what are we to seek?
11. Who is seated?
12. On the right hand of whom?

Believe and Receive

Lesson 9 – Scriptures

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

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 Peter 2:24

Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Matthew 27:26

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.

Ephesians 1:19-20

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:27

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.

Colossians 2:9-10

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

Turn on and Tune in

Lesson 10 – Outline

I. The Word reveals that we're already blessed.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath [past tense] blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3, brackets mine

- A. This is just an old English way of saying that God's given us all earthly and spiritual blessings—and they're already in us in Christ.
- B. God has already deposited everything into our born-again spirits that we'll ever need.
- C. You just haven't heard God's Word, believed the truth, and seen it manifested yet.

II. First Peter 2:24 says, **“By whose stripes ye were [past tense] healed”** (brackets mine).

- A. If you *were* healed, then you *are* healed.
- B. “But I have a doctor's report and pain in my body that proves I'm not healed.”
- C. No, that just proves that your physical body hasn't yet received the healing that God has already given.
- D. God has already placed supernatural healing power on the inside of you, yet you're still asking Him for it—that's unbelief.

III. It's inappropriate to pray this way on this side of the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- A. It was appropriate for Isaiah to pray “Rend the heavens and come down” because God hadn't done it yet (Is. 64:1).

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Psalm 51:10-12

- B. But it's unbelief for a Christian to pray this way today.

- C. David was an Old Testament man who wasn't born again—he didn't have the promises we do, which say, **"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee"** (Heb. 13:5) and **"I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"** (Matt. 28:20).

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:20

- D. God has already anointed us (2 Cor. 1:21 and 1 John 2:20).

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.

Luke 4:18

IV. There are all kinds of things happening in the unseen realm all around you.

- A. When you turn on and tune in your television set isn't when the station starts broadcasting; that's just when you start receiving.

- B. God is always, always releasing—broadcasting—love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, and goodness. And they're not coming from "out there" somewhere.

- C. God lives on the inside of you.

V. God has already moved through Jesus, and He's placed on the inside of you the same power that raised Christ from the dead.

- A. You can do the same works that Jesus did.

- B. Start representing Him as somebody who has done everything.

- C. Proclaim, "Good news! God has already done it. He's already provided everything you need. He's already forgiven your sins. He's already healed you. Will you believe and receive?"

- D. If we would represent God correctly, we'd see much better results.

- E. When we start believing His Word and releasing His power, we'll have more revival than we can handle.

- F. We need to start working on our receivers, not God's transmitter.

Turn on and Tune in

Lesson 10 – Discipleship Questions

1. What did the prophet ask God to do in Isaiah 64:1?
2. What did David ask God to create in him in Psalm 51:10-12?
3. What did he ask to be renewed within him?
4. He asked not to be cast away from what?
5. And to not take whom away from him?
6. In the New Testament, what has God promised in Hebrews 13:5?
7. According to Matthew 28:20, when is Jesus with us?
8. According to Matthew 18:20, where is Jesus whenever two or three are gathered together in His name?
9. According to Luke 4:18, who is the Gospel to be preached to?
10. Who is to be healed?
11. Who are to be set at liberty?
12. Second Corinthians 1:21 reveals that God has anointed whom?
13. According to 1 John 2:20, whom do we have an unction (anointing) from?
14. What do we know?
15. What does Hosea 4:6 say God's people are destroyed for a lack of?

Turn on and Tune in

Lesson 10 – Scriptures

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3

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 Peter 2:24

Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence.

Isaiah 64:1

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Psalms 51:10-12

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Hebrews 13:5

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 28:20

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:20

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

Luke 4:18

Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God.

2 Corinthians 1:21

But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

1 John 2:20

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Hosea 4:6

Open Your Eyes

Lesson 11 – Outline

- I. If you were writing a prayer that would be read by and prayed for the saints 2,000 years in the future, how would you pray?
 - A. Let's take a look at the way Paul approached this (Eph. 1:15-23).
 - B. The only thing he asked God to do is give us a revelation of what the Lord had already done.
 - C. He was praying for every believer to receive revelation of what they already have.
- II. God has already poured out His love through Jesus.
 - A. He sent the Holy Spirit, who sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts (Rom. 5:5).
 - B. He loves every one of us infinitely more than any of us have ever understood.
 - C. Every time you've been depressed and discouraged, your spirit is just rejoicing and praising God.
 - D. You can't tell what's going on in the spirit realm unless you get into the Word of God.

The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:63

- III. Once you start understanding that by grace, it's already been done, then your prayers turn more to just thanksgiving.

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.

Ephesians 1:15-17

- A. The truth is, God has already given us wisdom and prudence, making known to us the mystery of His will (Eph. 1:8-9).
- B. Paul is not asking God to do something He hasn't done—he's praying that we'd understand what the Lord has already given us.

- IV. Paul was praying that your eyes would be opened—not your physical eyes, but your spiritual eyes, the eyes of your heart.
- A. Elisha prayed and said, “Lord, open up the young man’s eyes” (2 Kin. 6:17).
 - B. All of a sudden, this young man saw with his heart and perceived all the angels.
 - C. Adam and Eve could see into the spirit realm because they were walking by faith through the eyes of their hearts.
 - D. Adam and Eve degenerated from seeing and walking by faith to seeing and walking by sight (Gen. 3:7).
 - E. Now, through the new birth, **“We walk by faith, not by sight”** (2 Cor. 5:7).
- V. Through the eyes of our hearts, we would start to perceive **“the hope of his calling”** (Eph. 1:18).
- A. This isn’t just the hope of *your* calling; it’s the hope of *His* calling!
 - B. Now that you’re born again, you have a calling that is beyond human ability.
 - C. God has a plan for you that is supernatural—it’s going to take His supernatural ability working through you to do it.
- VI. His inheritance is in the saints.

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is... the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

Ephesians 1:18

- A. We have already obtained the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thess. 2:14).
- B. The Word isn’t talking about your physical body or your soul (mental and emotional realm).
- C. In the spirit, you are full of the glory of God.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18

- D. One day we will stand before God and suddenly know all things even as we are known (1 Cor. 13:12).

Open Your Eyes

Lesson 11 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Romans 5:5, what is shed abroad in our hearts?
2. By whom?
3. John 3:6 reveals that that which is born of the flesh is what?
4. And that which is born of the Spirit is what?
5. According to John 6:63, what profits nothing?
6. What quickens (makes alive)?
7. According to Ephesians 1:8-9, in all _____ has God abounded toward us.
8. What were opened in Genesis 3:7?
9. What did Elisha pray for the young man in 2 Kings 6:15-17?
10. According to 2 Corinthians 5:7, do we walk by sight?
11. Second Thessalonians 2:14 reveals that we have obtained the glory of whom?
12. According to Romans 8:18, the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed where?
13. First Corinthians 13:12 says that when we're face to face with Jesus, I shall know even as what?

Open Your Eyes

Lesson 11 – Scriptures

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 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, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Ephesians 1:15-23

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Romans 5:5

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:6

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

Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself.

Ephesians 1:8-9

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Genesis 3:7

And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes

of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

2 Kings 6:15-17

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:14

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18

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 Corinthians 13:12

The Same Power

Lesson 12 – Outline

- I. Paul was praying that we would receive a revelation of what God has already put on the inside of us.

What is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to [to the proportion of, or to the degree of] 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, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.

Ephesians 1:19-21, brackets mine

- A. The power that is on the inside of every born-again believer is the exact same power that God used when He raised Jesus from the dead.
- B. Raising Jesus from the dead is the greatest display of God's power in the history of the universe.
- C. If you aren't seeing the power of God, it's not God who hasn't given—it's you who hasn't flipped the switch on.
- D. It's already on the inside of you—and that's good news!
- II. If you're believing for healing but you haven't seen or felt the manifestation yet, start thanking and praising God.
- A. Colossians 2:7 reveals that faith abounds with thanksgiving.
- B. If you spend enough time meditating and thanking Him for what He's done, you'll start believing it.
- C. And the moment you believe it, grace and faith together will release the supernatural power of God, and you'll experience in your body what God has already provided.
- D. We need to get to the place where we believe so strongly what the Word says God has already done that whether we've experienced it yet in our bodies is immaterial—we know it's true.

III. We should walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7).

- A. We can get to where we see what God has done for us by grace.
- B. Then we enter into it by faith and begin to rejoice.
- C. When you get to a place where you are so lost in what God has done and you are praising Him for it, then the physical realm will just reflect it nearly accidentally, as a byproduct.
- D. We're living far below our God-given privileges.
- E. Find out what God has already provided by grace, and then just appropriate by faith what is already done.

IV. We are commanded to *heal* the sick.

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8

- A. We need to stand up in faith and speak like Peter did when he entered the temple with John:

Such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
Acts 3:6

- B. I have the healing power of God inside of me—the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.
- C. Because of that, I can say with Peter, “Such as I have.”
- D. I have the healing power of God, and in the name of Jesus, I can command healing in people.

V. God has already provided everything by grace.

- A. Now you have to get into a position of faith.
- B. Instead of trying to believe that it's going to happen, you must believe that it's already been done.
- C. You've already got it, so quit trying to get it.
- D. Just operate in what God said He's already done.
- E. It's the difference between victory and defeat.

The Same Power

Lesson 12 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Ephesians 1:19-21, Christ is seated at the right hand of God the Father, far above all what?
2. Ephesians 1:3 reveals that God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places where?
3. According to Colossians 2:7, we are to be rooted and built up in whom?
4. We are to be established in what?
5. Matthew 10:8 commands us to do what to the sick?
6. Who are we to cleanse?
7. Who are we to raise?
8. What are we to cast out?
9. Who was speaking in Acts 3:6?
10. In whose name did he command the man to rise up and walk?
11. According to John 15:5, who is the vine?
12. Who are the branches?
13. What can we do without Him?
14. Hebrews 13:5 tells us to let our conversation (behavior) be without what?
15. What are we to be with such things as we have?

The Same Power

Lesson 12 – Scriptures

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, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.

Ephesians 1:19-21

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3

Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:7

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8

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.

Acts 3:6

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

John 15:5

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Hebrews 13:5

Mix with Faith

Lesson 13 – Outline

I. Faith reaches out and appropriates what God has already provided for us by grace.

This is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

1 John 5:14-15

A. The harmony between this is the attitude in which you ask.

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

Matthew 6:9-11

B. It's not wrong to petition God in faith.

C. You can say the exact same words but with very different motives.

D. If I told you I would give you my car, you could simply place a demand, trusting that what I said is true, or you could be making a statement of unbelief—it's the unbelief that I've been countering.

E. Instead of approaching the Lord as a beggar, we need to be believers who trust His promises and confidently and gratefully just take advantage of what He's already provided for us.

II. It was this attitude of unbelief that hindered the Jews from receiving God's provision and entering into the Promised Land.

So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Hebrews 3:19

A. God's will did not come to pass, because they did not cooperate in faith (Num. 13-14 and Ps. 78:40-41).

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

Hebrews 4:1

B. You need to fear—be cautious, aware, and diligent—lest you miss out on something God has provided for you.

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

Hebrews 4:2

- C. You have to mix faith with what God wants you to do—you must listen to and obey Him.

III. You have to believe God in order to see His promises come to pass in your life.

For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

Hebrews 4:3-4

Today if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Hebrews 3:15 and Psalm 95:7-11

Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, Today, after so long a time; as it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Hebrews 4:6-7

- A. In a nutshell, this is Old English for “Don’t be like the Jews who missed out on something that God provided.”
- B. The point these passages are making is that this spiritual rest wasn’t fulfilled when the Jews occupied the land, because Joshua said afterward that it was going to be fulfilled on another day.

For if Jesus [Greek translation of Hebrew name Joshua] had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Hebrews 4:8-10, brackets mine

- C. This refers back again to creation when God rested on the seventh day.
- D. The rest of God—the Sabbath day—was a picture, a type and shadow of what was to come.

Mix with Faith

Lesson 13 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to 1 John 5:14-15, if we ask anything according to God's will, what does He do?
2. Matthew 6:9-11 asks that God's will be done in earth as it is where?
3. What does Hebrews 3:19 say that the Israelites couldn't do because of unbelief?
4. Psalm 78:40-41 reveals that the Israelites often provoked God in the wilderness and grieved Him where?
5. According to Hebrews 4:1-4, what are we to mix with the Word that we hear?
6. Who had the Lord made the covenant with in Genesis 15:18-21?
7. What does Hebrews 3:15 counsel us not to harden when we hear God's voice?
8. For how long does Psalm 95:7-11 say that God was grieved with that generation?
9. When does Genesis 2:2 reveal that God ended His work and then rested?
10. According to Hebrews 4:6-10, what remains for the people of God?

Mix with Faith

Lesson 13 – Scriptures

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

1 John 5:14-15

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

Matthew 6:9-11

So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Hebrews 3:19

How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

Psalms 78:40-41

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

Hebrews 4:1-4

In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

Genesis 15:18-21

While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

Hebrews 3:15

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and

as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Psalm 95:7-11

And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Genesis 2:2

Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Hebrews 4:6-10

God Anticipated

Lesson 14 – Outline

- I. In Colossians 2:16-17, the Bible says that these five things—one of which was the Sabbath—are a shadow of things to come, but the shadow is not the very image of those things:

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

- A. The Sabbath isn't picturing a day.
- B. It was observed in the Old Testament, but now it's a New Testament reality.
- C. The Sabbath is a picture of a rest—a relationship with God where you trust and rely on the finished work of Christ and not on your own effort and performance.

On the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day.

Genesis 2:2-3

- II. The Lord waited until the entire creation was done before He made man.

God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day...And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Genesis 1:5 and 8

- A. The Hebrews count time from sundown one day until sundown the next day.
- B. God created man at the very end of all of His creation—everything was perfect for him.
- C. Then, immediately, God rested and entered into the seventh day.
- D. So man was created right before this Sabbath, and he entered into God's Sabbath where everything was already abundantly provided.

- III. God had anticipated every need, not only of Adam and Eve, but also for the entire human race.

A. God isn't creating things today.

God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

Genesis 1:11

B. God gave plants, animals, people—everything—the ability to reproduce.

Be fruitful, and multiply.

Genesis 1:22

C. The creation is self-perpetuating.

D. God created it this way so that when He rested, He literally quit—the work was over.

E. Man didn't have to ask God for something—all man had to do was reach out and take what God had already created and say, "Thank You."

IV. God told His people (in the Old Testament) to take one day a week off while everybody else was working their fingers to the bone.

A. If God is your source and you trust and obey Him, then taking one day off out of every seven will actually make you prosper more than those people who only rely on their own ability.

B. Since there was faith involved, the Jews prospered more than the other nations around them, even though they took one day in seven off.

C. According to Leviticus 25, God told them to take one year in seven off as well.

D. Through the Sabbath picture, God wanted to communicate to His people this truth: "I'm your source. Trust Me for everything."

V. The early church had a revelation that we are redeemed from the Old Testament types and shadows.

A. Now that we're living in the reality of trusting Jesus, they made a clean break between the Old Testament Law and the New Testament.

B. The Sabbath is only a picture of trusting God to where you cease from your own labors, saying, "God, I believe that You're my source. I'm not going to depend on my efforts alone; I'm going to depend on You."

C. God anticipated everything—it's already complete. All we're doing is reaching out and appropriating what God has already provided.

God Anticipated

Lesson 14 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Exodus 20:8-11, what did the Lord bless and hallow?
2. Among other things listed in Colossians 2:16-17, the Sabbath day is a shadow of what?
3. The Sabbath was a shadow, but the body is of whom?
4. In Genesis 2:2-3, what did God end on the seventh day?
5. Then what did He do?
6. In Genesis 1:5 and 8, what did God call the light?
7. What did He call the darkness?
8. According to Genesis 1:11 and 22, God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and _____.”
9. According to Isaiah 40:28, who doesn’t faint and neither is weary?
10. There is no searching of His what?

God Anticipated

Lesson 14 – Scriptures

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Exodus 20:8-11

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

Colossians 2:16-17

And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Genesis 2:2-3

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day...And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Genesis 1:5 and 8

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so...And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

Genesis 1:11 and 22

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Isaiah 40:28

Labor to Rest

Lesson 15 – Outline

I. In the New Testament, we now have the reality that the Sabbath pictures.

- A. We are resting and trusting in what God has done through the Lord Jesus Christ.
- B. We now have a relationship with God, and He's already provided everything we'll ever need.
- C. Before you ever needed healing, God had already healed you.

By whose stripes ye were healed.

1 Peter 2:24

- D. You don't have to beg God for supply.
- E. Just rest in Him and trust, saying, "Father, I know You've already met my needs."

II. In the same way that God created everything and He doesn't have to create new plants, animals, or people today (those are all a result of His original creation), the Lord made a new creation—and that's us as born-again believers.

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Hebrews 4:10

- A. We are a new creation in our born-again spirits.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

- B. When we need to be healed, God doesn't have to heal us, because it's already in the spirit part of us—that new creation.
- C. When we need to be prospered, God doesn't have to prosper us, because He has already commanded blessing and prosperity into our spirit man.
- D. Now, in the new creation through Jesus, everything is already done.

III. The key to the Christian life is learning how to rest.

- A. It's you learning how to trust and rely on the truth that God has already done it.

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Hebrews 4:11

- B. It's ceasing from thinking you have to do something to motivate God to get Him to love you and answer your prayers.
- C. Rest is simply trusting and relying on God.

IV. When you understand rest properly, it takes effort.

- A. Our flesh wants to get into, "All right, what do *I* have to do? God, I'm going to do something."
- B. The only thing that's truly offensive to God isn't your sin, but your self-righteousness and self-dependence.
- C. The same way God created everything for man—and all man had to do was just reach out and receive—so it is now in the new creation.
- D. God has provided everything for you—it's just a matter of reaching out and appropriating by faith what God has already provided by grace.
- E. When the pressure is on and the devil is screaming "Do something. Do something!" trying to get you into self-effort, the hardest thing you'll ever do is stand there and say, "My faith is in God, and if He doesn't come through, I'm dead."

V. God has already provided everything—you just need to rest in it.

- A. There have been times that the way I've rested is to start praising God for what His Word says He's done, not what I see or feel.
- B. I take a step of faith and start praising Him, saying, "Father, I thank You that I am healed. I thank You that I am blessed. I thank You that I am what Your Word says I am."
- C. The moment I get over into faith—where faith is mixed with God's grace—the power of God is released, and I see the things of God come to pass.
- D. Faith is an active force on the inside of you, but it takes effort to release it.

Labor to Rest

Lesson 15 – Discipleship Questions

1. What does 1 Peter 2:24 say that we should live unto?
2. According to Hebrews 4:10, a person who is entered into His rest has also ceased from what?
3. As whom did from His?
4. According to 2 Corinthians 5:17, if who is in Christ, they are a new creature?
5. Hebrews 4:11 tells us to labor to enter into what?
6. Lest who fall?
7. After the same example of what?

Labor to Rest

Lesson 15 – Scriptures

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 Peter 2:24

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Hebrews 4:10

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Hebrews 4:11

Understanding God's Love

Lesson 16 – Outline

- I. In the new creation, through what Jesus did, God has already provided everything.
 - A. We need to learn what has been provided by grace.
 - B. Then we must learn how to rest in it, trusting God and appropriating by faith what He's already provided.
 - C. Everything else in the Christian life comes as a result of relationship.
- II. God's grace—and therefore, God's love, favor, and acceptance of me—is unconditional.
 - A. It has nothing to do with who I am.
 - B. It has everything to do with who He is.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

1 John 4:9

- III. Ephesians 4 says that going beyond a natural, normal use of feelings, there is coming a generation of people who have given themselves into lasciviousness—uncontrolled, unrestrained emotions, feelings, and desires.

Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness.

Ephesians 4:19

- A. There is a place for emotions, but it's not the place it occupies with most people.
- B. We have gone beyond feelings into lasciviousness—to where we have to feel everything.
- C. It's only the truth—the real truth, not the “truth” that you feel—that's going to set you free (John 8:32).
- D. God intends for you to rule your emotions, not for your emotions to rule you.

- IV. You have the knowledge it takes to set you free if you would just meditate on the truth, saying, “Father, You love me.”

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

- A. This love that God gave us through Jesus didn’t come in response to your goodness, or because you’ve merited it by praying, fasting, and studying the Word.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

- B. From God’s perspective—perfection—we’ve all fallen short of what He wants us to be (Rom. 3:23).

- C. No one deserves the love of God.

- V. If you are still maintaining your own righteousness, then you’ll never truly understand God’s love.

- A. You have to come to the end of yourself—and that’s why God gave the Old Testament Law.

- B. It was to expose how ungodly we all were—to bring us to the end of ourselves.

- C. The Law condemns—it’s harsh.

- D. The Law’s purpose was to bring us to the end of ourselves because only when we come to the end of ourselves do we find the beginning of God.

Understanding God's Love

Lesson 16 – Discipleship Questions

1. What does 1 John 4:9 say was manifested toward us?
2. Who did God send into the world?
3. That we might _____ through Him.
4. Ephesians 4:19 reveals that people who have given themselves over unto lasciviousness are past what?
5. According to John 8:32, what must we know to be made free?
6. According to John 3:16, who did God so love that He gave His only begotten Son?
7. Will those who believe in Him perish, or will they have everlasting life?
8. Who does Romans 5:8 say died for us?
9. He did this while we were what?
10. According to Romans 3:23, who has sinned?
11. What have we come short of?
12. According to Mark 16:18, what will happen to the sick people that believers lay their hands on?

Understanding God's Love

Lesson 16 – Scriptures

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

1 John 4:9

Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Ephesians 4:19

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

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

Unconditional

Lesson 17 – Outline

I. The Lord was motivated to love us, not because we are lovely, but because He is love.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.

Ephesians 2:4

- A. God's love for me is not tied to any worth or value of my own.
- B. As a believer in Jesus, I am not into self-esteem—I'm into Christ-esteem. I esteem what Jesus has done.
- C. My spirit is born again, but I still have flesh—so there's a part of me I don't esteem (Gal. 5:16).

II. God gave you the ability to be depressed and discouraged, but not so you could live there.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:3

- A. If you're depressed, you aren't keeping your mind stayed on God (Heb. 12:2 and Matt. 14:30).
- B. When discouragement comes against me, I don't ignore it—I recognize that I haven't been focused on the Lord the way that I should've been.
- C. So I get back to focusing (meditating) on the Lord, and my feelings realign to the Word.
- D. But even when I'm not feeling right, I don't start disbelieving that God loves me because I don't feel it.

III. God loved you by grace—not based on your performance.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Romans 5:8-9

- A. If God loved you so much that He died for you while you were yet a sinner, then how much more does He love you now that you're born again!

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him.

Colossians 2:6

- B. When you heard the good news of the grace of God, your faith just reached out and appropriated it.
 - C. But now that you've become religious, you've started trying to earn things.
 - D. Your faith is in you, not God's grace.
 - E. God's love for you has nothing to do with how good you are.
- IV. You doubt God's willingness to use His ability on your behalf because you don't feel worthy.
- A. The problem is, you know you so well that you bear a sin-consciousness.
 - B. God's love for you has never been tied to anything you've done.

Faith...worketh by love.

Galatians 5:6

- C. If you understood how much God loved you, your faith would shoot through the roof.

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:32

- V. Compared to being forgiven and loved by God, being healed is insignificant.
- A. You may not have ever phrased it this way, but if you're struggling to believe that God is going to heal you and that you'll see healing, you're really struggling to understand the love of God.

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.

James 1:13

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

James 1:17

- B. When I brought it down to relationship and spoke of love, the man with the quadriplegic daughter just had to say, "I see your point. If God is any kind of

a God at all—any kind of a good God—it must be His will for my daughter to be well.”

Unconditional

Lesson 17 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Ephesians 2:4, what is God rich in?
2. If we walk in the Spirit, Galatians 5:16 says that we won't fulfill the lust of the what?
3. How will God keep us if keep our minds stayed on Him?
4. According to Hebrews 12:2, who is the Author and Finisher of our faith that we are to look unto?
5. What did Peter cry out in Matthew 14:30?
6. What does Romans 5:8-9 say that we are justified by?
7. What are we saved from through Him?
8. How does Colossians 2:6 tell us to walk in Christ Jesus our Lord?
9. According to Galatians 5:6, does either circumcision or uncircumcision avail anything in Christ Jesus?
10. How does faith work?
11. According to Romans 8:32, what shall God also freely give us?
12. According to James 1:13 and 17, can God be tempted with evil?
13. Where is every good gift and every perfect gift from?
14. Who does it come down from?
15. Is there any variableness or shadow of turning with Him?

Unconditional

Lesson 17 – Scriptures

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.

Ephesians 2:4

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:3

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

Matthew 14:30

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Romans 5:8-9

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him.

Colossians 2:6

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Galatians 5:6

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:32

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man...Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

James 1:13 and 17

You Qualify!

Lesson 18 – Outline

- I. Understanding God’s love would solve your theological problems.
 - A. Religion has been misrepresenting the Lord.
 - B. The reason it’s easy to be born again is because you’re told that Jesus already died for the sins of the world.
 - C. He’s already commended His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, He died for us.
 - D. It’s easy to reach out and receive something that’s already done.
- II. The Galatians were people who received the Gospel and were born again.
 - A. But then, shortly afterward, religious Jews came in and started saying, “Faith in Jesus isn’t enough; you also have to be circumcised, keep the Law, and observe the feasts. You have to start doing this and that.”
 - B. Paul responded to this perversion of the Gospel by writing his letter to the Galatians.

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?

Galatians 3:1

But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:8-9

- C. This is where the body of Christ is today—they’re preaching salvation only to a degree, so that you will be born again by grace.
- D. But then, after you’re born again, you start singing, “Just as I’m supposed to be.”
- E. And you start trying to live right, wondering, *O God, have I done enough?*

III. Faith doesn't move God.

- A. All faith does is reach out and appropriate what Jesus has already done.
- B. If you're pointing to your goodness, then you aren't putting faith in God's grace.
- C. You're putting faith in your efforts and performance.

IV. It's good for you to do all these things—pray, fast, read the Word, attend church, tithe—but not to affect God.

- A. God's love for you isn't based on what you do.
- B. Your holiness—or lack thereof—does not change God's heart toward you.
- C. But your holiness will change *your* heart toward God.
- D. His love for you is based on His grace, not your performance.

V. God has not chosen many mighty, noble, or people who just have it all together.

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

1 Corinthians 1:26-30

- A. God chooses the base things of the world, things that are despised and things that are nothing, to bring to naught things that are.
- B. If you're a loser, a nothing—you qualify!
- C. You must come to the end of yourself and realize that it's not you.
- D. When you understand grace, you recognize that it's not based on any goodness of your own—it's just based on God's love.
- E. The grace—the blessing—of God is in your life unconditionally.

You Qualify!

Lesson 18 – Discipleship Questions

1. How did Paul describe the Galatians in Galatians 3:1?
2. Paul said the Galatians were bewitched that they should not obey the what?
3. Before whose eyes, who was evidently set forth crucified?
4. In Galatians 1:8-9, what did Paul say twice about those who would preach any other Gospel?
5. According to 1 Corinthians 1:26-30, what has God chosen to confound the wise?
6. What has God chosen to confound the mighty?
7. God chose all these things so that no _____ should glory in His presence.
8. What has God made Jesus Christ to us?

You Qualify!

Lesson 18 – Scriptures

***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?
Galatians 3:1***

But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:8-9

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

1 Corinthians 1:26-30

Forgiven

Lesson 19 – Outline

- I. God manifested His love toward us in that He died for us while we were yet sinners (Rom. 5:8).
 - A. Yet, through religion, the devil has convinced us that God’s love, acceptance, and favor toward us are tied to our works and performance.
 - B. You just doubt His willingness to move on your behalf because you feel condemned over your sins.

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.
James 4:17
 - C. Sin is also what you should be doing but are failing to do.
 - D. You commit sins that you aren’t even aware of.
 - E. If you think that you have to have every sin confessed, just give it up—you’re never going to get there.
- II. All of your sin—past, present, and even the ones you haven’t committed yet—have already been forgiven (Heb. 9, 10, and 12).
 - A. The instant you were born again, your new man—your born-again spirit—was created in righteousness and true holiness (Eph. 4:24).
 - B. You were sanctified and perfected forever (Heb. 10:10 and 14).
 - C. In that same moment, you were sealed by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13).
 - D. When you sin, sin doesn’t penetrate that seal around your spirit.
 - E. Since God is a Spirit, He sees you Spirit to born-again spirit (John 4:24).
 - F. This means God sees you as righteous, holy, and as pure as Jesus is (1 Cor. 6:17 and 1 John 4:17).
- III. However, your body and soul get defiled when you sin.
 - A. Satan comes only to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10).

B. If you yield to sin, you're yielding yourself to the author of that sin—the devil (Rom. 6:16).

C. So, yes, sin still has consequences—but not on your born-again spirit or your relationship with God.

D. It's your soul and body that get contaminated and defiled.

IV. If you are walking in the knowledge and revelation that God has given you, then the blood of Christ cleanses you from the sins that you don't even know about.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

A. By confessing and repenting, you're closing the door on the devil.

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

B. You're also drawing out into your flesh (body and soul) the righteousness and holiness that already existed in your born-again spirit.

C. First John 1:9 doesn't mean that you must confess every sin in order to have relationship with God—that would be impossible.

D. Sin will make your heart become hardened—cold, insensitive, unyielding, and unfeeling—toward God (Heb. 3:13).

E. Even when you've sinned and given Satan an inroad into your life, God's love for you has never fluctuated (1 John 4:8).

V. A true understanding of God's grace does not encourage sin.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

Titus 2:11-12

A. The grace of God teaches you to live a sober, righteous, and holy life.

B. I'm encouraging people to understand that God's love for them is unconditional.

C. If you ever get a revelation of that, you'll serve God more accidentally than you ever have on purpose.

Forgiven

Lesson 19 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to James 4:17, what is it to him who knows to do good but doesn't do it?
2. According to 1 John 1:9, what does God cleanse us from?
3. Ephesians 4:24 reveals that our new man—born-again spirit—is created after God in righteousness and what?
4. According to Hebrews 10:10 and 14, how often was the body of Jesus Christ offered?
5. For how long has this one offering perfected them that are sanctified?
6. Ephesians 1:13 says that after we believed the Gospel we were sealed with whom?
7. Since God is a Spirit, John 4:24 reveals that we must approach and worship Him how?
8. According to 1 Corinthians 6:17, a person that is joined unto the Lord is what?
9. First John 4:17 reveals that as Jesus is, so are we where?
10. According to Romans 6:16, when we yield ourselves to sin, what is produced in our lives?
11. When we yield ourselves to obey the Lord and His Word, what manifests in our lives?
12. When we walk in the light, 1 John 1:7 says that we have fellowship with whom?
13. According to 1 John 3:15 and 4:8, does someone who hates his brother know God and have eternal life abiding in him?
14. What does Hebrews 3:13 reveal happens to us through the deceitfulness of sin?
15. According to Titus 2:11-12, when and where does the grace of God that brings salvation teach us to live holy?

Forgiven

Lesson 19 – Scriptures

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

James 4:17

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

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 4:24

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.

Hebrews 10:10 and 14

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.

Ephesians 1:13

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:17

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

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

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?
Romans 6:16

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
1 John 1:7

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.
1 John 3:15

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
1 John 4:8

But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
Hebrews 3:13

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.
Titus 2:11-12

Religion or Relationship?

Lesson 20 – Outline

- I. Love will be a greater motivation to serve God than fear ever was.
 - A. Fear has torment (1 John 4:18).
 - B. You can't have a good relationship with God if you're basing it upon your performance and fear.
- II. God loves you because He's a good God—it's grace!
 - A. Your faith is a response to Him.
 - B. You need to understand that God loves you and deals with you by grace.
 - C. He's already forgiven all of your sins.
 - D. You need to quit sinning so you don't let Satan have an inroad into your life, but your holiness—or lack thereof—is not the basis of your relationship with God.
- III. By understanding and applying these truths to your life, you'll move to a whole new level of relationship with God.
 - A. It would be so easy to believe Him.
 - B. Is spending time with God truly your favorite activity?
 - C. This kind of intimacy and relationship with God isn't just possible—it's what He created us for in the first place.
 - D. It's what religion and tradition has taught you about God that hinders you from enjoying Him.
 - E. When you understand the truth of how good He really is, your favorite thing to do will be to just love and hang out with Him.
- IV. You must be born again.
 - A. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, 2,000 years ago to pay for all of your sins.
 - B. That payment has already been made—will you accept it now as a free gift?

- C. The Bible way to receive this gift is to confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and to believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead.

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:9

- D. You could pray from your heart something like this: *“Jesus, I turn from trusting in myself and my own works for salvation. I confess that You are my Lord. I believe in my heart that God raised You from the dead, and I receive Your gift of salvation right now by faith. Thank You for revealing Your love and grace to me!”*

- V. Once you’re born again, you also need the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

- A. Although praying in tongues is important—and comes as a part of the baptism in the Holy Spirit “package”—the number-one benefit I experienced when I received the Holy Spirit was revelation knowledge (John 14:26, 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:7, 14:2, and 13).

- B. You need this in order to succeed in the Christian life, to operate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and to grow in the things of God.

- C. All you have to do is ask, believe, and receive.

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened...how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Luke 11:10-13

- D. Go ahead and pray from your heart something like this: *“Father, I recognize my need for Your power to understand Your Word and to live this new life. I desire to receive Your revelation knowledge. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. By faith, I receive it right now. Thank You for baptizing me. Holy Spirit, You are welcome in my life!”*

- E. It doesn’t really matter whether you felt anything or not when you prayed to receive the Lord and His Spirit—if you believed in your heart that you received, then God’s Word promises that you did.

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:24

- F. God always honors His Word—believe it!

Religion or Relationship?

Lesson 20 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to 1 John 4:18, what does perfect love cast out?
2. According to Romans 10:9, what do we believe with?
3. Whom does John 14:26 reveal as the Comforter?
4. What does John 16:13 promise that the Spirit of Truth would guide us into?
5. According to 1 Corinthians 14:2, to whom are we speaking when we speak in tongues?
6. How does 1 Corinthians 14:13 instruct us to pray when we speak in tongues?
7. When we're speaking in tongues, what kind of wisdom does 1 Corinthians 2:7 reveal that we are speaking?
8. According to Luke 11:10-13, how much more shall our heavenly Father give whom to them that ask Him?
9. According to 1 Corinthians 14:4, speaking in tongues edifies _____.
10. First Corinthians 14:14 reveals that when we're speaking in tongues, our spirits pray, but unless we receive interpretation what is unfruitful?

Religion or Relationship?

Lesson 20 – Scriptures

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

1 John 4:18

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:9

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

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.

John 16:13

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... Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.

1 Corinthians 14:2 and 13

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.

1 Corinthians 2:7

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Luke 11:10-13

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church...For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

1 Corinthians 14:4 and 14

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:24