

NEW CREATION REALITIES – II

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Syllabus

- 1) Introduction : New Creation Realities
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This course is primarily based on the following books:

New Creation Realities, E. W. Kenyon

The Hidden Man, E. W. Kenyon

The Bible in Light of Our Redemption, E. W. Kenyon

Requirements for Course:

- 1) Take notes.
- 2) Use materials provided by Instructor
- 3) Class attendance.
- 4) Class participation
- 5) Turn in the first 50 answers to the Study Guide by the beginning of the fifth lesson.
- 6) Turn in the last 50 answers to the Study Guide before taking the Final Exam.
- 7) Final Exam

There are eight lessons in this course. That means that you should complete at least 12 or 13 questions after each session. The first 50 questions are due at the beginning of the fifth session. The final 50 questions are due before taking the Final Exam. Your grade will be the average of these three grades.

LESSON ONE

Introduction: New Creation Realities

God's Two Creations

- 1) Creation in Adam
 - a) The creation of the universe and the creation of man, the crown of creation points us to an intelligent, omnipotent Creator.
 - b) Every scientific experiment has proven that life cannot be generated independent of antecedent life, that inanimate matter cannot become living except under the influence of matter already living, and that Life is produced only by Life.
 - c) Man was created to have dominion.
 - i) Every step in creation points to man as the goal.
 - ii) The earth is for man.
 - iii) The creation of man in Adam, the first creation, reveals the infinite love of the Creator for man and the place man holds in His plans.
 - d) Creation blighted.
 - i) Spiritual death, the nature of Satan, entered the spirit of man, alienating him from God.
 - ii) Every step, every dealing of God with man, has been toward one goal—A New Creation, a spiritual creation of man that would free man completely from spiritual death and satanic dominion.
- 2) The New Creation in Christ.
 - a) The first creation was brought forth in a paradise, fresh from the hands of the Creator.
 - b) The New Creation in Christ was brought forth in Hell.
 - c) The first creation had been created in the image of God as the crown and climax of all creation.
 - d) The New Creation was brought forth in Hell, conformed to the image of God's Son, a joint-heir with Him.

The Inner Man—the Real You

- 1) Man was created in God's likeness and image
 - a) He is a spirit.
 - b) He possesses a physical body in which he dwells
 - c) He has a soul composed of his reasoning faculties.
 - d) His body enables him to contact physical things.
 - e) His reasoning faculties contact mental things.
 - f) His spirit contacts spiritual things.
- 2) Man lost that image in the Fall, but it is restored in the New Creation.
- 3) Romans 6:4-8. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be

united with him in his resurrection. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin- 7 because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. NIV

- a) The Old Man was crucified with Christ.
 - b) I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live...
 - c) Colossians 3:9-10. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. NIV
- 4) The physical body is not the man; it is the temporary dwelling place for the man.
- a) The reasoning faculties are not the man, they are his servants.
 - b) The body is the home of the five senses, or the five servants of the man.
 - c) All of the knowledge that the reasoning faculties ever get comes through the five senses.
 - d) The only way a man can obtain educational knowledge is through his five senses.
- 5) Scriptures concerning the inner man:
- a) 2 Corinthians 4:16. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. NIV
 - b) Ephesians 3:16. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, NIV
 - c) Spiritual things are unveiled to this "hidden man of the heart."
 - d) The Holy Spirit makes His home in the "hidden man."
 - e) It is the inner man, or "hidden man" that is recreated, receives Eternal Life, and becomes the New Creation.
- 6) Before he receives Eternal Life his spirit is dominated by Spiritual Death.
- 7) The part of man that is recreated is his spirit.
- a) Ezekiel 11:19. I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. NIV
 - b) Ezekiel 36:26. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. NIV
- 8) The New Birth has to do with the "hidden man of the heart," or the spirit of man.
- 9) God created man in His likeness and image.

Lost Ascendancy

- 1) Man was a spirit being, and he became a partaker of Satan's nature.
 - a) He was actually born again, and he became a new Satanic creation.
 - b) Because man is a spirit being, it was his spirit that partook of Satan's nature.
- 2) Man was driven from the presence of God into a world where he had to exercise his five senses.
 - a) He had to hear keenly, or an animal would take advantage of him.
 - b) His taste must tell him what was good to eat.
 - c) His touch must tell him whether an object was hot or cold, sharp, or rough.
- 3) Adam gained an education through his five senses.
 - a) His spirit was being made the prisoner of his five senses
 - b) Man's spirit lost contact with God; his body became mortal, subject to death.
- 4) Some names that the spirit is called in the Epistles.

- a) “The Old Man—put off the old man with its doings”
- b) “The New Man—put on the new man created after the image and likeness of God.”
- c) “The Hidden Man of the Heart,” or the “Hidden Spirit.”

The New Creation Man

- 1) The New Creation Man
 - a) “Wherefore if any man is in Christ there is a new creation, the old things have passed away, behold they have become new. But all these things are of God.”
 - i) Man is called a New Creation.
 - ii) Another translation states, “Wherefore if any man is in Christ there is a new self”
 - b) Ezekiel 36:26. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. NIV
 - i) God promised to give man a new spirit.
 - ii) He is going to make a new man out of him.
 - iii) He is going to give him a new heart (or spirit) which will make him a New Creation.
 - iv) The sin nature is to be taken out of him.
 - c) As the sinner, he is the “Old Man” who cannot approach God except through Christ; he does not know Him as a Father.
- 2) The old self was born of spiritual death, the nature of Adam; the new self is born of love, the nature of the Father.
 - a) The old self could not approach God.
 - b) The New Creation man could stand in the Father’s presence as though sin had never been.
 - i) “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.”
 - ii) Who can lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? It is God who has declared him righteous.”
- 3) The New Creation man has become the righteousness of God in Christ.
 - a) God imparts His nature, making man a New Creation.
 - b) God makes His contact with man through his spirit, not his senses.
 - c) The New Creation Man was be developed in order to walk in love, live the love life, practice the Word, and have fellowship with the Father.
 - i) The Father can unveil the Word to a man’s spirit so that it becomes a living thing in his daily walk.
 - ii) Love becomes his natural real,.
 - iii) He lives love; he thinks love; he is love, because he is a child of love, for God is love.
 - d) The first thing that must be done after one is recreated is to bring these five senses into subjection to the recreated human spirit, and the Word. When this is done the mind will be renewed.
 - e) Although you are born again you still possess the same mind and body that had been under the dominion of the Adversary.
 - i) This is the reason that it is so important to renew the mind and bring it into harmony with the recreated spirit.
 - ii) You must bring it into subjection to this new self that has come into being.
 - iii) The mind will never be renewed until we begin to practice love.
- 4) The New Creation man is born of God; God is love, so the New Creation is a Love Creation.

- 5) Conscience is the voice of the spirit; reason is the voice of the mind; and feelings are the voice of our body.
- 6) The secret of the divine life is to learn how to live in the spirit realm, how to have one's lamp filled with the oil of heaven, and to keep one's spirit fit so that no disease can break in upon it.

Summary of What God Says about the New Creation

- 1) God declares that the New Creation has been made righteous
 - a) Romans 5:1. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, NIV
 - b) 1 Corinthians 1:30. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God-that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. NIV
 - c) 2 Corinthians 5:21. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. NIV
- 2) The New Creation is free from Satan's dominion.
 - a) Colossians 1:13. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, NIV
 - b) Hebrews 2:14. Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death-that is, the devil-NIV
- 3) God looks upon the New Creation as He looks upon Christ.
 - a) John 17:16. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. NIV
 - b) John 17:23. I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. NIV
 - c) John 16:23-24. In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. NIV

LESSON TWO

REDEMPTION

Introduction

- 1) God planned our Redemption.
 - a) God's Redemption Plan executed by the Son and the Holy Spirit demonstrated the eternal defeat of Satan.
 - b) Jesus stripped him of his authority and dominion after He had paid the penalty of man's transgression.
 - c) Ephesians 1:7. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace NIV
- 2) Our Redemption was not a beggarly thing—it was the riches of His grace and the abundance of His power.
- 3) God revealed Himself in our Redemption.
 - a) It was a legal Redemption.
 - b) It required Deity to suffer for humanity and pay the penalty of man's transgression.
 - c) It was a demonstration of God's wisdom.
 - d) It was a demonstration of love—that new kind of love that Jesus unveiled to the world.
 - e) He revealed His ability to meet man's need and satisfy the claims of Justice on the basis of love.
 - f) He was enabled, on legal grounds, to impart to man His own nature.
 - g) The first thing that God must do after He had redeemed man out of the dominion of the adversary was to recreate man on legal grounds, making him an absolute New Creation.
 - i) Forgiving man's sins and leaving him in his natural condition would be of no value.
 - ii) Man is not only a sinner by practice, but by nature.
 - iii) The Father must give him a new nature.
 - iv) He made it possible for us to become partakers of the Divine Nature. (2 Peter 1:4).
Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. NIV
- 4) Man does not have to plead with God to save him. He can come and meet God and tell Him, "I want to take your Son as my Savior, and I confess Him as my Lord. I know that He died for my sins, and that He was actually made sin on my behalf that I might become the righteousness of God in Him. I am going to act on my legal right and take Him as my savior, and I know that you now give me Eternal Life, and I will become your legal child."

The Penalty for Man's Sin

(Gen 2:17 KJV) 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.

The Need for Redemption

Romans 5:12-19

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned- 13 for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.

15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! 16 Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. 17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

18 Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. NIV

The Reign of Spiritual Death

- 1) Separation from God
 - a) Man ceases to walk in realm of Spirit
 - i) Birth of reason
 - ii) Man's ability severed from God's ability
 - b) Redemption more than forgiveness
 - i) Giving of new nature
 - ii) Power over dominion of sin
 - c) Man must be freed from nature of Satan before receive nature of God
- 2) Man's need for Eternal Life
 - a) The only solution to man's dilemma.
 - b) Allow fellowship with the Father
 - c) Able to walk in faith realm—live by the word of God.
- 3) Legally, man must redeem man.
 - a) Redeem by paying the penalty of death
 - b) Need for God-man
 - c) God's son the only one who could pay penalty
 - i) When penalty paid, he was declared righteous
 - ii) We are righteous because we have been identified with him
 - iii) If this identification is not legal, neither is the identification with Adam legal which made us subject to the bondage of Satan
 - iv) We are identified by faith
 - (1) Crucified with him
 - (2) Risen with him
 - (3) Partakers of his divine nature

The Plan of Redemption

(Eph 1:7 KJV) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

(Col 1:12 KJV) Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: (Col 1:13 KJV) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: (Col 1:14 KJV) In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

(1 Pet 1:18 KJV) Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; (1 Pet 1:19 KJV) But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: (1 Pet 1:20 KJV) Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, (1 Pet 1:21 KJV) Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

REDEEM, REDEMPTION, REDEEMER. To pay the required price to secure the release of a convicted criminal, the process therein involved, and the person making the payment. In early use the idea and the words related to legal and commercial activities. They provided biblical writers with one of the most basic and dynamic images for describing God's saving activity toward mankind.

The New Testament centers redemption in Jesus Christ.

- 1) Jesus purchased the church with His own blood. (Acts 20:28 KJV) Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- 2) Jesus gave His flesh for the life of the world. (John 6:51 KJV) I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.
- 3) Jesus demonstrated the greatest love by laying down His life for His friends (John 15:13).
 - a) The purpose of Jesus in the world was to make a deliberate sacrifice of Himself for human sin. He did something sinful people could not do for themselves.
 - b) He brought hope to sinners, providing redemption from sin and fellowship with the Eternal Father.
 - c) New Testament redemption thus speaks of substitutionary sacrifice demonstrating divine love and righteousness. It points to a new relationship to God, the dynamic of a new life, God's leniency in the past, and the call for humility for the future.

WHAT REDEMPTION MUST INCLUDE.

- 1) Adequate payment for Adam's transgression.
 - a) Our identification with Adam.
 - b) Threefold problem in establishing man's righteousness.
 - i) God must be righteous in dealing with man--transgression must not be overlooked--penalty must be paid.

- ii) God must be righteous in dealing with Satan--must redeem man on absolute legal grounds.
 - iii) Must be just in his dealings by compelling man to pay penalty of sin if they reject his redemption.
- 2) Authority to combat and conquer Satan.
 - 3) Resurrection of man's physical body.
 - 4) Restoration of earth to Edenic glory and beauty.
 - 5) Redemption must include New Creation.
 - a) Receiving God's life or nature.
 - b) Perfect righteousness.
 - c) Perfect reconciliation of fellowship.
 - 6) Must be able to give us full sonship privileges.

God Must Provide a Redeemer

- 1) There is not a man who can represent human race before God.
 - a) Must not be under Satan's dominion.
 - b) Must walk on this earth perfectly pleasing to the Father.
 - c) Must meet Satan in temptation but not yield as Adam and Eve.
 - d) Must act as man's substitute.
 - i) Man's sin upon him.
 - ii) Satan's judgment upon him.
 - (1) Death.
 - (2) Hell.
 - e) Must be greater than Satan to conquer Satan.
 - f) Must be man and god - Is. 59:16 - *"And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him."*
- 2) Jesus is the only one who could have met the requirements.

Three Phases of Christ's Work of Redemption

- 1) His work that He wrought in His earth walk, dealing with the First Covenant and everything that pertained to it.
- 2) His Substitutionary work that began when He was made sin on the cross and was consummated when He carried His blood into the Heavenly Holy of Holies and it was accepted there for us.
- 3) His ministry today at the right hand of the Majesty on High.
 - a) That ministry has to deal with the preservation and care of the Church.
 - b) He is there as our great High Priest, as the Surety of the Covenant, as our Savior, as our Mediator, our Advocate, and our Lord.

The Legal and Vital Aspects of Redemption

- 1) The legal side of redemption is what God did for us in Christ—it is in the past.

- a) Romans 4:25. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. NIV
- b) 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, NIV
- 2) The vital side of redemption is what we really have now; what the Holy Spirit is doing in us today.
 - a) Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, NIV
 - b) When the vital aspect is understood, we know what belongs to us in Christ.
 - i) We know a Son's rights.
 - ii) We learn to take our place.
 - iii) We enjoy our privileges, and the vital side then becomes a reality.
 - c) All that is legally ours may become vitally ours by the ministry of the Spirit through the Word in us.
 - d) Colossians 1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. NIV
- 3) Balance between the legal and the vital.
 - a) If one only had the legal side of the plan of Redemption, it would lead into cold, dead formalism. It would make doctrines out of Reality and sense knowledge would rule.
 - b) The vital teachings alone will lead into fanaticism, magnifying experiences above the Word.
- 4) The legal—what God has done for us.
 - a) 2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. NIV
 - i) That's what God wrought in Christ—He laid our sins upon Christ.
 - ii) He was stricken, smitten of God and afflicted.
 - iii) "He was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed."
 - iv) God not only laid our sins on Jesus, but He made Jesus sin.
 - b) Romans 3:25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished- NIV
 - c) Colossians 2:15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. NIV
 - i) In the Substitutionary work of Christ, it was as though we ourselves were with Him.
 - ii) Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. NIV
 - d) Not only are we crucified with Him, we are raised with Him.
 - i) Romans 6:8. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. NIV
 - ii) 1 Timothy 3:15 if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. NIV
 - iii) Colossians 2:13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, NIV

- iv) Ephesians 2:6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, NIV
- e) In the substitutionary work of Christ we have a perfect identification.
 - i) I can say I died with Him; that when He died on the cross He partook of my spiritual death, and I was identified with Him in that spiritual death.
 - ii) When He died on the cross, He and I went to the place where I should have gone alone, but He went with me as my Substitute.
 - iii) He was bearing my sin with me, that old spiritually dead self.
 - iv) He suffered until the claims of Justice against me had been satisfied and there was no longer any charge against me.
 - v) My spiritual death and union with Satan was wiped out.
- f) Then He was justified in Spirit.
 - i) His justification was for me.
 - ii) He didn't go there on His own account.
 - iii) He went on my account, and as soon as He was Justified, He was recreated—made alive in spirit.
- g) Jesus was the first fruit of the resurrection—the first New Creation man—the first to be born again.
- h) In His death, burial, and resurrection, Jesus conquered the adversary.
 - i) When He stripped satan of his authority and dominion, it was your victory and mine.
 - ii) We put our heel upon the neck of the enemy; we stripped him of his authority; we left him defeated and broken, and then we were raised together with Christ.
 - iii) Satan is conquered.
 - iv) The New Birth has been accomplished.
 - v) The New Creation has become effective, and now we are not only raised together with Christ, but we are seated with Him.
- i) We are complete in Christ Jesus.
- 5) Some vital facts.
 - a) 2 Corinthians 5:17-18. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: NIV
 - b) Ephesians 1:17-23. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. NIV
 - i) He reveals what He did for us.
 - ii) He reveals His process of building the very Nature and Life of the Father into our spirit.

- c) Colossians 1:28-29. We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. 29 To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me. NIV
- d) Ephesians 3:16-20. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, NIV
- e) This inner man has become a New Creation.
 - i) He has received the Life and Nature of the Father.
 - ii) The Spirit through the Word is building into this “hidden man of the heart,” the ability to live as Jesus did in His earth walk.
 - iii) We are to walk in Love.
- f) When this “inner man,” this “hidden man of the heart” becomes governed by the Love Nature of the Father, he unconsciously takes Jesus’ place.
- g) Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, NIV
- h) God desires to take His Righteousness and His Holiness and His Truth or Reality and build them into us until we fit into His dream that He can say, “This is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

LESSON THREE

The Word: God's Revelation to Man

Intro

- 1) Having studied God's Plan of Redemption, we now turn to how God has made known this redemption whereby man becomes a New Creation.
- 2) God works through His Word.
 - a) Hebrews 11:3. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. NIV
 - b) James 1:18. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. NIV
 - c) 1 Peter 1:23. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. NIV
 - d) Matthew 4:4. Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" NIV
 - e) Colossians 1:5-6...the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. NIV
- 3) The Word during the Dark Ages.
 - a) For a period of 1000 years before the Reformation, the Word was not given its place in Christian circles.
 - b) When the Word lost its place, Redemption lost its place, and faith became unknown.
 - c) When the Word lost its place, God lost His place in the lives of men.
- 4) The Word in the Reformation
 - a) It was the working of God's Word in the lives of men that brought Light and Life to humanity.
 - b) The spread of Bibles into the homes of the common people cannot be separated from the Reformation.
 - c) Satan then sought to hinder the Word by locking it up within creeds and doctrines of men.
 - d) This has hindered a true presentation of Christianity to the world so that Redemption has never had a fair chance to work in the lives of men.
- 5) The greatest weapon that Satan is using today to make the Word ineffectual, is the weapon of "Mental Assent," which has been mistaken for Faith.
 - a) Faith is action upon the Word.
 - b) Mental Assent is agreement to the fact that the Bible is true, but it is void of action.
 - c) Those living in the realm of Mental Assent have been living barren and fruitless spiritual lives.
 - i) Always seeking the power of God in their lives and prayer.
 - ii) They have never learned to live by the Word.

- iii) They live in weakness and failure and want because they have con conception of the real meaning of believing God's Word, of acting upon the Word.
- d) Cause of Mental Assent
 - i) Familiarity with the Word.
 - ii) We memorize scriptures without ever acting upon them.
- e) We overcome by the blood of the Lamb, which signifies the completeness of our Redemption in Christ, and the Word of our testimony, which means acting fearlessly on the Word.
- f) We make God's Word our confession in the midst of every circumstance.

The Living Word

- 1) The Word should always be the Father speaking to us.
- 2) Hebrews 4:12-13. For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. NIV
- 3) The Word of God feeds the inner man—the spirit.
- 4) Christianity is what the Word says about Redemption, about the Body of Christ, or the New Creation.
- 5) We become Christlike in the measure that the Word prevails in us.
- 6) The Word becomes a living thing in my heart as I act upon it.
- 7) God's Word is what He is.
 - a) It is the mind of the Father.
 - b) It is the Will of the Father.
 - c) It shows the way to the Father.
- 8) The knowledge of what Christ is and has done for you personally, builds faith in you.
- 9) To the enemies of the Word, it is just paper and ink, but to the Lovers, it is Life and health; it is joy unspeakable.

The Four Gospels in Contrast with the Pauline Epistles

- 1) Why did the Four Gospels not have any of the Pauline Revelation in them?
 - a) What they received was only events up to the resurrection and ascension.
 - b) They knew what had taken place on the Day of Pentecost and of the great revival that followed the preaching of the Apostles in Jerusalem, Samaria, and in the Roman Empire, yet they never made mention of it.
 - c) They wrote only what the Holy Spirit had given them.
 - i) They had not been able to interpret miracles or what the miracles meant.
 - ii) Only through Paul do we have the revelation of the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ.
 - iii) Luke loved Paul and no doubt lived in the consciousness of the finished work of Christ, yet no reference is made in the Book of Acts.
 - iv) None of these writers mention Christ as a substitute, the sin-bearer, the one who would put sin away by the sacrifice of Himself.
 - v) No word about Christ becoming our righteousness, that He was delivered up on account of our trespasses and raised when we were justified.

- vi) Nothing mentioned about the Body of Christ.
- 2) In the Pauline epistles we have the Father unveiling the work that He wrought in His Son and through Him.
- 3) Difference of faith in the Gospels and the Epistles.
 - a) Jesus continually urged His hearers, the sons of the First Covenant to believe.
 - b) In the revelation of Christ within us, we realize that God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.
 - i) We are the Sons of God.
 - ii) We are in the Family.
 - iii) All that the Father has and all that He wrought in Christ, and all that Christ is, belongs to us.
 - c) You don't need faith for a thing that is already ours!
 - i) The thing for which I must have faith is something that I do not possess.
 - ii) 1 Corinthians 3:21. So then, no more boasting about men! All things are yours, NIV.
 - iii) God is revealing what is ours.
- 4) Forgiveness and remission of sins.
 - a) Forgiveness is something we get when we sin as believers.
 - b) Remission is something that the sinner gets when he comes into the Family of God.
- 5) The disciples did not have a clue as to what was happening when Christ was dying on the cross.
 - a) When he cried a bitter cry and gave up His spirit, He was going to the place of suffering as your Substitute and mine.
 - b) He is going to stay there until the demands of Justice are met; until Satan is conquered; until the New Birth becomes a possibility; until man can be justified, receive the Nature and Life of Deity, and become the very Righteousness of God in Christ.
 - c) They did not know what He did on the cross and what He did during the three days and three nights.
 - d) They didn't know what His resurrection meant.
- 6) It is important that we understand the difference between the Pauline Revelation and the ministry of Jesus and its teachings as recorded in the four Gospels.

Christ in Light of the Pauline Revelation

- 1) Jesus knew who He was; that He was from above.
 - a) John 16:28. I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father." NIV
 - b) John 3:3-5. In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." 4 "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" 5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. NIV
- 2) As born again believers, we also must realize that we are from above.
 - a) 1 John 4:4. You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. NIV
 - b) We are on the earth, but our citizenship is in heaven.
 - c) We are no longer a part of this Satan-ruled world.

- d) We have the Nature and the Life of the Father; we are in Christ.
- 3) We belong to another race.
 - a) 2 Corinthians 5:17. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! NIV
 - b) We are the Sons of God and Jesus has been made unto us Wisdom.
 - c) Jesus represented a new order, a new type of man, and in Him was the Light of Life.
 - d) Colossians 1:13. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, NIV
 - e) We have become partakers of His Divine Nature.
 - i) The same Life that was in the Son of God is in us.
 - ii) The same Light that He had is in us.
 - iii) Philippians 2:15...so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe NIV
 - iv) 1 John 2:9-11. Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. 10 Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. 11 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him. NIV

Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life

- 1) Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life
 - a) When Adam lost the Way, the Way into the Father's presence, the Way into the Father's heart.
 - b) Men have been groping for the lost Way, the Way back into fellowship with the Father; back into that Edenic condition where condition where condemnation would not rule as a Master over the heart.
- 2) Jesus is the Truth or "Reality."
 - a) The major pleasures of the Senses of natural man have no actual reality in them.
 - i) The pleasures of the Senses perish with the using.
 - ii) John 16:11. "When he, the Spirit of Reality, is come, he will guide you into all Reality."
 - b) The human heart can find no Reality outside of the man Jesus.
 - i) The New Creation is real.
 - ii) Our fellowship with the Father is real.
 - iii) The Word is a real message to the spirit of the New Creation
 - iv) We walk in the light of Reality.
- 3) Jesus is Life
 - a) Jesus brought the new kind of Life into the world.
 - i) Life is the Nature of the Father.
 - ii) No heathen nation ever had any inventors or creators until Eternal Life came to them.
 - iii) "Psuche" has never produced any great literature; never given anything of real value.
 - b) We have the same Life that dominated Jesus.
 - c) We have the same kind of Love He had.
 - i) He is made unto us Wisdom from God.

- ii) He is made unto us Redemption from God.
- iii) He is made unto us Sanctification from God.
- iv) He is made unto us Righteousness from God.
- d) When Jesus, "I am the vine and you are the branches," it brought us into the fullest union with Deity.
 - i) We are actually partakers of the Divine Nature.
 - ii) The very life and substance of Deity pours out of the vine into the branch.

Wisdom and Knowledge

- 1) Difference between wisdom and knowledge.
 - a) Knowledge comes from reflection, observation, contact with people, books, and teachers.
 - b) Wisdom comes from God.
 - i) James 3:13-18. Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. 17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. NIV
- 2) Two kinds of knowledge: Sense knowledge and revelation knowledge.
 - a) Sense knowledge cannot understand miracles; only the spirit can reveal them.
 - i) Faith is not a product of reason.
 - ii) Sense knowledge can produce sense knowledge faith that believes in what it sees, hears and feels.
 - b) Creative faith, healing faith, and saving faith are all in the spirit.
- 3) When the human spirit gains the mastery over the senses, it brings them into captivity.
 - a) The mind in turn gains the mastery over the body, and brings the body into subjection to the mind.
 - i) Romans 8:1-3. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, NIV
 - ii) Romans 8:4...in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. NIV
 - b) Romans 12:1-2. Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will. NIV
 - i) The body is brought into subjection to a renewed mind, and the renewed mind is brought into subjection to a recreated spirit.

- ii) Until your spirit gains the mastery over your senses, your faith will never be strong and vigorous.
- iii) Your spirit is in the realm of creative faith that rules demons and disease.
- iv) When the spirit feeds upon the Word until it has developed a robust, unconscious faith, then you can walk into the presence of diseases as a master.
- c) Jesus' dominion was not a physical or mental dominion.
 - i) He ruled men, the laws of nature, demons, and sickness by His spirit.
 - ii) John 6:63. The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. NIV
 - (1) God is a Spirit; Jesus is a Spirit.
 - (2) Jesus was here in a physical body so that men could see Him; His lips spoke Words of the Spirit.
 - iii) When you give your spirit right-of-way, and it assumes the dominion in your life, love will be natural; love is the fruit of the spirit.
 - iv) When your spirit is recreated, that love will be the Jesus kind of love.
 - v) The natural man has natural love which is selfish, and turns to hatred, jealousy and oftentimes to murder.
 - vi) The Jesus kind of love flows from the fountain of a recreated spirit.
- 4) Eternal Life is the nature of God, and that nature has now come into man's spirit.
 - a) John 6:47. I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. NIV
 - b) 1 John 5:13. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. NIV
 - c) 1 John 4:8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. NIV.
 - d) Eternal life abides in a man's spirit.

How Wisdom Comes

- 1) Wisdom is the ability to make latent, accumulated knowledge worthwhile.
 - a) Wisdom is a product of man's spirit.
 - b) Wisdom does not come from reasoning.
- 2) 1 Corinthians 1:30. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God-that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. NIV
 - a) The wisdom and ability of God is imparted to us in Christ.
 - b) We have access to it.
- 3) Cultivating wisdom.
 - a) Comes from meditation in the Word.
 - i) Then your way will become prosperous.
 - ii) Then you will act wisely
 - b) The words of Christ are wisdom.
 - i) To abide in them means the Word has gained the authority over you, so you are living and walking in its wisdom.
 - ii) You are learning not only to obey it, but to fellowship with it.
 - iii) You become a partaker of the Word.
 - c) Proverbs 3:5-6. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. NIV

- d) When we accept Christ as Savior and confess Him as our Lord, that automatically makes Jesus our wisdom.
 - i) We learn this as our minds are renewed through the Word.
 - ii) It becomes a natural thing for us to trust in this new kind of wisdom.
- e) The wisdom of God was never enjoyed by natural man except on special occasions.
 - i) God gave to Solomon wisdom.
 - ii) He gave to Joshua wisdom.
 - iii) It was a special act of grace; but today, He is made wisdom to every member of the body of Christ.
- f) Every recreated man or woman legally is a partaker of this wisdom.
 - i) They may never know it and never use it, just as many have received righteousness and have never utilized the benefits from it—but this does not nullify the fact of our having wisdom.
 - ii) Every New Creation has the legal right to this wisdom.
 - iii) It belongs to him.
 - iv) He can use it whenever the need arises.
- 4) The Holy Spirit came to give to man God's ability.
 - a) He could not give man God's ability under the First Covenant.
 - b) Recreated man may have God's ability.
 - c) God's very life is in him.
 - d) The Holy Spirit that raised Christ from the dead is in him.
- 5) James 1:5-7. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; NIV
 - a) James is not speaking to a believer who has entered into his inheritance.
 - b) Ephesians 1:3. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. NIV
 - c) James is referring to those who are walking in sense knowledge.
 - i) His faith ebbs and flows.
 - ii) He is trying to exercise faith for this wisdom.
 - iii) He does not know that all that Christ did and is today belongs to him.
 - iv) What belongs to him requires no faith to enjoy.
 - d) We always need faith when we pray for something that does not belong to us, and we are not sure of getting it; but we do not need faith for a thing that we already possess, something that already belongs to us.
 - i) As long as you pray for faith, it indicates that the thing you are praying for does not belong to you, and you are trying to make God give you something that is not yours.
 - (1) All that Christ is, is yours.
 - (2) All He did is yours.
 - (3) All He will do tomorrow is yours.
 - ii) John 1:16. From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. NIV
- 6) We believe that the Word contains exact knowledge in all spiritual wisdom that is necessary for our growth and development so that we may know and do the will of the Father perfectly.

- a) That knowledge is in the Word, and Jesus promised that when the Comforter came He would guide us into all truth; He would give to us a revelation of the Father's will.
 - b) We know that we have a revelation of what Jesus did for our Redemption.
- 7) Colossians 3:10...and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. NIV
- a) The New Birth is "putting on the new man."
 - b) When we are Born Again, it is our spirits that are recreated.
 - c) Then the Spirit, through the Word, renews our minds, and that renewal brings us into fellowship with the Father.

LESSON FOUR

Developing Your Spirit Life

- 1) When we realize that the great forces of humanity are spiritual, and that they all emanate from the spirit, then it becomes vitally important that this part of man be seriously considered.
- 2) Jesus gave us the ability to develop spiritually when he had settled the sin problem and sat down at the right hand of the Father.
 - a) John 14:16-17. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever- 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. NIV
 - b) John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. NIV.
 - c) This spirit of truth was the Holy Spirit, and He came to take Jesus' place after He had finished His Redemptive work.
- 3) The Holy Spirit does not communicate with the intellect; all the knowledge that natural man has, has come through the senses
- 4) The Spirit is to guide us into the reality of the Redemptive work of Christ.
 - a) All that Christ wrought in His Substitution was wrought in His Spirit.
 - i) It was His Spirit that was made sin.
 - ii) It was His Spirit that suffered the torments of judgment on the behalf of humanity.
 - iii) It was His Spirit that was declared Righteous.
 - iv) He was made alive in the Spirit.
 - b) Man is so tied up with sense knowledge that he has only seen the physical suffering of Christ on the cross.
 - i) It was His Spirit that was suffering for our spirits.
 - ii) It was His Spirit that was made righteous for our spirits.
 - iii) It was His Spirit that was recreated for the recreation of our spirits.
- 5) There can be no development of the human spirit until it receives Eternal Life—until it is recreated.
- 6) The Holy Spirit recreates us through the Word.
 - a) He imparts to us the nature of the Father; with this impartation comes the new kind of wisdom that comes from Christ.
 - b) Christ is made unto us Wisdom.
 - c) It is God's wisdom that is imparted to us in His nature, just as His love is imparted to us in His nature.
 - d) When God imparts to us His nature, there comes with it all of the attributes of Himself.
 - e) These attributes may be undeveloped, but they are lying latent in our human spirits.
- 7) The New Righteousness that is imparted to the human spirit gives to the human spirit a sense of freedom and liberty with God that man has not had since the fall.
 - a) It takes away from man's spirit the sin consciousness that has held him in slavery through the ages.

- b) Sin consciousness comes from the human spirit that is not in fellowship with God.
 - c) The New Birth has recreated this human spirit and imparted to it the Righteousness and nature of God so that it can fellowship with God.
- 8) No religion in the world has ever dealt with the human spirit.
- a) All religions have been connected with the Senses.
 - b) John 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. NIV
 - i) This is a new kind of life; it does not come to the reasoning faculties, but only to the human spirit.
 - ii) This life is God's nature.
 - c) Romans 5:5. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. NIV
 - d) 1 Corinthians 1:30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God-that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. NIV
 - i) Just as Christ was made righteousness unto us; as He was made sanctification unto us, He has been made Wisdom unto us.
 - ii) That wisdom is from God.
- 9) God's Righteousness brings us into the place where we don't just ask; we recognize that He has been made wisdom unto us.
- 10) We simply thank Him for the wisdom.
- 11) We thank God that with the gathering of knowledge we have the ability to use that knowledge.
- 12) Spiritual Wisdom is developed through meditation.
- a) Joshua 1:8. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. NIV
 - b) Psalms 1:1-3. Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. NIV
- 13) The senses have always been a traitor to the spirit.
- a) They are ever seeking their own.
 - b) They are hungry and never satisfied.
 - c) They are always seeking and never find that for which they seek.
- 14) We develop our spirits by walking in love and meditating in love.
- 15) It is out of the recreated human spirit that a fountain produces love and faith; peace and joy; and all of the other fruit of the Spirit.
- 16) Renewing of the mind.
- a) Romans 12:2. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will. NIV
 - b) Colossians 3:10... and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. NIV
 - c) The sense-ruled mind is renewed by the Holy Spirit through the Word, so that the renewed mind can have fellowship with the recreated human spirit.
- 17) Filled with all the fullness of God.

- a) Ephesians 3:19-21...and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. NIV
 - i) God’s fullness takes us over, dominates us.
 - ii) His fullness of love, of grace, of wisdom, of healing and ability, has displaced all the weaknesses and failures that exist in our lives.
 - iii) He does this according to His ability that is at work within us.
- b) The cultivation of our spirits comes through our giving this spirit right of way in our daily walk.
 - i) God’s Word is inspired by the Holy Spirit, and it is the food of the recreated human spirit.
 - ii) As we meditate in the Word, and become doers of the Word, our spirits slowly but surely gain the ascendancy over our sense-ruled mind.
- c) Romans 6:12-13. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. NIV
 - i) Sin reigns in the senses.
 - ii) Our spirits are brought into subjection to the senses when the members of our bodies (governed by the senses) gain control.
- 18) The mind of the spirit is in fellowship with God.
 - a) The Word is the food and life of the spirit.
 - b) If we walk in love, the spirit has perfect freedom to guide us.
- 19) Faith and loves both come from the recreated human spirit—faith grows as we practice love.
 - a) As we practice love the Father becomes more and more real to us.
 - b) The Word becomes more and more precious.
- 20) The greatest need of the present day church is the renewing of the minds of the believers, and of the education and development of the recreated spirit.
- 21) The average Christian today is carnal, or sense ruled.
 - a) They are babes in Christ.
 - b) They walk after the manner of men, or the senses.
 - c) They have never learned the way of love.
 - d) They are full of talk, but they are not doers of the Word.
 - e) Their wisdom is the wisdom of natural men.
 - f) Only one way to help these: teach them how to take their place in Christ, to become doers of the Word, and not hearers only.

Success and Failure in Our Spirits

- 1) Courage is a spiritual reality that rises above circumstances, rises above sense knowledge facts, and dominates.
- 2) Faith is another great spiritual force.
 - a) It is not born of sense knowledge—it is nursed in the bosom of the spirit.
 - b) It embraces failure and breathes victory into it.

- c) Faith is the creative force in the human spirit.
- 3) The will to win is a spiritual force.
 - a) It is the dominating general in the council of your spirit nature.
 - b) It rallies the weak and tired body.
 - c) It drives the exhausted senses.
 - d) It stands invincible in the heart of man.
- 4) Joy is a spiritual thing.
 - a) Joy is not happiness; happiness belongs to the senses.
 - b) You are happy if things are beautiful and satisfactory to the mind and to the body.
 - c) Joy flourishes, fills the soul with laughter and song when every beautiful thing is destroyed.
- 5) Hope is of the spirit.
 - a) Hope seems to spring out of the dead embers of a thousand failures; lifts its petals and its beautiful flower into the sunlight.
 - b) It is filled with fragrance and laughter.
 - c) Hope does not belong to the senses.

Enemies of the Spirit

- 1) Hatred.
 - a) Poisons everything beautiful in the world.
 - b) It will produce a plague that can devastate the world.
- 2) Fear.
 - a) Fear is a deadly enemy to success.
 - b) It dwarfs our thinking.
 - c) It devastates faith; it fills the whole life with a spiritual paralysis.
 - d) Fear is a child of ignorance.
 - e) If you know what your abilities are, and you know that your enemy has been conquered, then you can face the thing that gave birth to fear and laugh in its face.
 - f) You are a conqueror, but as long as ignorance holds sway, that ignorance is darkness; living in darkness is a fearful thing.
- 3) Unbelief.
 - a) Doubt and unbelief are born of the same parentage as fear.
 - b) Unbelief is a product of ignorance of the Word.
 - c) The way to destroy unbelief is to become acquainted with the great Father God and with Jesus His Son.
- 4) Despair.
 - a) It chokes hope, faith, and love out of the heart.
 - b) It makes destruction seem a pleasure, and a thing to be desired.

What is Spirituality?

- 1) Spirituality is the recreated spirit gaining the ascendancy over the reasoning faculties and ruling the whole man.
 - a) The recreated spirit has been made anew with the Love Nature of the Father.

- b) A man is recreated by receiving God's nature into his spirit, which makes him a New Creation and gives him a new self.
 - c) This new life is the substance and nature of Jesus.
 - d) It is Love's dominion over man.
- 2) When the Holy Spirit comes in, He brings the ability of the Father and Son and builds them into us.
 - a) Their sufficiency, strength, and wisdom is built into us.
 - b) The Holy Spirit is now guiding my spirit and my reasoning faculties into the realm of the Reality of the New Creation—of my union with Christ.
 - 3) I now can have my spirit in such close communion and fellowship with the father, that I lose my consciousness of the past; I live only in the consciousness of my present, my new relationship with Him.
 - 4) Out of this new and wonderful relationship, faith begins to grow.
 - a) Sense knowledge faith is faith in the things that the eye can see, the ear can hear, or we can feel or taste or smell.
 - i) That is natural faith.
 - ii) That is the only faith the world folks have.
 - b) Spirit faith.
 - i) Faith that counts things that are not as though they were, and they come into being.
 - ii) We have the faith that says, "I have what I do not see, but I know that it is mine, and I possess it without seeing it."
 - 5) When the recreated spirit takes the throne in us and begins to dictate to the reasoning faculties, then there is a chance for the Word to really gain the ascendancy in us.
 - 6) When we learn to cast down sense reasoning, and we stand squarely by the Word, then we know that the Word is the Father speaking to us now.
 - 7) We reign as kings in this new realm of Life, and we bow to the sovereignty of Love.
 - a) Spiritual death has held us in bondage through many years, but spiritual death has been swallowed up in Life (Eternal Life—the nature of the Father).
 - b) We take our place in the new realm and reign as the Sons of God.
 - c) We reign as kings; we are not common any more.
 - d) We no longer walk as mere men.
 - e) When we go into the Throne Room to present our needs before the Father, we go in as Sons.
 - f) We have Love's ability to stand in the presence of God without any sense of inferiority.
 - 8) God's great grace has made us New Creations; He has made us out of Himself.

LESSON FIVE

The Renewed Mind

Introduction

- 1) When you are Born Again your spirit is Recreated.
 - a) It receives the nature and life of the Father, but the mind that has held your spirit in captivity is the same old mind
 - b) It receives a mighty impetus when the spirit receives Eternal Life, but that is all
- 2) All the knowledge the mind had, comes from the senses and the senses can never be renewed.
 - a) They are a part of the physical body.
 - b) They can be brought into subjection; they can be controlled, but they can't be renewed.
- 3) The spirit is recreated, but the mind, this brain of ours that receives its knowledge from the five senses, can be brought into subjection to the Word.
 - a) The mind can be purified.
 - b) It drops off much that is unnecessary and unwise.
- 4) The mind slowly but surely as it feeds on the Word, meditates in the Word, practices and lives the Word, comes into the fellowship of the Recreated spirit.
- 5) Romans 12:1-2. Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will. NIV
 - a) Present your body which holds the five senses.
 - i) They are the most important part of that body, the seeing part, the hearing part, the feeling part, the tasting and smelling parts.
 - ii) They are the five channels to the brain over which travel all the impulses that have taught the brain all that it knows.
 - iii) The Lord wants you to give your five senses to Him.
 - b) "Be not fashioned after the things of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
 - i) Your mind has been fashioned after the things of this world.
 - ii) Now your mind must come under the dominion of your recreated spirit through the Word.
 - iii) Your mind must recognize the three-fold Lordship through your Recreated spirit.
 - (1) The Lordship of the Word.
 - (2) The Lordship of Jesus.
 - (3) The Lordship of Love.
 - c) Knowing the perfect will of God.
 - i) As the mind is renewed he will come to know the will of the Father; He will walk in the light of the Word.
 - ii) He will get to know the good, and the acceptable, and the perfect will of the Father.
 - iii) He will be claiming the highest will of the Father.

- iv) The New Creation man is reaching out to become well-pleasing to the Father.
- 6) Colossians 3:5-10. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. NIV
 - a) We put on the New Man that is being renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him.
 - b) God wants the New Man to be brought into perfect harmony with his thinking faculties until it comes to recognize its position in Christ.
 - c) If you find a believer that doesn't walk in love, it is because his mind has not yet been renewed.
- 7) 2 Corinthians 4:16. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. NIV
- 8) God has prepared you to walk in his will.
 - a) His ability has been given to you.
 - b) His strength is at your disposal.
 - c) The New Commandment "that you love one another" has become the very heart life of your conduct.

The Law of Life

- 1) The Law of the New Covenant is a perfect contrast to the Law of the Old Covenant.
 - a) The first Covenant Law is called the "law of sin and death."
 - b) The Law of the New Covenant is called the "law of the spirit of life."
 - c) One law put men in bondage; the other made them free from the law of sin and death.
- 2) No New Creation Man has any part or lot in the Old Law.
 - a) They were all fulfilled in Christ and set aside.
 - b) Everything connected with that Old Covenant was set aside and finished.
- 3) Jesus inaugurated a New Covenant.
 - a) The first covenant was sealed with the blood of bulls and goats.
 - b) The second covenant was sealed with the blood of Jesus.
 - c) The New Creation that is under the New Covenant had a New Law given to them by Jesus.
- 4) John 13:34-35. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." NIV
 - a) The Pauline Epistles are a revelation and an exposition of this New Law.
 - b) Just as Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy are an exposition of the Law of the First Covenant, so these Epistles of Paul are given us to explain the New Covenant Law.
- 5) Love is the fulfillment of the Old Law.
 - a) First Corinthians chapter 13 is a revelation of what this new Love Law is, what it does, and what it does not do.
 - b) The New Covenant Law is not designed for men outside of Christ.

- i) The natural man cannot obey the New Commandment that Jesus gave.
- ii) There is only one commandment to rule the New Creation, and that is to love one another even as Jesus loved us.
- iii) The Law of the Spirit of Life is to govern Recreated men; it is the Spirit of Love.
- iv) The law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has made us free.
- c) The New Commandment made any other commandment absolutely unnecessary, for the man who walks in Love will never do wrong.
- d) Galatians 3:21. Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. NIV
 - i) If there had been a law given that could give men Eternal Life, then Righteousness would have been of the law.
 - e) The promise of Jesus Christ is given to them that believe. Galatians 3:22. But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. NIV
- 6) The Law was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ.
- 7) Galatians 3:25. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law. NIV
- 8) In 1 Cor 10:32 we have the three ethnical divisions of the human race: “Give no occasion of stumbling, either to Jews, or to Gentiles, or to the church of God.”
 - a) There are no Jews or Gentiles in the Church of God.
 - b) We are all one man in Christ.
 - c) The Gentile stopped being a Gentile and the Jew stopped being a Jew the moment they became New Creations.
- 9) There is but one law for the New Creation—“that we love one another even as Jesus loved us.”
- 10) “The law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has made us free from the Law of Sin and Death.
 - a) That Scripture cannot apply to a Gentile because no Gentile was ever under the “Law of Sin and Death.”
 - b) “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, (or through the senses of spiritually dead men) God sending his own Son in the likeness of men who walk in the senses, has condemned sin in the senses, that the righteous requirements of the law might be fulfilled in us (the New Creation), who walk not after the senses, but after the Recreated Spirit.”
- 11) In Romans 8, “the flesh” should be translated “the senses.”
 - a) For they that are after the senses mind the things of the sense, because the senses are the children of the physical body.
 - i) They convey all the knowledge to the brain that we have outside of Christ.
 - ii) So they that are after the senses are ruled by the senses because they are accustomed to obeying them.
 - b) They that are after the spirit are accustomed to obeying the things of the spirit (spirit of the Recreated man).
 - c) The mind of the senses is enmity against God. It is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be.”
 - i) “For they that are living in the realm of the senses cannot please God.”

- ii) “But you are not governed by the senses but by the spirit (your Recreated spirit), if so be that the Spirit of God (the Holy Spirit) dwells in you.”
- 12) Your spirit has received Eternal Life and has become the Righteousness of God. Sin now can no longer govern your senses “But if the Spirit of Him that raised Christ Jesus from the dead, dwelleth in you, he that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead, shall give . Life (Zoe, the Nature of God) also to your mortal body through his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”
- 13) The Holy Spirit has come into man’s body and is pouring an abundance of Life into his mortal body, bringing health and strength and vigor into it.

God-Inside-Mindedness

- 1) Three relations that God sustains toward man.
 - a) God for us.
 - b) God with us.
 - c) God in us.
- 2) To have God for us guarantees success.
 - a) “If God is for us, who can be against us?”
 - b) If God is on our side, we are sure to win.
 - c) If God is for you, and you know it, you become utterly fearless.
 - d) No matter how difficult the situation may be, you are assured that you must win.
- 3) To have God with us is to walk in Love.
 - a) Emanuel, God with us, or in our midst.
 - i) He will never leave us nor forsake us.
 - ii) In every place in life, God is with us.
 - b) No matter what the circumstances may be, the Lord is with us.
- 4) God in us.
 - a) The mystery hidden from the ages—Christ in you the hope of glory.
 - b) The Holy Spirit shall come to abide in you.
 - c) John 14:23. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. NIV
 - d) John 14:16-17. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever- 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. NIV
 - e) Galatians 2:20. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. NIV
 - f) Matthew 10:19-20. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, 20 for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. NIV
 - g) Colossians 1:29. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me. NIV
 - h) Ephesians 3:20. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, NIV
 - i) Ephesians 1:19-23...and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him

from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. NIV

- j) Romans 8:11. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. NIV
 - k) Philippians 2:13...for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. NIV
- 5) We have God in us.
 - a) He is the limitless God.
 - b) He is the God who wrought mightily through the Early Church.
 - 6) There is a three-fold ministry of the Spirit with each one of us.
 - a) He recreates us.
 - b) He builds the nature and life of God into us.
 - c) He ministers to the world and to the church through us.
 - 7) The Holy Spirit becomes the light, the illumination of your intellect.
 - a) He illumines your whole spirit nature and your mind.
 - b) He is your salvation—he brings you salvation and deliverance.
 - c) He makes Redemption a reality to you, not a theological subject, but a living reality in your daily life.

LESSON SIX

Sin Consciousness

Introduction

- 1) Sin consciousness is Satan's chief hindrance to faith.
- 2) It springs from an ignorance of the substitutionary work of Christ.
- 3) There are almost no sermons preached on Righteousness as defined in the Pauline Revelation.
- 4) There must be a distinction made between relationship and fellowship.
 - a) Our relationship is born of God
 - i) God is the author of the relationship.
 - ii) Man cannot sever his relationship with the Father.
 - iii) Our relationship is like a legal marriage.
 - iv) God is the author of our union with Himself.
 - v) "I am the vine and you are the branches" means that the two are inseparable.
- 5) We can break fellowship with the Father.
 - a) The term "back-slide" as we use it is not a New Testament concept
 - i) The First Covenant people who were servants of Jehovah would "back-slide" or leave Jehovah for another God.
 - ii) They did not have Eternal Life.
 - iii) They were not sons, only servants.
 - iv) They had never been recreated.
 - v) They were servants of the Abrahamic Covenant, and of the Law of that Covenant.
 - b) We should never use the word "back-slide" in referring to a Christian who has broken fellowship.
 - i) We should teach him what fellowship means.
 - (1) 1 John 1:3-4. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete. NIV
 - (a) Joy is one of the riches of the New Creation.
 - (b) There is a vital contrast between joy and happiness.
 - (c) Happiness comes from our surroundings, environment, health and money.
 - (d) Joy is something that only children of God possess.
 - (e) It is the fruit of a rich fellowship with the Father, the Word, and with one another.
 - (2) 1 John 1:5-6. This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. NIV
 - (a) Colossians 1:13-14. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. NIV
 - (b) Darkness is Satan's dominion.

- (c) So many Christians are living in spiritual darkness as far as the Word is concerned.
 - (i) The joy they once knew in their spiritual life is gone.
 - (ii) They are living in spiritual darkness.
- (3) 1 John 1:7. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. NIV
 - (a) God is light. When I am walking in fellowship, I am walking in the light of the Word, the light of the Spirit.
 - (b) I am in fellowship with my own spirit.
 - (c) I am in fellowship with the brethren.
 - (d) The blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, keeps me clean from sins of ignorance which I may have committed.
- (4) When we sin, we walk in darkness and break fellowship.
 - (a) God is faithful and just to forgive us of all our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
 - (b) That means that God will restore our fellowship.
 - (c) When we break fellowship and ask the Father’s forgiveness, our Advocate immediately takes up our case and restores our lost fellowship.
- c) Sin consciousness comes from stepping out of the Love Realm into the realm of darkness, or selfishness; out of the Light of Love, into the darkness of Sense Knowledge.
- 6) The reason Sin Consciousness has dominion over the believer is because there has been no clear teaching in regard to the New Creation.
 - a) “Wherefore if any man is in Christ there is a New Creation, the old things are passed away; behold they have become new. But all things are of God who reconciled us unto himself through Christ.
 - b) Ezekiel 36:26. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. NIV
 - i) If God puts a new spirit within you, He puts a new self within you.
 - ii) There is going to be a new kind of love and a new self dominated by this new kind of love.
 - iii) God is going to take the stony heart out (that natural human spirit that is full of hatred, born of selfishness).
 - iv) He will put a new spirit within you.
 - (1) He is going to come and make His home in my body.
 - (2) My body will be His temple, His sanctuary.
 - c) Colossians 3:10...and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. NIV
 - d) This new man has been created in Christ Jesus.
 - i) He is created in Righteousness, holiness and truth.
 - ii) This New Man is a New Creation—born of God.
- 7) Instead of majoring on the truth about us, we have majored on “sin consciousness.” The truth about us:
 - a) Romans 8:1. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, NIV
 - b) Romans 8:33. Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. NIV

- c) 2 Corinthians 5:21. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. NIV
- 8) You become a slave to your confession.
 - a) If you confess weakness, you sink to the level of it.
 - b) Your faith is held in bondage to your confession.
 - c) You grow in grace and power as you confess it.
- 9) Sin consciousness loses its dominion over you the moment your confession glorifies the Father.
 - a) There is no room for sin consciousness when we know that we are New Creations created in Christ Jesus, and when we know that we are seated together with Him in the Heavenly places, and know the reality of our oneness with the Father and Christ.
 - b) There should be no sin consciousness in the heart of the believer, for “the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, cleansed us from all sin.”
 - c) We stand complete in His completeness.
 - d) “Of His fullness have we all received and grace upon grace”
- 10) When man is recreated he comes into relationship with God. With that relationship comes fellowship.

How Does a Believer Sin?

- 1) For me to break the law means that I step out of the realm of love into the realm of the senses.
- 2) Sin, then, is living in the realm of the senses and leaving the realm of love.
 - a) When I step out of love, I step into selfishness.
 - b) Every sin that a believer commits begins in selfishness.
 - c) “I, my, me and mine” are the four highways into the realm of broken fellowship.
- 3) Sin for the believer is reverting to the practices of the former life.
 - a) It is a denial of the dominion of love.
 - b) It is seeking to find satisfaction in the realm of selfishness.
- 4) The cure for broken fellowship is the study of the Word and the practice of the Word—the living Word.
- 5) Sin is breaking fellowship with love, leaving the spirit realm for the sense realm.
 - a) Sin is letting the desires of the senses rule—letting the senses gain control.
 - b) When the senses run riot, God is forgotten.

God’s Cure for Sin Consciousness

- 1) We know that we have Eternal Life, the nature of the Father.
- 2) We know that the nature of the Father that has given to us is Righteousness.
- 3) We know that the branch is part of the vine and has the vine life and nature.
 - a) The branch is like the vine.
 - b) If the vine is righteous, the branch is righteous.
 - c) The branch is in the vine, and the vine is Christ.
 - d) We know that our bodies are the temples of God.
 - e) We have asked the Holy Spirit Who raised Jesus from the dead to make His home in our bodies, and He has accepted the invitation.

- 4) I have become an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ.

The End of Condemnation

- 1) Most of our great evangelists have been preachers of condemnation and judgment.
- 2) Few have revealed to us what we were in Christ.
- 3) They have magnified sin above Redemption.
- 4) We have struggled because of a sense of unworthiness on our part.
- 5) We have had the sense of unrighteousness built into us by our teachers.
- 6) We have not known what Redemption means to the believer.
- 7) 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. NIV
 - a) The old things of condemnation, the old things of sin and weakness, of failure, of doubt and fear are passed away.
 - b) There has come into us a New Creation without condemnation, without fear.
 - c) We have become a child of God, reconciled unto Him.
 - d) There is no condemnation, there is no fear, there is no sense of sin or of unworthiness.
 - e) We are perfectly restful and contented.
 - f) God has committed unto us the ministry of reconciliation.
- 8) God is not reckoning the sinners of their sins, because He laid their sins on Christ.
- 9) Our sins have been wiped out as if they had never been.
- 10) That old wicked self has been put away and a New Self has taken its place.
- 11) We are New Creations.

LESSON SEVEN

The Finished Work of Christ

Introduction

- 1) What did Jesus mean when He said, “It is finished?”
 - a) The work of redemption was not complete
 - b) His work as a substitute was just beginning and it was not consummated until His blood was accepted in the Supreme Court of the Universe and He had sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High.
 - c) He meant that He had fulfilled the Abrahamic Covenant of which He was a part.
 - i) He was born of Abraham’s stock.
 - ii) He was circumcised as a child and came into the Abrahamic Covenant.
 - iii) He had grown up under the laws that governed the Israelitish people, who were children of the Covenant.
- 2) The Abrahamic Covenant was the most sacred covenant known to primitive peoples.
 - a) Circumcision permitted them to come into the Covenant, for when a child was circumcised, the priest would touch that blood to his tongue and that child became a child of the Abrahamic Covenant.
 - b) God gave Moses the Law of the Covenant.
 - i) God gave the priesthood because the Law was broken and it meant death to them.
 - ii) With the priesthood came Atonement—a covering for that broken law.
 - iii) When Jesus came, His first work was to fulfill that Abrahamic Covenant and set it aside.
 - iv) Next, the Priesthood and the sacrifice and the Law were fulfilled and set aside.
 - c) The Book of Hebrews covers this subject very well.\
 - d) Romans and Galatians prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that Jesus fulfilled that First Covenant, the Law, the Priesthood and the Sacrifices, so that when He hung on the cross He could say, “It is finished.”
- 3) The work that was not finished until He sat down at the right hand of the Father, was His work as a Substitute.
- 4) Jesus had to die for the sins under the First Covenant as well as for our sins.
 - a) He suffered as our Substitute.
 - b) Our iniquities and our diseases were laid upon Him.
 - c) He was made sin with our sin.
- 5) Jesus died for our sins (1 Corinthians 15:3) - For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, NIV
 - a) 2 Corinthians 5:21. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. NIV
 - b) Romans 3:21-26. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented him as a sacrifice of

atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished- 26 he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. NIV.

- 6) Christ took our place, paid the penalty of the sins under the First Covenant and met the demands of Justice for us so that the New Birth could become a legal fact.
- 7) There are three phases of Christ's work connected with our Redemption.
 - a) His work that He wrought in His earth walk, dealing with the First Covenant and everything that pertained to it.
 - b) His Substitutionary work that began when He was made sin on the cross and was consummated when He carried His blood into the Heavenly Holy of Holies and it was accepted there for us.
 - i) Hebrews 9:12. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. NIV
 - ii) Hebrews 7:27. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. NIV
 - c) His ministry today at the right hand of the Majesty on High.
 - i) That ministry has to deal with the preservation and care of the Church.
 - ii) He is there as our great High Priest, as the Surety of the Covenant, as our Savior, as our Mediator, our Advocate, and our Lord.

Jesus at the Right Hand of the Father

- 1) Several times the Word tells us that Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High.
 - a) Hebrews 1:3. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. NIV
 - b) Hebrews 8:1-2. The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man. NIV
- 2) Two phases of Jesus' ministry.
 - a) His substitutionary work from the cross until He arose from the dead.
 - i) In those three days and three nights He settled the sin problem.
 - ii) Conquered the adversary.
 - iii) Made the New Birth a possibility.
 - iv) Made Righteousness available to every person who receives Eternal Life.
 - b) His work at the right hand of the Father.
 - i) Jesus had to carry His blood into the Heavenly Holy of Holies and make the Eternal Redemption for us.
 - ii) Jesus to Mary: "Touch me not for I am not yet ascended unto my father."
 - (1) He had not yet carried His blood into Heaven and sealed the document of our Redemption.
 - (2) The claims of Justice had not been met.
- 3) The Resurrection.

- a) Jesus died a Lamb, but He arose as the Lord.
- b) Jesus died in weakness; He arose with all the authority and power and majesty of Deity.
- c) He had conquered the dark forces of Satan.
- d) He had dealt with the sin problem and redeemed humanity.
- e) He made Eternal Life a possibility and Sonship a glory.
- 4) Jesus had risen as the Lord High Priest of a New Covenant.
 - a) He had fulfilled the Old Covenant and there had been the annulling of the Priesthood and the Law of the Sacrifices with the Old Covenant.
 - b) Now a New Covenant has come into being and there must be a new Priesthood.
 - i) There must be a New Law.
 - ii) The old Priesthood was to deal with servants.
 - iii) The new Priesthood is to deal with Sons.
 - iv) The old Priesthood had the Ten Commandments called “The Law of Death.”
 - v) The New Covenant has but one commandment, “The Law of Life.
- 5) The Priesthood, the Sacrifice, the Atonement and the Law—was all that was finished.
 - a) They no longer were operative.
 - b) Now the temple can be destroyed; the Priesthood can cease to function, because their Covenant on which everything was founded has been fulfilled and set aside.
- 6) Man needs Eternal Life and remission of his trespasses.
 - a) He must be made a New Creation, but he cannot approach God.
 - b) He has no standing with God.
- 7) Jesus ever lives to make intercession for us; to heal us of physical and spiritual diseases; to restore our broken spirits and to hold us in the hour of temptation and trial.
- 8) Not only is Jesus Savior, Intercessor, and Advocate, but He is our Lord and Head. (Colossians 2:6-7). So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. NIV
 - a) Jesus is my present Shepherd Lord.
 - i) He’s my shield and protector.
 - ii) He is all that a husband can mean to his wife.
 - iii) He is all that a lover can mean to his beloved.

The Rest of Redemption

Hebrews 4:1. Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. NIV

- 1) When Jesus finished the work of redemption, He sat down on the right hand of the Father.
 - a) Hebrews 1:3. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. NIV\
 - b) Hebrews 8:1. The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, NIV
 - c) Hebrews 10:12. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. NIV

- 2) Rest for those who believe. (Hebrews 4:3) Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, "They shall never enter my rest." And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world. NIV
- 3) Hebrews 4:11. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience. NIV
- 4) This is the rest of Faith; the end of worry and struggle.
 - a) You no longer seek for faith of power.
 - b) You have become one with Him.
 - c) You have come to appreciate the work that He did for you.
 - d) You have come to know that you are what He says you are in Him.
 - e) You know that you are a New Creation.
 - f) You know that you have passed from death unto life.
 - g) You know that you have the very Life and Nature of the Father in you.
 - h) You know that you are a part of the Body, a member of it.
 - i) You know that you were raised together with Him.
 - j) You know that no matter what may come to your life, you are more than a conqueror.
- 5) You now enter into His Rest, the Rest that He purchased for you.
 - a) You have reached the end of the worry route.
 - b) You are now so completely identified with Him, so utterly one with Him, that the Father looks upon you as He looks upon His First Begotten, and because of that, peace that passeth all understanding fills your very being.
- 6) You are not under the Law; you are a Son.
 - a) You are an heir; you are a member of the Body, and He has invited you to come boldly to the Throne of Grace, and you have accustomed yourself to standing in His presence.
 - b) So now you are not anxious; you have believed.
- 7) You know that no word from God is void of fulfillment, and that in every word there is ability to make good.
 - a) You have prayed and you thank Him for the answer.
 - b) You have made your requests known unto the Father and now the miracle happens.
 - c) The peace of God which passeth all understanding has taken possession of your heart and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.
 - d) You haven't a thought of worry or care.
 - e) You haven't a burden.
 - f) 1 Peter 5:7. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. NIV
- 8) You rest on His Word.
 - a) You have entered into His Rest.
 - b) When Jesus prayed, that settled it.
 - c) "Whatever ye ask the Father in my name, he will give it you."
 - d) You are resting in His Rest.
 - e) It is the end of the fear of Satan, for he has been defeated.
 - f) It is the end of the fear of sickness, for by His stripes you are healed.
 - g) It is the end of lack; you fear it no longer.
 - h) Want and fear have stopped being as far as you are concerned.
- 9) You know your rights and privileges before the Throne, and you have Faith's fearlessness to enter the Father's presence any time, anywhere, and make your requests known.
 - a) Now you walk worthy of the Lord and you are pleasing Him.

- 10) Where other people are breaking down and going to pieces, you are steadfast; you are immovable.
 - a) You are always abounding in the work of the Lord.
 - b) All things work together for good to me because I am in His will, and the very circumstances that rob you of your rest, increase my rest.
 - c) He took me over and He built His fullness, His completeness into me.
- 11) I have allowed the Word to dwell in me richly, and I have come to know the Reality of these mighty truths of Redemption.

The Defeated Satan

- 1) The Scriptures teach that Satan is defeated as far as the believer is concerned.
 - a) He was not conquered by the believer; he was conquered by Christ for the believer.
 - b) Galatians 2:20. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. NIV
 - c) When Christ hung on the cross, in the mind of Justice, every one of us hung there.
 - d) We were with Him when He died, for we died with Him.
- 2) Jesus conquered death, hell, and the grave.
 - a) He left the lower parts of the earth and went into the presence of God fully justified.
 - b) You and I can go out of this world ruled by spiritual death.
 - c) We who have eternal life, can go into the presence of the Father without the sense or the smell of spiritual death upon us.
- 3) Jesus made a show of Satan openly.
- 4) Colossians 2:15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. NIV
 - a) Right there in the presence of all the hosts of darkness, Jesus conquered the Prince of Darkness.
 - b) Heb. 2:14 in Rotherham's Translation: "He paralyzed the death-dealing power of Satan.
 - i) He paralyzed Satan.
 - ii) He broke him.
 - iii) Satan was eternally broken, eternally conquered.
 - iv) Our combat has been fought and won.
 - v) There isn't any battle for you to fight except the battle of faith.
 - vi) You conquer the enemy by your words.
- 5) Our combat is not against flesh and blood, but it is against the defeated principalities and powers.
 - a) These principalities and powers have all been conquered.
 - b) You simply refuse to stay in bondage.
- 6) Revelation 12:11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. NIV
 - a) The blood is the basis, the ground of our victory.
 - b) The word of my testimony is given assent to what Jesus has already done.
 - c) His word in our lips can defeat any force or element that comes against us.
 - d) By His All-powerful Name we go against these problems and conquer them.

LESSON EIGHT

God Reproducing Himself in Us

- 1) Every real father desires to reproduce himself in his son.
 - a) The Father's dream is to reproduce Himself in us.
 - b) The New Creation has received the nature and life of the Father.
- 2) We invite the Holy Spirit, who has imparted to us this Nature from the father, to come into our body and make His home in us.
 - a) As we feed on the Word, practice the Word, live the Word, He builds that Word into us.
 - b) God builds Himself into us through the Word, so that in our daily walk we live like the Master
- 3) Ephesians 5:1-2. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. NIV
 - a) As children of love, we are to walk in love as Christ walked in love toward the world
 - b) The Father so loved the world that He gave His Son.
 - i) Jesus so loved the world that He gave Himself.
 - ii) Now I so love the world that I give myself.
- 4) Galatians 4:19. My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, NIV
 - a) We are created in Christ Jesus; we are His creation, and until Christ is formed in us, the world cannot see anything but religion in us.
 - b) Philippians 2:13...for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. NIV
- 5) 2 Peter 3:18. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. NIV
- 6) Colossians 1:9-12. For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. NIV
 - a) The word knowledge in the Greek is "epignosis." It means full knowledge, complete knowledge, exact knowledge.
 - b) It is God's desire to fill us with the exact knowledge of the Father's will in all Spiritual Wisdom and Understanding.
- 7) The role of wisdom.
 - a) To use the knowledge of this Revelation in our daily walk.
 - b) To know how to use the statements of fact as well as the promises in the Gospels.
 - c) To know how to make this message known in an attractive way.
 - d) We are to have "knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom," a deeper insight into the very heart of the Father.

- e) 1 Corinthians 2:9-12. However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"- but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. NIV
- 8) Colossians 1:9-10. For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, NIV.
 - a) When Christ builds Himself into us and we begin the labor together with Him, we have His Life; we have His Love; we have Himself.
 - b) Colossians 1:12...giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. NIV

From *What on Earth Are You Doing Here*, chapter 5, "Many Sons Unto Glory" by Dr. Kenneth Meadors

- 1) Hebrews 2:10. In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. NIV.
 - a) Jesus is the captain of our salvation.
 - b) His bringing forth of many sons makes his salvation perfect, or complete.
- 2) Isaiah 53:8-10. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. 9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. NIV
- 3) Jesus' suffering of death was necessary to bring forth many sons.
 - a) Jesus' soul was made an offering for sin when the one grain of wheat fell into the ground.
 - b) John 12:24. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. NIV
 - c) This grain of wheat which fell into the ground brought forth many like grains which declare his generation and prolong his days in the earth.