

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES



THE GOSPEL AND YOUR IDENTITY

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INTRODUCTION

SIMPLISTIC SUBTITLE:

- WDJD: WHAT DID JESUS DO?

MAIN VERSE:

- EPHESIANS 5:1-2 – “THEREFORE BE IMITATORS OF GOD, AS BELOVED CHILDREN. AND WALK IN LOVE, AS CHRIST LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US, A FRAGRANT OFFERING AND SACRIFICE TO GOD.”

MAIN POINT:

- THE GOSPEL TRANSFORMS ME AND MY DAILY RESPONSES TO LIFE.
- I WILL BE AN IMITATOR OF GOD AND HIS LOVE WHEN I RESPOND TO THE FACT THAT I AM MORE SINFUL THAN I REALIZE, YET I AM MORE LOVED AND WELCOMED THAN I CAN EVER IMAGINE.



INTRODUCTION

WHY IS THIS AN IMPORTANT TOPIC?

- IN COLONIAL TIMES, A WEALTHY PLANTATION OWNER DIED AND LEFT AN EXORBITANT INHERITANCE OF \$50K TO HIS CHIEF SLAVE. THE MONEY WAS DEPOSITED IN THE LOCAL BANK IN THE SLAVE'S NAME, AND SEVERAL MONTHS PASSED WITHOUT THE MAN MAKING ANY DRAW ON THE MONEY. FINALLY THE BANKER CALLED ON HIM TO REMIND HIM THAT THIS HUGE WEALTH OF MONEY WAS AVAILABLE IN HIS OWN ACCOUNT AT THE BANK. WHEN THE BANKER FINALLY CONVINCED THE MAN THAT THIS WEALTH WAS INDEED LEGALLY HIS, THE SLAVE MEEKLY ASKED, "THEN DO YOU THINK IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO HAVE 50 CENTS TO PURCHASE A BAG OF CORNMEAL?"
- THIS MAN WAS LIVING IN SEVERE POVERTY WHILE AT THE SAME TIME POSSESSING A GREAT FORTUNE BEYOND HIS UNDERSTANDING!



INTRODUCTION

- **WHY IS THIS AN IMPORTANT TOPIC?**
 - "IT WOULD SEEM THAT OUR LORD FINDS OUR DESIRES NOT TOO STRONG, BUT TOO WEAK. WE ARE HALF-HEARTED CREATURES, FOOLING ABOUT WITH DRINK AND SEX AND AMBITION WHEN INFINITE JOY IS OFFERED US, LIKE AN IGNORANT CHILD WHO WANTS TO GO ON MAKING MUD PIES IN A SLUM BECAUSE HE CANNOT IMAGINE WHAT IS MEANT BY THE OFFER OF A HOLIDAY AT THE SEA. WE ARE FAR TOO EASILY PLEASED." - C.S. LEWIS



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WHAT COMES INTO YOUR MIND
WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD “GOSPEL”?



INTRODUCTION

IN LIGHT OF LAST WEEK'S WORKSHOP ON THE BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE OF MAN, LET'S START TODAY WITH HAVING A RIGHT UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOSPEL...

FOUR SIMPLE WORDS:

- GOD
- MAN
- JESUS
- RESPONSE

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? BY GREG GILBERT



THE GOSPEL: AMAZING NEWS!

GOD – THE STARTING POINT OF THE GOSPEL!

CREATED AND OWNS EVERYTHING

- GEN 1:1 IN THE BEGINNING, GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.
- PS 24:1 THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND ALL IT CONTAINS, THE WORLD, AND THOSE WHO DWELL IN IT.

IS PERFECTLY HOLY

- MATT 5:48 THEREFORE, YOU ARE TO BE PERFECT, AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERFECT.

REQUIRES PERFECT OBEDIENCE TO HIS LAW

- JAS 1:20 FOR WHOEVER KEEPS THE WHOLE LAW AND YET STUMBLES IN ONE POINT, HE HAS BECOME GUILTY OF ALL.



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**MAN – A SINFUL SINNER WHO CAN'T REDEEM HIMSELF.
HAS BROKEN GOD'S LAW**

- ROM 3:10, 23 THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE... FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD.

**WILL PAY ETERNALLY FOR THE PENALTY OF HIS
SIN**

- ROM 6:23 FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE FREE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

CANNOT SAVE HIMSELF BY HIS GOOD WORKS

- TIT 3:5 HE SAVED US, NOT ON THE BASIS OF DEEDS WHICH WE HAVE DONE IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, BUT ACCORDING TO HIS MERCY, BY THE WASHING OF REGENERATION AND RENEWING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.



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JESUS – THE SON OF GOD CAME TO EARTH AS BOTH GOD AND SINLESS MAN

- COL 2:9 FOR IN HIM ALL THE FULLNESS OF DEITY DWELLS IN BODILY FORM.

DEMONSTRATED GOD'S LOVE BY DYING ON THE CROSS TO PAY SIN'S PENALTY

- ROM 5:8 BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE TOWARD US, IN THAT WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.
- 2 COR 5:21 HE MADE HIM WHO KNEW NO SIN TO BE SIN ON OUR BEHALF, THAT WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM.

ROSE FROM THE GRAVE AND IS ALIVE TODAY

- 1 COR 15:4 AND THAT HE WAS BURIED, AND THAT HE WAS RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES.



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RESPONSE

MAN MUST REPENT OF ALL THAT DISHONORS GOD

- IS 55:7 LET THE WICKED FORSAKE HIS WAY AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS MAN HIS THOUGHTS; AND LET HIM RETURN TO THE LORD, AND HE WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON HIM, AND TO OUR GOD, FOR HE WILL ABUNDANTLY PARDON.

MAN MUST BELIEVE IN CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOR

- ROM 10:9 IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH JESUS AS LORD, AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU SHALL BE SAVED.

WILL YOU REPENT AND BELIEVE IN CHRIST?

- ACTS 17:30 THEREFORE HAVING OVERLOOKED THE TIMES OF IGNORANCE, GOD IS



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THOUGHTS? COMMENTS?

IMPLICATIONS FOR THIS IN COUNSELING?



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

• IN RELATION TO GOD THE FATHER:

1. WE HAVE ACCESS TO GOD'S GRACE.

- EPHESIANS 2:8,18 FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD: ...FOR THROUGH HIM WE BOTH HAVE ACCESS BY ONE SPIRIT TO THE FATHER.

2. WE ARE ADOPTED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD AS GOD'S SONS.

- GALATIANS 4:5 TO REDEEM THEM THAT WERE UNDER THE LAW, THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE THE ADOPTION OF SONS.
- EPHESIANS 1:5 HAVING PREDESTINATED US UNTO THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN BY JESUS CHRIST TO HIMSELF, ACCORDING TO THE GOOD PLEASURE OF HIS WILL,
- OUR ADOPTION GRANTS US COMMUNION WITH GOD WITHOUT HUMAN EFFORT.



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

- IN RELATION TO GOD THE FATHER:

- 3. WE HAVE AN INHERITANCE.

- 1 PETER 1:3-4 BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHICH ACCORDING TO HIS ABUNDANT MERCY HATH BEGOTTEN US AGAIN UNTO A LIVELY HOPE BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD, TO AN INHERITANCE INCORRUPTIBLE, AND UNDEFILED, AND THAT FADEETH NOT AWAY, RESERVED IN HEAVEN FOR YOU,
 - COLOSSIANS 3:24 KNOWING THAT OF THE LORD YE SHALL RECEIVE THE REWARD OF THE INHERITANCE: FOR YE SERVE THE LORD CHRIST.



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

- IN RELATION TO GOD THE FATHER:

- 4. WE ARE ELECTED (CHOSEN).

- EPHESIANS 1:4 ACCORDING AS HE HATH CHOSEN US IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, THAT WE SHOULD BE HOLY AND WITHOUT BLAME BEFORE HIM IN LOVE:
 - 1 PETER 1:2 ELECT ACCORDING TO THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD THE FATHER, THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT, UNTO OBEDIENCE AND SPRINKLING OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST: GRACE UNTO YOU, AND PEACE, BE MULTIPLIED.



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

• IN RELATION TO GOD THE FATHER:

5. WE BECOME A CHILD OF GOD.

- JOHN 1:12 BUT AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM, TO THEM GAVE HE POWER TO BECOME THE SONS OF GOD, EVEN TO THEM THAT BELIEVE ON HIS NAME:

6. WE GET HEAVENLY CITIZENSHIP.

- EPHESIANS 2:19 NOW THEREFORE YOU ARE NO MORE STRANGERS AND FOREIGNERS, BUT FELLOW CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS, AND OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD;



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

- IN RELATION TO GOD THE FATHER:

- 7. WE BECOME AN HEIR OF GOD.

- GALATIANS 3:29 AND IF YE BE CHRIST'S, THEN ARE YE ABRAHAM'S SEED, AND HEIRS ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE.
 - ROMANS 8:17 AND IF CHILDREN, THEN HEIRS; HEIRS OF GOD, AND JOINT-HEIRS WITH CHRIST; IF SO BE THAT WE SUFFER WITH HIM, THAT WE MAY BE ALSO GLORIFIED TOGETHER.



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

- IN RELATION TO GOD THE FATHER:

- 8. WE BECOME A NEW CREATURE.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 THEREFORE IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE: OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW.
 - GALATIANS 6:15 FOR IN CHRIST JESUS NEITHER CIRCUMCISION AVAILETH ANY THING, NOR UNCIRCUMCISION, BUT A NEW CREATURE.



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

• IN RELATION TO GOD THE FATHER:

9. WE BECOME A SERVANT OF GOD.

- ROMANS 6:22 BUT NOW BEING MADE FREE FROM SIN, AND BECOME SERVANTS TO GOD, YE HAVE YOUR FRUIT UNTO HOLINESS, AND THE END EVERLASTING LIFE.

10. WE BECOME A PRIEST OF GOD.

- 1 PETER 2:9 BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN GENERATION, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PECULIAR PEOPLE; THAT YOU SHOULD SHOW FORTH THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO HAS CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT:
- IT IMPORTANT TO NOTE HOW OUR IDENTITY IS DEFINED. OUR IDENTITY IS DEFINED BY GOD NOT BY OUR EMOTIONS, FEELINGS OR PERFORMANCE.



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

- IN RELATION TO GOD THE FATHER:

- 11. WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD.

- ROMANS 5:10 FOR IF, WHEN WE WERE ENEMIES, WE WERE RECONCILED TO GOD BY THE DEATH OF HIS SON, MUCH MORE, BEING RECONCILED, WE SHALL BE SAVED BY HIS LIFE.
 - EPHESIANS 2:13 BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS YE WHO SOMETIMES WERE FAR OFF ARE MADE NIGH BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.



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- IN RELATION TO GOD THE FATHER:

12. WE ARE SANCTIFIED.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 6:11 AND SUCH WERE SOME OF YOU: BUT YE ARE WASHED, BUT YE ARE SANCTIFIED, BUT YE ARE JUSTIFIED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, AND BY THE SPIRIT OF OUR GOD.
- ACTS 26:18 TO OPEN THEIR EYES, AND TO TURN THEM FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT, AND FROM THE POWER OF SATAN UNTO GOD, THAT THEY MAY RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, AND INHERITANCE AMONG THEM WHICH ARE SANCTIFIED BY FAITH THAT IS IN ME.



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

• IN RELATION TO GOD THE SON:

1. WE ARE ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED.

- EPHESIANS 1:6 TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE, WHEREIN HE HAS MADE US ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED.

2. WE ARE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S BODY.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:13 FOR BY ONE SPIRIT ARE WE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY, WHETHER WE BE JEWS OR GENTILES, WHETHER WE BE BOND OR FREE; AND HAVE BEEN ALL MADE TO DRINK INTO ONE SPIRIT.
- ROMANS 6:4 THEREFORE WE ARE BURIED WITH HIM BY BAPTISM INTO DEATH: THAT LIKE AS CHRIST WAS RAISED UP FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, EVEN SO WE ALSO SHOULD WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE.



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

• IN RELATION TO GOD THE SON:

3. WE ARE A LOVE GIFT TO THE SON.

- JOHN 17:9 I PRAY FOR THEM: I PRAY NOT FOR THE WORLD, BUT FOR THEM WHICH THOU HAST GIVEN ME; FOR THEY ARE THINE.

4. WE ARE BURIED WITH CHRIST.

- COLOSSIANS 2:10-12 AND YE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM, WHICH IS THE HEAD OF ALL PRINCIPALITY AND POWER: IN WHOM ALSO YE ARE CIRCUMCISED WITH THE CIRCUMCISION MADE WITHOUT HANDS, IN PUTTING OFF THE BODY OF THE SINS OF THE FLESH BY THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST: BURIED WITH HIM IN BAPTISM, WHEREIN ALSO YE ARE RISEN WITH HIM THROUGH THE FAITH OF THE OPERATION OF GOD, WHO HATH RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD.



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

- IN RELATION TO GOD THE SON:

- 5. WE ARE INDWELT BY CHRIST.

- JOHN 14:23 JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO HIM, IF A MAN LOVE ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORDS: AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME UNTO HIM, AND MAKE OUR ABODE WITH HIM.

- 6. WE POSSES ETERNAL LIFE.

- JOHN 10:28 AND I GIVE UNTO THEM ETERNAL LIFE; AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH, NEITHER SHALL ANY MAN PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY HAND.



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• IN RELATION TO GOD THE SON:

7. WE ARE SAVED BY CHRIST.

- ACTS 16:31 AND THEY SAID, BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED, AND THY HOUSE.
- ACTS 4:12 NEITHER IS THERE SALVATION IN ANY OTHER: FOR THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN, WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED.
- JOHN 14:6 JESUS SAITH UNTO HIM, I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME.

8. WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD.

- PHILIPPIANS 4:7 AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH PASSETH ALL UNDERSTANDING, SHALL KEEP YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS THROUGH CHRIST JESUS.



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

• IN RELATION TO GOD THE SON:

9. WE BECOME A FRIEND OF GOD.

- JOHN 15:15 HENCEFORTH I CALL YOU NOT SERVANTS; FOR THE SERVANT KNOWETH NOT WHAT HIS LORD DOETH: BUT I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS; FOR ALL THINGS THAT I HAVE HEARD OF MY FATHER I HAVE MADE KNOWN UNTO YOU.

10. WE HAVE OUR NAME RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF LIFE IN HEAVEN.

- LUKE 10:20 NOTWITHSTANDING IN THIS REJOICE NOT, THAT THE SPIRITS ARE SUBJECT UNTO YOU; BUT RATHER REJOICE, BECAUSE YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN.
- PHILIPPIANS 4:3 AND I ENTREAT THEE ALSO, TRUE YOKEFELLOW, HELP THOSE WOMEN WHICH LABOURED WITH ME IN THE GOSPEL, WITH CLEMENT ALSO, AND WITH OTHER MY FELLOW-LABOURERS, WHOSE NAMES ARE IN THE BOOK OF LIFE.



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

- IN RELATION TO GOD THE SON:

- 11. WE ARE SEATED WITH CHRIST IN HEAVENLY PLACES.

- EPHESIANS 2:6 AND HATH RAISED US UP TOGETHER, AND MADE US SIT TOGETHER IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST JESUS:

- 12. WE RECEIVE A BLESSED HOPE.

- TITUS 2:13 LOOKING FOR THAT BLESSED HOPE, AND THE GLORIOUS APPEARING OF THE GREAT GOD AND OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST;



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

- IN RELATION TO GOD THE SON:

13. WE COME IN FELLOWSHIP WITH THE TRINITY.

- 1 JOHN 1:3 THAT WHICH WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD DECLARE WE UNTO YOU, THAT YE ALSO MAY HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH US: AND TRULY OUR FELLOWSHIP IS WITH THE FATHER, AND WITH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.

14. WE HAVE A MANSION PREPARED IN GLORY.

JOHN 14:2 IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS: IF IT WERE NOT SO, I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU. I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU.



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

- IN RELATION TO GOD THE SPIRIT:

1. WE ARE BORN AGAIN.

- JOHN 3:3-7 JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO HIM, VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO THEE, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD. NICODEMUS SAITH UNTO HIM, HOW CAN A MAN BE BORN WHEN HE IS OLD? CAN HE ENTER THE SECOND TIME INTO HIS MOTHER'S WOMB, AND BE BORN? JESUS ANSWERED, VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO THEE, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD. THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE FLESH IS FLESH; AND THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT IS SPIRIT. MARVEL NOT THAT I SAID UNTO THEE, YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN.



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

- IN RELATION TO GOD THE SPIRIT:

3. WE ARE SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- EPHESIANS 1:13 IN HIM YOU ALSO, WHEN YOU HEARD THE WORD OF TRUTH, THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION, AND BELIEVED IN HIM, WERE SEALED WITH THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT,
- EPHESIANS 4:30 AND DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, BY WHOM YOU WERE SEALED FOR THE DAY OF REDEMPTION.

4. OUR BODY BECOMES THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19 WHAT? KNOW YE NOT THAT YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST WHICH IS IN YOU, WHICH YE HAVE OF GOD, AND YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN?



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

• IN RELATION TO GOD THE SPIRIT:

5. WE ARE INDWELT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- ROMANS 8:11 IF THE SPIRIT OF HIM WHO RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD DWELLS IN YOU, HE WHO RAISED CHRIST JESUS FROM THE DEAD WILL ALSO GIVE LIFE TO YOUR MORTAL BODIES THROUGH HIS SPIRIT WHO DWELLS IN YOU.
- 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19 WHAT? KNOW YE NOT THAT YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST WHICH IS IN YOU, WHICH YE HAVE OF GOD, AND YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN?
- 2 TIMOTHY 1:14 BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO DWELLS WITHIN US, GUARD THE GOOD DEPOSIT ENTRUSTED TO YOU.
- 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16 DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOD'S TEMPLE AND THAT GOD'S SPIRIT DWELLS IN YOU?



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

- IN RELATION TO YOU THE RECIPIENT:

1. WE ARE FORGIVEN.

- LUKE 7:48 AND HE SAID UNTO HER, THY SINS ARE FORGIVEN.

2. WE ARE JUSTIFIED.

- ROMANS 5:1 THEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:
- ROMANS 4:5 AND TO THE ONE WHO DOES NOT WORK BUT BELIEVES IN HIM WHO JUSTIFIES THE UNGODLY, HIS FAITH IS COUNTED AS RIGHTEOUSNESS,



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

- IN RELATION TO YOU THE RECIPIENT:

3. WE ARE REDEEMED.

- REVELATION 5:9 AND THEY SUNG A NEW SONG, SAYING, THOU ART WORTHY TO TAKE THE BOOK, AND TO OPEN THE SEALS THEREOF: FOR THOU WAST SLAIN, AND HAST REDEEMED US TO GOD BY THY BLOOD OUT OF EVERY KINDRED, AND TONGUE, AND PEOPLE, AND NATION.

4. WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE (ATTORNEY FOR DEFENSE).

- 1 JOHN 2:1 MY LITTLE CHILDREN, THESE THINGS WRITE I UNTO YOU, THAT YE SIN NOT. AND IF ANY MAN SIN, WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE WITH THE FATHER, JESUS CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUS:



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

- IN RELATION TO YOU THE RECIPIENT:

- 5. WE HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING VICTORY OVER SIN.

- ROMANS 6:1-2 WHAT SHALL WE SAY THEN? SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN, THAT GRACE MAY ABOUND? GOD FORBID. HOW SHALL WE, THAT ARE DEAD TO SIN, LIVE ANY LONGER THEREIN?
- ROMANS 6:6 KNOWING THIS, THAT OUR OLD MAN IS CRUCIFIED WITH HIM, THAT THE BODY OF SIN MIGHT BE DESTROYED, THAT HENCEFORTH WE SHOULD NOT SERVE SIN.
- ROMANS 6:11 LIKEWISE RECKON YE ALSO YOURSELVES TO BE DEAD INDEED UNTO SIN, BUT ALIVE UNTO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.
- ROMANS 6:14 FOR SIN SHALL NOT HAVE DOMINION OVER YOU: FOR YE ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW, BUT UNDER GRACE.



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WHEN GOD SAVES YOU...

- IN RELATION TO YOU THE RECIPIENT:

- 6. WE BECOME AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST

- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20 NOW THEN WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, AS THOUGH GOD DID BESEECH YOU BY US: WE PRAY YOU IN CHRIST'S STEAD, BE YE RECONCILED TO GOD.

- *AND THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING!*



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SUMMARIZED:

*WE ARE FAR MORE SINFUL AND
FLAWED THAN WE REALIZE.*

*WE ARE MORE LOVED AND WELCOMED
THAN WE CAN EVER IMAGINE.*



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THOUGHTS? COMMENTS?



SO WHO ARE YOU NOW?

- HAVE YOU PLACED YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST ALONE TO PAY THE PENALTY FOR YOUR SINS—THE PENALTY YOU JUSTLY DESERVED?
- IN YOUR PURSUIT OF GODLINESS, HAVE YOU LEFT JESUS BEHIND?
- ARE YOU SUFFERING FROM A FORM OF SPIRITUAL AMNESIA?
ARE YOU REMEMBERING WHO YOU ARE?
- WHERE (AND HOW OFTEN?) DOES THE GOSPEL (THE INCARNATION, SINLESS LIFE, DEATH, BODILY RESURRECTION, AND ASCENSION OF THE SON OF GOD) ACTUALLY INTERSECT AND POWERFULLY AFFECT YOUR DAILY LIFE?



SO WHO ARE YOU NOW?

- ARE YOU LIVING LIKE A DEARLY ADOPTED CHILD OF THE KING?
- ARE YOU CONFIDENT OF HIS PRESENCE?
- DO YOU RUN TO HIM WHEN YOU FALL?
- DO YOU ASSUME YOU'RE BEING PUNISHED WHEN YOU FACE TRIALS?
- DO YOU "WALK ON EGGSHELLS" OR ASSUME HE'S JUST WAITING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUNISH YOU?



SO WHO ARE YOU NOW?

- 1) BELIEVE THAT GOD CONTINUES TO LOVE YOU DESPITE YOUR CONTINUAL SIN.
- 2) BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS COMMITTED HIMSELF TO YOUR SANCTIFICATION.
- 3) BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING YOU'VE EVER NEEDED TO BE PLEASING TO GOD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU IN THE GOSPEL, BY THE SON.



SO WHO ARE YOU NOW?

- 4) BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN BE BOLD AND COURAGEOUS IN YOUR WAR AGAINST SIN BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT HE'S FORGIVEN YOU AND CONTINUES TO LOVE AND SUPPORT YOU.
- 5) BELIEVE YOU WILL COMPLETE THE WORK HE'S GIVEN YOU TO DO, BECAUSE HE'S ALREADY COMPLETED IT FOR YOU.



SO WHO ARE YOU NOW?

- 1) BELIEVE THAT GOD IS AS GOOD AS HE SAYS HE IS.
- 2) BELIEVE THAT GOD IS TOO HOLY TO DECEIVE YOU.
- 3) BELIEVE THAT GOD IS TOO POWERFUL TO DISAPPOINT YOU.
- 4) BELIEVE THAT HIS LOVE IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU.



SO WHO ARE YOU NOW?

BE WHO YOU ARE!

COL 3:1-4 “IF THEN YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST, SEEK THE THINGS THAT ARE ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST IS, SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. 2 SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS THAT ARE ABOVE, NOT ON THINGS THAT ARE ON EARTH. 3 FOR YOU HAVE DIED, AND YOUR LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD. 4 WHEN CHRIST WHO IS YOUR LIFE APPEARS, THEN YOU ALSO WILL APPEAR WITH HIM IN GLORY.”



SO WHO ARE YOU NOW?

THOUGHTS? COMMENTS?

IMPLICATIONS OF THIS IN COUNSELING?



IN THE GOSPEL WE LIVE OUT OUR NEW IDENTITY

- BEWARE OF LEGALISM

- GAL 3:3 ARE YOU SO FOOLISH? AFTER BEGINNING WITH THE SPIRIT, ARE YOU NOW TRYING TO ATTAIN YOUR GOAL BY HUMAN EFFORT?

- GOSPEL LIVING

- PREACH THE GOSPEL TO YOURSELF EVERY DAY
 - *"MOST OF YOUR UNHAPPINESS IN LIFE IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT YOU ARE LISTENING TO YOURSELF INSTEAD OF TALKING TO YOURSELF."*
 - *D. M. LLOYD-JONES*



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HOW CAN I REMEMBER THE GOSPEL?

BIBLICAL THINKING

ARE YOU GOING TO BUILD YOUR LIFE ON WHAT YOU
FEEL, OR ON WHAT IS REAL?



IN THE GOSPEL WE LIVE OUT OUR NEW IDENTITY

1. MEMORIZE THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST – *THE CROSS CENTERED LIFE* BY C.J. MAHANEY

- PSALMS 119:11 I HAVE STORED UP YOUR WORD IN MY HEART, THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST YOU.
- KEY GOSPEL VERSES - ISAIAH 53:3, ROMANS 3:23-26, ROMANS 5:6-11, 1 COR 15:3-4, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21, GALATIANS 2:21

2. PRAY THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

3. SING THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST



IN THE GOSPEL WE LIVE OUT OUR NEW IDENTITY

4. REVIEW HOW THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST HAS CHANGED YOU

- 1 TIMOTHY 1:13 THOUGH FORMERLY I WAS A BLASPHEMER, PERSECUTOR, AND INSOLENT OPPONENT. BUT I RECEIVED MERCY BECAUSE I HAD ACTED IGNORANTLY IN UNBELIEF,

5. LOOK FOR AND STUDY THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

6. RELY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

MAT 16:17 JESUS REPLIED, "BLESSED ARE YOU, SIMON SON OF JONAH, FOR THIS WAS NOT REVEALED TO YOU BY MAN, BUT BY MY FATHER IN HEAVEN.



IN THE GOSPEL WE LIVE OUT OUR NEW IDENTITY



- JAMES 1:23 FOR IF ANYONE IS A HEARER OF THE WORD AND NOT A DOER, HE IS LIKE A MAN WHO LOOKS INTENTLY AT HIS NATURAL FACE IN A MIRROR. 24 FOR HE LOOKS AT HIMSELF AND GOES AWAY AND AT ONCE FORGETS WHAT HE WAS LIKE. 25 BUT THE ONE WHO LOOKS INTO THE PERFECT LAW, THE LAW OF LIBERTY, AND PERSEVERES, BEING NO HEARER WHO FORGETS BUT A DOER WHO ACTS, HE WILL BE BLESSED IN HIS DOING.



SO WHO AM I NOW IN THE GOSPEL?

*I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST.
IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE,
BUT CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME.
AND THE LIFE I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH
I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD,
WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME.
GALATIANS 2:20*



SUGGESTED HOMEWORK

- Summarize your main take-aways from this session, especially noting any areas that were either unclear to you or that you might disagree.
- *Fundamentals of Faith* work book, complete Lesson #6; Make sure to listen to the audio message first @ gty.org/fof
- Read and review often the handout “Remembering Your Gospel-Identity.” Keep this for continual reference. Read, review, talk about this with your family, Solidify what the gospel means by spending good, quality time reviewing the truths of this handout often.
(handout at www.bethanycommunitychurch.org)



NEXT CLASSES

I.4 What is My Purpose in Life?

I.5 Why Do I Do What I Do?

I.6 The Doctrine of Progressive Sanctification