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INTRODUCTION

BEGINNING YOUR NEW LIFE

When you receive Jesus Christ into your life as your Lord and Saviour, you begin your new life, just as the Bible says, ***“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”*** (2 Corinthians 5:17) And this book, *Beginning Your New Life*, is designed to help you to begin your new life in Christ.

There are five important things you need to do as you begin your new life in Christ.

GET A BIBLE

The **Bible** is the most important book in your life because it is the Word of God. Purchase a copy and begin to be acquainted with it. The New International Version (NIV) Bible is very readable and is used by many Christians. If you need any help in this, your sponsor will assist you. *Beginning Your New Life* will help you to know the Bible better.

JOIN A CELL GROUP

One of the most important things you can do as a new believer is to join a cell group. It is the **Basic Christian Community**. In a cell you will meet other believers who can help you understand what it means to be a Christian. The Cell is the place where you can grow.

READ THIS BOOK

Beginning Your New Life Discipleship Course has 30 lessons to be completed over 30 weeks. Each lesson has two main parts: a unit for you to read and an application section. You may want to read each lesson in a day or two. It is preferable that you read and study it over a two-day period so that you can take

the time to grasp the truths being taught. Use the following guidelines for your reading:

1. Ask God to speak to you.

2. Memorize the *Scripture Memory Verse* of the week.

The Bible says, “***I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You***” (Psalm 119:11). Memorizing Scriptures is one way to hide God’s Word in your heart, the great advantage being that the verses you memorize are available when you need them—even when you are not near a Bible. After a few days, you may forget the verses you have learned, so you will need to review them daily to keep them in your memory bank. You may want to write the memory verse on a card and carry it with you so you can read it through the day in order to memorize it.

Perhaps you need to know how to find a Bible reference. For example, in John 3:16, “John” refers to the book, the number “3” refers to the chapter, and “16” refers to the verse. In front of your Bible, the table of contents lists which page each book starts on. Once you have turned to the book, you can find the chapters and verses you are looking for printed at the top of the page or within the text itself.

3. Read through the lesson slowly, think prayerfully about the truths being taught, and then relate them honestly to your life.

4. Work on the suggested applications in the *Living Your New Life This Week* section.

LISTEN TO GOD

Listening to God is a vital part of the Christian life. In **Lesson 2** you will learn more about how to hear from God. Begin now to spend time with God **on a daily basis** to listen to Him. At

the end of each week, record the highlights of what you have heard from God in the Listen to God This Week section.

Use the *Listening Room Time Guide* provided in this book to guide you in listening to God through reading the Gospel of Mark. The guide will take you through Mark over a period of two months.

MEET YOUR SPONSOR

As you begin your new life, you need someone to guide you along in your spiritual growth. The leader of your cell group will introduce you to one of the cell members who will become your sponsor. He or she will meet with you weekly to discuss what you have learned during the week and to pray with you.

LESSON 21

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Listening Room Time Guide:

Day -Scripture for Reading

- 21 -Acts 20:13-16
- 22 -Acts 20:17-21
- 23 -Acts 20:22-38
- 24 -Acts 21:1-16
- 25 -Acts 21:17-26
- 26 -Acts 21:27-36
- 27 -Acts 21:37-40

Key Lesson

- Paul Sails By Ephesus
- Paul Calls the Ephesian Elders
- Bound in the Spirit
- Danger in Jerusalem
- The Brethren Welcome Paul
- Paul is Arrested and Bound
- Paul Has Permission to Speak

Memorize:

“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”
(1 Peter 4:10)

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12:1: ***“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.”*** The gifts of the Spirit are God-given gifts (Greek: **charisma**) of special anointing endowed to the Spirit-filled believers. These gifts cannot be earned or achieved through our own efforts.

In 1 Corinthians 12:27, Paul reveals the Church as the Body of Christ. He goes on to explain that the members of this “Body” of believers will exercise different gifts, even as the members of the human body have different functions and purposes. He points out that we, as members of the

Body of Christ, are given different gifts designed to work together in harmony, just as the members of our physical body are designed to do. Besides the nine supernatural gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12, there are other gifts mentioned in the scriptures such as: Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Helps, Administration (1 Corinthians 12:28); Exhortation, Giving, Leadership, Mercy

(Romans 12:6-8); Evangelists (Ephesians 4:8, 11-13); and Hospitality (1 Peter 4:9-10).

1. There are diversities of **gifts**, differences of _____ (**diakonia*), and diversities of _____ (***energema*). (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

* *diakonia*: to minister, to serve

** *energema*: energy, in working, an effect. It is God's supernatural power working the manifestation of those gifts.

2. Does every child of God receive a gift? _____
(Ephesians 4:7; 1 Corinthians 7:7)

3. We should "..._____ *the best gifts...*" (1 Corinthians 12:31).

"Follow after charity (love), and _____ spiritual gifts..." (1 Corinthians 14:1).

4. Ephesians 4:8 tell us that God gave gifts unto men. This includes the fivefold ministry as listed in verse 11 (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers). List the three purposes these gifts are given to the church: (Read verses 12-13)

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

9 SUPERNATURAL [MANIFESTATION] GIFTS DEFINED (1 Corinthians 12:7-10)

1. **Word of Knowledge** is when God reveals to you some unknown information or facts that you had no human way of knowing. Read Acts 5:1-11.

What information was supernaturally revealed to Peter about Sapphira and Ananias _____

2. **Word of Wisdom** is the imparting of divine intelligence and understanding through us to bring about a solution (action) to known circumstance(s). Read 1 Kings 3:16-28. Had the Lord given Solomon the *Word of Knowledge* as the solution to the dilemma, he would have been told which woman was the real mother by name. However, God gave him wisdom to bring about the same results. How was the real mother revealed? _____
_____ (verse 26)

3. **Discerning of Spirits** is the supernatural ability to discern or recognize the presence of an evil or good spirit and to identify it as well. Read Acts 16:16-18. What was the woman saying true or false? _____

She was correctly identifying Paul and Silas. It was not **what** she was saying that became a nuisance but **how** she was saying it. Sometimes Satan speaks the truth but with evil motives!

4. **Gift of Faith** is confidence and knowledge in the heart about something that God will bring to pass. Read Acts 3:1-9, 16. Peter and John were on their way to the temple when they saw a lame man at the gate called Beautiful. When Peter fastened his eyes upon him, he received the gift of faith to believe that God would heal him. What did Peter say was the reason this man was healed? _____ (verse 16)

5. **Working of Miracles** is the supernatural intervention that bypasses all the natural and physical laws we live by. Read the scriptures and list the miracles that took place by the hands of the apostles:

(1) _____ (Acts 3:1-9)

(2) _____ (Acts 9:36-40)

(3) _____ (Acts 19:11-12)

6. **Gifts of Healing** is the supernatural healing of the body or mind not by diagnosis or by prescribing treatments, but by laying on of hands, anointing with oil or sometimes just speaking the Word. Read Acts 28:8. What did Paul do to the father of Publius?

What was the result? _____

7. **Gift of Prophecy** is the supernatural utterance in the known language of the speaker and hearers. Read 1 Corinthians 14:3-4. What are the three purposes listed for the *gift of prophecy*?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Should prophecies be judged? _____ (1 Corinthians 14:29)

8. **Gift of Tongues** is the supernatural utterance given by the Holy Spirit in languages never learned nor understood by the mind of the speaker nor always understood by the hearers. Read 1 Corinthians 14:27-28. If we know there is no interpreter, what are we to do? _____

9. **Gift of interpretation of Tongues** is the interpretation of the *Gift of Tongues*. When you speak or pray in tongues, do you understand what you are saying? _____
_____ (1 Corinthians 14:13-14)

When you bring in a message of prophecy or tongues, does it overtake you so that you have no control?
_____ (1 Corinthians 14:32)\

12 ADMINISTRATIVE [SERVICE] GIFTS DEFINED

1. **Prophet** - The divine enablement to proclaim God's truth with power and clarity in a timely and culturally sensitive fashion for

correction, repentance or edification. (1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11)

2. **Teachers** - Ability to understand, clearly explain and apply the Word of God to the lives of the listeners. (1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11)

3. **Evangelist** - The divine enablement to so effectively communicate the message of Christ to unbelievers that they respond in faith and discipleship. (Ephesians 4:11)

4. **Apostle/Missionary** - Comes from the Greek *apostolos*, which means “one sent.” It is the divine enablement to start churches and oversee their development. (1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11)

5. **Shepherd/Pastor** - The divine enablement to lead, care for, and nurture individuals or groups in the Body of Christ as they grow in their faith. (Ephesians 4:11)

6. **Encouragement/Exhortation** - Ability to reassure, strengthen and affirm those who are discouraged or wavering in their faith in such a way that they feel helped and healed. (Romans 12:8)

7. **Hospitality** - The divine enablement to care for new or needy people by providing fellowship, food and shelter. (1 Peter 4:9)

8. **Leadership** - The divine enablement to attract, lead and motivate people to accomplish the work of the ministry. (Romans 12:8)

9. **Mercy** - The divine enablement to minister cheerfully and appropriately to people who are suffering. To feel sympathy with the misery of another. (Romans 12:8)

10. **Administration/Governments** - The special ability to plan, execute and achieve procedures that increase the church's organizational effectiveness. (1 Corinthians 12:28)

11. **Giving** - More than the pocketbook, but giving of oneself. Ability to contribute money and material resources to the work of the Lord with CHEERFULNESS and LIBERALITY. The motivation behind the giving is to advance the work of the Lord. (Romans 12:8)

12. **Helps** - The divine enablement to attach spiritual value to the accomplishment of physical tasks within the Body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:28)

MORE ON GIFTS

1. The supernatural speaking in tongues was not given for the purpose of speaking to other men of different languages to further the gospel. But it was for the purpose of speaking to _____ and not to _____. (1 Corinthians 14:2) Are they usually understood? _____

2. Did Paul desire everyone to be able to speak in tongues? _____ (1 Corinthians 14:5).

Did Paul speak in tongues often? _____ (1 Corinthians 14:18).

Did Paul ever forbid speaking in tongues? _____ (1 Corinthians 14:39)

3. Is praying in an unknown tongue synonymous with praying in the spirit? _____ (1 Corinthians 14:14)

4. Since prophecies, tongues, knowledge have not ceased, we know *“that which is _____ (complete)”* has not come?

(1 Corinthians 13:8-10) We are expecting a completion of God's kingdom when He comes.

5. You can have faith to exercise all the gifts, work miracles, heal the sick and even raise the dead; but without one very essential ingredient, it would profit you nothing. What is that ingredient? _____ (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)
6. According to 1 Corinthians 14:26, all things are done for the purpose of _____ (Building one another up).

SUMMARY

The primary purpose of spiritual gifts is for the building up or edifying of believers by other believers. Each member is responsible for using spiritual gifts to help others in the body. Every believer is to be active in this area.

LIVING YOUR NEW LIFE THIS WEEK

1. Memorize *1 Peter 4:10*.
2. Review all the verses that you have memorized.
3. Continue to read the Book of Acts daily, using the *Listening Room Time Guide*.

4. Listen to God this week:

What has God revealed to me about Himself? _____

What has God taught me about Christian living? _____

What does God want me to do? _____

LESSON 22

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Listening Room Time Guide:

<i>Day -Scripture for Reading</i>	<i>Key Lesson</i>
○ 28 Acts 22:1-5	Paul's Testimony
○ 29 Acts 22:6-13	Saul Meets the Lord
○ 30 Acts 22:14-21	God's Choice of a Witness
○ 1 Acts 22:22-30	Paul's Citizenship
○ 2 Acts 23:1-11	Paul Addresses to the Council
○ 3 Acts 23:12-22	A Conspiracy to Kill Paul
○ 4 Acts 23:23-35	Paul taken to Caesarea

Memorize:

“WIVES, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. HUSBANDS, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. CHILDREN, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.” (Colossians 3:18–21)

A strong family results in a strong nation. Likewise, a broken family results in a broken nation. If we allow Satan to destroy our families, he will successfully destroy us as a nation. Our country was founded upon Godly principles and became a great and prosperous nation. However, the Christian fibers that held this country together have been removed from our schools, from our homes and is hard to find in our governments.

We need to go back to the basics of life and learn what our God-ordained responsibilities are as a family member. This lesson is designed to teach you the very principles that God gave us that will bring you success as a single, or in your marriage and in child rearing.

ORIGIN OF MARRIAGE

1. Up until Genesis 2, everything that God created was good. However, in Genesis 2:18, God said that something was not good. What was that? _____
2. Why would a man leave his father and mother?
_____ (Genesis 2:24) “One flesh” speaks of their sexual, spiritual and emotional union, which God reserved for marriage between one man and one woman only.
3. How does God feel about divorce (putting away)?
_____ (Malachi 2:15-16)
4. However, divorce is permitted for the following reasons:
(1) _____ (Matthew 5:32)
(2) _____ (1 Corinthians 7:15)

If you were involved in a divorce prior to your new birth experience, it is part of your old life. If you wish to consider remarriage, discuss the matter with your pastor.

5. Many people are building homes today. These homes are not guaranteed to stand if outside elements prevail against it. There is a house we can build that can stand under any trial or storm in this life. How do we build this house? _____
_____ (Matthew 7:24-27)
6. There is a chain of command that is ordained by God. The only way we can live peaceably and harmoniously is if we submit to the authority that God has placed over us.

After reading the following scripture references, list the following in the order God has commanded. (1 Corinthians 11:3; Colossians 3:18, 20)

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|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | Children |
| 2. _____ | Husband |
| 3. _____ | God |
| 4. _____ | Wife |

8 Tips for the Successful Husband

- (1) Be the spiritual leader of the household backed up by a consecrated prayer life.
- (2) Do not shirk your responsibilities off on your wife.
- (3) Support your wife in disciplining the children.
- (4) Praise your wife and show thankfulness.
- (5) Live within your means, don't get in debt.
- (6) Remember anniversaries and other special occasions.
- (7) Do not neglect needed home repairs.
- (8) Keep your eyes on your wife "only."

To be the head does not mean to dominate, but rather that you carry the responsibility for decisions made concerning the family.

THE HUSBAND'S RESPONSIBILITIES

To The WIFE:

1. How is a husband supposed to treat his wife?
_____ (1 Peter 3:7)
2. Husbands are to love their wives as Christ
_____ the church. (Ephesians 5:25)
3. Husbands should cherish and nourish their wives as they would their own _____. (Ephesians 5:28-33)

To The CHILDREN:

1. "*Children are an heritage of the LORD... _____ that hath his quiver full of them (children)...*" (Psalm 127:3-5)

2. Jesus demonstrated His love and concern toward children in Mark 10:13-16. How did He treat the children?

Who did He rebuke for not taking time with the children?

3. We are commanded to _____ our children the commandments of God. (Deuteronomy 6:7)
4. If we _____ our children in the ways of the Lord, our children will not _____ from the faith. (Proverbs 22:6)
5. We have the responsibility to _____ our children when they misbehave. (Proverbs 22:15)
6. What happens when a child is left to himself?
_____ (Proverbs 29:15)
7. Fathers are instructed not to * _____ their children to anger, but to bring them up in the _____ and _____ of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)

** Fathers, who provoke their children, punish their children with severity and cruelty.*

8. Before you can take a position of leadership in the church, you must first show that you are able to rule your own household well, having your children in _____ to you. (1 Timothy 3:4-5)
9. Parents are commanded to control or restrain their children from doing evil. Why did God judge Eli and his house?

_____ (1 Samuel 2:22; 3:13)

10. Read Hebrews 12:5-11. Chastising your children shows them that they have a parent who cares, much the same way that the chastising of the Lord in our lives just proves we truly are His children. In verse 11, even though chastising is grievous, what does it produce? _____

8 Tips in Child Rearing

- (1) Children need boundaries (rules), it gives them security.
- (2) Think before you make a rule and stick to it.
- (3) Give responsibilities to your children so they realize things don't get done by themselves.
- (4) Give rewards. We wouldn't go to work if we didn't get a paycheck.
- (5) Children must be held responsible for what they say or do. Let your child know what the consequences will be. Taking away freedoms can sometimes be more effective than spankings.
- (6) Listen to the child; hear their side of the story before disciplining.
- (7) Always reassure your child you love him/her after disciplining.
- (8) Respect your children. Do not humiliate publicly.

THE WIFE'S RESPONSIBILITIES...

The primary responsibility of a wife is to give of herself, her time, and her energy to her husband, children and home.

To Her HUSBAND:

1. A wife must _____ her husband.
(Ephesians 5:33)

2. A wife should _____ to her husband, **as it is fit in the Lord.* (Colossians 3:18)

** This means if the husband asks you to do something that goes against God's word, you obey God and not man.*

3. Proverbs 31:12 tell us that a wife should do _____ and not _____ to her husband all the days of her life.

4. Proverbs 21:19 states that it is better to dwell in the wilderness than with a _____ and an _____ woman.

5. How does a submissive nature bring an unbelieving husband to the Lord? (1 Peter 3:1-6) (Verse 4)

To Her HOME:

1. A wife is to be discreet (not showy), chaste (modest, pure), _____ at _____, good, obedient to her own husband. (Titus 2:5)

2. God's plan for a young woman is that she may marry, have children and _____ . (1 Timothy 5:14)

3. ***"Every wise woman _____ her house; but the _____ plucketh it down with her hands."***
(Proverbs 14:1)

List ways a woman can build her home:

* _____
* _____

List ways a woman can tear apart her home:

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4. Read Proverbs 31. It describes the attributes of a virtuous woman. She is not idle, but a busy woman taking care of her household, filled with wisdom and strength. In **verse 30**, we find that charm and grace are deceptive, and beauty is vain (because it is not lasting), but what kind of woman will be praised in the eyes of her husband, her children and in the eyes of God?

10 Tips for the Successful Wife

- (1) Make the home a haven.
- (2) Back up your husband in front of the children.
- (3) Praise your husband and tell him you love him.
- (4) Be your husband's helpmate.
- (5) Give your husband an unexpected gift.
- (6) Avoid comparing your husband to others.
- (7) Encourage your husband's abilities.
- (8) Keep disagreements with your husband private.
- (9) Accept your husband for who he is.
- (10) PRAY for your husband.

SINGLE/SINGLE PARENTS

1. Who becomes the husband of a single woman?
_____ (Isaiah 54:4-6)
2. Who promises to be a father to the fatherless children?
_____ (Psalm 68:5)
3. The Lord is very concerned about the widow or single parent.
He will _____ her. (Psalm 146:9)

He will be _____ to her. (Psalm 34:18)

He will _____ her when she prays. (Exodus 22:22-24)

4. Hagar, who gave birth to Abraham's son, Ishmael, became a forsaken single parent. The Lord, however, became the provider for her and her son. In Hagar's moment of despair, the Lord gave her hope. What did He promise her?

_____ (Genesis 21:17-18)

Not only did He give her hope for her son's future but also He met their immediate need. How?

_____ (Verse 19)

5. If you are presently single and desiring a mate, it is important that you choose one that is in the faith and not outside.

2 Corinthians 6:14 caution us to be _____ yoked together. (That means to be in agreement and share the same values and convictions founded on the Word of God.)

6. Is it possible to join two in a lasting covenant of marriage that do not agree in areas of values and morals? _____ (Amos 3:3)

7. Why did God forbid His people to marry unbelievers? _____ (Deuteronomy 7:3-4)

8. What happened to Solomon's heart when he mingled with women outside of the faith? _____ (1 Kings 11:4)

9. As a single, you don't have to feel lonely and depressed while you wait for God to bring you that mate you desire. The Lord says that if you _____, He will give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37:4)

SUMMARY

Marriage is a human object lesson of several basic divine relationships: God's relationship with Israel, God's redemption of mankind, and Christ's relationship to the Church, His Bride.

A married couple has a unique opportunity and responsibility to be a living epistle of God's truth by demonstrating these relationships in their marriage. Likewise, children and singles can demonstrate God's truth by their examples in their relationships with others.

The Lord is preparing His Bride for that great marriage supper of the Lamb. He is calling a "Bride" not having a spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Let's strive, therefore, to be that glorious bride and keep ourselves spotless and pure in heart.

LIVING YOUR NEW LIFE THIS WEEK

- 1. Memorize *Colossians 3:18-21*.
- 2. Review all the verses that you have memorized.
- 3. Continue to read the Book of Acts daily, using the *Listening Room Time Guide*.
- 4. Listen to God this week:

What has God revealed to me about Himself? _____

What has God taught me about Christian living? _____

What does God want me to do? _____

LESSON 23

THE GRACE OF GOD

Listening Room Time Guide:

Day -Scripture for Reading

- 5 -Acts 24:1-9
- 6 -Acts 24:10-27
- 7 -Acts 25:1-12
- 8 -Acts 25:13-22
- 9 -Acts 25:23-27
- 10 -Acts 26:1-11
- 11 -Acts 26:12-23

Key Lesson

- Paul Speaks Before Felix
- Paul's Defense Before Felix
- Paul Appeals to Caesar
- King Agrippa Visits Festus
- Festus Orders a Hearing
- Acts Paul Appears Before Agrippa
- Paul Describes His Conversion

Memorize:

“For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

In this lesson we will see that God's grace is truly amazing for by His grace, we are saved from the penalty of past sins and overcome the power of present sin. You will learn that the word grace means much more than a short prayer spoken before a meal.

Do you remember what your life was like before you surrendered it to Jesus Christ? You were an enemy of God living in spiritual blindness. You were ungodly and guilty. How did you find acceptance before God? Was it because God saw something good in you? Did you possess some inherent righteousness that attracted Him to you? Did you earn His favor with obedience and kindness? No - absolutely not!

GRACE DEFINED

Grace, by definition is the **“unearned, unmerited love, mercy, pardon, and favor of God.”**

Jesus affirms the necessity of His grace in John 15:5 when He states that without Him, we can do NOTHING.

1. Our privilege to become the sons of God has nothing to do with our own strengths and abilities but rather as indicated in Romans 9:16, “*So then it is not of him that _____ nor of him that runneth, but of _____, that showeth _____.*”

Justice is getting what we do deserve.

Grace is getting what we do not deserve.

Mercy is not getting what we do deserve.

HOW SALVATION COMES BY GRACE

1. Grace draws us to Him

What was it that caused you to come to know the Lord?

_____ (John 6:44, 65)

2. Grace grants us repentance

Not only is it the power of God that draws us to Him, but it is the mercy of God that grants us repentance.

What other attributes of God leads us to repentance?

_____ (Romans 2:4)

3. Grace grants us mercy and help

“*Let us come boldly unto the _____
_____ that we may obtain _____, and find
grace _____ in time of need.* (Hebrews 4:16)

4. Grace justifies us

What allows us to be justified, (*just as if we never did it*), from our sins? _____ (Romans 3:23-24)

HOW GRACE CAN KEEP US SAVED BY GIVING US...

1. Knowledge on how to live Godly

The **grace** of God teaches us that we can live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world if we deny two things. List them:

_____ and _____ (Titus 2:12)

2. Power and desire to do His will

What motivated Paul to labor as diligently as he did for the Kingdom of God? (1 Corinthians 15:10) _____
Philippians 2:13 say that it is God that works in us both to _____ and _____ His good pleasure.

The **Amplified Version** translates it like this: *“Not in your own strength for it is God who is all the while effectually at work in you, energizing and creating in you the power and desire both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”*

Hebrews 13:20-21 tells us *“God will make you _____ in every good work _____, working in you that what is well-pleasing in His sight....”*

2 Corinthians 9:8 tells us that God is able to make grace abound to you so that in ALL things, at ALL times, having ALL that you NEED, you will abound in _____.

In Romans 1:5, we receive grace *“...for _____ to the _____ among all nations, for His name.”*

In Hebrews 12:28 we receive grace so we can serve God _____ with reverence and godly fear.

3. Giving us strength

“...My _____ is sufficient for thee: for my _____ is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the _____ of Christ may rest upon me.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

“...Where _____ abounded, _____ did much more abound.” (Romans 5:20)

Corrie Ten Boom, a well-known Christian author, experienced the horror of the German concentration camps along with her father

and her sister, Beth, who both died there. Corrie Ten Boom quotes her sister, Beth, with these words of comfort: ***“There is no pit so deep that His love (grace) is not deeper still.”***

WHAT GRACE IS NOT

Unfortunately, there is often a misunderstanding of God’s grace. We read in Ephesians 2:8-9 that our works does not merit our salvation but rather by the **grace** of God. Some would try to persuade you that works are not necessary and that you can continue to sin and not lose your salvation.

1. Does Paul teach that we can still continue in sin because we are under the grace of God? _____ (Romans 6:1-2, 15)
2. Can you have faith without any works? _____ (James 2:17)
3. Can a man be justified through his works? _____ (James 2:21-26) Give examples:

4. We are Christ’s workmanship created for _____ (Ephesians 2:10)

Works of righteousness is evidence of your faith as demonstrated by your obedience to the Lord. One’s lack of obedience shows one’s lack of faith. So we see that grace is God’s part, but faith, evidenced by works, is our part.

SUMMARY

It is the **grace** of God that enables you to enter this race and it will be the **grace** of God that will cause you to finish it.

However, we need to be careful not to resist God’s grace. **“Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.”** (Hebrews 12:15) It is the grace of God that influences your heart to do what is right. When you begin to resist the grace of God, you will begin to harden your heart. That is dangerous. However, if we keep a humble spirit we will abound in God’s favor, for **“... God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.”** (James 4:6)

LIVING YOUR NEW LIFE THIS WEEK

- 1. Memorize *Ephesians 2:8-9*.
- 2. Review all the verses that you have memorized.
- 3. Continue to read the Book of Acts daily, using the *Listening Room Time Guide*.

4. Listen to God this week:

What has God revealed to me about Himself? _____

What has God taught me about Christian living? _____

What does God want me to do? _____

LESSON 24

KNOWING GOD'S WILL

Listening Room Time Guide:

<i>Day -Scripture for Reading</i>	<i>Key Lesson</i>
○ 12 -Acts 26:24-32	Almost Persuaded
○ 13 -Acts 27:1-12	Paul Sent to Rome
○ 14 -Acts 27:13-26	A Storm Arises
○ 15 -Acts 27:27-44	The Shipwreck
○ 16 -Acts 28:1-10	Paul's Healing Ministry on Melita
○ 17 -Acts 28:11-16	Paul Arrives at Rome
○ 18 -Acts 28:17-23	Paul Speaks to the Jew

Memorize:

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

We have an obligation to seek out and obey God's will in our lives. There are two extremes for us in this life. One is to do the will of God and the other is **not** to do the will of God. Every day we are faced with making choices. We have the wisdom of God available to us through His Word to be able to make the right choices. Sometimes the right choice is very obvious.

Sometimes it is not. In such cases, it is important that we seek the Lord for His guidance. The Lord promises that if we acknowledge Him in everything we do, whether it be small or large, significant or insignificant, He will direct our steps (Proverbs 3:6).

GOD WANTS US TO KNOW HIS WILL

1. God wants us to _____ His will.
(Ephesians 5:17)
2. His commandments are neither _____ from us,
neither are they out of reach. (Deuteronomy 30:11)
3. Paul writes in Colossians 1:9-10 that we might be filled with
the _____ of His _____ in all wisdom
and spiritual _____.
4. Who is it that causes us both to will and do His good pleasure?
_____ (Philippians 2:13)
5. God promises to _____ us and _____ us in the
way we should go. (Psalm 32:8)
6. God promises eternal life to the one who does what?

_____ (1 John 2:17)

GOD REVEALS HIS WILL TO US THROUGH...

Match the following scriptures with the various methods God reveals His will to us:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) <i>Deuteronomy 28:2, 15</i> | _____ His Written Word |
| b) <i>Romans 8:28</i> | _____ His Audible Voice |
| c) <i>Psalms 1:1; Proverbs 11:14</i> | _____ Dreams and Visions |
| d) <i>Psalms 119:105</i> | _____ Consequences |
| e) <i>Acts 10:10</i> | _____ Conscience |
| f) <i>Isaiah 30:21; 1 Kings 19:12</i> | _____ Counsel |
| g) <i>Romans 2:15; John 8:9</i> | _____ Circumstances |

GENERAL AND SPECIFIC WILL OF GOD

God has a “general” will and a “specific” will for our lives. The general will of God is for everyone. The specific will of God is His personal plan for your life. Before God will reveal

His specific will for your life, you must know and walk in His general will. Psalm 37:23 tells,

“The steps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord...”

1. Four examples of the general will of God are given in verses 3-7 in the following order:

Psalm 37:3 a) _____ in the Lord

Psalm 37:4 b) _____ thyself in the Lord

Psalm 37:5 c) _____ unto the Lord

Psalm 37:7 d) _____ in the Lord

If we leap ahead and try to find the specific will of God before we have submitted ourselves to do the general will of the Lord, God will point us right back to the general will. We must submit to the general will so we don't hinder God in bringing His specific will to pass for us.

2. It was only after Saul followed the general will of God, that God's specific will was revealed when the Holy Spirit said, ***“As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, _____ me Barnabas and Saul for the _____ whereunto I have _____ them.”*** (Acts 13:2)

WHEN GOD'S WILL BRINGS ADVERSITY

Some believe that you are in God's will when everything is going right and that you are not in God's will when there are problems. This is not always true. A good example is found in the Old Testament in the life of a man named Job. (See Job, chapters 1 and 2). He was wealthy, had a beautiful family and loved God with all his heart. Yet God allowed him to lose his wealth, his children and his health. (Job's three friends accused him of doing

something wrong because of the severe problems that he had.) Yet Job was in the will of God the entire time. However, Job continued to love and worship God in the midst of his suffering. God allows us to go through problems to help us be better equipped for our Christian walk.

1. ***“The testing of your faith develops _____.”***
(James 1:3)\
2. There are many times that God will allow us to experience problems in order to remove a condition in our lives. In this way we are purified by affliction. Where does God purify us?
_____ (Isaiah 48:10)
3. The trial of our faith is more precious than
_____. (1 Peter 1:7)
4. What is important is to maintain a positive attitude and remember all things are working together for
_____. (Romans 8:28)
5. What are we told to do when adversity comes to us?
_____ (1 Peter 4:12-13)

SUMMARY

Living in the will of God is not just trusting Him for the major events of our lives; it is living a life committed to His will every day. We all have a “special” place in God’s body. The Lord lovingly speaks to us and says ***“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you...”*** (Jeremiah 29:11-13, NIV) Seek out

God’s will for your life through His Word and prayer. Remember, the Lord came to give us “life” and that more abundantly.

LIVING YOUR NEW LIFE THIS WEEK

- 1. Memorize *Romans 12:1-2*.
- 2. Review all the verses that you have memorized.
- 3. 3. Continue to read the Book of Acts daily, using the *Listening Room Time Guide*.
- 4. Listen to God this week:

What has God revealed to me about Himself? _____

What has God taught me about Christian living? _____

What does God want me to do? _____

LESSON 25

FAITH

Listening Room Time Guide:

Day- Scripture for Reading

- 19 Acts 28:24-31
- 20 Romans 1:1-7
- 21 Romans 1:8-15
- 22 Romans 1:16-17
- 23 Romans 1:18-32
- 24 Romans 2:1-16
- 25 Romans 2:17-29

Key Lesson

- Some Believe and Some Do Not
- Paul's Salutation
- Paul Longs to Visit Rome
- The Just Shall Live by Faith
- God's Wrath Against Ungodliness
- God's Righteous Judgment
- Cautions Against Hypocrisy

Memorize:

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

Besides our salvation, which is a result of our faith, there are numerous other benefits to believing the promises of God. Hebrews 10:35 says we are not to cast away our confidence for it will be richly rewarded. If we will keep the same faith that brought us our salvation, we can accomplish great things with it.

The eleventh chapter of the book of Hebrews is called the “**Hall of Faith**.” In it we find accounts of great men and women who demonstrated their faith in God. We find that their faith affected their life's goal and lifestyle. Verse 6 says “***But without faith it is impossible to please Him (God)...***” Faith is not a magical ingredient, which will grant your every wish, but it is your response to God evidenced by action on your part, which moves God to action on your behalf.

SOURCE OF FAITH

1. How is the seed of faith planted in our hearts?

_____ (Romans 10:17)

2. List two means by which we get the word of God in our hearts?

(Romans 10:14) _____

(Psalm 1:1-6) _____

FAITH IN ACTION

1. Read James 2:17-22. Faith without works is _____. (v. 17)

How does genuine faith shows itself? _____ (v. 18)

Our faith is made _____. (v. 22)

2. How did Noah demonstrate his faith in Hebrews 11:7?

3. Read Luke 5:18-19. What did the friends of the palsied man do that showed their faith? _____

4. Because the centurion understood authority, he received a miracle for his servant. What did he say in Matthew 8:8 that showed his faith? _____

5. What are two conditions for receiving an answer to our prayer?

_____ and _____

(Mark 11:23)

FAITH AND TRUST

1. Matthew 6:25-33 tells us about God's care for His creation.

What assurance do these verses give us that our needs will be met? _____

2. Romans 4:19-21 tells us that Abraham did not _____ at the promise of God but was fully _____ that He would perform it. As a result of his unwavering confidence, he received the promised son, Isaac.

3. What will you need after you have done the will of God and have not yet received the promise? _____
(Hebrews 10:36)

4. Abraham, the **Father of the Faithful*, waited _____
before he received the promise. (Hebrews 6:15) * Galatians 3:7

5. 1 Peter 1:7-9 tells us that our faith is much more precious than _____;
and though it is severely tested, it will bring praise, honor and glory when Jesus returns.

6. What will the shield of faith protect us from?
_____ (Ephesians 6:16)

7. Philippians 1:6 tells us that God has begun a good work in our lives, and since He has begun it, what else will He do?

8. 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, ***“For we walk by _____, not by _____.”*** This means that even though we can’t see the future, we will continue to believe that God is in control of our lives regardless of the circumstances.

HINDRANCES TO FAITH

1. Read James 1:5-8. What is the result of our wavering or uncertainty? _____

2. Peter’s faith in Jesus allowed him to do what?
_____ (Matthew 14:23-32)

After a few steps, he began to sink. Why?

3. Since our thoughts can have a strong influence on our faith, what does 2 Corinthians 10:5 tell us to do with our imaginations and thoughts? _____
and _____

SUMMARY

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1) This means that through faith, you can say, “I have what I prayed for even though I can’t see it yet.” This is because your faith is in a God who spoke the world into existence and not in your ability or power. Jesus said, ***“If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.”*** (Mark 9:23) This means taking a risk. Step out in faith and trust Him completely in *every* area of your life.

LIVING YOUR NEW LIFE THIS WEEK

1. Memorize *Hebrews 11:6*.
2. Review all the verses that you have memorized.
3. Continue to read the Book of Romans on a daily basis, using the *Listening Room Time Guide*.
4. Listen to God this week:

What has God revealed to me about Himself? _____

What has God taught me about Christian living? _____

What does God want me to do? _____

LESSON 26

HEALING

Listening Room Time Guide:

Day -Scripture for Reading

- 26 -Romans 3:1-8
- 27 -Romans 3:9-20
- 28 -Romans 3:21-31
- 29 -Romans 4:1-12
- 30 -Romans 4:13-25
- 1 -Romans 5:1-11
- 2 -Romans 5:12-21

Key Lesson

- God is Faithful and Just
- No One is Righteous
- God's Righteousness by Faith
- Justification Through Faith
- A Father of Many Nations
- Justified by the Blood of Christ
- The Abundant Grace of Christ

Memorize:

“But 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.” (Isaiah 53:5)

God is interested in every facet of our life, including our physical health. Divine healing occurred in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament. In the Old Testament, God healed through His prophets. In the New Testament Jesus Himself healed multitudes of people and after His ascension He healed through His disciples and followers.

CAUSES OF ILLNESS

If we trace the history of illnesses and diseases, we will find that it all began in the garden.

1. What brought pain, sorrow and death into the world? (Genesis 2:17; 3:16-19) _____.
Today, we are all very familiar with symptoms of illnesses, both physical and mental. Whereas medical science views all causes of sickness and disease in physiological or psycho-

somatic terms, the Bible presents spiritual causes as sometimes being the underlying or root problem.

2. Through disobedience, (whether willful or because of ignorance) evil spirits can come in and physically or mentally afflict an individual. Some examples are:

Scripture Disease or Condition

(Luke 13:11, 16) _____

(Luke 9:38-42) _____

(Matthew 12:22) _____

3. 1 Corinthians 11:24-31 tells us that we need to examine ourselves to see if our hearts are right before we partake in communion. What happens to those who take communion unworthy? _____
_____ (1 Corinthians 11:30)
4. Jesus teaches a parable on forgiveness in Matthew 18:23-35. The wicked servant refused to forgive another's debts, even though his master forgave his. What happened to this wicked man? _____ (Matthew 18:34)
5. It is a proven fact that many emotional and even physical ailments are brought on by underlying bitterness, jealousy, guilt, doubt and fear that has not been dealt with. James 5:16 say that we should _____
_____ one to another and pray for one another, that we may be healed.
6. However, we are not to judge one another because one is sick. Job was a righteous man and God allowed Satan to afflict him. (Job 2:3-7) Similarly, we read in John 9:1-4 that a man was blind from birth. Why was this so? _____

HEALING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. Look up the following scriptures and fill in the answers.

Scripture Disease or Condition Person Healed

(2 Kings 5:1; 8-14) _____

(2 Kings 4:18-37) _____

(Isaiah 38:1-5; 21-22) _____

(Numbers 21:3-9) _____

2. What did God promise to take away from the Israelites in Deuteronomy 7:15? _____

3. Isaiah prophesied about Jesus' sufferings and death. How did Jesus suffer for us so that we could receive physical healing?

_____ (Isaiah 53:5)

(His sacrifice brought healing for the body and the soul.)

4. What are some of the benefits of living for God that David mentions in Psalm 103:2-5?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

HEALING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

In the New Testament there are numerous healings recorded.

1. There are times Jesus healed people Himself. Look up the following scriptures and fill in the answers:

Scripture Disease or Condition

(Mark 1:40-42) _____

(Mark 10:46-52) _____

(John 11:32-44) _____

(Matthew 8:5-13) _____

2. What was the reason that Jesus could not manifest His healing power in His own country, Nazareth?
_____ (Matthew 13:58)

3. After His ascension, Jesus healed through His disciples. Look up the following scriptures and fill in the answers:

Scripture Disease or Condition

(Acts 3:1-9) _____

(Acts 5:15-16) _____

(Acts 9:33-34) _____

(Acts 9:37-41) _____

(Acts 28:8) _____

4. Look at Acts 3:6, 16. What name did Peter use to bring healing to the lame man? _____

5. John 14:13-14 tells us that if we would ask anything in His name, what would happen? _____

HEALING TODAY

Healing is promised today to true believers.

1. What does Mark 16:18 say will happen when believers lay hands on the sick? _____

2. Read James 5:14-16. What will save the sick?

3. John 14:12 tells us that if we believe on Jesus Christ, we will be able to do even _____.

SUMMARY

Jesus was moved with compassion when He saw the condition of the people around Him. He reached out and healed all that came to Him. Since He has no hands today but our hands, let's reach out in love and faith so God can work through us to reveal His love and compassion for mankind and manifest His mighty power in a world filled with unbelief.

“And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.” (Mark 16:20)

LIVING YOUR NEW LIFE THIS WEEK

1. Memorize *Isaiah 53:5*.
2. Review all the verses that you have memorized.
3. Continue to read the Book of Romans on a daily basis, using the *Listening Room Time Guide*.
4. Listen to God this week:

What has God revealed to me about Himself? _____

What has God taught me about Christian living? _____

What does God want me to do? _____

LESSON 27

RELATIONSHIPS

Listening Room Time Guide:

Day- Scripture for Reading

Key Lesson

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| ○ 3 -Romans 6:1-14 | Walk in Newness of Life |
| ○ 4 -Romans 6:15-23 | Servants of Righteousness |
| ○ 5 -Romans 7:1-6 | Deliverance from the Law |
| ○ 6 -Romans 7:7-25 | The Struggle Against Sin |
| ○ 7 -Romans 8:1-11 | The Spirit of Life |
| ○ 8 -Romans 8:12-17 | Led by the Spirit |
| ○ 9 -Romans 8:18-27 | Anticipation of Glory |

Memorize:

“If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.” (Romans 12:18)

As children of God, we should have good relationships with the members of our family, friends, and associates. We frequently fail to maintain good relationships, because of our sinful nature, the hurts and scars of past sin and the habits and attitudes we have developed. Paul tells us that we should be ***“transformed by the renewing of our minds.”*** (Romans 12:2) This changes our attitude towards our neighbor, the church, the work place and government.

ATTITUDE TOWARD YOUR NEIGHBOR

1. What did Jesus command in John 15:12?

2. What is the royal law?

_____ (James 2:8)

3. If we love our neighbor, we will not do what?
 _____ (Romans 13:10)

4. Which is the greatest of these: faith, hope, or charity?
 _____ (1 Corinthians 13:13) (Another word for
 charity is love.)

5. How should Christians treat one another? (Ephesians 4:32)
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____

How should we forgive one another? _____

6. What happens if we do not forgive others?
 _____ (Matthew 6:15)

ATTITUDE IN THE CHURCH

1. Christians must be concerned about their relationships with fellow believers. The Bible clearly teaches us how we should treat each other. What two words describe brethren dwelling in *unity*? _____ and _____ (Psalm 133:1)

2. Why shouldn't we judge our brother?
 _____ (Romans 14:10)

3. James 3:16 tells us “...*where envy and strife is, there is*
 _____ *and every* _____
 _____.”

4. How will others know you are a disciple of Christ?
 _____ (John 13:35)

ATTITUDE IN THE WORK PLACE

1. According to Deuteronomy 8:18, who gives us the power to get wealth? _____
2. Each of us has the desire to excel and to succeed. However, in spite of our best efforts, we still have one other factor to consider. Psalm 75:6-7 tells us where promotion really comes from. It comes from _____.
3. Read Colossians 3:22-24. This pertains to our employment and our attitude to our employer. Paul says our work should be done _____ as unto the Lord and not to men.
4. Being a Christian is not an excuse to be slothful. Proverbs 25:19 says, “...*an unfaithful man ... is like a _____ tooth, and a _____ out of joint.*”
5. Consider these several characteristics and actions and check the ones you think make a good worker:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| _____ Early starter | _____ Witnessing on company time |
| _____ Clock watcher | _____ Late arrival |
| _____ Extended lunch breaks | _____ Quitting early |

ATTITUDE TOWARD GOVERNMENT

1. Read Romans 13:1-7. Verse 1 tells us we should be “... *subject unto the higher powers,*” because they are ordained (ordered) by whom? _____ If we resist the power, we are resisting the ordinance of God.
2. God has ordained that there be rulers who bear arms; i.e., police, military. They are called “*ministers of God*” to execute wrath upon him that doeth _____.

3. 1 Peter 2:17 tells us to “ _____ *all men.* _____
the brotherhood. _____ *God.*”
4. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 tells us that we should pray for all men that are in authority so “...*that we may lead a _____ and _____*
life in all _____ and _____.”
5. What does Jesus say about paying taxes in Matthew 22:17-21?

OUR TONGUE AFFECTS RELATIONSHIPS

Our speech is important in our relationship with other people and we need to consider how our words will affect them before they are spoken. The tongue can either build or destroy.

1. What is in the power of the tongue?
_____ (Proverbs 18:21)
2. What does James 1:26 say about a man’s religion if he doesn’t
bridle or control his tongue? _____
3. Matthew 12:34 says that the mouth speaks about that which is
in the _____.
4. What will happen to us for speaking careless words?

_____ (Matthew 12:36)

HINDRANCES TO GOOD RELATIONSHIPS

Improper attitudes and actions can damage any relationship. These include guilt, blame, anger, self-centeredness, and pride.

A. Guilt

Guilt can result from an improper relationship, attitude, or action. If we have a guilty conscience, it will be difficult to reach out to love others, as we should. The Bible teaches us the proper response to guilt.

Fill in the blanks:

1. Proverbs 28:13 says, “*He that _____ his sins shall not prosper: but whoso _____ and _____ them shall have mercy.*”
2. How is guilt removed?
_____ (1 John 1:9)

B. Blame And Anger

Blame and anger are common responses when we have not dealt with our guilt. Often when we are confronted with our wrong action, we either blame someone else or retaliate with anger because we got caught.

1. When God asked Adam if he ate the fruit of the tree, what was his response? (Genesis 3:12) He _____ Eve for giving him a bite of it.\
2. Life is not always the way we want it to be. We may experience anger because people or things displease us.
Mark the following true or false:
___ Anger is a choice.
___ Anger is always a sin.
___ Anger may result from unrealistic expectations of someone.
___ Anger is a strong emotion.
3. How soon should we get rid of our angry feelings?
_____ (Ephesians 4:26)

C. Self-Centeredness

1. Naturally we tend to focus on ourselves and our needs, but Philippians 2:3-4 tells us we should look for the well being of whom? _____
2. In Romans 12:10, Paul describes three attitudes that should govern our relationship with others.
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____

D. Pride

Pride can frequently get in the way of good relationships.

1. *“For I say ...to every man that is among you, not to think of _____ more _____ than he ought to think...”* (Romans 12:3)
2. *“Pride goeth before _____ and a haughty spirit before a _____.”* (Proverbs 16:18-19)
3. In Proverbs 6:16-19, Solomon lists seven things the **LORD** hates. List them:
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
 - 4) _____
 - 5) _____
 - 6) _____
 - 7) _____
4. Read 1 Peter 5:5 and fill in the blanks: *“...God resisteth the _____, and giveth grace to the _____.”*

E. Offenses And Forgiveness

1. Matthew 18:15-17 gives us instruction in the event of a fault or if someone has wronged us. To whom should we go first to discuss the matter? _____

2. Read Proverbs 18:19. What is harder to be won than a strong city? _____
3. What should we do when we realize that we have offended someone? _____ (Matthew 5:24)
4. How does the Lord respond to a person who will not forgive another? _____ (Matthew 18:32-35)

SUMMARY

God frees us from the penalty of sin and then enables us to function in meaningful relationships to help others. As we get to know God better, we understand more what true love is, and that this love should be the motivating force in our relationships. 1 Timothy 1:5 says, ***“Now the end of the commandment is charity (love) out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned (genuine)...”***

Since we are no longer empty vessels but rather filled and satisfied, we can reach out and touch others in meaningful ways that will draw them closer to the Lord.

LIVING YOUR NEW LIFE THIS WEEK

- 1. Memorize *Romans 12:18*.
- 2. Review all the verses that you have memorized.
- 3. Continue to read the Book of Romans on a daily basis, using the *Listening Room Time Guide*.

4. Listen to God this week:

What has God revealed to me about Himself? _____

What has God taught me about Christian living? _____

What does God want me to do? _____

LESSON 28

WORSHIP

Listening Room Time Guide:

Day- Scripture for Reading

- 10 -Romans 8:28-39
- 11 -Romans 9:1-13
- 12 -Romans 9:14-29
- 13 -Romans 9:30-33
- 14 -Romans 10:1-13
- 15 -Romans 10:14-21
- 16 -Romans 11:1-10

Key Lesson

- More Than Conquerors
- Paul's Burden for Israel
- God Shows Mercy as He wills
- Israel Stumbles
- Israel's Rejection of Christ
- Preaching to a Disobedient People
- A Remnant Remains

Memorize:

“O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.”

(Psalm 34:3)

God has placed in all of mankind the desire and the need for worship. This is evidenced by many kinds of worship, even in remote places among so-called primitive people with little or no education. It expresses itself as the desire to communicate with some higher power than the human race. God desires for His creation to worship Him and has given us instruction on worship in the Bible. All of history shows that we have in many ways misdirected our worship to things created and not to the Creator to whom only true worship is due.

WHY WE WORSHIP

1. **God is our Creator.** *“For by Him were all things _____, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible...”* (Colossians 1:16)

2. **God is merciful.** According to Psalm 106:1, God's mercy _____ and according to 1 Peter 1:3 His mercy is _____.
3. Praise Him because of His mighty _____ and His excellent _____. (Psalm 150:2)
4. God is what three things in the time of trouble?
_____ and _____ and _____ (Psalm 46:1)
5. Give two more reasons why we should praise the Lord.
_____ and _____ (Psalm 107:8)
6. What has He done for us that He is worthy of praise?
_____ (1 Peter 2:9)

HOW WE WORSHIP

1. In the Old Testament the Israelites were required to offer daily sacrifices to God. What kind of sacrifice does God want today?
Sacrifice of _____ (Hebrews 13:15)
2. How often should we praise the Lord? _____ (Psalm 34:1-3; Hebrews 13:15)
3. Who should praise the Lord?
_____ (Psalm 150:6)
4. What do we use in our worship to God? Our _____ and _____ (Psalm 63:3-4)
5. List five different ways in which we can praise the Lord?
_____, _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____ (Psalm 47:1; 95:1-2)

6. What does God receive from our worship?
 _____ (Psalm 149:1-5)
7. How do true worshippers worship God?
 _____ (John 4:23-24)
8. Is Jesus offended by loud, emotional praise?
 _____ (Luke 19:37)
9. Is it proper to dance before the Lord in worship?
 _____ (Psalm 149:3)
10. What happened to Michal, David's wife, for despising his worship?

 (2 Samuel 6:14-23)

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE WORSHIP?

1. **God's presence is brought to us.** "*But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest* _____ ."
 _____." (Psalm 22:3)
2. **Depressions are lifted.** Isaiah 61:3 says we can exchange the spirit of heaviness when we put on the _____ of _____.
3. **Victories can be won.** When Jehoshaphat went out to battle, he sent forth the praisers before the armies of Judah. What happened? (Read 2 Chronicles 20. Note verse 22.)

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE WORSHIP OTHER THINGS?

1. What happened to those who worshipped the creature more than the Creator?

_____ (Romans 1:24-25)

2. What happens when we turn aside and worship things other than God? _____ (Deuteronomy 11:16-17)

SUMMARY

Worship is an expression of love, honor, and affection to our God who sacrificed Himself for us. Worship is refreshing because it gets our attention off of ourselves and on Him. We know that the presence of God is drawn to us when we praise Him, because the Bible tells us that God inhabits our praises. Worship should never become routine, but should be fresh every time you offer it to God. When offered with a sincere heart, you will always get a warm and exciting response from Him.

LIVING YOUR NEW LIFE THIS WEEK

1. Memorize *Psalm 34:3*.
2. Review all the verses that you have memorized.
3. Continue to read the Book of Romans on a daily basis, using the *Listening Room Time Guide*.
4. Listen to God this week:
What has God revealed to me about Himself? _____

What has God taught me about Christian living? _____

What does God want me to do? _____

LESSON 29

HOLINESS

Listening Room Time Guide:

Day -Scripture for Reading

Key Lesson

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| ○ 17 -Romans 11:11-24 | New Branches Grafted In |
| ○ 18 -Romans 11:25-32 | God's Covenant with Israel |
| ○ 19 -Romans 11:33-36 | Glory to God |
| ○ 20 -Romans 12:1-8 | The Perfect Will of God |
| ○ 21 -Romans 12:9-21 | Overcome Evil with Good |
| ○ 22 -Romans 13:1-7 | Be Subject to Higher Powers |
| ○ 23 -Romans 13:8-14 | Love One Another |

Memorize:

"...Be ye holy; for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:16)

Holiness is the very nature of God. Webster's Dictionary defines "**holy**" as "*dedicated or set apart for the service of God; living a life of spiritual purity.*" Holiness in our lives is conforming to the character of God and living the way that will please Him. Holiness is not to be considered an option just for those who desire to walk a little closer with God. Rather, the Lord sees it as a requirement for every child of God. ***"Follow peace with all men and HOLINESS, without which no man shall see the Lord."*** (Hebrews 12:14) Because of our love for Him, we desire to be like Him in our affections, attitudes, thoughts and actions.

A CHANGE IN OUR AFFECTIONS

1. Before we came to Christ, we set our affections on things, which were gratifying to our natural desires. Colossians 3:1 gives us a new objective for our affections. What is it? _____

2. Read 1 John 2:15-17, and answer the next four questions.

- a. What two things are we told not to love? _____
 _____ neither _____

- b. What three lusts belong to the world?
 (1) _____
 (2) _____
 (3) _____
- c. What is going to happen to the world and its lusts?

- d. What will happen to those who do the will of God?

A CHANGE IN OUR ATTITUDES

1. In Colossians 3:8-10, Paul lists six things that we should put off. What are they? _____, _____,
 _____, _____, _____,
 _____, and _____.
2. Romans 13:14 tells us that we must put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the _____.
3. In Colossians 3:12-13, he lists seven things that we should put on. What are they? _____, _____,
 _____, _____, _____,
 _____, _____.
- In verse 14, we are told to put on the *bond of perfectness*.
 What is that? _____
4. In 1 Peter 2:1, we are told to lay aside or rid ourselves of five things. What are they? _____, _____,
 _____, _____, and all _____
 _____.

5. Who are the unrighteous that cannot enter the kingdom of God? (1 Corinthians 6:9-11) _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, nor _____.

If you have been guilty of any of the above, how were you changed? _____

_____ (1 Corinthians 6:11)

A CHANGE IN OUR THINKING

- Our mind should be like that of _____. (Philippians 2:5)
- Read Romans 12:1-2 and fill in the blanks. ***“Be not _____ to this world: but be ye _____ by the renewing of your mind...”***
- List eight positive things that we should be thinking on.
_____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____
(Philippians 4:8)
- What are we to do with evil imaginations, philosophies, and worldly reasoning that is against God’s truth and teachings?

_____ (2 Corinthians 10:5)

A CHANGE IN OUR ACTIONS

- Ephesians 5:18 says, ***“Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess...”*** What should we be filled with instead?

2. What can cause you to be deceived and act foolishly?
_____ (Proverbs 20:1)
3. What does the Bible tell us to flee from?
_____ (1 Corinthians 6:18)
4. 1 Peter 2:11 says we should abstain from fleshly lusts (an unusually strong desire) because they war against the soul.

Give two examples:

5. Ephesians 4:28 tells us that we should work rather than
_____.
6. King David got into deep trouble (adultery and murder) because of lustful eyes. In Psalm 101:2-8, what decision did David make concerning his eyes?

7. What corrupts good manners?
_____ (1 Corinthians 15:33)
8. As Christians, what are we to put away for good?
_____ (Ephesians 4:25)

HOW TO BE HOLY

1. Ephesians 4:24 instructs us to “*...put on the new man, which after God is created in _____ and true _____.*”
2. What can we do to prevent ourselves from sinning?
_____ (Psalm 119:11).

3. Read James 1:12-16 and answer the following questions.
 - a. Does God tempt anyone? _____
 - b. How is a man brought into temptation?

4. What can we do to keep from being tempted?
_____ and _____ (Mark 14:38)

5. What two things must we do to keep the devil from tempting us?
_____ and _____ (James 4:7)

THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

It is true that God does not judge by the outside appearance. What this means is that God makes His judgments based on **all** the facts, not just the superficial appearance. God does care, however, about your outward appearance as a Christian. In the Old Testament, God's people were given standards to live by that separated them from the rest of the world. The Lord still wants His people to be separate. *"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."* (2 Corinthians 6:17)

1. Matthew 23:26 says to *"...cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the _____ of them may be clean also."*

2. 1 Peter 3:3-4 tells us that it is not the outward adorning that makes a woman beautiful but _____. This is in the sight of God of great price.

3. 1 Timothy 2:8-10 identifies a holy woman as one that dresses _____.

4. Proverbs 11:22 compares an immodest or indiscreet woman to a _____ in a _____.
5. The trend today is “unisex.” However, with God, there is and always has been distinction between the sexes. What does He say about a woman wearing apparel that pertains to a man or a man wearing womanly apparel?
 _____(Deuteronomy 22:5)
6. What does the scripture say about a man having long hair?
 _____ (1 Corinthians 11:14)
- What does the scripture say about a woman having long hair?
 _____ (1 Corinthians 11:15)
7. What happens if we defile our body with immorality, drugs or any other type of abuse?
 _____ (1 Corinthians 3:17)
8. The Lord has given us His Holy Spirit; therefore, our bodies have become temples, and we are required to glorify God in our _____. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
9. Paul pictured holiness as a sacrificial life. How are we to present our bodies to God?
 _____ (Romans 12:1)
10. Psalm 93:5 states, “***...holiness becometh (adorns or beautifies) thine house...***” This means that holiness is beautiful to God. The following scriptures tell us how we should worship God. Find the scripture and fill in the blanks.
- 1 Chronicles 16:29, “***...worship the Lord in the _____ of holiness.***”
 - Psalm 29:2 “***...worship the Lord in the _____ of holiness.***”

- c. Psalm 96:9, ***“O worship the Lord in the _____ of holiness...”***

SUMMARY

When we become Christians, our whole life changes. Many changes occur right away and some occur gradually. As children of God, we should refrain from actions and activities that would pull us back to our old way of living. ***“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”*** (2 Corinthians 7:1) This is a continuing process made possible by our yielding to God as He leads us by His Spirit.

LIVING YOUR NEW LIFE THIS WEEK

- 1. Memorize *1 Peter 1:16*.
- 2. Review all the verses that you have memorized.
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4. Listen to God this week:

What has God revealed to me about Himself? _____

What has God taught me about Christian living? _____

What does God want me to do? _____

LESSON 30

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

Listening Room Time Guide:

Day -Scripture for Reading

Key Lesson

- 24 Romans 14:1-11 Christian Liberty
- 25 Romans 14:12-23 We Are All Accountable
- 26 Romans 15:1-13 Be likeminded and glorify God together
- 27 Romans 15:14-22 Paul Ministers to the Gentiles
- 28 Romans 15:23-33 Paul Desires to Visit Rome
- 29 Romans 16:1-16 Paul's Greetings to the saints
- 30 Romans 16:17-27 Paul's Admonition to the saints

Memorize:

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness (Godhead): GOD was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” (1 Timothy 3:16)

Jesus Christ has been a controversial figure throughout history, not only because of what He taught and what He did but also because of who He was. Jesus was not just a man. He was much more than just a man, for the Scriptures reveal to us that Jesus Christ was God manifest (revealed) to us in the flesh. The importance of this revelation cannot be overemphasized because our salvation depends upon whether we believe the message of who He was and/or is.

This lesson is designed to give you a better understanding of the person of Jesus Christ by causing you to search the scriptures. ***“Search the scriptures; ...and they are they which testify of Me.”*** (John 5:39)

A DIVINE REVELATION

1. Can the world understand who God is by their own wisdom?
_____ (1 Corinthians 1:21)

2. How did Peter know Jesus was the Christ (Messiah)?
_____ (Matthew 16:13, 16-17)

UNDERSTANDING THE GODHEAD (DEITY)

GOD IS ONE

1. According to Romans 1:20, is there any excuse for not understanding God's divine nature? _____
2. "**Hear O Israel: The LORD our God is _____ LORD.**" (Deuteronomy 6:4)
3. Do the devils believe there is only one God? _____ (James 2:19)
4. Is there another God beside Him in heaven? _____ (Deuteronomy 4:35)
5. Ephesians 4:5-6 says there is one _____, one _____, one _____, one _____ and (even) _____.

GOD IS A SPIRIT

God is a spirit and that divine spirit is:

- 1) Omniscient 2) Omnipotent
3) Eternal 4) Immutable

1. John 4:24 tells us, "**God is a _____...**"
2. Has any man seen God at any time? _____ (John 1:18)
3. What would happen if you were to see God as He is?
_____ (Exodus 33:20)

God is an invisible spirit. No man can see God in His heavenly form. He can only reveal Himself in an earthly visible form lest we die. In the New Testament, people saw the image or person of God. Who was that image? _____
(Colossians 1:14-15; Hebrews 1:2-3)

4. How many Spirits of God are there? _____ (Ephesians 4:4; 1 Corinthians 12:13). According to 2 Corinthians 3:17, who is that Spirit? _____
5. God is called a Spirit because He is not confined to one body or one place, but fills heaven and earth. Can we ever get away from God's presence? _____ (Psalm 139:7-9)

GOD REVEALED AS THE FATHER IN JESUS CHRIST

1. ***"In the beginning _____ created the heaven and the earth."*** (Genesis 1:1)
2. Was anyone with God when He created the heaven and the earth? _____ Did God create the world by Himself? _____ (Isaiah 44:24; 45:18; Nehemiah 9:6)
3. ***"Have we not all _____ Father? Hath not _____ God created us?"*** (Malachi 2:10)
4. Jesus was in the world and who made the world? _____ (John 1:10). The scriptures reveal that God created the world and that Jesus created the world. We know that we do not have two creators but can only conclude that God, the Father of Creation, was in Jesus Christ.
5. Who was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself? _____ (2 Corinthians 5:19)

6. Who was in Christ performing the works?
_____ (John 14:10)
7. Who do we see when we see Jesus?
_____ (John 14:9)
8. ***“I and my Father are _____.”*** (John 10:30, 32-33)
9. Read John 8:18-24. In verse 24, Jesus said, ***“...for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.”*** Who was He talking about when He said, ***“I am He?”*** _____
(John 8:27)

GOD REVEALED AS THE SON IN JESUS CHRIST

1. ***“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given... and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, _____, _____, _____, The Prince of Peace.”*** (Isaiah 9:6)
2. ***“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, _____.”***
(Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 7:14)
3. ***“...great is the mystery of godliness: _____ was manifest in the _____ (Son)...”*** (1 Timothy 3:16)
4. Who laid down His life for us? _____ (1 John 3:16)
5. In Malachi 3:1 and Isaiah 40:3, the Lord speaks and says that He will send a messenger (John the Baptist) to prepare the way before _____. For whom did John prepare the way? _____ (John 1:29)

6. The LORD (Jehovah) says “...and they shall look upon _____ whom they have pierced...” (Zechariah 12:10). Who is the one pierced and coming in the clouds? _____ (Revelation 1:7)
7. In John 12:45, Jesus said, “*He that seeth me, seeth Him that sent me.*” Who sent Jesus? _____ (Galatians 4:4)

GOD REVEALED AS THE HOLY SPIRIT IN JESUS CHRIST

1. Before Jesus ascended into heaven. He told His disciples that the Comforter would come in His place. Who is the Comforter? _____ (John 14:18)
2. What is the mystery that has been hid from ages? _____ (Colossians 1:26-27)
3. Who abides in us? _____ (1 John 3:23-24)
4. Who lives in us? _____ (Galatians 2:20)

The Holy Ghost, the Spirit of the Son and the Spirit of the Father are synonymous (having the same meaning).

COMMENTS

Whether God is manifested as the Father, the source of all things, or the Son as our Savior or the Holy Ghost in the heart of a believer; it does not make Him three eternal Gods. It is only revealing the different functions or manifestations of the one true God to bring about salvation.

THE NAMES OF GOD

1. It was not until Exodus 6:3 that God became known as

_____.

Jehovah means “self-existent one.” **Jehovah** comes from the four Hebrew letters YHVH. Every time YHVH is used in the original Old Testament writings, it is translated into either **Jehovah** or LORD in our Bibles. Sometimes a suffix was added to YHVH to describe a part of God’s character.

JEHOVAH - TSIDKENU “Jehovah our righteousness”

JEHOVAH - M’KADDESH “Jehovah who sanctifies”

JEHOVAH - SHALOM “Jehovah is peace”

JEHOVAH - SHAMMAH “Jehovah is there”

JEHOVAH - ROPHE “Jehovah heals”

JEHOVAH - JIREH “Jehovah’s provision shall be seen”

JEHOVAH - NISSI “Jehovah my banner”

JEHOVAH - ROHI “Jehovah my shepherd”

2. But eventually, the names of God will become

_____. (Zechariah 14:9)

3. In the New Testament, an angel appeared to Joseph and told him to name the child born to Mary, _____.
(Matthew 1:20-21) Why was He named Jesus?

4. Jesus is a Greek name. When translated to Hebrew, it is Joshua. **Joshua** means, “The Lord is my salvation” (**Jehovah-Savior**). Is there any other Savior besides God Himself?

_____ (Isaiah 43:10-11)

5. Read Philippians 2:9-11. The name of Jesus is _____
every name.

Paul said, “*That at the _____ of _____ every knee should bow ...and that _____ should _____ that Jesus Christ is Lord...*” Did the LORD (Jehovah) also say this about Himself in Isaiah 45:21-23?

6. Can we be saved by any other name? _____ (Acts 4:12)

7. Is Jesus the name of the Father according to John 5:43?

8. Is Jesus the name of the Holy Ghost according to John 14:26?

9. What is the name (singular) of all three manifestations of God (Father, Son and Holy Ghost)? _____ (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38)

THE DUAL NATURE OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus is sometimes referred to as the God-man because He was all God and He was also all man. As God, He said in John 10:30, “*I and My Father are one.*” However, as man, He said, “*My Father is greater than I.*” (John 14:28) After each reference below, list those things that Jesus did as a man:

Matthew 1:23-25 _____

Matthew 21:17-18 _____

John 4:6-7 _____

John 11:32-35 _____

John 19:3-33 _____

After each reference below, list those things that Jesus did as God:

Mark 4:37-41 _____

John 14:6 _____

Mark 2:5-7 _____

Luke 9:12-17 _____

Luke 24:1-6 _____

SOME TITLES OF JEHOVAH AND JESUS COMPARED

List the titles given to **JEHOVAH** in the following verses:

1. Genesis 17:1 _____
2. Exodus 3:14-16 _____
3. Isaiah 44:6 _____

List the titles given to **JESUS** in the following verses:

1. Revelation 1:8 _____
2. John 8:58 _____
3. Revelation 1:8 _____

JESUS EXISTED BEFORE BETHLEHEM

1. By what name did God identify Himself in Exodus 3:14?

2. Jesus told the Jews in John 8:58. "*Before Abraham was,*
_____."
3. Micah foretold that out of Bethlehem would come a ruler whose origins are from _____, from _____. (Micah 5:2)
Who was born in Bethlehem? _____ (Matthew 2:1)

DIFFICULT QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Those who believe that the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are separate persons have asked confusing questions. Here are some of those questions...

1. Who surrendered the life of Jesus Christ?
 - a. John 3:16 _____
 - b. John 10:11 _____
 - c. Titus 2:13-14 _____

2. Who is raised Jesus from the dead?
 - a. Hebrews 13:20 _____
 - b. Romans 6:4 _____
 - c. John 2:19 _____
 - d. Romans 8:11 _____

3. Who is in us?
 - a. Acts 2:38 _____
 - b. Colossians 1:27 _____
 - c. Ephesians 4:6 _____

SUMMARY

The last book of the Bible contains the Revelation of Jesus Christ written by the Apostle John. The word “**revelation**” means *the unveiling*. The veil that kept His identity hid was His flesh: ***“By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh...”*** (Hebrews 10:20). When Jesus returns the second time, the whole earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. He will not return as the suffering Savior, but as Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Zechariah 14:9 states: ***“And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and His name one.”*** Everyone will know He is God and everyone will know His name in that day. ***“Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who hath gathered the wind in His fists? Who hath bound the***

waters in a garment? Who hath established all the ends of the earth?

WHAT IS HIS NAME, AND WHAT IS HIS SON'S NAME, IF THOU CANST TELL?"

(Proverbs 30:4)

"...AND THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME JESUS..." (Matthew 1:21)

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