



DISCOVERER CLASS TEACHING RESOURCE

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INSTRUCTIONS TO DISCOVERER CLASS TEACHERS

1. **Important Work** of the Teachers

“To the teacher is committed a most important work – a work upon which he should not enter without careful and thorough preparation. He should feel the sacredness of his calling and give himself to it with zeal and devotion ...

“Unless the teacher realizes the need of prayer and humbles his heart before God, he will lose the very essence of education ...”

Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students p.229

At Gateway, **Discoverer** Class is a seeker-oriented class and the main purpose is soul-winning. Seekers that had attended 13 weeks or 1 quarter of **Explorer** class are encouraged to deepen their understanding of the Bible by attending the Discoverer Class. In this class we do have members attending. It will help the member to gain a refresher or renewed understanding of the major truths in the Bible.

2. The **purpose** of the Handouts:

The students / seekers that come to Gateway often need simple material to assist with their understanding of the topic.

By providing a written document they are able to follow the class.

In addition we need to leave this Handout with them and as they bring it home, they can ponder on what they learnt at church.

3. How to **use** the Handouts:

These are to be photocopied and always available in the Discoverer Class folder. Print double-sided and cut to A5 size to distribute.

When the student comes to class we can have it readily available for them.

Get students to write their answers to the questions.

4. **References**

For the “Sanctuary Series” - Gateway Adventist Centre has based these Q&A from the book ‘Sanctuary Made Simple’ by Elder Nelson.

For the “Righteousness by Faith Series” - we have based this on the lectures by Peter Gregory (www.ionamedia.org).

5. **Topics** available in this series

Sanctuary Series

- What is Jesus doing today?
- Sanctuary Elements - Outer Court
- Sanctuary Elements - Holy Place
- Sanctuary Elements - Review
- Sanctuary Services
- Christ the Lamb
- Christ the High Priest
- Christ the Mathematician
- Christ the Atonement
- Christ the Advocate

Three Angels Messages

- Revelation’s 3 Angels Messages
- Babylon is Fallen (Part 1)
- Babylon is Fallen (Part 2)
- 3rd Angel’s Message (Pt 1)
- 3rd Angel’s Message (Pt 2)
- 3rd Angel’s Message (Pt 3)
- *(Note: You may need two weeks per lesson)*

Righteousness by Faith Series

- God's purpose in the creation of man
- The temptation and fall of man
- The mind of man
- The Hope of glory
- The science of faith
- Conversion - Part 1
- Conversion - Part 2 Rom 6
- Genuine Conversion
- Sanctification by Faith Part 1
- Sanctification by Faith Part 2
- Victory over Sin

Other Series (see other documents) suitable for Discoverer Class would be:

- Panorama of Prophecy (Highlights of Daniel and Revelation based on compilation by Peter & Susan Chow)
- "Keys to the Kingdom" - study of Daniel in 14 weeks.

Generally we would like to suggest a one year curriculum for the class.

6. Any updates please contact: info@gatewaysda.org or Editor: Johnny Wong, Gateway Adventist Centre, 161 Pelham Street, Carlton, Victoria 3053, Australia.



SANCTUARY SERIES

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WHAT IS JESUS DOING TODAY?

1. What are some things do you think Jesus is doing in Heaven?
2. Where exactly is Jesus today in Heaven?

Mark 16:19

Luke 22:69

Acts 2:33, 5:31

Col 3:1

Heb 10:12
3. Why do you think the Bible is so specific on this point? What are the repeated words/phrase?
4. What is righteousness?

Psa 48:10

Isa 41:10

WHAT IS JESUS DOING TODAY?

5. What is Jesus doing ?

Acts 5:31 =

Rom 8:34 =

Heb 12:2, 8:1, 7:25 =

1 Pet 3:22 =
6. What happens when he 'stands up'?

Acts 7:55-56

Dan 12:1

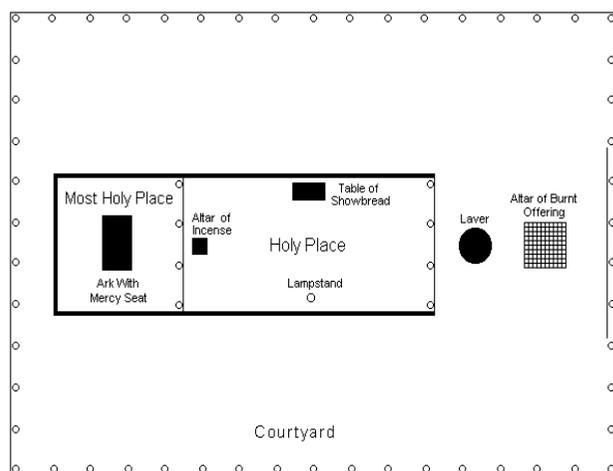
(Michael = Jesus : Jude 9, 1 Thess 4:16, John 5:25)
7. What is our part if Jesus is the intercessor? What is forgiveness?

1 John 1:9

2 Cor 7:10

SANCTUARY ELEMENTS - OUTER COURT

1. What did God ask Moses to build? Exodus 25:8
2. What did God expect His people to learn from the sanctuary?
Psalms 77:13; John 14:6
3. From what source did Moses obtain the blueprints for the sanctuary?
Of what was the building a copy? Hebrews 8: 1, 2, 5
4. Earthly Sanctuary – a copy of the one in Heaven (Ex 25:9)



Altar of Burnt Offering
(Exodus 27:1-8)

Bronze Laver
(Exodus 30:17-19)

Table of Showbread
(Exodus 25:23-30)

Lampstand
(Exodus 25:31, 37-40)

Altar of Incense (Ex 30:1,7,8) and Ark of Testament (Ex 25:10-22)

5. Into the Sanctuary Court – what does the Lamb signify?
Exodus 27:9-19; Exodus 40:34-38

Significance	Scripture
1.	Eze 37:26-28; John 1:14; Rev 21:3
2.	Psa 29:2; 104:1; Isa 66:1

SANCTUARY ELEMENTS - OUTER COURT

3.	Psa 15:1,2; Rom 1:18-20; 3:23; Luke 18:9-14; 1 Jn 2:1
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6. Into the Sanctuary Court – what does the Bronze Altar signify?
Exodus 27:1-8

Significance	Scripture
1.	Rom 6:23; Heb 9:22
2.	Isa 53:4-7; John 1:29; Rom 3:22-25; Heb 9:13,14; 1 Pet 1:18,19; Rev 5:6-13
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7. Into the Sanctuary Court – what does the Priest signify?
Exodus 28:1-5; 40; Lev 1:5-9; 17:11

Significance	Scripture
1.	1 Tim 2:5; Heb 12:22-24
2.	Rom 5:8-9; Eph 1:7; Col 1:19-22; 1 Peter 1:1-2
3.	Psa 51:16-17, Matt 22:37-38

8. Into the Sanctuary Court – what does the Bronze Laver signify?
Exodus 30:17-21; 38:8

Significance	Scripture
1.	1 Pet 2:5; Rev 1:4-6
2.	John 13:6-9; James 4:7-8
	John 15:3; 17:17; Eph 5:26

SANCTUARY ELEMENTS – HOLY PLACE

1. Key Memory Text: Psalms 77:13
2. What does Holy mean in the Bible? Psa 99:9; 1 Cor 3:17
3. Who did God call to be Holy? Deut 6:7; 1 Pet 2:5, 9
4. Earthly Sanctuary has two apartments – Holy Place & Most Holy Place. What 3 Sanctuary elements are in the Holy Place?
5. Into the Sanctuary Holy Place – what does the Table of Shew Bread signify? Exodus 25:23-30

Significance	Scripture
1.	John 6:32-35
2.	Matt 4:4
3.	

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6. Into the Sanctuary Holy Place – what does the Altar of Incense signify? Exodus 30:1-10

Significance	Scripture
1.	John 17:9, 15, 20
2.	1Thess 5:17
3.	Rev 8:3,4

7. Into the Sanctuary Holy Place – what does the Lampstand signify? Exodus 25:31-40; 26:35

Significance	Scripture
1.	John 8:12
2.	Matthew 5:14
3.	Rev 1:11-13

8. How can one come to a Holy God?

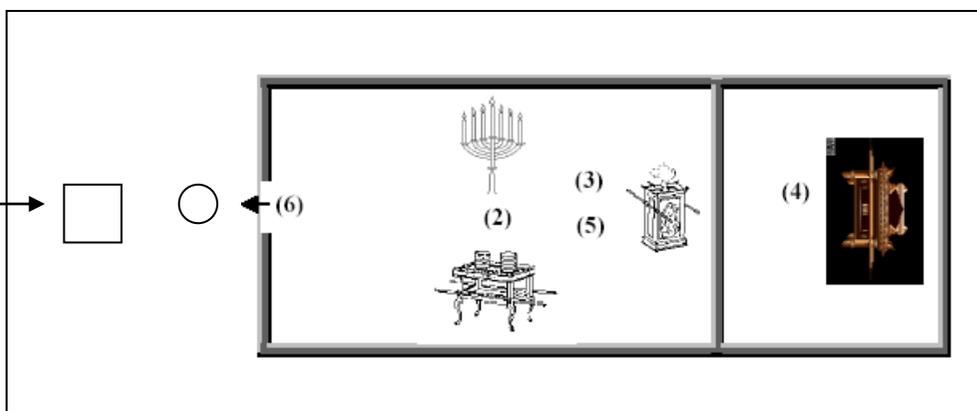
(a) _____ Isa 62:12

(b) _____ Deut 28:9

9. What are two characteristics of God's final days people? Rev 14:12

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Ark of Testament	Exodus 25:10-22

SANCTUARY ELEMENTS - REVIEW

5. What does the sanctuary elements represent?

Altar of Burnt Offering	Ex 27:1-8	John 1:29
Bronze Laver	Ex 30:17-19	John 3:5, Titus 3:5
Table of Showbread	Ex 25:23-30	John 6:51, Matt 4:4
Lampstand	Ex 25:31, 37-40	John 9:5,1:9, Matt 5:16
Altar of Incense	Ex 30:1,7,8	Revelation 5:8
Ark of Testament	Ex 25:10-22	Matt 5:17-18 Rom 5:17

6. What is inside the Ark of Testament? Deut 10:4,5

7. Why did animals need to be sacrificed in the OT sanctuary services?
Hebrews 9:22, Matthews 26:28, Lev 1:4, 11, Lev 4:16,17

8. Based on the sanctuary services, in what two major capacities does Jesus serve His people? What fantastic benefits do we receive from His loving ministry? 1 Corinthians 5:7; Hebrews 4:14-16



SANCTUARY SERVICES

1. What is sin? Who has sinned? What happens when you sin?
1 John 3:4, Romans 3:23, 6:23
2. What do we need to do when we sin? 1 John 1:9
3. What needs to happen for you to be forgiven? Hebrews 9:22
4. The sin offering (Leviticus 4:2, 13; Numbers 15:22-29)
 - Purpose = Leviticus 4:35; Numbers 15:25

Order	Symbolism
1.	Mark 10:16
2.	
3.	Heb 9:22
4.	
5.	
6. (Lev 6:25-29, 10:16-20)	Lev 10:17



SANCTUARY SERVICES

5. Trespass Offering – Leviticus 5:15-19
6. What does this mean for us?

Moses Time	2006
<u>Stage 1</u> Atonement → Law	<u>Stage 1</u> Romans 3:24
<u>Stage 2</u> Numbers 19:2	<u>Stage 2</u> Hebrews 10:10

CHRIST THE LAMB

1. Sacredness of God and His laws

- As the law is as Holy (Rom 7:12) sacred as God; only one like God can be the sacrifice (not even an angel)
- Gen 3:15 – is a promise and a sacrifice
- Gen 3:21 – Adam sacrifice and animal at the east gate
- Door to Eden guarded by an angel; Adam made an altar and sacrifice to point to the coming Redeemer (Jesus)
- Gen 4:3-5 – The next story in the Bible after the fall of man is concerning the appropriate and inappropriate sacrificial offerings
- Gen 8:20 – Only ‘clean animals’ are for sacrifice (**Criteria #1**)

2. Before the institution of the Sanctuary Service

- Exodus 12:5 – During the passover in Egypt, deliverance is symbolized in the sacrifice of an unblemished animal (**Criteria #2**)
- 1 Cor 5:7 – Jesus is the Passover lamb

3. 28 times in Levitius the word ‘blemish’ is used (Bible emphasis)

- Lev 1:3, 10
- Lev 4:3, 23, 28, 32
- Why a lamb? Symbol of Innocent, helpless (Isa 53:5-7)
- Lev 22:17 list the unaccepted sacrificial offerings

4. Christ is not blemished

- Eph 5:27
- 1 Peter 1:19-21

CHRIST THE LAMB

5. Christ as the Lamb on the Cross the Ultimate Sacrifice

- John 1:29 – Behold the Lamb of God
- Rev 13:8 – Even before the foundation of earth
- No broken bones at the cross (Psa 34:20, John 19:33 compare to Lev 22:21-24)
- Isa 53:5-7

6. In Revelation the word ‘lamb’ is referred to 27 times

- Rev 5: 5,8,12,13 – Slain since the foundation
- Rev 12:11 – overcame by the blood of the lamb
- Rev 13:11 – counterfeit lamb
- Rev 19:7-9 – marriage supper of the Lamb
- There will be a union between Christ the Lamb and His bride (His people). But His people needs to be ready. How do we get ready? What do we need to prepare?

7. Jesus wants the us to be like Him (like the Lamb) – clean and unblemished by His power.

- Heb 4:16 – He is an example for us
- Rev 6:1,16 – who will be able to stand before God?
- Answer in next chapter, Rev 7:9,10,14,17 and Rev 14:4,10
- Who can stand? Those that overcame by the Lamb, called, chosen and faithful (Rev 17:14)
- Rev 21:22,27 – Nothing defiled can enter heaven. We are to fashion our lives like Jesus’ character

8. Two lessons today ... why Jesus is the Lamb:

- He is the perfect sacrifice to **justify** us.
- His example for us to live a consecrated life. He **sanctify** us.

CHRIST THE HIGH PRIEST

1. What is the purpose of a priest/high priest?
Hebrews 8:3, 5:1

Isaiah 59:2
Leviticus 4:13,20
Romans 5:10

Revelation 14:5

2. What procedures did the priest carry out in the OT?
Leviticus 4:5-7

3. Who is our priest today?
Hebrews 9:11-12

Hebrews 4:14

Hebrews 8:1-4

CHRIST THE HIGH PRIEST

4. What must we do as sinners?
Leviticus 6:1-7

C
(1 John 1:9)

R
(Sacrificial Process)

F
(Leviticus 17:11)

CHRIST THE MATHEMATICIAN

1. Where is there a prophetic message given about the sanctuary?
Daniel 8:14
2. Where was the vision explained?
Daniel 9:21-22

Five major events of this prophecy?

1. Commandment to restore and build Jerusalem
 - *Decree of Artaxerxes – (457BC) – re-constitution of the Hebrew State (Ezra 7:11-26) – in effect in autumn of 457BC*
2. “The street shall be built, and the wall”
 - 408 BC
 - End of the first “seven weeks”, work had advanced to the stage where the ruined city had actually taken shape again
3. “Unto the Messiah the Prince”
 - Messiah = anointed one, the Christ
 - Matthew 3:16, John 1:41
 - Mark 1:15 – after His baptism in AD 27, Jesus declared “time is fulfilled”, ie. End of 69th week, marked by appearance of the Messiah
4. “Messiah cut off in the midst of the week”
 - After public ministry of 3&1/2 years, Jesus “cut off” ie. Crucified
 - AD 31
 - Cause the sacrifice to cease – Matthew 27:51
 - Confirm the covenant – 3.5 years before crucifixion, Jesus confirmed the covenant in person (Romans 15:8, 2

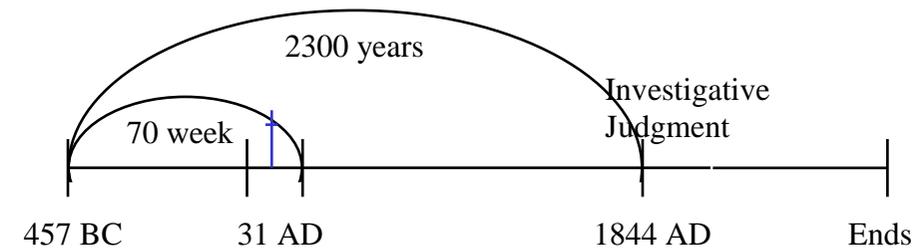
Corinthians 1:20); 3.5 years after, confirmed by apostolic band (Hebrews 2:3)

5. Jewish national probation ends
 - Acts 7:51-60 – martyrdom of Stephen
 - Formal rejection of Gospel by responsible Jewish leaders
 - Precipitates new era in Gospel expansion (Acts 8:1,4,5,27,29) – Gospel spread amongst Gentiles
 - Never again was miracle witnessed in Jerusalem, special Pentecostal proclamation was withdrawn

When does the 2300 Days Begin?

- Daniel 9:24 – the 70 week period was determined ie. Cut off, measured off, appointed
- ∴ Must be cut off from some longer period of time ie. 2300 days, meaning both periods have a common starting point
- Since starting point for 70 weeks is rebuilding Jerusalem, ∴ 2300 days must also start at the same time

2300 DAYS PROPHECY



CHRIST THE ATONEMENT

1. Comparing the Daily Services and the Yearly Services (Lev 16:5,8,9,15,20,21)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Yearly b) Most Holy Place by High Priest (HP) c) 10th day of 7th month (Nth Autumn) d) Sin and burnt offerings by High Priest e) Two goats – Lord’s goat and scapegoat 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> f) HP kills Lord’s goat and carry blood to Most Holy Place g) Confess all sins to scapegoat h) Scapegoat lead to wilderness to die i) Every Israelite was required to be present.
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2. Many people say the cross is the centre of the Salvation Plan. If the cross is the centre, what comes before the Calvary cross of Jesus? The earthly sanctuary services points to the cross of Calvary. If the cross is the centre, what comes after the cross of Calvary? Acts 3:19 –“your sins may be blotted out”

3. Some people say that ‘Atonement was completed’ at the cross of Calvary? Is this Biblical?

4. Why do we study the sanctuary today? John 1:29 – we are to ‘behold the lamb of God that take away the sins of the world’. When does the Lamb take away the sins?

5. When did the High Priest takes the blood into the Most Holy Place? How often? Hebrews 9:6,7

6. The sanctuary needs to be cleansed. How was it cleansed? Heb 9:23,24

“the cleansing, both in the typical and in the real service, must be accomplished with blood: In the former, with the blood of animals; in the later with the blood of Christ. Paul states as the reason why this cleansing must be performed with blood, is that without shedding of blood is no remission. Remission, or putting away of sin is the work to be accomplished.” GC p.417-418

CHRIST THE ATONEMENT

7. When did the heavenly sanctuary cleansing began? Heb 9.26 (1844 as we studied in Dan 8 and 9).

8. What is Christ purpose in entering the most holy place at “the time of the end”? Heb 9.26 – “to put away sin”

9. Christ needs to “put away sin” from His people. Christ needs His people to be in what state before He comes? Eph 5:25

10. What is the experience of Jacob that parallels our journey today?

“Had not Jacob previously repented of his sin in obtaining the birthright by fraud, God could not have heard his prayer and mercifully preserved his life. So, in the time of trouble, if the people of God had unconfessed sins to appear before them while tortured with fear and anguish, they would be overwhelmed; despair would cut off their faith, and they could not have confidence to plead with God for deliverance. But while they have a deep sense of their unworthiness, they will have no concealed wrongs to reveal. Their sins will have been blotted out by the atoning blood of Christ, and they cannot bring them into remembrance. Satan leads many to believe that God will overlook their unfaithfulness in the minor affairs of life; but the Lord shows in His dealing with Jacob that He can in no wise sanction or tolerate evil. All who endeavour to excuse or conceal their sins, and permit them to remain on the books of heaven, unconfessed and unforgiven, will be overcome by Satan.” PP p.202

11. Summary
 - We are living in the antitypical day of Atonement
 - Jesus is our High Priest interceding for us and cleansing the heavenly sanctuary
 - Our role is to confess our sins; ask for forgiveness of all sins.
 - God wants to dwell in us to give us power over sin. (Ex 25:8 cf to 1 Cor 6:16)

CHRIST THE ADVOCATE

1. Three Phases of the Judgment
 - Pre-advent (Investigative)
 - Post-Advent (Millennium)
 - White Throne

Investigative Judgment

2. The Judgment Scene
 - “cast down” = set in place
 - “Ancient of Days” = God the Father
3. Who presides at the judgment?
 - Judge = Jesus Christ (John 5:22, Acts 17:31)
 - Attorney = Jesus Christ (1 John 2:1)
 - Prosecutor – Satan (Rev 12:9,10)
4. What is the legal basis?
 - Book of remembrance – record good deeds etc. endured for Christ’s sake (Malachi 3:16, Psalm 56:8)
 - Book of Record of Sins – records our sins of which we have to give an account later (Isaiah 65:6-7)
 - Book of Life – names of those who will enter into heaven (Rev 21:27, Rev 3:5)

CHRIST THE ADVOCATE

5. Who is to be Judged?
 - Dan 7:22 – professed people of God, whose names have been inscribed into the Book of Life
 - However, if their names are still recorded in Book of Sins at time of judgment, their names will be blotted out of the Book of Life (Exodus 32:33)
 - Ecclesiastes 12:14 – every detail will be reviewed
6. What is this Judgment for?
 - Benefit for all beings of universe to show God’s character (1 Corinthians 4:9)
 - ∴ God’s character is also on trial (Romans 3:4, Daniel 4:36-37)



THREE ANGELS MESSAGE SERIES

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REVELATION'S 3 ANGELS MESSAGES

1. In Revelation 14:6-12 Jesus reveals His special message to prepare His people for earth's last hour. Who bears this message to earth?
Rev 14:6 - **Angel**
2. How universal is this message? Whom is it for? Rev 14:6 - **Global**
3. What is the central feature of God's final loving appeal before He returns? What is this universal message that is to go to "every nation, tribe, tongue and people" Rev 14:6 – **Everlasting Gospel**
4. What particular time period does this message draw our attention to?
Rev 14:7 – **Judgment hour**
5. What did Jesus and the apostle declare regarding the timing of the judgment? Matt 12:36 and Acts 24:25 – **Judgment is now here**
6. What two classes are developed before Jesus comes? Rev 22:11-12
7. Whom is this message a call to worship? Rev 14:7 – **Creator God**

REVELATION'S 3 ANGELS MESSAGES

8. What important announcement does the second angel makes? Rev 14:8 – **Babylon is fallen; Babylon represents confusion (Gen 11) or false religion (counterfeit of the true religion)**
9. What call does God give to people in Babylon? Rev 18:4 – **Come of our Babylon**
10. What issue does the third angel deal with? Rev 14:9-11 – **Beware not to worship the beast, to receive the mark or follow the image of the beast**
11. How does Revelation describe God's people just before the return of our Lord? Rev 14:12 – **Keep the commandments and have the faith of Jesus**
12. What promise does God give to those who study the prophecies of Revelation? Rev 1:3 – **Receive triple blessing from reading, understanding and following Revelation's teachings.**

FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE (PART 1)

1. What prophetic view of the judgment was given to Daniel? Daniel 7:9, 10
2. What assurance has God given of the judgment? Acts 17:31
3. What message announces that the judgment hour has come? Rev 14:6,7
4. In view of the judgment hour, what is proclaimed anew? How extensively is this message to be proclaimed? Rev 14:6
5. What is the whole world called to do? And why? Rev 14:7
6. Whom are we called to worship? Rev 14:7
7. How is the true God distinguished from all false Gods? Jer 10:11
8. For what reason it is justly due to worship God? Psa 95:3-6

FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE (PART 1)

9. Why do the inhabitants of heaven worship God? Rev 4:10-11
10. What memorial of His creative power did God established? Exodus 20:8-11
11. What place has the Sabbath in the work of Salvation? Eze 20:12
12. How many should be concerned about the judgment? 2 Cor 5:10
13. What will be the standard in the judgment? James 2:10-12
14. In view of the judgment, what exhortation is given? Eccl 12:13-14
15. Who will be the Judge in judgment? John 5:22 c.f. Dan 7:9-10
16. Who is our defense lawyer in judgment? 1 John 2:1

FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE (PART 2)

1. In the first angel's message – we see it is a battle of two worships.
What are the two worships? Rev 14:6-7, 9-10

Two contrasting forces in Revelation:

<i>2 worships</i>	<i>Creator (True God)</i>	<i>Beast</i>
<i>2 leaders</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Dragon</i>
<i>2 signs</i>	<i>Seal of God=Sabbath</i>	<i>Mark of Beast</i>
<i>2 cities</i>	<i>New Jerusalem</i>	<i>Babylon</i>
<i>2 women</i>	<i>Woman in white</i>	<i>Harlot Woman</i>
<i>2 harvests</i>	<i>Righteous</i>	<i>Wicked</i>
<i>2 spirits</i>	<i>Holy Spirit</i>	<i>Demons</i>
<i>2 choices</i>	<i>Righteous still</i>	<i>unholy</i>

2. The three angels message unmask the plans of Satan. Last study we looked at two key issues – (a) Creatorship = signifying the true God and (b) judgment. What does it mean to 'fear God' in Revelation 14:7?

Read John 9:22 - Pleasing man

John 16:2-3 - following mans' commandments

Gal 1:10 c.f. 1 Cor 7:23 - servants of Christ

Acts 4:18-20 - Ought to obey God

Therefore, "Fear God" is ...

3. Explain 'Give glory to Him' in Rev 14:7

Matt 5:16 - by our good works, man sees the Light

FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE (PART 2)

Eph 2:10 - Jesus creates in us for His pleasure

Phil 2:13 - God works through us

Therefore, "give glory" is to

4. Is glorifying God the same as giving glory to Him? 1 Cor 6:20 c.f. 1 Cor 10:31

5. Judgment has come – not will come or had past. When did this start? Dan 8:14 ... the 2300 days prophecy leads to 1844.

6. When will it end? It must be before Jesus coming (or close of probation) because the Gospel can be preached.

7. How is sanctification linked to worship? 1 Thess 4:3 and 2 Cor 4:6

*NB: 'fear God' – this is in our heart and mind
'give glory' – this is in our actions, works and hands*

SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE (PART 1)

1. What is Babylon?

- Literal meaning: Babel/Confusion - Gen 10:9/10
 - Back in 2000 BC an ancient city founded by Nimrod
 - Modern day Iraq, about 85 km south of Baghdad
 - King Nebuchadnezzar II rebuilt Babylon and it became one of the wonders of the ancient world. Dan 4, Dan 4:30; 3:1
 - Built on top of the river Euphrates, with constant supply of water and the impenetrable walls
 - Ceased to exist in 1st Century AD. (Isa 13:19, Rev 18:21)

2. Characteristics of this ancient city:

- One world power & rebellious against God -Gen 11:4-9; Dan 4:30
- Think they are superior to God : Isa 14:4, 12, 14

3. Other names of Babylon

- the empire of Rome (Pagan religion) - 1 Peter 5:13
- Harlot, Woman – Rev 17:4/5
- Great City – Rev 14:8 /Rev 17:18

Babylon is the counterfeit of God's great city

New Jerusalem – Great city Rev 21:10

Bride/Woman Rev 21:2, Eph 5:22

Sitting upon many waters –Rev 22:2

SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE (PART 1)

4. Why is Babylon fallen?

She made all nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication

Characteristics of the Babylon in the 2nd Angel's message

5. Characteristics 1 # - Global influence

- Made all nations drink (Matt 24:14)

6. Characteristics 2 # - Mixture of false and true

- Wine: Pro 20:1 /Isa 28:7/ Col 2:8
- Fornication: Union of church and state Eze: 16:17

Who is the author of all false doctrines – John 8:44

God's Church – a place of pillar and truth 1 Tim 3:15

7. Characteristics 3# The wrath of man

-Matt 24:49 Evil servants smite his fellow servants

-Dan 3:13 Nebuchadnezzar was raged over the 3 Hebrews who did not worship the golden image he set up

- Acts 7:51-54 Steven was stoned

True wrath of God – James 1:20

- Rom 1:18/24/27, Rom 2:5/8

BABYLON IS FALLEN (PART 1)

1. How does God describe the true church? Rev 12:1 – **Bride/Woman is God’s people – Isa 54:5-6, Hosea 2:19, 2 Cor 11:2, Eph 5:22-26**
2. What does the Lord call His church? 1 Tim 3:15 – **a place of pillar and truth**
3. Characteristic #1 – Mixed false and truth (counterfeit)
How is the false church pictured? **Rev 17:1-5 – Harlot woman = false church; wine = confusion of false doctrine (c.f. Psa 116:13). Babylon is false religious system which brings the principles of Old Testament (OT) Babylon into religious worship for today’s last days.**
4. Who is the author of all false doctrine? John 8:44 – **Satan**
5. Characteristic #2 - Rebellion
What is the origin of the Old Testament Babylon? Gen 11:5-9 – **Babel means confusion. Tower of Babel demonstrate the foolishness of human wisdom. It reveals the folly of substituting human ideas for divine truth.**
6. Was OT Babylon centered on God’s way or humanity’s way? Daniel 4:30 – **OT Babylon is centered on authority of human beings rather than God. Any system that substitutes religious leaders for Christ is a false system.**

BABYLON IS FALLEN (PART 1)

7. According to the Bible, who is our only Saviour? Acts 4:12 – **Jesus**
8. What counsel does the prophet Isaiah give us? Isa 45:21 – **Salvation is not in the rites and ceremonies of the church. The false Babylon is human teachings, human works, and human accomplishments.**
9. Characteristics #3 - Idolatry
How was Babylon’s rebellion against the true God revealed? Eze 6:4 – **use of Idols or images into the worship**
10. What clear obvious command had God given His people? Exodus 20:4-5 – **No images**
11. Characteristic #4 – Immortality / Ancestor Worship
What was the ancient Babylonian concept of death? In Ezekiel 8:14 whom were the Jewish women weeping for? – **Tammuz, the god of vegetation, was one of the many gods of Babylon. They believe that in winter Tammuz died. In the season of abundant crops, they believed, he lived again. This worship of the dead was common in Babylon.**
12. What does the Bible teach regarding death? Eccl 9:5, Psa 115:17, Psa 146:4 – **dead know nothing; thoughts perish. Any religion that teaches the doctrine of the immortal soul is part of the OT Babylon.**

BABYLON IS FALLEN (PART 2)

13. Characteristic #5 – Pagan Sun Worship
What Babylonian worship practice mingled with the worship of Israel for a time? Eze 8:16 – **sun worship**
14. What sign had God given His people? Eze 20:12, 20 – **true worship day, the Sabbath. Historical quotes enables us to discover how the pagan day of worship gradually slipped into the Christian church: “The retention of the old pagan name of ‘Dies Solis’, or ‘Sunday’, for the weekly is, in great measure, owing to the union of pagan and Christian sentiment with which the first day of the week was recommended by [Roman Emperor] Constantine to his subjects, pagan and Christian alike, as the ‘venerable day of the Sun’” – Lectures on the History of the Eastern Church, Arthur B Stanley**
15. How did many religious leaders relate to this union of true and false religion in Bible times? Eze 22:26 – **Profane God’s truth and leaders did not show any differences**
16. Characteristic #6 – Self-Indulgence
Does the false religion of Babylon sense the significance that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit? Daniel 5:4 – **the drunken feast is a typical example of Babylon’s desire to gratify the physical senses.**
17. What earnest appeal does the apostle Paul give? Romans 12:1 – **do not be conformed to the world but be renewed**

BABYLON IS FALLEN (PART 2)

18. Summary of the Characteristics of Babylon:
- Mixture of false and truth
 - Looking to a visible earthly head rather than Christ
 - Any form of idol / image worship
 - A misunderstanding of what happens to people when they die – prayer for the saints, veneration of dead loved ones etc
 - Worship on first day of the week - Sunday
 - A misunderstanding of the body as temple of God
- According to the Bible, Babylon is false churches or religious groups that up hold the above and it is also teaches spiritualism.**
19. What appeal does God give to those still in Babylon? Rev 18:4 – **come out of her. Soon the plagues will fall on all the inhabitants of Babylon. In love God has sent you a message to come completely out.**

How can we determine what is a counterfeit? How can we test it?

- Does it leads away from the truths of Scripture? Isa 8:20
- Does it confess Jesus and uphold the life, death & resurrection of Jesus? 1 John 4:2
- Does it teach us to love Jesus and obey His commandments? John 14:15, Rev 14:12
- Over time can we see their fruits – Matt 7:15-17, 20

SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE (PART 3)

20. Summary of the Characteristics of Babylon:

Point us to know that Babylon represent the false system or false religion

21. Where is God's truth church?

No idol worships	Hindu, Buddhism?
No Early head (authority from the state or man)	Catholic?
No Immortality	Taoist, Buddhism? many protestant churches?
No worship on Sunday	Islam? Sabbath keeping churches: SDA, SDB (Baptist) ?
Understand health message	Seventh Day Adventist Church

22. What's God's final appeal to those are in Babylon?

- Rev 18:4 Come out of her (A loud cry)
God does not ask us to stay there and try to reform.
- In ancient times, God also call his people to flee from literal Babylon (Isa 48:20, Jer 51:6)

23. Why should we come out of her?

- a) Her sins have ripen v4.5
Rev 17:2-6, Rev 18:5, Luke 16:15
Full of abominations & fornication (Rev 17:4)

SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE (PART 3)

Five counts in Rev 18 –v.3,7,23,24

- (i) Adultery v3
- (ii) Materialism and luxury v7
- (iii) Pride and arrogance v7
- (iv) Deception v23
- (v) Persectuion v24
Rev 14:15 , Mark 4:29

b) Judgment will come soon v10 v6 (double reward)

24. When should we come out of her?

v3,10 Union of church and estate
v11 Economic collapse

25. What will eventually happen to Babylon?

Rev 18: 8,21

26. What should we do after hearing of 2nd Angel's message?

John 10:4-5

We as God's people will hear his voice and heed his call
Matt 7:21-27

Build our foundation on rock not on sand that will greatly fall

2 Peter 2:21 not to turn away from the holy commandments

27. God's beatitude to us at the end time

Rev 19:9

Rev 22:14

THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE (PART 1)

1. What message of urgent warning does the angel of Revelation give? Rev 14:9-11 – **Not to worship the beast, receive the mark or worship the image of the beast**
2. As the crisis approaches, what penalties will eventually be issued upon those who do not receive the mark of the beast? Rev 13:15-17 – **A great crisis is approaching in which everyone will be coerced, through an economic boycott or under threat of death, to receive the mark of the beast. Those who yield to these pressures, both religious and economic, will do so with the clear understanding that they are violating the commandments of God.**
3. What will eventually happen to those who receive the mark of the beast? Rev 15:1, 16:1-2 – **receive the wrath of God**
4. What is God's sign called that stands in opposition to Satan's mark? Rev 7:1-3 – **The seal relates to God's law (Isaiah 8:16, 20). As an ancient king's seal contained his title and dominion, giving authority and making official his letters, so God's seal contains His name, title and area of authority. We find God's seal in the fourth commandment (Exo 20:8-11). 'For in the six days the LORD [His name], MADE [Maker or Creator] the HEAVES AND EARTH [His dominion]'. The Sabbath is a special sign or seal between God and His people (Eze 20:12,20). These signs represent two systems of religion – one initiated by God, one initiated by human beings. One the way of truth! One the way of error!**
5. Who is the beast? Rev 13:1-2 – **a picture of a 'composite beast' of leopard, bear and lion.**

THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE (PART 1)

6. Where in the Bible do we find a 'leopard, bear and lion'? Daniel 7:1-8 – **vision of the four beast. Beast represents kingdoms/kings in Dan 7:17. The 4 beast parallels the vision in Daniel 2. Water represent multitude of people (Rev 17:15).**

Dan 2	Dan 7	Kingdom	Composite Beast's Doctrine
Gold	Lion	Babylon 605-539 BC	Idolary, Sun worship, Spiritualism (Jer 50)
Silver	Bear	Mede-Persian 539-331 BC	Laws are in fallable (Dan 6, Esther)
Bronze	Leopard	Greece 331-168BC	Human Philosophy (Acts 17)
Iron	Terrible Beast	Pagan Rome Papal Rome 168BC-476AD	Union of church + state (Civil & Religious laws combined)

7. In contrast in Revelation we see Jesus as the LAMB – who reigns!

Jesus the LAMB	Composite Beast's Doctrine
One worthy of Worship (Rev 5:9-14)	Idolary, Sun worship, Spiritualism (Jer 50)
Only Jesus law's are eternal & infallible (Psa 111:7-8;89:34)	Laws are infallible (Dan 6, Esther)
Jesus' salvation plan (Rev 13:8, John 1:29)	Human Philosophy (Acts 17)
Only Jesus can have a union of kings & priest (Rev 5:10)	Union of church + state (Civil & Religious laws)

8. The people who follow the LAMB will overcome all the false doctrine of the beast in the last days. Do you want to follow Jesus and His teachings?

THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE (PART 2)

1. If a loving God is warning us, He needs to tell us exactly who is this beast of Rev 13 and 14? 2 Pet 1:19-21 and Isa 28:9-10 – **We have a sure word of Prophecy. We need to compare Bible text with Bible text and let the Bible interpret itself.**
2. What are the characteristics of the beast as described in Daniel 7? Dan 7 focuses on the 4th beast. Dan 7:7-
 - a. Historical context – little horn will rise among them (Dan 7:8)

4 th beast	Rome (168BD-476AD)
10 horns	Dan 7:24 - 10 kingdoms (476AD-2 nd Coming)
	- Alamanni (German), Burgundian (Swiss)
	- Franks (French), Lombards (Italian)
	- Saxons (English), Suevi (Portuguese)
	- Visigoths (Spanish)
Uproot 3	Three kingdoms are now extinct after 476AD
	- Heruli, Vandals, Ostrogoths
 - b. After 476AD
 - c. Little horn Little Kingdom (Dan 7:8)
 - d. Up roots 3 kingdoms – Heruli, Vandals & Ostrogoths
 - e. Man at its Head and this man speaks for it – Dan 7:8
 - f. Diverse or different form of governance – Dan 7:24
 - g. Speak great words or blasphemy – Dan 7:25
John 10:31-33 : when man claims to be God
Mark 2:5-7 : when man claims to be able to forgive sins
 - h. Wear out or persecute the saints – Dan 7:25
 - i. Think to change times and laws – Dan 7:25
 - j. Rule for ‘a time, times and diving of times’ – Dan 7:25
Compare Rev 12:14,6 it equals 1260 days. 3.5 years, 30 prophetic days / month. It will rule for 1260 years. 1 prophetic day = 1 literal year (Eze 4:6)

THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE (PART 2)

3. Which power has these 10 characteristics? **Papal Roman Empire**
 - a, b & d. Heruli, Vandals, Ostrogoths opposed Papal Rome until up rooted in 538 AD. Emperor Justinian gave the Bishop of Rome authority over the kingdom.
 - c. Vatican – 109 acres but most influential nation
 - e. Visible leader – pope at its head.
 - f. Preceding kingdoms were civil powers but Papal Rome is union of church & state powers (‘different or diverse’ from the others).
 - g. *“The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a man, but as it were, God, and the Vicar of God. The Pope is called ‘Most Holy’ because he is rightfully presumed to be such ... The Pope is as it were God on earth ...”* (Ferraris’s Ecclesiastical Dictionary)
 - g. *“Seek where you will, through heaven and earth, and you will find but one created being who can forgive the sinner, who can free him from the chains of hell, that extraordinary being is the priest, the Roman Catholic priest. Yes, the priest not only declares that the sinner is forgiven, but he really forgives him ...”* (The Catholic Priest p.78-79)
 - h. Persecution of the God’s people (burning at stake, coliseum etc)
 - i. *“The Pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, change or interpret even divine laws ...”* (Catholic Dictionary – ‘The Pope’). In the ‘Converts Catechisms of the Catholic Doctrine p.49 we find that God’s law has been changed. It has omitted the second commandment and split the tenth into two.
 - j. It will rule from 538AD-1798AD. During French Revolution on 10 Feb 1798 General Berthier arrested Pope Pius VI (The Popes – a concise Biographical History’, Edited by Eric John, Hawthorn Books Inc, 1964, p.406)

Revelation 13 & 14 gives additional characteristics so that we are not mistaken who the beast is today. What is the image? What is the mark? Jesus loves us too much to let us be mistaken.

THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE (PART 3)

1. Revelation 13 gave similar characteristics of the beast - for God does not want us to make a mistake who the beast is today. It is a religious entity that counterfeits the truth of God.
 - a. Rule 42 months (1260 years) – Rev 13:5
 - b. Persecute the God's people – Rev 13:7
 - c. Head had been mortally wounded – Rev 13:3
 - d. But the wound was healed – Rev 13:3
 - e. And the world marveled and followed the beast – Rev 13:3, 8
 - f. Dragon gave power to this beast – Rev 13:2
 - g. Man at its head – Rev 13:18
 - h. Number of the beast is 666 – Rev 13:18 (Vicarius Filii Dei = Latin for Vicar of Christ)
2. The second beast of Revelation 13 has the following characteristics:
 - a. Arise after the 1st Beast; around end of 1260 years (1798AD)
 - b. Not from sea, but from land – Rev 13:1, 11
 - c. Two horns like a lamb– Rev 13:11
 - d. Spoke like a dragon – Rev 13:11
 - f. Points people to worship 1st Beast – Rev 13:12
 - g. Develops and Image of the Beast – Rev 13:14
 - h. Politic, economic, military powers – Rev 13:16
3. What is the **Seal of God**? His commandments in our hearts (Isaiah 8:16, Exodus 20:8-10, Hebrews 8:10) – see previous lesson
4. In contrast what is the **Mark of the Beast**? Total opposite of what God said is the seal of God – Sunday worship, Worship Idols, Worship of the beast.

THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE (PART 3)

- “Sunday is our mark of authority ... the church is above the Bible and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact.” – The catholic Record, Sept 1, 1923*
5. What is the **Image of the Beast**? The 1st beast ruled for 1260 years (538-1798AD) and the governance is based on union of ‘church & state’ powers. The 2nd Beast will enforce the Image of the Beast i.e. adopt similar position of ‘church and state’ powers. Only God can govern with ‘church and state’ (theocracy), not man!
 6. “Mark on the Foreheads” (Rev 14:9) = surrender our thoughts and will to this false counterfeit system.
 7. “on his hand” (Rev 14:9) = our hands are our actions; we may not agree in the mind; but we compromise and follow with our actions.
 8. What does God ask us to do?
 - a. Rev 18:4 – come out of Babylon (false religion, counterfeit religion) and come to Jesus
 - b. Eze 20:20 - Avoid the mark and image by having the seal of God
 - c. Keep His commandments and have the faith of Jesus as found in Revelation 14:12
 9. What would be our response to God's calling? ____ Yes ____ No

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THE PURPOSE OF GOD IN THE CREATION OF MAN

1. Memory Text:
Isaiah 43:7 – *Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea. I have made him.*
2. Why are we here today? What is the purpose of life here on earth?
Many people don't find this purpose, and as a result they lose the meaning to live. Today we will see how the Bible gives us a purpose for our existence.
3. How was the world created?
Genesis 1:1-3; Psalms 33:6, 9
4. What was created and on which day?
Genesis 1:3 – Genesis 2:3

Pattern 1		Pattern 2	
Day 1		Day 4	
Day 2		Day 5	
Day 3		Day 6	
Day 7			

5. When God created, He did it by speaking. What do our words reflect? Matthew 12:34 (last part)

THE PURPOSE OF GOD IN THE CREATION OF MAN

6. So why did God create man? Isaiah 43:7; Psalms 8:4-6
7. What does the word 'glory' mean? Exodus 33:18-19
8. How did God create man and what two things were used to make man a living being? Genesis 2:7
9. But what happened to man? Romans 3:23
10. How can we reflect the character of God today? Psalms 51:10; 2 Corinthians 4:6
11. What steps would you take to put God's glory back into you?

TEMPTATION AND THE FALL OF MAN

1. Memory Text:
Genesis 3:6 – And when the woman saw the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat..
2. What was the first test of loyalty for Adam and Eve? What were the consequences? Genesis 2:16-17
3. What animal was used to tempt Eve? What was he trying to do?
Genesis 3:1
4. How did Eve reply? Was it accurate? Genesis 3:2-3
5. How did the serpent respond to Eve's reply and how was it different to his initial approach? Genesis 3:4-5
6. What caused Eve and Adam to fall respectively? Genesis 3:6

TEMPTATION AND THE FALL OF MAN

7. What are the differences between how Satan reaches the mind of man and how God reaches the mind of man?
James 1:14-15

Isaiah 1:8
8. What happened after man sinned? Genesis 3:7-13
9. What did God do in response? Genesis 3:14-19
10. What did God make for Adam and Eve after His response and why?
Genesis 3:21
11. Because our first parents sinned, what happened to the generations after Adam and Eve? Romans 5:18-19; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22
12. How can we have this hope? What does it require? John 20:31;
1 John 5:13

THE MIND OF MAN

1. What are the three eternal principles of God?
1 John 4:7-11, 17-19

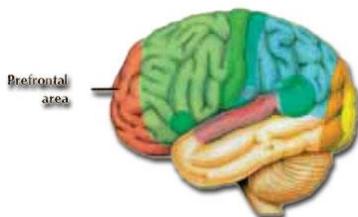
1 John 1:6-10 “if we”

1 John 2:3-7, 1 John 4:20-5:3

2. In Genesis 3 we studied how Satan tempted Eve. He appealed to the lower power of the mind when tempting her

Eve was curious (Gen 3:1)	
Eve lingered with evil (Gen 3:2)	
Eve misquotes God’s Words (Gen 3:3)	
Eve listens to evil (Gen 3:4)	

3. Highlights the key words in Genesis 3:6 – SAW, PLEASANT, DESIRABLE ... Satan goes for _____ + _____



THE MIND OF MAN

4. What does the Bible warn us against? 1 John 2:15-17

5. In the last days what will be characteristics of the world?
Matthew 24:37-38 c.f. Genesis 6:9-10

6. Repeated _____ > Action;
Repeated _____ > Habit;
Repeated _____ > Character

7. What are we slaved to? Romans 7:14-17; 23-24

8. What is the “seat of battle” in our life choices?

Romans 8:7
Matthew 22:37
Romans 12:2
Ephesians 4:22-24
Philippians 2:5
Hebrews 10:16
Psalms 119:11



HOPE OF GLORY

1. So why did God create man? Isaiah 43:7; Psalms 8:4-6
2. Bridge Illustration of the Gospel - Rom 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 8:14
3. What is the Bible definition of sin? 1 John 3:4
4. Why is the law the transcript of God's character? Rom 7:12
5. The good news of Jesus life, death and resurrection is called the gospel. Why are we called to the gospel? 2 Thess 2:14
6. What is Jesus' dual purpose in the gospel? Matt 1:21, 23; John 1:14



HOPE OF GLORY

7. How can we be changed into the image of God? 2 Cor 3:18; Col 1:27, 29
8. We are changed through life challenges? Rom 5:1-5
9. Illustration of Light – Matt 5:16; Eph 2:8, 10; 2 Cor 4:6
10. God's plan is to restore man to His glory. To do this we are to love, obey and follow Him and His commandments. We are to share the gospel and be a light. We can obtain all this only by having Jesus in us by faith.



THE SCIENCE OF FAITH

1. Memory Text:
Romans 10:7 – *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God..*
2. What is faith based on upon? Romans 10:17
3. What are some of the characteristic of the word of God? This will help us to understand the characteristics of Faith.
Psalms 33:6

Isaiah 55:11

Hebrews 1:3

1 Peter 1:24-25
4. How does faith work? Galatians 5:6; 1 Thess 5:8
5. What does faith lead to?
James 2:20, 26; Romans 3:13; Revelations 14:2



THE SCIENCE OF FAITH

6. Where does faith come from? Hebrews 12:2; Romans 12:3
7. When can we receive the gift of faith that God gives? Gal 2:20
8. What must we go through in order for our faith to grow?
1 Peter 1:7, 9
9. What is the end of our faith?
1 Peter 1:9
10. What aspect of faith does John 5:1-9 illustrate?

CONVERSION (PART 1)

1. Memory Text:
Galatians 2:20 – I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
2. Define what is conversion:
3. What are some of the characteristics of a person experiencing conversion?
Psalms 40:8; 119:35,47; Romans 7:22 (law)
Psalms 23:3; 25:1, 20 (trust)
Eph 4:22-23 (renewal of mind)
4. Diagram of conversion
5. Biblical example of conversion
Luke 5:1-11 Peter
Act 9: Paul

CONVERSION (PART 1)

6. How do the following verses explain how does conversion relate to righteousness?
 - a. What is the state of man after sin? Romans 5:12; 8:7
 - b. What is the sign of a truly converted person? Acts 8:26-40
 - c. What did Jesus command the person in the following stories to do?

John 5:14 and John 8:11

John 14:15

1 John 1:9
7. From 1 Peter 1:23 and Heb 4:12, how can we be born again with the word of God?
8. What happens when a person is born again? 2 Cor 5:17; Galatians 5:24

CONVERSION (PART 2) – ROMANS 6

1. Key Quote – Desire Ages p.172
“Jesus continued: “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” By nature the heart is evil, and “who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.” Job 14:4. No human invention can find a remedy for the sinning soul. “The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” “Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.” Rom. 8:7; Matt. 15:19. The fountain of the heart must be purified before the streams can become pure. He who is trying to reach heaven by his own works in keeping the law is attempting an impossibility. There is no safety for one who has merely a legal religion, a form of godliness. The Christian's life is not a modification or improvement of the old, but a transformation of nature. There is a death to self and sin, and a new life altogether. This change can be brought about only by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit”.
2. Read Romans 6:1-13 – what is the repeated words/theme? What is the first step in conversion?
3. How are we to ‘die’, put to ‘death’ or reckon the old man as ‘dead’?
1 Peter 2:24 – die to

Ephesians 2:1-3 – dead in

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-10 – put to death
4. Summary – **Dying to Self**
 - a. In of ourselves, we cannot be transformed
 - b. We must die to self first – to recognized we cannot save ourselves
 - c. We must put to death and bury the ‘old man’ by faith
 - d. Each morning, by faith put to death to self-dependency, self-pride, selfishness; acknowledge by faith you need God

CONVERSION (PART 2) – ROMANS 6

5. Key Quote – Testimonies Vol. 4, p.17 and Acts of the Apostles p.262
*“True conversion is a radical change. The very drift of the mind and bent of the heart should be turned and life become new again in Christ”
“One of the strongest evidences of true conversion is love to God and man. Those who accept Jesus as their Redeemer have a deep, sincere love for others of like precious faith.”*
6. Read Romans 6:1-13 again – what is the next repeated theme? What is the next step in conversion? Read John 3:3, 5
7. A seed needs to die before it can grow. What is the ‘seed’ that is needed for our conversion? 1 Peter 1:23 and Hebrews 4:12
8. By reading, memorizing and meditating on the word we can “put on Christ” daily - Galatians 3:27. Who does the Bible testify? John 5:39
9. How can we ‘walk in newness of life’? Romans 6:4, Colossians 2:6-7; 3:1-4; Galatians 2:20
10. Why is the Holy Spirit necessary to be ‘Alive in Christ’? Romans 8:10-11, 13-14
11. Summary – **Alive in Christ**
 - a. Need the ‘seed’ in our lives – the Word of God
 - b. Walk with Christ each day by looking at His character
 - c. To be led by the Spirit of God each day

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The Scriptures are the great agency in this transformation of character. Christ prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." If studied and obeyed, the word of God works in the heart, subduing every unholy attribute. The Holy Spirit comes to convict of sin, and the faith that springs up in the heart works by love to Christ, conforming us, body, soul, and spirit, to his will.

A man sees his danger. He sees that he needs a change of character, a change heart. He is stirred; his fears are aroused. The Spirit of God is working in him, and with fear and trembling he works for himself, seeking to find out his defects of character, and to see what he can do to bring about the needed change in this life. His heart is humbled. By confession and repentance he shows the sincerity of his desire to reform. He confesses his sins to God, and if he has injured any one, he confesses the wrong to the one he has injured. While God is working, the sinner, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, works out that which God is working in mind and heart. He acts in harmony with the Spirit's working, and his conversion is genuine.

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The Scriptures are the great agency in this transformation of character. Christ prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." If studied and obeyed, the word of God works in the heart, subduing every unholy attribute. The Holy Spirit comes to convict of sin, and the faith that springs up in the heart works by love to Christ, conforming us, body, soul, and spirit, to his will.

A man sees his danger. He sees that he needs a change of character, a change heart. He is stirred; his fears are aroused. The Spirit of God is working in him, and with fear and trembling he works for himself, seeking to find out his defects of character, and to see what he can do to bring about the needed change in this life. His heart is humbled. By confession and repentance he shows the sincerity of his desire to reform. He confesses his sins to God, and if he has injured any one, he confesses the wrong to the one he has injured. While God is working, the sinner, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, works out that which God is working in mind and heart. He acts in harmony with the Spirit's working, and his conversion is genuine.

SANCTIFICATION BY FAITH (PART 1)

1. Memory Text:
2 Corinthians 3:18
2. What is Sanctification? (Bridge Analogy)
3. How can we be sanctified?
John 17:17
Isaiah 1:10, Isaiah 2:3
4. What is the basis of sanctification?
Romans 7

*Paul's Situation before and upon reaching the bridge
Romans 6 – Conversion and Justification*

Paul's Situation crossing the bridge

- God's Word/Law is the basis of sanctification
- Notice the step-wise process
 - a. Paul could not identify his sin until he used the law
 - b. The law became a "holy mirror", pointing out the true nature of sin
 - c. Sin rose up and violently struggled against the law (concupiscence = lust/desire); it would have been "inactive" without the law (v8)
 - d. v9 – summary

SANCTIFICATION BY FAITH (PART 1)

Note the consequences of the law:

- Law sentenced Paul to death (instead of life) – cf Rom 6:23
 - i.e. one cannot be saved by the law, needs salvation by Jesus Christ
 - 1 Cor 15:31
- The law is perfection
 - Holy – pure, sanctified, character
 - Just – justifies through righteousness
 - Good

∴ one can see that **sin** and not the **law** is responsible for death that reigns among man

5. Paul then describes his struggle (v14-26)

6. Who can deliver man from this struggle?
Romans 7:24-25

SANCTIFICATION BY FAITH (PART 2)

1. Read Romans 8:1
What does *justification* equal to?
Proverbs 17:15
2. *In Christ* - What does it mean to be in Christ?
2 Corinthians 5:17
3. *Walk* - What does it mean to walk after Christ?
Romans 3:12
1 John 2:6
4. What do you notice about verse 1?
There is **both** _____ and _____
5. Read Romans 8:2 – compare to Romans 7:25

Verse 3
 - Law cannot save you
 - Law cannot help you to obey – only tells you of righteousness and sin
6. What does it mean to condemn sin?
Condemned sin – only those without sin can condemn ∴ Jesus is able to condemn sin, not the law

Note: By not being overcome by the sin of the world, by overcoming sin with the sinful nature that Jesus came with
7. Read Verse 4. Righteousness of the law – where is it kept?
Isaiah 51:7

∴ this refers to the **spirit** of the law; not only the **letter** of the law
8. Read verses 5-6. Carnally minded = death (ie. if you only keep the letter of the law, but your heart is not there, the result is death)
Spiritually minded = life and peace

SANCTIFICATION BY FAITH (PART 2)

9. Read verses 7-8. Enmity – What is the opposite? _____
Hebrews 11:6
10. Read verses 9-11. John 15:5 – we cannot be separated from Christ if He is in us. And if Christ is in us, the flesh is dead and the spirit is alive for righteousness

∴ without justification and sanctification, you are not qualified to receive immortality, because your body is not raised from the dead
11. Read verses 12-13. Note that “Mortify” = kill. Killing deeds of body –
Romans 6:6-7 = free from sin
12. Read verse 14 – Promise of God

Important Verses

- ✓ 1 Corinthians 6:11
- ✓ Revelation 22:11
- ✓ John 8:11
- ✓ Luke 11:4
- ✓ Acts 26:18
- ✓ Titus 2:14
- ✓ Romans 5:9
- ✓ Romans 13:12
- ✓ 2 Thessalonians 2:13
- ✓ 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

VICTORY OVER SIN

1. Memory Text:

1Cor 15:57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

2. How to have victory? 1 John 5:4

“it is not our effort that brings victory. It is seeing God behind the promise and living and trusting him. Grasp by faith the infinite power. There are efforts involved but not our efforts. Trust the promise from God that we can overcome. If we are tempted, we need to recognize it and depend it on God. Not to try to go and to win the battle.” – Review and Herald, Dec 29, 1910

3. What attitude should we have so we can gain victory over sins? Phil 2:12, 2 Peter 1:5-10, Phil 2:13 God works in us – Eze 36:26

4. Process of sinning: James 1:14-15

- Temptation itself is not sin
- Lusts = our old man (Eph 4:22)
- Enticed = consent/ yield to temptations = sins
- Result - death

5. How to overcome temptations?

James 4:7/ 4:6

- Submit (humble) to God
- Receive grace from God to resist
- We exercise our resistance

VICTORY OVER SIN

6. How to obey? Psm 18:44

Submit to God, not about our self but about God

7. What is resistance? Withstand in Greek

(Eph 6:11-13 the armor of God- to withstand the evil day)

Defense

Helmet of Salvation – protect your mind/soul

Breastplate of righteousness –obedience/ heart

Loin –prayer life, you breath

Shield of faith-protection and overcome

Offense

the Sword of spirit – word of God

Bow of truth

Wear Gospel shoes – to witness

Acts of apostles P 482 – he that offered efforts is not sufficient, without the aid of divine power, it avails nothing. Resisting of temptation must come from man who **draws his power** from God.

8. Let's claim bible promises to overcome temptation:

Eph 4:27 (not giving place to temptation)

Matt 18:9 (be willing to sacrifice for God)

James 4:8 (draw near to God)

2 Cor 2:14, 1Cor 10:13 (have faith & God will make a way)



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