

Discipleship 101

(all scriptures from the N.I.V)

Part 1: Why Do We Need Jesus?

1. The Bible says “_____ have sinned and fall short of The Glory of God” Romans 3:23

This means that every human being has strayed from the relationship God had intended for us to have. You can read more about the original relationship in Genesis chapters 1 & 2.

2. The Bible also tells me I will be eternally separated from God if something doesn't happen.

“For the _____ of sin is _____, but the gift of god is _____. Romans 6:23

But God doesn't want us to stay separated. Read 2 Peter 3:9 and Acts 4:12.

3. We must first acknowledge the fact that we cannot save ourselves we can't even be good enough to earn our way into Heaven. Read Galatians 2:16. The only way for us to receive this forgiveness is to confess our sins and have faith in Christ. The next point talks about confession.

4. Romans 10:9 says “If you _____ with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart God has raised him from the dead you shall be saved”

Also John 1:9 says “If we _____ our sins he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins.”

5. Revelation 3:20 illustrates how we must take action. The scripture portrays Jesus knocking at the door of your heart but we must open the door, or in other words invite him in, and then he will enter. His motivation is his love for us.

6. John 3:16 is one of the most familiar scriptures in the Bible. Read it and note how God loves us.

Romans 5:8 further illustrates this love “But God demonstrates his _____ for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.”

If you don't know God's love, peace, and forgiveness take time now to say a little prayer. Ask him to forgive your sins and invite him to become a part of your life.

Part 2 will deal with your Christian walk. You may go on to Part 2 now or simply come back to it later.

Part 2: Living in God's Presence

- ❖ The Christian life is about love and peace but sometimes it may not seem like it. Why? There is a spiritual battle going on over your soul.
- ❖ Read 1 Peter 5:8. Note how it describes Satan's attack. The Bible further explains that the battle for your soul is not a battle with mankind but with the dark forces from Satan. Read Ephesians 6:12.
- ❖ Don't get overwhelmed at this point. The Bible gives us hope to get through this battle.
- ❖ James 4: 7 tells us to “_____ the devil and he will _____ from us.”
- ❖ One of Satan's favorite attacks is to tempt us. He often takes good things or blessings from God and twists them around to pervert their meaning or purpose. Remember, there is a big difference between temptation and sin. Temptation only becomes sin if we give into it. Read how Satan tempted Jesus in Matthew 4 and how Jesus overcame the temptation. Another help is found in 1 Corinthians 10:13, it tells us that when we're tempted, God _____ make a way for us to _____.
- ❖ Read also James 1:13-15 about temptation.
- ❖ Finally, understand this. You are not supposed to sin; read Romans 6:1-2, and 1 John 3:6. When the Christian says “no” to Satan and his temptations and “yes” to God and his ways you can live a victorious life. However, if you do slip up and sin and are truly sorry for it god will forgive you. 1 John 2:1 says, “My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not _____. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our _____ ---Jesus Christ the _____ one.”
- ❖ We are to live Godly, Holy lives and we'll talk more about this in Part 3

Part 3: The Christ-like Lifestyle

- ❖ Let's start this section by looking at Colossians 3. We are to set our minds on the things of god. In verse 5, we read, "Put to _____, therefore, whatever belongs to your _____ nature..." Read on through verse 17 and note the changes that are to take place in our lifestyle.
- ❖ This new lifestyle goes beyond asking Jesus to forgive your sins and actually brings you to a point of decision as to whether you will surrender your ways for His. This is called Holy living. Gone are the selfish desires of our past replaced with a new desire and commitment to live for God. It has been said that in the Salvation experience we receive all of God and in the Holiness experience, God receives all of us. Imagine the change of living each day to please God instead of the "rat race" of the world never satisfied, always wanting more. This is further described in Romans 8:5-14. Read this passage and list some of the differences.

THE SINFUL NATURE

THE SPIRIT OF GOD



- ❖ In Part 4 we will look at some of the new patterns of living for the believer.

Part 4: Christian Maturity

- ❖ Here is a brief list of some of the values that should now be a part of your life.

- ❖ First, the Christian should attend a Bible-believing church. All Christian churches should work together to help others find peace with God. 1 Corinthians 12:27 tells us “Now you are the _____ of Christ, and each one of you is a _____ of it.” As a Christian church we are one body working together for The Lord God.

- ❖ Individually the believer should:
 - Read your Bible daily. Make notes of the things God shows you through your readings. The Word of God is the truth (John 17:17). The Word must become our standard by which our decisions are made.
 - 2 Timothy 3:16, Colossians 3:16, and Hebrews 4:12 are a few scriptures that also deal with the Word of God. Why don't you read these and then try to find a few others. (list them below)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

- ❖ Next we'll look at prayer. Prayer is simply talking with God.

- ❖ In Luke 18:1 Jesus tells his disciples to “...always _____ and not give up.”

- ❖ 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says to “pray continually.” We should always be in a Spirit of Prayer lifting to the Lord our thoughts throughout the day. Read the story of The Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:5-15 and make up a list of some of the things it teaches about prayer.

- ❖ Our possessions also belong to God. Everything I have now belongs to God. Read James 1:17.
- ❖ Jesus talked much about money because it is probably the toughest area of control for the believer to turn over to God. I've often wondered why people make such a big deal about giving to God and yet waste so much money on habits and luxuries. Here's some scripture that might help:
 - . . .
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 - . 1 Timothy 6:10 "For the _____ of money is a root of all kinds of evil..."
 - . Hebrews 13:5 "Keep your lives free from the _____ of _____ and be _____ with what you have..."
 - . Matthew 6:19-24
 - . Luke 6:38 "Give and it will be _____ to you...for with the _____ you use it will be _____ to you."
 - . Matthew 10:8; Acts 20:35; Romans 12:8; 2 Cor. 9:6-11
- ❖ Finally we must speak up for God. This is known as witnessing or simply telling others what God has done for you as illustrated by Andrew in John 1:40-41.
- ❖ In Matthew 28:19 Jesus tells us to "Go and make _____."
- ❖ Sharing God's word should be fun and come natural to us.
- ❖ James 1:22-25 will help you as well as Acts 1:8. we must talk of god but remember he will provide the strength and confidence we need.

I hope this basic discipleship study has been of some help to you. Why don't you e-mail us and let us know how it helped you. If any of our staff can be of some assistance to you, please let us know how. We are also willing to take your questions or prayer requests. God bless. Let's get to work for Him.

----- Pastor Steve