



DISCIPLESHIP

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Go therefore and make
disciples of all
nations.....Matthew
28:19

Discipleship is necessary for a new Christian. To have a fundamental base to grow from. This was written from questions we had when we were first saved and the biblical answers.

Study one-----why we need Christ

Study two ----- who we are in Christ

Study three ----- why he died for me

Study four ----- how to talk to God and how
he talks to us

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Why we need Jesus

Study one

Nobody is perfect. And in this world, it is hard to follow Christ but my friend we desperately need Him. This study will introduce you to Christ and the way to Him.

Romans 3:10-12

As it is written: “none is righteous, no, not one; no one understands: no one seeks God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

God is perfect, in His perfection He cannot look on sin. As we read, we have all sinned. We deserve death for our sin. Which is separation from God. But God loves us so much that He made a way for us to reconcile to Him.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jesus Christ came to Earth and lived a perfect life; he went through the trials that we face daily. He was tortured and killed and took the death that we deserved.

Romans 5:8

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

God's love for us compelled Him to send His son, Jesus Christ to die for us. Three days after His death, He rose from the grave and bridged the gap between God and us that is created from sin. We believe Jesus Died on the cross and was buried and He rose from the grave three days later.

Romans 10:9

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:13

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

So, if you believe this you can also have eternal life through faith in Christ. We can do nothing to earn it. It is a free gift from God, through His grace.

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Study two

Now that you have accepted Christ you are a new creation. Through repentance all your sins are forgiven and forgotten. Your old life has passed away, all things are new.

I AM NEW

1) 2 Corinthians 5:17:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

2) Isaiah 43:18-19:

Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

3) Colossians 3:9-10:

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

4) Ezekiel 36:26:

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

When you accepted Christ as your savior you are free. You no longer have to be chained up from the guilt of your past, for sin has lost its power over you and you are forgiven.

I AM FREE

1) Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

2) Galatians 5:1

For freedom Christ has set us free: stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

3) John 8:36

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Satan's attacks against you are futile. God is with you, for you, and on your side.

We draw our strength through our relationship with Christ. When I am at my weakest he is at his strongest. I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency.

I AM STRONG

1) Ephesians 6:10

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

2) Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

3) Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Two examples of God's strength through men are David and Goliath: 1 Samuel 17:50-53. God also showed his strength through Gideon in Judges chapter 6-8.

Darkness is all around us, seeking to dim our passion, hide our hope, and invade our peace. Christ has made you to be an example in this world. He wants his love and life to shine through you into the hearts of those around you.

I AM A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

1) Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven,

2) Ephesians 5:8

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

3) John 8:12

Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world, whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of Life.

By faith in Gods word. Your faith to overcome is not based on how you feel, and it's not conditional on how good you are. Its trust that no matter how big the obstacle looks, our God will see us through it to the other side.

I AM AN OVERCOMER

1) 1 John 5:4-5

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

2) John 16:33

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

3) Revelation 21:7

The one who conquers will have this heritage, I will be his God and he will be my son.

I am an overcomer, strong in the Lord and the power of His might. I am confident, courageous and undaunted in my faith!!

When we choose to accept Jesus as our savior we become a child of God. His love for us is demonstrated in the suffering death of Jesus.

I AM A CHILD OF GOD

1) 2 Corinthians 6:18

And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.

2) 1 John 3:1

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.

3) Galatians 3:26

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

As a Child of God, we can rest in the assuredness that we are saved and our relationship with Him is repaired through Jesus Christ.

God created us in his image. From the beginning God has chosen man to be his people. Even before we were born God chose us. No matter what mistakes we have made or our current situation in life God still chooses us.

I AM CHOSEN

1) 1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

2) Ephesians 1:4a

Even as he chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be Holy and blameless before him.

3) Ephesians 1:11

In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the council of His will

You are the righteousness of Christ; this means you are in right standing with God. When Christ died on the cross. He paid the cost of our sins---past, present and future---and he replaced them with his own righteousness.

I AM RIGHTEOUS

1) 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

2) Romans 3:22

The righteousness of God through the faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe, for there is no distinction:

3) Romans 5:17

For if, because of one mans trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through one Man Jesus Christ.

The bible says we made the righteousness of God therefore in obedience in Gods word I boldly confess that I am the righteousness of God through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

Whoever you are, whatever you have done, wherever you are from, no matter your station in life God loves you and will never stop loving you. Neither your accomplishments, nor your failures, your victories or defeats, qualify you or disqualify you from His love.

I AM LOVED

1) Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2) John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

3) Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved.

When we truly understand the depth of Gods' love for us. We are absolutely free.

You are redeemed out of the curse and into his blessing. His redemption covers you for the here and now, past, present, and future. You are God's child, bought by the blood of Christ.

I AM REDEEMED

1) Ephesians 1:7-8

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

2) Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, cursed is everyone who hangs from a tree.

3) Titus 2:14

Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

4) 1 Corinthians 1:30

And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Redemption comes through Jesus Christ, there is no other way to be redeemed.

You are complete in Christ. Where you are weak, He is strong. Where you have failed a thousand times, with Him you will overcome. When you are sick, He makes you whole. When your heart is broken, His love knits it back together.

I AM COMPLETE

1) Colossians 2:10

And you have been filled in Him who is the head of all rule and authority.

2) 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness that a man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

3) 2 Corinthians 12:9

But He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weakness, so that the power of Christ may rest upon to me.

He came in to me filling all the gaps of my inadequacies, imperfections, and flaws.

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Study three

Adam and Eve's disobedience to God condemned the world to sin, brokenness, and death. Because of sin, humanity's relationship with God was severed.

SIN

1) Genesis 2:17

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

2) Genesis 3:6

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

God told Adam and Eve to not eat the fruit; when they ate the fruit they were separated from God. Why?

God is perfect, in His perfection He cannot look on sin. We are born into sin through Adam and Eves choice. In this world we can see the curse of sin everywhere.

SEPERATION FROM GOD

1) Mathew 25:46

And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

2) Romans 3:10

As it is written: none is righteous, no not one.

3) Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

So now we see that as men and women we are not righteous. God being perfect cannot look on unrighteousness. So how can we repair the break between God and man?

Through sin we are separated from God. Think of the Grand Canyon that is a big chasm, imagine God on one side, you on the other. There must be a bridge to get to God, Christ Jesus is that bridge.

SALVATION

1) Romans 5:8

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2) Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift from God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3) Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not of your own doing; it is a gift from God not as a result of works, so no one may boast.

Christ came to us and he was perfect he never sinned. He chose to stand in the gap that sin created between us and God. So, when he was on the cross our sin covered Jesus so completely God could not look at Christ because he cannot look at sin.

So, when we sin do we need to get saved again? No, we ask Jesus to be our savior once, he promises he will be with us always. We confess our sin to God and he forgives us and then forgets the sin we confessed. We should ask forgiveness for the sins we commit, daily. Does anyone sin so much that we are too far gone to be forgiven?

ABSOLUTE FORGIVENESS

1) Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

2) John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

God is faithful and true. God loves us so very much. He desires a relationship with us.

When we get saved is there anything we can do that will take that away.

IS THERE UNFORGIVENESS

1) 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2) Psalm 103:12

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

3) Matthew 12:31

Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the spirit will not be forgiven.

Blasphemy is a scary thing. To make it simpler it is what the pharisees did to Jesus. They did not accept Jesus as the Savior that we need.

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Study four

Now we know who we are in Christ. We know we need to repent for the sin we do. How do we know what God is telling us? How do you get to know anyone?

PRAYER

1) Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father in heaven hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we have also forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

P = praise hallowed be your name

R = repent forgive us our debts

A = ask give us this day our daily bread

Y = yield your will be done

Prayer is one way we get closer to God. We are to pray without ceasing. Now if we talk to God through prayer, how does he talk to us?

HOLY SPIRIT

1) John 14:26

But the helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

2) Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

The Bible is the inspired word of God. It doesn't matter how much you read it there is always something new to learn!!

BIBLE

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that a man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

1) Psalm 119:11

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

Prayer, Holy Spirit and the Word of God are all essential in our relationship with God.

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Study five

When we get saved, we are not immune to struggles and setbacks. We are saved by grace through faith. When we have struggles, we can share our feeling and fears with God through prayer. We no longer struggle alone we have a savior that wants to go through the struggles together.

1) 1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because he cares for you.

2) James 1:2-4

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

The bible says it rains on the just and unjust alike. (Matthew 5:45) This tells us that as Christians we will still have struggles but we also have a savior that loves us so much He walks through them with us. We are not alone.

How we feel and act is important to God. When we have struggles or trials God does not want us to continue bad behavior because we know God will forgive us. We should be repentant of our sins and with all of our ability turn away from the sin and follow Christ. The Bible says repentance.....this means to confess and to “change ones mind”.

1) Acts 3:19

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out.

2) Matthew 4:17

For that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

3) 2 Chronicles 7:14

If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

So we learn that God desires us to confess our sin but also repent which means change ones mind. Turn away from our sin and try our best to not do it again. He is still faithful to forgive our sins. God looks straight through us and into our hearts. We should desire to have a right heart.

1) 1 John 5:4-5

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith.

Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the son of God?

2) Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers nor things present nor things to come nor powers, nor height nor depth nor anything else in all

creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jesus came to save us not condemn us. He loves us with a love our finite mind cannot comprehend. Trials will come but they will pass.

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Study six

The world can be a dangerous place. God protects us in many ways. One way is the armor of God. We should put it on daily.

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.....

1) Belt of truth

- a. Just as a belt is worn close to the body, we should hold God's truth close to us and allow it to surround us. When we remain in His Word, we can distinguish what is true from what is untrue.

2) Breastplate of righteousness

- a. If we do not protect ourselves with righteousness, we open ourselves up to attack from the enemy and can fall into sin. To be righteous means to obey God's commandments and live in a way that is honorable to Him.

3) Shoes for your feet having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace

- a. Shoes made a soldier ready to run into battle. Gospel of peace likewise makes a believer ready for spiritual battle.

4) Shield of faith

- a. Our faith can guard us during trials in the same way a shield would during battle. For example, when doubt creeps in and our beliefs are questioned, our faith in Christ will protect us. We can stand firm in knowing what we believe. In addition, our faith can protect us when we experience anxiety and fear.

5) Helmet of salvation

- a. this intended to help people stand against attacks from the devil and evil spiritual forces. The helmet protects the mind, which is important because the battlefield often takes place there, Satan may try to

deceive people, and Christ protects people from spiritual death.

6) Sword of the Spirit

- a. While truth, salvation, faith, and righteousness are also depicted as essential pieces of armor, the Word of God is depicted as **THE** offensive weapon used in spiritual warfare against the devil, demons, and their schemes.

.....**Stand** therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness and as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God. Praying at all times in the spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Any good soldier prepares for battle is always ready. We also should always be ready, that is why the Bible tells us to put on

the armor of God daily, so we are prepared and ready every day. The Bible tells us we should always be ready. 1 Peter 3:15 reads; but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

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Study seven

When Jesus left this earth for heaven, the Holy Spirit was sent down to believers. Just like if you were a soldier, there might be features that would give it away. Hair style, vernacular or even the way they walk. This is also true for a Christian. The bible says: you will know them by their fruit. (Matthew 7:16)

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

1) Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

LOVE – John 13:34

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

JOY

Despite difficulties and overwhelming circumstance, he declared:

Nehemiah 8:10

.....do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

PEACE – John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

PATIENCE – Psalm 37:7

Be still before the Lord and wait for Him; fret not yourselves over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

KINDNESS – Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

GOODNESS – Matthew 12:35

The good person out of his own good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

FAITHFULNESS – Luke 16:10

One who is faithful in very little is also faithful in much, the one who is dishonest in the very little is also dishonest in much.

GENTLENESS – 1 Thessalonians 2:7

But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.

SELF CONTROL – Proverbs 25:28

A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.

As Christians we should exercise these attributes so they will manifest in our lives.

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Study eight

Now that we understand more of what it means to be saved.
We know what it looks like to be saved. Now we will delve into
what God wants from His children.

LOVE

Love God / Love people

Matthew 22:37-39

And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all
your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is
the great and first commandment. And the second one is like it:
you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

John 15:13-14

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you.

GIVING

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Many times, people think tithing is money. Money is part of a tithe, there is also your time and your talent. God sees our hearts he knows where we are and what we need. The bible also says to be cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7) A good policy when beginning your Christian life is: would I do this with Jesus standing next to me.

Here are some things that we as Christians should want to do in our daily walk with Christ.

- ❖ Do not conform to this world
- ❖ Pray continuously
- ❖ Give an account/ your testimony
- ❖ Take care of widows and orphans
- ❖ Study the Bible
- ❖ Abstain from the appearance of evil
- ❖ Do not forsake assembling ourselves together
- ❖ Witnessing to the world

As we grow in Christ, we will find more and more places in the Bible that we can add or take out of our life to honor God. So, lets get busy for God!!!!!!

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