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The "Man of God" Course Week 4

In the previous weeks of our study, we covered the need for men of God to rise up, being more faithful to God than to man. We highlighted the basic duties of a man, someone who isn't lazy but provides for those under his wings, someone who has courage and bravery in the face of fear and doubt, someone who isn't controlled by others, and someone who protects those under his care. Admittedly, we may not always walk perfectly in these things, but a man who doesn't walk at all in these things is not being the complete Man of God he is called to be. To spell it out in plain words — there is room for allowance and improvement but not for complacency and ignorance. All these things are good and part of God's original plan for man, and these duties, traits, characteristics, and skills all have their role in a man fulfilling his calling and ministry. But in this fourth week of our study, we will focus on the truth that the natural man is not enough.

We can excel in all the duties and qualities a man can have, we can be men who teach the ways of the world to our families all while making them none the wiser to the things of the Spirit, we can be men who gain the whole world but lose our souls, we can be men who lead others right into the same ditch we will fall into, we can be men who protect our family from those who kill the body but put them in danger of Him who after He has killed has the power to cast them into Hell, we can have all the worldly wisdom and still be fools in the sight of God, we can be free from the control of any man or woman and yet still be controlled by the sinful nature and the devil. It is not enough to be a natural man in the world for the world is passing away and so are its desires. But the Man of God, who does the will of God, will last forever!

The following passage is from the end of John chapter two and the beginning of chapter three, which in its original form was the same passage not divided by chapters and verses... follow along—"But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man. There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no man can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a *man* be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a *man* be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?" John 2:24-25 - 3:1-9 The word "Man" is listed 8 times in the original Greek text which in biblical numerology represents a new beginning. Truly, a natural man is not enough, we must be born again by the Spirit.



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1.) Fill in the blanks of the verse: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of be lifted up,"
2.) According to the gospel of John chapter 1, how is someone born again? Write your answer(s)
3.) True or false: Jesus is God and man mixed together? TRUE FALSE
4.) What does hebrews 2:11-14 mean? Write your answer(s)
5.) How can the man of God beat the flesh? (A) Matthew 26:41 (B) Psalms 119:9-11 (C) Galatians 5:16 (D) All the above
6,) 1 Timothy 2:5 For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus What is a mediator? (A) a judge who decides difficult cases (B) one who upholds the law (C) one who intervenes between two parties (D) a defense counsel
7.) True or False: Being born again is instantaneous and gives us a new nature, though there are instant changes, walking in the newness of life which flows from our new nature is progressive. TRUE FALSE
8,) How can Jesus be God and still grow in wisdom, stature and favor? (A) He grew in His human nature (B) He grew in the Spirit (C) He seemed to grow in these things (D) Both natures grew together
9.) According to Jesus a good man brings what out of his heart? (A) Wise Words (B) Prudent advice (C) Good things (D) Compassion
10.) Jesus is truly man and truly God, two natures united in one person— Jesus Christ. When we are born again we too have a new nature, but we still deal with our old nature. In light of this, What does Hebrews chapter 2:17-18 show us? Write your answers
Bonus Questions
According to Paul the Apostle, God has set a day that He will judge the world by the He has appointed. (A) The Judge (B) The King (C) The Man (D) The Witness
John 1:14 (KJV) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth What does the word "dwelt" mean?

Extra Reading

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time," I Timothy 2:3-6 NKJV

"You don't realize that it's better for you that one man should die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed." He did not say this on his own; as high priest at that time he was led to prophesy that Jesus would die for the entire nation. And not only for that nation, but to bring together and unite all the children of God scattered around the world."

John 11:50-52 NLT

"For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

II Corinthians 5:14-17 NKJV