

Everlasting Life

Newsletter  November 2009 Study Guide

Praise the LORD, because He is Worthy!

I come to you FATHER thanking you for another year of love and for the many blessings you have given us this past year.

Please FATHER continue to look over us, protect us, lead us in the paths of your righteousness and love.

Everlasting Life Ministry

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;

Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes;

Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears;

Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean;

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth;

Count on God instead of yourself.

Give Thanks by Internet

Character

Character Development Part IV

BY Overseer William Henry

Praise Almighty God, in the Name of Jesus the Christ!

It All Starts in the Mind!

Then Moves to an Action!

Your Actions Become Your Habits!!

Your Habits Make Up Your Character!

Your Character Determines Your Destiny!

Does Your Destiny Lead too, Zoë ?

Character

Col 3:12-17

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. KJV

Your Character is you, your character decides who you really are, and your character will determine where you are with God.

The world considers character a persons reputation, his or her moral toughness and firmness. You can not judge character on a worldly scale. If you look and try to just live a natural but worldly life you will fail. You can not serve two masters so if you want the world go after it, and if you want to serve God go after Him.

Character:

Men of character and moral fortitude make decisions for the world every day. Well educated have been to the best schools in the world, these men run countries, states, cities, big business, and small businesses. They decide what laws are passed, what contracts are filled, how many people are employed, how you should live your life. We the citizens elect officials in the U.S. of A. to serve us the People. We the people buy products and services from businesses spending billions only to be tricked. Yet the country is in debt, the state is in debt. The politicians and business men of the world run the world into the ground, then say they are going to fix things. And run it into the ground more, on and on. The world is in turmoil!

God describe David as a man after my own heart. A man that reached out to God in all he did. The future king of Israel. David was hunted by King Saul, and ran to his enemies for refuge depending on the Lord for protection from them. Can you imagine that the king is hunting you to kill you for nothing you have done and you run off to your enemies to live. Not wanting to touch God's anointed king.

Now you may be saying oh what about the adultery and killing of the husband. Well, he who is without sin let him cast the first stone. David became King of Israel and sinned many times but when faced with his wrong he bowed down to Almighty God for forgiveness. The world and pride doesn't allow us to bow down to anything. Saying you're sorry isn't in the world's vocabulary.

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Lessons on The Holy Spirit; 10 of 13

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Life Through the Holy Spirit

(Romans 8)

Lesson 10

Introduction: Have you ever seen a beautiful creation? Maybe it is a car. Maybe a work of art made of glass. Maybe it is jewelry. Maybe it is a flower. If it is really beautiful, you look at it from every direction to appreciate every aspect of it. It just feels good to take in all of the beauty! I feel that way about our series of studies about the Holy Spirit. We have looked at the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We have looked at the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Last month we studied how the Holy Spirit leads in our life - with an emphasis on His physical direction. This month our study moves to how the Holy Spirit leads us spiritually. Let's dive into the Bible for a closer inspection!

1. First Truth: No Condemnation

1. Read Romans 8:1-2. If you have repented of your sins and accepted Jesus as your Savior, what is your status before God? (You are saved. You are not condemned.)

1:a Why, according to Romans 8:2, is this true? (The law of the Spirit of Life set us free from death.)

1:b What is the "Law of the Spirit of Life?"

2. Let's read on to help us understand the "Law of the Spirit of Life." Read Romans 8: 3-4. Based on these additional verses, what do you understand to be the "Law of the Spirit of Life?" (The New Bible Commentary explains: "This deliverance has been accomplished by the triune God: the Father sending the Son as a sin offering for us, on the basis of which the Spirit liberates us from the power of sin and death and secures complete fulfilment of the law on our behalf."

The Law of the Spirit of Life is that the Holy Spirit is able to free us from the power of sin.)

3. How, exactly, do you see the Holy Spirit freeing us from the power of sin and death? (If you look at Romans 8:1-4 you see that Paul begins this explanation with Jesus. From this we can conclude that the very first work ("first truth") of the Holy Spirit is to convict us that Jesus is God who took on human form and died and was raised on our behalf.)

3:a How does this first truth free us from death? (Jesus kept the law on our behalf. He suffered the penalty for our failure to keep the law. See 2 Corinthians 5:21.)

3:b If this is true, what would you look for first in determining if a teaching comes from the Holy Spirit or another spirit? (Whether it makes Jesus the focus of our salvation. If a teaching deviates from the idea that Jesus was fully God and fully man, then it does not come from the Holy Spirit. If a teaching suggests that we can earn salvation, then it does not come from the Holy Spirit.)

2. Second Truth: Live According to the Spirit

1. Once we are firm on the first truth, that Jesus alone is the source of our salvation, what do you think is the next goal of the Holy Spirit for us? Or, does it end with the conviction of Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf?

2. When Romans 8:4 talks about us living according to the Spirit and not living according to "the sinful nature," what does it mean? (Read Romans 8:5-7. It means that the Holy Spirit has a role in teaching us about how to live. His first work is to bring us to Christ and His second work is to transform our lives.)

2:a Is this just a fancy way of taking us back to the old situation: that we need to keep the Ten Commandments to live?

(The Ten Commandments are not some idiot ideas that God now regrets. Instead, the idiot idea has been that we do not need God. We are so smart, so educated, so refined, so cultured, so determined that we can read and understand the ideals of God and put them into place in our life. We are far too dumb, weak, confused, unrefined and uncultured for that. It is only by the power of God (the Holy Spirit) that we can live a life pleasing to Him.)

2:b What does this say about human logic? (If you read these lessons regularly, you know that much of my approach is just logic. We read the Bible to see what it is that God has said. Then we ask, "What, logically, does that mean?" But, friend, logic is no substitute for the leading of the Holy Spirit. Logic is simply the power of the human. The Holy Spirit opens to us the mind of God!)

2:c In the end, must we (Romans 8:7) "submit to God's law?" (The whole flow of Romans 8:5-7 is that we live in conformity with God's law because this is the way the Holy Spirit acts in our lives if our mind is set on the Holy Spirit.)

2:d Romans 8:6 promises us that the mind led by the Spirit is at peace and is enjoying life. Why would we not want to live that way? (We would not want to live that way if we cannot.

Romans 8:5-7 also describes a group of people whose minds are dominated by sinful impulses. This group cannot submit to God's law in their present mind set. It is just impossible for them.)

3:e What hope is there for humans whose minds are controlled by their sinful nature? (Read Romans 8:9-11. They can choose to repent, accept Jesus and live a Spirit-led life.)

4. Read Romans 8:12-14. If we end up having to live in accord with the Ten Commandments,

what has changed from the time before Jesus died on our behalf? (We are not obeying the Ten Commandments because they save us. Instead, because of the leading of the Holy Spirit in our life we want to please God and we are led and strengthened in our desire to live a life pleasing to Him.)

3. The Spirit-Led Battle

1. If you are like me, you are reading these texts and thinking, "I have evil impulses all the time. If people who want to do evil 'cannot please God' (Romans 8:8), then I'm toast. I went through the steps of repenting and believing in Jesus and I still have evil impulses." Would you hate to have an actual measurement of your thoughts to see if evil thoughts dominate over good thoughts?

2. Let's go back in Romans and read something that may encourage you. Read Romans 7:14-24. Does this sound like Paul was writing about you?

3. Read Revelation 3:17. What church is being described? (Laodicea - the church of the end time. Thus, Paul says that his evil impulses make him feel wretched, and Revelation tells us that the members of the church in the last days are wretched. So, if some of this strikes a responsive cord in our mind, we should not be surprised.)

3.a What would you say is the difference between the attitude of the Laodiceans and Paul? (Paul knew he had a problem that made him feel wretched. The Laodiceans did not.)

4. Read Romans 7:25. What hope do we have? (The righteous life of Jesus. The sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf.)

Look at the last line of Romans 7:25. Is this a conflict that continues with Christians who have the Holy Spirit living in them? (I think so. The Bible Knowledge Commentary says, (Continued on Pg. 10, the Holy Spirit)

**Comprehensive Bible Study
Used for Sunday Morning Bible School
And a Daily Bread for
the Month of November**

By David Cook

November 1, 2009

The Beauty of Nonconformity

Lesson Focus: Be holy in all that you do.

'Preparation and Price for Holiness'

1 Peter 1:13-21

'Purification and the Practice of Holiness'

1 Peter 1:22-25

Responding to God

Trying to be holy doesn't work. (And if it did, we would be so proud no one would care.) Holiness is not self-generated but comes from knowing God, whose love flows when any good reason for doing so has ceased to exist. So our part is to do things that help us develop a relationship with God and to be open to God instilling holiness in us.

Key Verse:

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I Am holy.
1 Peter 1:15-16, KJV

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon. Deuteronomy 10:10-15, Chosen Out of All People.

Tues. Psalm 33:4-12, A Happy People.

Wed. Psalm 33:13-22, Hope in God and His Love.

Thurs. Acts 10:34-43, Chosen as God's Witnesses.

Fri. Acts 4:31-37, A People One in Heart and Soul.

Sat. 1 Peter 2:1-10, God's own People.

Sun. 1 Peter 2:11-17, Free Servants of God.

November 8, 2009

Chosen to Proclaim

Lesson Focus: Grow up in your faith.

'The Growth of a Chosen People'

1 Peter 2:1-3

'The Cornerstone of a Chosen People'

1 Peter 2: 4-10

No More Drift

Sometimes Christians don't grow; they just drift along. Their life with God seems to shrink without their realizing it. That's why we need to pay close attention to our life (1 Tim. 4:16),

and be intentional about our growth. In fact, you already do this by coming to this class. However, Most of us need to do more.

Key Verse: But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9(from N I V)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon. 1 Corinthians 12:23-26, Suffering Together.

Tues. Hebrews 11:23-28, Choosing to Share in Suffering.

Wed. Philippians 4:10-14, Strengthened in Distress.

Thurs. Acts 5:27-32, Faithfully Obeying God.

Fri. 1 Peter 4:1-6, Living by the Will of God.

Sat. 1 Peter 4:7-11, Glorifying God in All Things.

Sun. 1 Peter 4:12-19, Sharing Christ's Sufferings.

November 15, 2009

Facing Opposition

Lesson Focus: God chastens His people as well as the world.

'Rejoice in Suffering for Christ's Sake'

1 Peter 4:12-16

'Submit to Divine Chastening with Faithful Service'

1 Peter 4:17-19

Making a Choice

Think of a situation in which you, or someone you love, may be suffering from rejection from a relative, a job lay-off or rejection on the job, physical difficulties, or mental or emotional obstacles. What attitude is holding you back or causing you to view yourself (or someone you love) as a victim?

Key Verse: So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. 1 Peter 4:19 KJV (from N I V)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon. Luke 19:12-26, Trustworthiness.

Tues. Psalm 101:1-4, Integrity.

Wed. Proverbs 14:2-5, Trustfulness.

Thurs. Daniel 6:6-10, Courage.

Fri. Matthew 24:42-47, Readiness.

Sat. Acts 8:26-40, Willingness.

Sun. 2 Peter 1:3-15, Godliness.

November 22, 2009

Pursuing Virtue

Lesson Focus: God has empowered us to live for Him.

'Everything We Need for Our Life'

2 Peter 1:3-4

'Our Spiritual Formation'

2 Peter 1:5-9

'Remember Your Calling'

2 Peter 1:10-15

Power Songs

"If You Can Use Anything, Lord, You Can Use Me"; "Lord, I'm Available to You"; "This Little Light of Mine, I'm Gonna Let It Shine"; "You're All I Need." These are songs that can help Christians realize what God has placed in the life of all

believers and can encourage us to tap into the power of the Spirit of lead more powerful lives for Him.

Key Verse: *His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3 (from N I V)*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon. Psalm 42, I Shall Again Praise God.

Tues. Psalm 31: 21-24, Be Strong, Take Courage.

Wed. Psalm 71:1-6, God Is My Hope.

Thurs. Psalm 119:81-88, Hope in God's Word.

Fri. Romans 4:16-24, Hoping against Hope.

Sat. Acts 14:211-28, Strengthen and Encourage.

Sun. 2 Peter 3:1-13, Waiting for the Day of God.

November 29, 2009

The Best Is Yet to Come

Lesson Focus: Live hopefully as you look forward to Jesus' return.

'The Day of the Lord Is Coming'

2 Peter 3:1-7

'Like a Thief in the Night'

2 Peter 3:8-10

'Life Until the End'

2 Peter 3:11-13

Keep Hope Alive

Hopeless people think, *Woe is me! My life is always going to be in turmoil. I'm always going to have to suffer.* That's a lie from Satan. The apostle Paul reminds us that the trials of this life, however long they last, are light and momentary' (2 Cor. 4:17 NIV),

and we must "fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For What is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (vs. 18). We must fix our eyes on Jesus, who is coming again for everyone who claims Him as Lord and Savior.

Key Verse: *The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9 (from N I V)*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon. 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, I Have Been with You.

Tues. 2 Samuel 7:12-17, I Will Establish Your House Forever.

Wed. 2 Samuel 7:18-24, Instruction for the People.

Thurs. 2 Samuel 7:25-29, God's Name Is Magnified Forever.

Fri. Psalm 9:7-11, The Lord Sits Enthroned.

Sat. Psalm 18:43-50, Steadfast Love to His Anointed

Sun. Ruth 4:13-17, Matthew 1:1-6, Jesus, Son of David.

There are certain battles, that we all must face and these battles determine our character and where our heart is with Almighty God. These battle are hard fought form the inside (mind.) This cycle of decisions determines your character, to pass and go on to the next step or challenge is building your ascended nature. When you fail these challenges, you go and start over. That's why some people just repeat the same thing over and over again. They're on the cycle of repeat failure that never stops only gets worse. There comes a time when you must realize that it's time to get off that cycle that wheel and bow down to the Lord. Don't let the things of this world hold you back. Open your Heart and Mind up to the Lord and free yourself of the burdens of this world of this life, get off the cycle of failure.

My brothers and sister, God loves you and want you to come over to him, to the light of his world, to the kingdom of righteousness. Jesus said the Kingdom of God is at hand. It's here for you all you have to do is reach out to it. Reach out for the love that is offered to you. Reach out to the salvation that is guaranteed you by God through Jesus The Christ.

Who are you brother when know one is looking? What is really on your mind? Do you care more for your reputation in the world than righteousness? Sometime you have to let go of the world and selfishness and Let God Have His Way with You *. That's what God wants but how do you feel about it?

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Curse of a Culture: Idolatry

Old Creature vs. New Creature

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-8; 1 John 5:21

Greetings Kingdom Citizens

Now when the children of Israel were in Egypt, they were exposed to many different gods. To be near exact almost over 900 different ones. Now when they were delivered, they saw the power of the one and true living God, Jehovah. But they because of their mentality being damaged they still created idol gods after their deliverance. Now when we look at the scriptures in Exodus, God is giving the people a charge and command that they should not have any other gods before Him. And do not make any graven images or likeness of anything that is in heaven above and the earth beneath. In addition, they should not bow down thyselt to these gods nor serve them. After stating all of this, God gives a consequence for their actions and here is where you should pay very close attention. God said in Exodus 20:5:

“...visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.”

Now if you do not know what that is above, it is called a Generational Curse. So what happens is because of the sins of the fathers, the children shall be punished up unto the 3rd and 4th generation. Now in the upcoming messages we will be dealing with generational curses but let’s stick with idolatry. Idolatry is putting anything before God and/or reverencing or worshipping that thing. An idol does not only have to be a “god”. It can be these other things:

1. Gold and Silver
2. Car
3. House
4. Clothes
5. Celebrities

And the list goes on and on. Here is a great example of idolatry when we hear this: “Michael Jordan is my idol” or “Jay-Z is the god of rap”. Young people, that is called idolatry and God will punish you and your future children for that. Adults when you put any of those other things above worship and study with God, that is idolatry. When we look at our society today, idolatry is running rampant.

Instead of God being held in reverence, we hold these athletes as the role models and look at them?? Do you really want them being your child’s “idol”?? Next it’s these entertainers and artist. They are promoting fornication, false god worship, prostitution and the abuse of women through their music and their shows. And let’s not forget the religious folk. They see the big bishops and mega-famous t.v. ministers and even though they are not teaching you about the message of Christ, the Kingdom of God, we get offended when someone like me comes against them and rebukes them for what they do openly against the people. That is called idolatry. When are we as a people, after seeing all of this chaos and economic downturn going to put our heart and soul in the one person who never had a crises, Jesus Christ?

When are we going to hold him up in reverence in our lives, not just our words, and proclaim the Kingdom of God is here. When are we going to stand up and say no more and take back our homes and get our children under the blood of Christ?

We have heard the Word of the Lord and the consequences are so damaging. But if you love your children, do right by them and have a relationship with God and sit down with your children and talk to them about God. Turn the t.v. and ipods off. They need to hear your voice and the voice of the Lord because when they get out there on their own, they will realize that they need God in every aspect of their lives. And these idols, they have do not care about them and will lead them to destruction.

At Our Father’s Service,
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Curse of a Culture: Homosexuality

Old Creature vs. New Creature

Scripture: Leviticus 18:21-24;

Leviticus 20:13-16; Romans 1:26,27

Greetings Kingdom Citizens

Now in the 2 years that this ministry has been active, I do not remember doing a sole message on homosexuality. We have talked about it generally but today we will take the veil off this homosexual spirit and allow

those who are captive to have a chance to be set free. Homosexuality is defined as a man and a man or a woman and a woman having a sexual and/or an emotional relationship with one another in the attempt to call themselves united or married. Our Father calls homosexuality an abomination. Now we have to lay some ground rules on this one.

1. Homosexuality is a Spirit It is an antichrist spirit. How you ask? Genesis 1:27 said God created male and female and told them to multiply and subdue the earth (paraphrasing). Now male and female can procreate to produce a child, but two homosexuals can not procreate. So since God is pro-creation then a homosexual is anti-creation and the spirit is anti-God or anti-Christ.

2. Growth and De-sensitization on a Nation Homosexuality is growing by leaps and bounds. Our children are being exposed to this spirit at every corner. But, what are we doing about it? First they see it on t.v. Two men kissing one another in prime-time t.v. then they see it in the music videos. Two women kissing one another, Then they go to school and see the girl dressed like and looking like a boy and vice versa and never question in themselves why.

And with all of this exposure the only thing that can happen is de-sensitization. In other words you become less alert and drop your defenses because you feel that there is no danger in that situation. Let me give you a current situation. Former V.P. Dick Cheney, who is conservative or supposed to be, has a homosexual daughter who is in a homosexual relationship. The conservative movement states they are against gay marriage. Well in the 2004 election he was bought to question his stance on the issue and never truly answered the question, but his boss Fmr. President George Bush stood firmly against gay marriage. Now with 5 years past and being exposed to this spirit right in his own home, he now comes out in 2009 and say freedom for all. If they want to get married then they should. Now this is one situation that happened publicly but I know and you know of many more situations as such. This spirit has even moved into the church, prominently in the choir and the pulpit.

But because we want that good musician and preaching brother we desensitize ourselves and letting our guard down to accept something that God did not ordain and allow it to lead praise and worship and even the church. If you are Kingdom citizen and born again then whenever anyone is homosexual comes around the Spirit will tell you. I have been at work and not even looking up and the Spirit will say look and when I look it would be a homosexual man and or woman. That is called discernment which leads to my final topic:

3. No Need to Judge, Just Pray If someone is homosexual and you call them that then that is not judging, if you are right. Calling a duck a duck is not judging but stating facts. What we can do as citizens of the Kingdom and sons of God is show them how to live and pray with them and for them to be delivered from that spirit. So many times we use an unchrist-like approach to them and when they look at us they say "you hate me". They should not see hate, but God so when dealing with this spirit, to overcome and defeat it, you must present the spirit of love and the Spirit of Christ to them. My mom always said, you can win someone over with sugar quicker than salt. See all of us have had some pitfalls in our life and no sin is greater than the other so we should not judge them but show the correction through love and then it is up to them to accept Christ or deny Him.

It is my sincere prayer that we teach our children the right way and the wrong way and when something like that comes up on t.v., explain to them that this is not right and God does not like it. Being silent only further shows our children the acceptance of a spirit that is antichrist and leads to destruction.

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Next Month: [Breaking the Generational and Private Curses](#)

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The Cosmic Conflict
Between Christ & Satan
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Satan Vs Jesus Lesson 13 Of 13
Lesson 13

The End of the Great Controversy
(Revelation 13, 14 & 19)

Introduction: This year we have been studying the conflict between good and evil. In our last lesson, we turn our attention to the final events that wrap up the great controversy.

What are the key issues in the final conflict? Are they the same as they have always been? Where do we fit into those issues? Will Jesus win in the end? Let's jump in and find out!

1. The Mark

1. Read Revelation 12:17. Whom do you understand to be the "dragon?" (Revelation 12:9 makes it very clear that the "dragon" is Satan.)

1:a Who is the dragon attacking? (Us. He is attacking those who obey God's commandments and believe in Jesus.)

1:b We have discussed this text several times during this quarter. What is the timing of this segment of the war? (If you read through chapter 12 you will see that the battle begins in heaven. When Satan is cast down to earth, he goes after Jesus (Revelation 12:5). When Jesus escapes Satan's grasp, he turns his attention to the followers of Jesus. The timing of Revelation 12:17 appears to be after Jesus' resurrection.)

2. If you continue to read through the next chapter, Revelation 13, you will see that the dragon works in association with a couple of "beasts" with the results reported in Revelation 13:16-18. Read these three verses. How is the controversy going for those who obey God's commandments and believe in Jesus? (This looks like the low point. The dragon, through the beasts, has great economic authority.)

2:a What do you think it means to have a "mark in the forehead or the hand?" (Your forehead is where you think and your hand is what you use to work.

This suggests that people either believe in the dragon/beast's "mark" or they accept the mark just to get along.)

2:b Revelation 13:16 tells us that "everyone" received this mark? If that is so, does it mean Satan has won the victory? (Compare Revelation 20:4 with Revelation 14:11. This makes clear that not everyone receives this "mark" of Satan. Those who do not reign in heaven, those who do are burned.)

2:c How important is this issue of the "mark?" (It determines our outcome in the final conflict!

2:d What do you think is this "mark?" Does it have anything to do with the issues in Revelation 12:17? (It must. We need to explore this further.)

2:e In Revelation 14:6-12 we read about three angels who have the "end-time" judgment message for the world. Let's read these verses. Does this give us more information on "the mark?"

2:f Let's list what we learn about those who have "the mark" and those who do not. What clues do we have about this mark? (Verse 9 reveals this is an issue of worship. If we worship the "beast and its image" we get the mark. Verse 12 reveals the "saints" have the same qualities as the group that was the target of the dragon (Revelation 12:7). It is logical to conclude, then, that those who are avoiding the mark are those that "obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus.")

2:g We often discuss "faith and works." How do faithfulness to Jesus and obedience to God's commandments fit into our "faith and works" discussion? (Remaining faithful to Jesus is the faith component and obeying God's commandments is the works component. The inescapable conclusion is that God's people who are faithful during this end-time battle have both faith and works. This is not a "either/or" situation.)

3. Let's go back and explore the issue of the mark and the end-time message a bit further. Look again at Revelation 14:7. What is the "issue" raised by this angel? What "alert" is God's messenger sending the earth?

(He says that the "hour" of the final judgment is here. As a result, we must "fear God and give Him glory.")

3:a How do we fear God and give Him glory? What answer does this angel give? (Worship Him as the Creator. I was in a Bible book store this week and was looking at two books by John MacArthur. One book argued that the Genesis account was a critical part of most Christian doctrines - that if you did not believe the Genesis story of Creation, you did not have a proper view of God. The second book was about how Christians should relate to government. I agree completely with MacArthur's point about Creation - so I bought the second book to see if I could learn something!)

3:b Do you find any support in this message of the first angel for MacArthur's view that Creationism is fundamental in the controversy between good and evil? (A description of the first angel's message begins in Revelation 14:6 and there it is described as the "eternal gospel." That sounds fundamental. If you tie this into the mark, then it becomes even more important.)

4. Look at the second angel again: Revelation 14:8. What is the message of this angel? (Fallen is "Babylon" which made the nations commit adultery.)

4a What do you think is "Babylon?" (If you look at Revelation 18:1-4 you find a similar description of "Babylon" with a call to "come out of her my people.")

4:b How can God's people be in "Babylon?" (In Revelation 12 the "woman" refers to the church. If this symbolism continues, then "Babylon" would be a church in which God's people are found.)

4:c What (Revelation 14:8) would be the "wine" of "adultery?" (This should cause every one of us to pause. This points to church teaching that turns us away from God. We need to be careful that our beliefs are based on the Bible and not the teachings of the world. At the end of the controversy between good and evil, those churches which undercut the gospel are going to "fall" and God's people will come out of them.)

5. Look again at the third angel of Revelation 14:9. Do you see a link in the message of this third angel and the two prior angels? (Taken together they depict two groups. Those who worship God as the Creator and those who worship Satan and his allies. During the time of this message, God's people realize the alternatives and they come out of false teaching. At the same time those Christians who are really allies of Satan, or those who are unwilling to take a stand for Jesus, move closer to Satan to the point that they receive the "mark.")

2. *Worshipping the Creator*

1. If we are right that the three angels have an important end-time message about worship and judgment, and this message includes how to avoid getting "the mark," what should you do to be sure you were properly worshipping God as the Creator?

2. Read Genesis 2:1-3 and Exodus 20:8-11. How do these verses suggest that we properly worship the God of Creation?

3. Is Sabbath observance essential to the proper worship of God the Creator? Is this the focal point of the end-time controversy over who are the "saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus" (Revelation 14:12)? (Sabbath observance is the part of the Ten Commandments which specifically is tied to memorializing God as our Creator. It makes perfect sense that the focus of the end-time controversy comes to rest here.)

4. Friend, how does your life measure up on this critical issue of worship for God? Does your worship life reflect your faith in Jesus?

3. *The Rider*

1. Read Revelation 19:11-13. Who is the rider? (Verse 13 tells us His name is "the Word of God." We know from John 1:1-2, 14 that Jesus is the Word of God. The fact that His robe is "dipped in blood" (Rev. 19:13) and that He is "Faithful and True" (Rev. 19:11) is further evidence of Jesus' identity.)

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2. Read Revelation 19:14-16. Is this what the disciples expected - Jesus to come as a mighty warrior? (As we have seen in past lessons, the disciples expected Jesus to overthrow the Romans. John the Baptist had this same view. That was not His mission then. However, this time around, Jesus comes as King and Warrior.)

3. Read Revelation 19:19. What do you think it about to happen? (The stage is set for the final conflict in the controversy between good and evil. Jesus comes with His armies and the forces of evil prepare for battle.)

4. Read Revelation 19:20-21. Who wins this battle? How, exactly, are the forces of evil defeated? (It says that most of them are killed "with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider.")

4:a What do you think this statement means? Jesus has a sword in His mouth? (Read 2 Thessalonians 2:8; Psalms 33:9; Genesis 1:3. The battle is won just the same way the world was created - Jesus just spoke it into existence. He will just speak the wicked out of existence too.)

4:b What does this add to your understanding of Jesus being called the "Word" of God? (God acts through mere speech. Jesus is the power of God.)

4:c Is there a lesson in righteousness by faith in this? (The army does not have to fight. Jesus just speaks and ends the controversy. Praise God!)

After all that, the forces of evil are spoken away? Incredible! Friend, you have seen the outcome of the great controversy between good and evil. If you haven't chosen sides, or if you are not on the side of God, will you make your decision today? If you have already made your decision to be on God's side, remember whatever your difficulty in life, whatever the problem, the Word of God can make it right. He is a great God!

The End of a Series.

(Continued from Pg. 3, the Holy Spirit)

"While awaiting freedom from the presence of sin [meaning when we are taken to heaven], believers still face conflicts between their regenerated minds (or new natures or capacities) and their sin natures or capacities."

5. How do we handle this conflict? (Read Romans 8:12-14 again. We cannot "handle" the conflict. What we can do and what we must do is make the decision to live a Spirit-led life. Our evil nature will be present. We are going to want to do evil. But, "by the Spirit [we are able to] put to death the misdeeds of the body.")

6. Read Romans 8:15-17. Do we suffer in this struggle to choose what is right? (I think that is what Paul means. Look again at Romans 8:6. When we choose to be led by the Holy Spirit, we are given peace. But, we still find this struggle going on between our sinful and our Spirit-led natures.)

Friend, you have two goals. First, will you stop trying to obey the law on your own? Second, will you, by God's grace, stop obeying your sinful nature? Will you today repent, accept Jesus as your Savior and ask the Holy Spirit to lead in your thoughts and actions?

Next Month: The Restorer.

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Birthdates and Events of:
NOVEMBER

- 1st Daylight Saving Time Ends,
Clocks go back one Hour.
BD: Evang. Winnie Harrison
- 3rd Election Day
BD: Bro. Michael (Mann) Henry
- 6th BD: Msny. Teresa Bess
- 7th BD: Shamiyah Melvin *
- 8th BD: Mekayla Jackson *
- 9th BD: Benjamin Mason Jr.
- 11th Veterans Day
- 14th BD: Tanisha Covington
- 18th BD: Corey Quadire Davis
- 22nd BD: Bro. David Sanford
BD: Sis. Sarah Sanford
- 24th BD: Prophetess Laura Robinson
- 26th Thanksgiving Day (Thank You, Lord!)
- 30th BD: Bro. Mark Taft

DECEMBER: Birthdays and Events

- 1st BD: Bro. Kevin Snead
- 3rd BD: Minister Richard Edwards
- 4th BD: Sis. Norma Watson
BD: Afiya Nath *
BD: Sis. Shakema Melvin
- 8th BD: Bro. Javon Sanford
- 10th BD: Overseer William Henry
- 14th BD: Shakeem Bolie *
- 15th BD: Evang. Lynnette Perry
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BD: Mercedes Mason *
- 16th BD: Sis. Tanya Brooks
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BD: John Bess
- 18th BD: Bro. Paul Johnson
- 19th BD: Evang. Cheanese Jackson
- 22nd Hanukkah
BD: Pastor Daryl Wilson
- 23rd BD: Sis. Jasmine Huges
Sis. Elizabeth Nath
- 25th Christmas Day, Thank You Jesus!
BD: Young William Henry
- 27th BD: Venetra Garret
- 31st New Year's Eve Service 10:00 pm
BD: Sis. Timesha Jeffery

Daily Scripture Reading:
Read the Holy Bible in a Year.

November

1. ΔI Tim 3 ΔIsa 36-37 ΔPs 119:97-120
2. ΔI Tim 4 ΔIsa 38-39 ΔPs 119:121-144
3. ΔI Tim5:1-22 ΔJer 1-2 ΔPs 119:145-176
4. ΔI Tim 5:23-6:21 ΔJer 3-4 ΔPs 120
5. ΔII Tim 1 ΔJer 5-6 ΔPs 121
6. ΔII Tim 2 ΔJer 7-8 ΔPs 122
7. ΔII Tim 3 ΔJer 9-10 ΔPs 123
8. ΔII Tim 4 ΔJer 11-12 ΔPs 124
9. ΔTitus 1 ΔJer 13-14 ΔPs 125
10. ΔTitus 2 ΔJer 15-16 ΔPs 126
11. ΔTitus 3 ΔJer 17-18 ΔPs 127
12. ΔPhilm ΔJer 19-20 ΔPs 128
13. ΔJas 1 ΔJer 21-22 ΔPs 129
14. ΔJas 2 ΔJer 23-24 ΔPs 130
15. ΔJas 3 ΔJer 25-26 ΔPs 131
16. ΔJas 4 ΔJer 27-28 ΔPs 132
17. ΔJas 5 ΔJer 29-30 ΔPs 133
18. ΔI Pet 1 ΔJer 31-32 ΔPs 134
19. ΔI Pet 2 ΔJer 33-34 ΔPs 135
20. ΔI Pet 3 ΔJer 35-36 ΔPs 136
21. ΔI Pet 4 ΔJer 37-38 ΔPs 137
22. ΔI Pet 5 ΔJer 39-40 ΔPs 138
23. ΔII Pet 1 ΔJer 41-42 ΔPs 139
24. ΔII Pet 2 ΔJer 43-44 ΔPs 140
25. ΔII Pet 3 ΔJer 45-46 ΔPs 141
26. ΔGal 1 ΔJer 47-48 ΔPs 142
27. ΔGal 2 ΔJer 49-50 ΔPs 143
28. ΔGal 3:1-18 ΔJer 51-52 ΔPs 144
29. ΔGal 3:19-4:20 ΔLam 1-2 ΔPs 145
30. ΔGal 4:21-31 ΔLam 3-4 ΔPs 146

December

1. ΔGal 5:1-15 ΔLam 5 ΔPs 147
2. ΔGal 5:16-26 ΔEzek 1 ΔPs 148
3. ΔGal 6 ΔEzek 2-3 ΔPs 149
4. ΔEph 1 ΔEzek 4-5 ΔPs 150
5. ΔEph 2 ΔEzek 6-7 ΔEzek 8-9
6. ΔEph 3 ΔEzek 8-9 ΔEzek 10-11
7. ΔEph 4:1-16 ΔEzek 12-13 ΔEzek 14-15
8. ΔEph 4:17-32 ΔEzek 16 ΔEzek 17
9. ΔEph 5:1-20 ΔEzek 18 ΔEzek 19
10. ΔEph 5:21-33 ΔEzek 20 ΔEzek 21-22
11. ΔEph 6 ΔEzek 23 ΔEzek 24
12. ΔPhil 1:1-11 ΔEzek 25-26 ΔEzek 27-28
13. ΔPhil 1:12-30 ΔEzek 29-30 ΔEzek 31-32
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1 Thess 5:12-25 KJV

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.
Brethren, pray for us.*