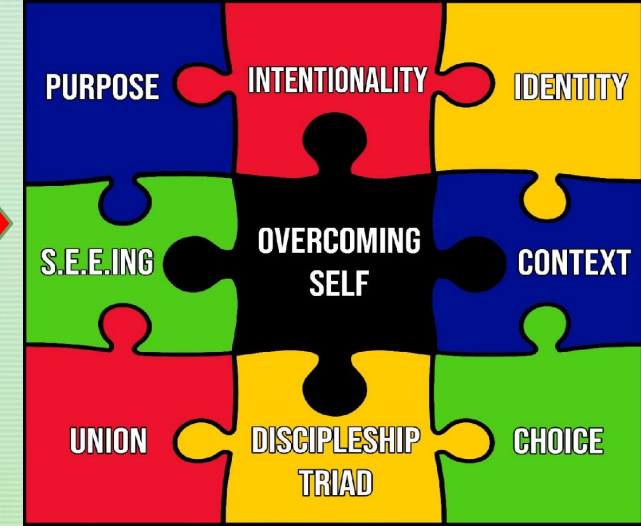


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Session Ten : S.E.E.ing

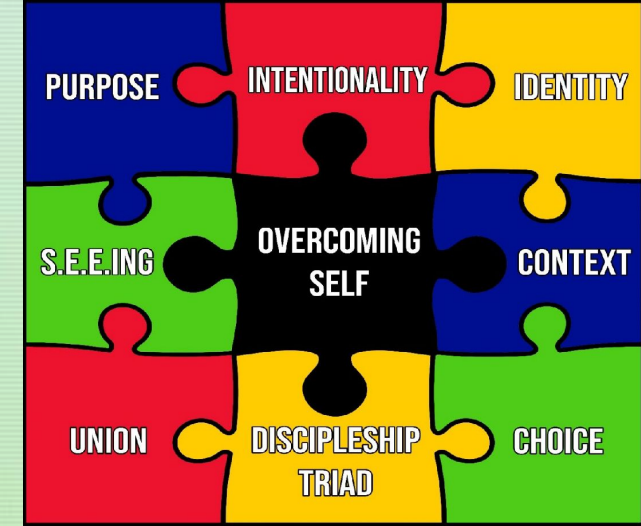
Learning to S.E.E.

- **Rev. 3:18** (Laodicean) Church—Over-confident, self-confident, self-satisfied, poor, wretched, blind, naked.” Our arrogance makes *us* lukewarm and *Him* sick!
- S.E.E.ing = “Seeking the Eternal Essence”
- Review: What is the “veil of the flesh”? [Scripture]
- S.E.E.ing is perceiving things as they actually are (eternal realm, ultimate reality). It means viewing all things from His perspective. What is the “sense organ” that we use?
- Our **Rev. 3:17** boast is the expression and proof of the presence of Independent Self!
- Jesus’ remedy: Purchase from Him gold, white garments, eye salve.
- Dr. Jesus’ “Super-S.E.E.ing Eyesalve” the anecdote for Satan’s snake oil-induced blindness!
- Independent Self-confidence is NOT the badge of honor the world says it is; rather it is a diseased condition of blindness in need of healing.
- Jesus’ eye salve dissolves scales over our eyes and veil over our heart that separates us from our true identity.



Learning to S.E.E. (Cont'd)

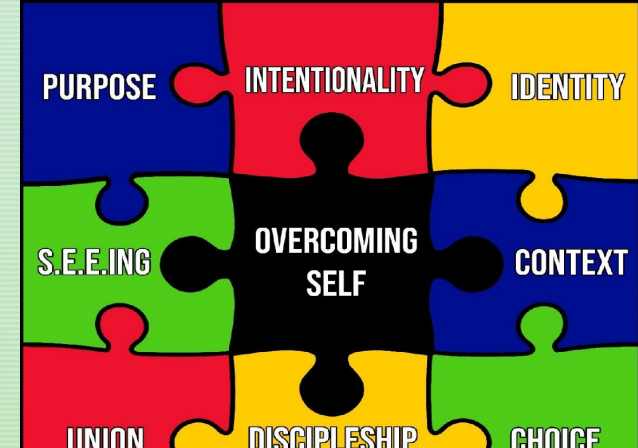
- What does “buy from me” (Rev. 3:18) mean? How?
- *The Emperor's New Clothes*, by H. C. Andersen. “[C]lothes made from “the most magnificent fabrics imaginable. Not only were their colors and patterns uncommonly fine, but clothes made of this cloth had a wonderful way of becoming invisible to anyone who is *unfit for his office, or who is unusually stupid.*”
- Sources of the 2 charlatan's power: 1) Flesh and Carnal Mind; 2) Fear of rejection by the world; 3) Insecurity of being found wanting.
- Read 2nd Paragraph, pg. 109 together.
- “Realism Naïve”: Fleshly tendency to believe that we see objectively (world’s perspective = everyone who disagrees with us is deceived or stupid).
- Bonus Question: What is Reality?
- Bonus Bonus Question: What is the difference between spirit-inspired imagination and “imaginary”? Relate this concept to Paul’s words in 1 Cor. 1:18.



Learning to S.E.E in this context means learning to embrace Papa's mysteries & grow comfortable living in the alternative reality of the eternal; "in" but not "of" this world. It means as Leonardo Da Vinci told us, "Realiz[ing] that everything is connected to everything else." It means to see what God has done, is doing, & will do in the context of the whole span of our personal story, & world history. It is expanding vision beyond physical eyesight to encompass your inner eyes, the "eyes of your understanding" (**Eph. 1:18**). It means becoming aware of His Program on earth, & how His Program in this reality has an infrastructural purpose in His eternal Kingdom. It means learning to see beyond the flesh, behind the veil, & into the eternal (**2 Cor. 3:16-17**). It means "see[ing] what the Father is doing," and doing it (**Jn 5:19**); "hear[ing] what the Father is saying," and saying it (**Jn 12:49**), as Jesus did. It means nurturing the seed of the Kingdom within myself and within the Body of Christ, and cultivating it until it grows a tree in whose branch's others come to rest (**Matt 13:31-32**). Ultimately, it means living a time/space/matter existence in an other-worldly Context.

D1: S.E.E.ing from A Child's Perspective

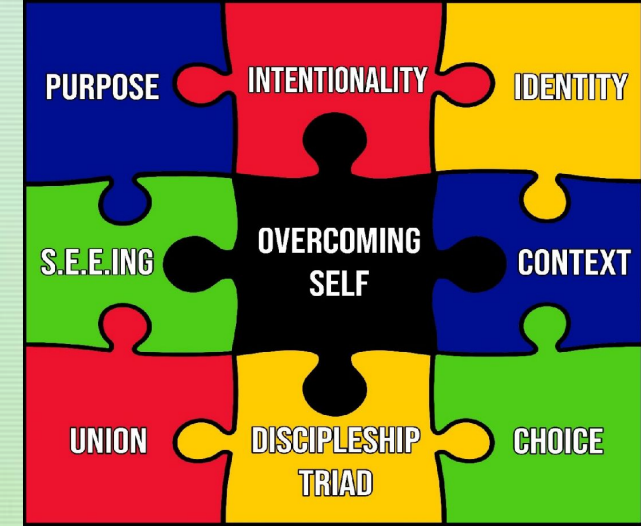
- Read Matthew 19:14. What is the “of such”?
- Read Matthew 18:2-3. What does it mean to be “converted and become”? How does this compare with the process in John 3?



- What about children should we be emulating? What's not?
- The two qualities that a child has—at least until they become old enough for them to become veiled—is that they are totally dependent, and can “see” (in the sense of “imagine”) that which is not visible, and to experience it as real. At some point in our journey from childhood to adult, we lose the ability to imagine without attaching the negative value of “imaginary.”
- Paidion Vision: S.E.E.ing the “there-but-not-there” world. Romans 4:17, “¹⁷God, who gives life to the dead and *calls those things which do not exist as though they did.*”
- How does paidion vision relate to the definition of faith in Hebrews 11:1?
- Critical lesson: Our paidion vision—the ability to “see that which is not as though it were”—is our viewing portal into the eternal!

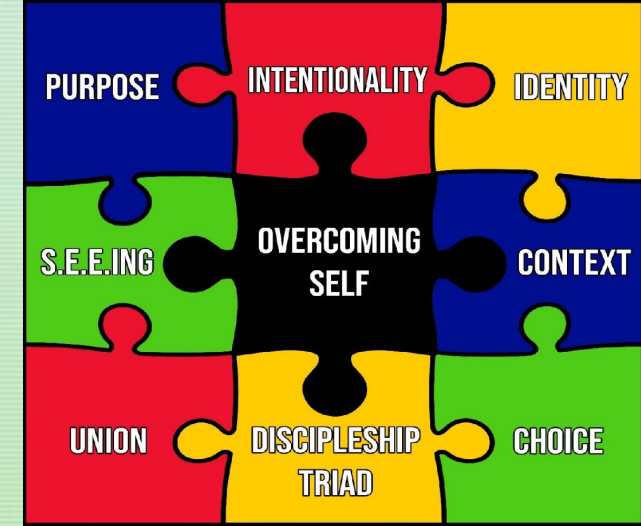
D2: Paidion Vision and Rational Mind

- How is worry a misuse of paidion vision?
- How can we justify Jesus' words in Matthew with Paul's words in Cor. 13?
- How do rationality and logic do violence to the Kingdom of God? How can it be useful?
- Read Luke 10:21. What is the irony that Jesus sees and celebrates?
- How do we recalibrate our "sight" to another dimension?
- Belief and the "foolishness" threshold: [1 Corinthians 1:18](#), "For the message of the cross is **foolishness** to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."



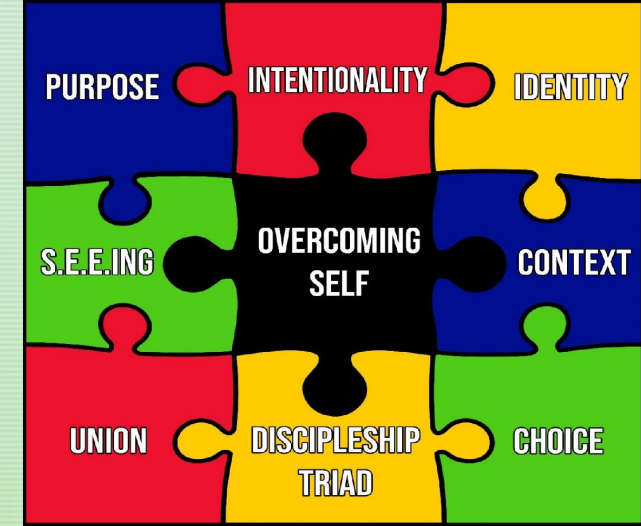
D3: The Carnal Mind and Disbelief

- Carnal Mind is the mind under influence of World System + Flesh
- CM is dominated by body consciousness and by self-interest; it is not primarily “sinful,” it is primarily selfish.
- Why is CM not an acceptable mindset for disciples? Romans 8:7-8
- “Enmity is a feeling or condition of hostility; hatred, ill will, animosity, and/or antagonism. In other places Scripture refers to the conflict as “warfare” (2 Cor. 10:4); that would make consorting with the enemy treason!”
- *Unbelief* ignores or doubts; *disbelief* actively opposes. Disbelief (enmity) is the flesh’s default response to spirit and unbelief is the expression of flesh’s weakness.
- Belief must be embraced; passive *unbelief* must be overcome (“*Help my unbelief*”); active *disbelief* has to be intentionally rejected. Unbelief hinders faith, but *disbelief* opposes faith by requiring proof of spirit activity by physical senses. **John 20:25**, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, *I will not believe.*” Unbelief sets limitations; disbelief sets conditions and parameters. Unbelief says, “*I cannot believe*”; disbelief says, “*I will not believe.*”



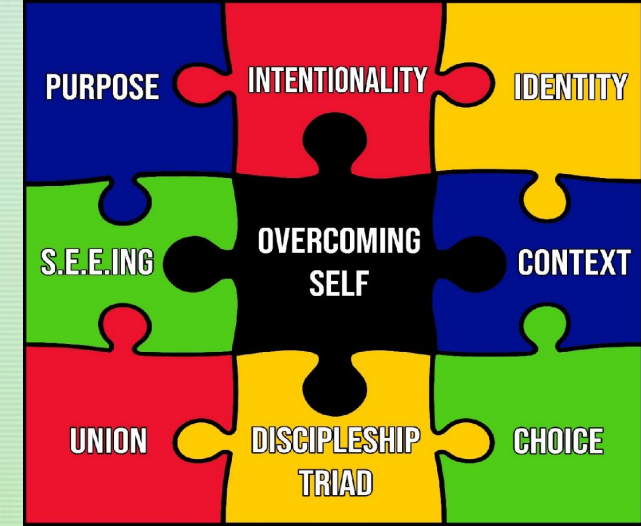
D4: Reversing the Aging Process

- Rebirth is not just starting over with a clean slate, it is to become a child again—to unlearn the Independent Self to which we cling.” Rebirth is “unlearning,” reversing the aging process.
- “How do we grow up and “Put away childish things” (Paul) concurrently with being converted and becoming little children (Jesus)?”
- What is the difference between “childlike” and “childish”?
Comment on Matt. 18:3. Why did Jesus say both “converted” and “become”?
- Three positive Childlike Characteristics: Trust, Dependence, Veneration (love + respect)
- The two fronts for the Battle of Age Reversal:
 - 1) Heart of Stone vs. Heart of Flesh
 - 2) Dependence vs. Independence



D5: You Are Dead—Get Over It!

- To qualify as a journey you have to have a POD and a goal—otherwise it is just wandering!
- Point of departure for our pilgrimage: You died! (Colossians 3:3)
- The Scripture as a “travel brochure”
- Every human being—save One—have been born *separated* from union with the Father, and that means we are all born dead.
- Dead men/women have no rights.



What are the characteristics of a Christian who has never come to terms with their “born dead” status? I focus on just one that is central to our discipleship quest: When a person—believer or unbeliever—is “alive” at the center of their own universe, everything else (people, objects, events, etc.) become collectibles with value in proportion to their effect on “my life.” We collect family, we collect friends, possessions, memories, and experiences. We collect religion, and yes, we collect an appropriate measure of “Jesus.” Like charms on a bracelet, the stuff in orbit around us serves all of “my” egocentric goals and experiences, Jesus among the rest! When we never S.E.E and embrace the fact that we are dead, and therefore possess nothing, we remain oriented to acquiring, and all of its trappings: maintaining, appearing, possessing, wanting, and coveting. Acquiring displaces transformation, and the trappings—“the cares of this age”—replace discipleship. These activities are tantamount to “arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic”—a waste of time because they are going down! Along with all of the other flesh-based activities, they will provide fuel for the Bema Seat fire. Until we come to terms with the fact of our death, Jesus remains one collectible among all the rest, along with our pet rock and Mickey Mantle autographed baseball. Recognizing this, I have decided to systematically remove “my life” from my vocabulary. The *only* hope we have for transcending death is to embrace the fact that we are already dead, and that makes recognition of our current demise the departure gate of our pilgrimage. Pg. 125, paragraph 2

Next Week: Overcoming Self

