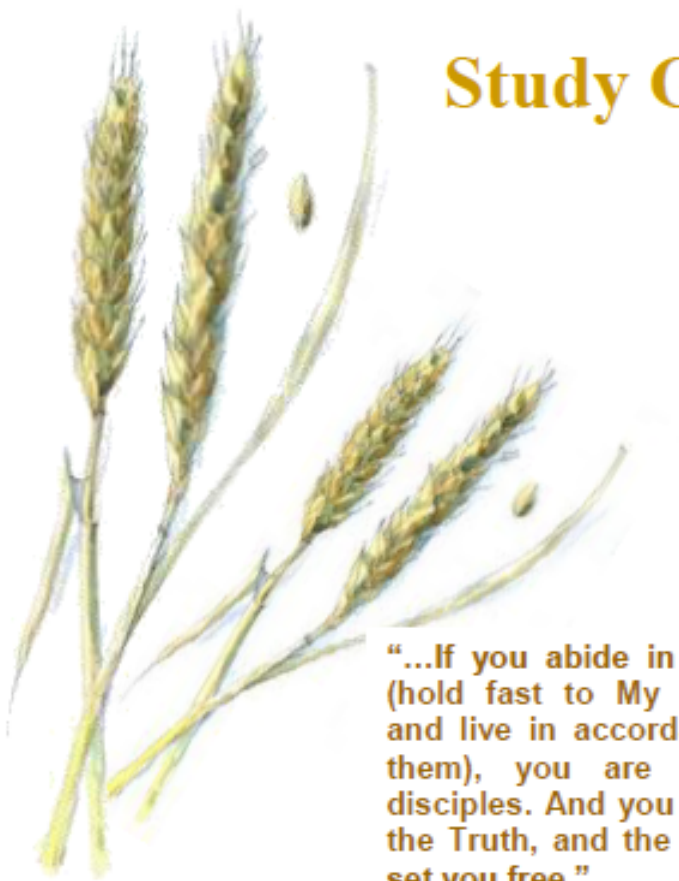


unless a grain of wheat ...

Study Guide



**“...If you abide in My word
(hold fast to My teachings
and live in accordance with
them), you are truly My
disciples. And you will know
the Truth, and the Truth will
set you free.”
(John 8:31-32 AMP)**

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Section 1

This Side of Jordan

MAN - A TRI-UNITY

(SEE PAGE 6 IN SYLLABUS)

We see in various passages in scripture that man is a tri-unity made up of spirit, soul, and body, each possessing different faculties and functions. Yet, at the same time there is a delicate interaction that transpires between them.

1. Write out I Thessalonians 5:23. _____

List the main function of each tri-part.

A. Spirit _____

B. Soul _____

C. Body _____

Let's concentrate on the human spirit. The word *pneuma* in the Greek means "spirit." Vine's Expository Dictionary defines it as follows: "It (*pneuma*) primarily denotes the wind; also breath; then especially the spirit, which like the wind, is invisible, immaterial and powerful."

2. The spirit of man is that aspect of man through which God most immediately encounters him. Explain the action and/or function involved with the human spirit with each verse.

A. Zechariah 12:1 _____

B. Romans 8:16 _____

C. I Corinthians 2:11 _____

D. Galatians 6:18; Philippians 4:23; II Timothy 4:22; Philemon 25

E. Hebrews 4:12 _____

F. Hebrews 12:23 _____

3. The human spirit can be defined as that area of human awareness that is sensitive to the spiritual realm. Look up each scripture passage and write down those phrases that pertain to the human spirit.

A. Mark 2:8 _____

B. John 11:33 _____

C. John 13:21 _____

D. Acts 17:16 _____

E. II Corinthians 2:13 _____

The Greek term for soul in the New Testament is the word *psuche*. It is generally used to define the seat of reason, emotion, and will within the human being.

4. Look up the following verses in scripture that point to the faculty and/or function of the soul:

A. Psalm 63:8 _____

B. Psalm 84:2 _____

C. Matthew 26:38 _____

D. Luke 1:46 _____

5. As regenerate people, our souls are in the process of being saved or sanctified (Romans 5:10). The most important commodity we have is our soul. We invest in it by making correct choices. Look up the following passages and write down your insights and observations.

A. Psalm 19:7 _____

B. Matthew 11:29 _____

C. Matthew 16:25-26 _____

D. Luke 21:19 _____

E. Hebrews 10:39 _____

F. James 1:21 _____

G. I Peter 1:9 _____

H. I Peter 1:22 _____

The body was formed by God and created by Him. David says in Psalm 139:13-14:

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...

The body is the vehicle (earthen vessel, mortal body). It has life which is comprised of muscle, bones, blood, glands, organs and five senses (sight, hearing, taste, smell, touch) all operating from the body's control center – the brain. The body contains and confines the human soul within.

6. Look up the following scripture references and write down what our Lord says about the body.

A. Genesis 2:7 _____

B. Job 4:19 _____

C. Psalm 139:14 _____

D. Romans 5:12 _____

E. Romans 12:1 _____

F. I Corinthians 6:19 _____

G. II Corinthians 4:7 _____

H. II Corinthians 5:1-4 _____

I. II Peter 1:3 _____

MAN IN DISTRESS/MAN'S SPIRITUAL HISTORY

(SEE PAGES 6-9 IN SYLLABUS)

Before the Fall, Adam's spirit was the highest center of operation. He was essentially a spiritual being.

7. What are some of the special privileges and benefits enjoyed by Adam as he lived in this state?

8. In Christ, you too, have the spiritual life that joined Adam to God before the Fall. Ask God to show you, by His Spirit, all His riches implied in the word 'life.' What did He give you when He gave you His life (John 10:10)?

Adam chose to sin - to find momentary satisfaction and fulfillment in following his own way rather than God's.

9. As a consequence, what did he lose?

10. How would he now find purpose and meaning in his finite or mortal life?

PERSONAL

11. Prior to knowing Christ and finding your life in Him . . .

A. Where was your identity found?

B. What gave purpose and meaning to your days?

12. Read Romans 5:12-21. How did Adam's sin affect you and the rest of mankind?

13. Read Ephesians 2:1-3.

A. Describe the unregenerate man.

B. What, at this point, is his center of operation?

C. Positionally, unregenerate man is in Adam. What are some of the deeds that are manifested as a result of this state (condition)?

PROMISES

(SEE PAGE 10 IN SYLLABUS)

14. What does God promise you in Ezekiel 36:26-27?

15. Take time to meditate over the words “everlasting life.” When do you enter into this life? Describe some of its joys, its quality, its duration, etc.

NEW BIRTH: REGENERATION

(SEE PAGE 11 IN SYLLABUS)

16. At regeneration, what are some of the things that we became (our identity)?

A. John 1:12 _____

B. I Corinthians 1:30 _____

C. II Corinthians 5:17 _____

D. II Peter 1:4 _____

17. Turn to Romans 5:14-21 and read carefully. We saw that in Adam all men died. Now look at God's perfect plan for reconciliation of His beloved people.

A. What is God's free gift to you?

B. How was this gift made available to you?

C. So then, what is now your true identity? (To affirm who you are "in Christ" it would be helpful to study, memorize and meditate on scriptures that are listed under "Our True Identity." Believe in His Word and let these truths renew your mind and thoughts.)

D. Where do you now find purpose and meaning?

E. Take some time to delight in each of your possessions shown in the diagram. Which one(s) means the most to you today?

A CALLED OUT PEOPLE

(SEE PAGE 13 IN SYLLABUS)

As Paul writes in addressing the believers: "...to the saints that are at Ephesus...", "...to the saints... in Philippi..."

18. What is the purpose of the Church?

A. Matthew 28:18-20 _____

B. Ephesians 4:11-16 _____

C. II Timothy 2:1-2 _____

D. I Peter 2:9 _____

19. What is its relationship to Christ?

A. Matthew 16:18 _____

B. Acts 20:28 _____

C. Ephesians 2:19-20 _____

D. Ephesians 5:25-29 _____

20. In I Corinthians 1:2, Paul writes that we are saints by calling. Our calling is described in the following verses as:

A. Romans 11:29 _____

B. Galatians 1:15 _____

C. Philippians 3:14 _____

D. II Timothy 1:9 _____

E. Hebrews 3:1 _____

21. Read Philippians 1:1 and Ephesians 1:1.

A. Paul calls his fellow-members of the body of Christ "saints." Write out the definition of this word.

B. How can you know that you also are a saint?

C. Why might it be difficult to apply that word to yourself?

D. What difference would it make in your life, and in the life of others, if you would see and think of yourself, and other members of the body of Christ, as saints?

22. Take time to read and meditate on I Peter 2:9. List the four aspects of your new identity and explain what each means to you.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

23. To what marvelous purpose has He called you?

24. Why is it even possible for you to fulfill this purpose?

25. What does God ask you to do in order to fulfill this purpose?

26. By means of regeneration we are presently suited, by nature, for the eternal kingdom. However, we are continually exhorted in scriptures to “press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14). Read Philippians 3:7-15.

A. What is Paul’s goal?

B. What is his attitude toward his goal?

PERSONAL

C. What is your goal? What is your attitude toward your goal?

D. What action is Paul taking in order to reach his goal (verses 12-14)?

27. Read II Peter 1:3-10 and answer the following questions:

A. What resources have you been given which enable you to live a life pleasing to God?

- B. The word “diligence” is found and repeated in verses 5 and 10. In the context of your own life and walk with Jesus, explain why diligence is so important.

- C. What is God’s exhortation and promise to you (verse 10)?

God is faithful; when He calls you, *“He also will do it”* (1 Thessalonians 5:24). And as you *“press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God”* you will know *“the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe.”*

LET’S GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE!

SOJOURNERS

(SEE PAGE 14 IN SYLLABUS)

28. Consider what it means to be a sojourner and apply this word to your own living and walking with the Lord Jesus in this world (see John 17:14-18; I Chronicles 29:15; II Corinthians 5:1; I Peter 2:11). What is God showing you?

PERSONAL

29. Read Romans 12:1-2.

A. Give an example from your own life of being...

Conformed _____

Transformed _____

B. What is God saying to you in verse 2? Is there a particular area of your life that He is speaking to?

C. In verse 1, we see what must take place between God and the believer before transformation can take place. In one word, state the choice and the action God seeks from each of His beloved children.

Choice: _____

Action: _____

Do you know that you have taken this action? _____

30. Read the following verses and explain what might hinder you from living out the reality of your new life and identity. In each case, consider what you can do to avoid or remove this hindrance.

A. Genesis 3:1 _____

Avoid/Remove hindrance _____

B. Romans 10:3 _____

Avoid/Remove hindrance _____

C. I Timothy 1:18-19 _____

Avoid/Remove hindrance _____

D. II Timothy 2:4 _____

Avoid/Remove hindrance _____

E. Hebrews 3:12-14 _____

Avoid/Remove hindrance _____

F. Hebrews 4:2 _____

Avoid/Remove hindrance _____

31. In renewing your mind (Romans 12:1 and Ephesians 4:22-24) you exchange your old ways of thinking and responding. Allow God to replace your old ways of thinking and responding with His truths and character.

With which truth(s) from His Word are you renewing your mind today? How is this truth bringing you into a deeper knowledge of your God? How does it affirm you are in Him?

THE WAGING WAR

(SEE PAGE 15 IN SYLLABUS)

The word “flesh” (*sarkos*) has several usages in New Testament, yet in this manual it is used to mean the expression of the power of sin through our personality. This is the context in which we use the word “flesh.”

Read the definition of the word “flesh” together with Romans 7:14-23.

32. According to verses 17-18, what “dwells in me, that is in my flesh”?

33. How does verse 22 affirm the fact in Galatians 2:20 that “I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...”?

34. “Yet, within my body, there is a different law.” Explain the warfare within. Who are the antagonists? Relate this to your own experience.

35. How does Galatians 5:17 help you to understand the above warfare?

36. How is this (the warfare) resolved according to Romans 7:25-8:4?

37. As a person born of God and living in union with Him, how do you handle the flesh using the following verses as guidelines? (Be practical in your answer; know how to keep the flesh in subjection day by day.)

A. Romans 6:13 _____

B. Romans 7:8-23 _____

C. Romans 8:1, 4 _____

D. Romans 8:12-13 _____

E. Romans 13:14 _____

F. I John 15-17 _____

SOLOMON'S SEARCH

(SEE PAGE 16 IN SYLLABUS)

38. Take time to review scriptures that state and affirm your true identity in Christ. Who are you? (Remember your life is hidden with Christ in God and your essential nature is found in the union of your spirit with Him. II Corinthians 5:17).

While the soul is being sanctified, there are “vacuums of meaning and purpose” in the soul and body areas. As you study the illustration in this section, consider how each “vacuum” would conflict with your true identity.

39. Explain why you cannot realize the fullness of His peace and resurrection life while these conflicts exist (see Matthew 13:22; I Samuel 12:21).

PERSONAL

40. Ask God to search your heart and reveal to you any area of your life where meaning and purpose is sought and found apart from Him (Psalm 139:23-24).

...Samuel said to the people, "Do not fear. You have committed all this evil, yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart. And you must not turn aside, for then you would go after futile things which cannot profit or deliver, because they are futile." 1 Samuel 12:20-21

41. Paraphrase and personalize Galatians 5:24. Explain what the cross has accomplished in your life. Give Him thanks!!

42. Define futility.

PERSONAL

43. In reading Ecclesiastes 2:1-11, did you find yourself identifying with any part of Solomon's search for meaning? Explain. Relate the word "futility" to your own experience.

44. What is an illusion? How can it deceive you?

45. Read Ephesians 4:17-32.

A. What is God's warning to you in regards to futility in verses 17-19?

B. What is God's exhortation to you in verses 22-25?

C. Explain what we are to do with the "old self" and the "new self". How does this help you to understand the exchanged life?

D. How can you avoid becoming futile in your thinking and lifestyle?

PERSONAL

46. Remember where you saw the "vacuums" in your own life? How can these be exchanged for the fullness of Christ's very life? How can you allow Him to meet these needs instead of giving into the flesh?

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

(SEE PAGE 17 IN SYLLABUS)

47. Read the following verses to remind yourself of your true identity and then write it down.

A. II Corinthians 5:17 _____

B. Philippians 3:20 _____

C. Ephesians 2:10 _____

D. II Corinthians 5:21 _____

48. Read Romans 6:1-11

A. What happened to our relationship to sin? (see verses 2, 6, 7, 11)

B. What does the "I" in the spirit diagram represent?

49. Please fill in and complete the following:

- A. We have died to _____. Romans 6:2, 6, 11
- B. We have died with _____. Romans 6:3, 4, 5, 8
- C. We have _____. Romans 6:4b, 5b, 8b, 11b

50. Read Romans 7:17-21

A. What does Paul discover about the influence of sin?

B. In verses 22-24, what does the influence of sin wage war against?

51. According to the quotes by Ray Stedman, what do we need to reckon on in order to have victory in this battle?

52. Paul makes a clear distinction between his new identity in Christ and “the law of sin, which is in (his) members.” Even in the midst of the war, what is happening in “the inner man” (verse 33)?

53. Why is it so important to remember and affirm the fact that your identity remains constant in Christ? How do you affirm this fact?

54. In summary, what did God take away? What did He give us?

Let's give thanks to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord "who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30).

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

Section 2

The Jordan River

IDENTIFICATION

(SEE PAGE 20 IN SYLLABUS)

55. Read Romans 6:6-7. Meditate on these verses and pray that “the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know...”; not only intellectually with your mind, but also with your heart and spirit, all that has been accomplished on your behalf (see I Corinthians 2:9-10).

A. What happened to you at the cross?

B. Describe the kind of life that is now yours.

C. Please define what the term “identification” refers to in the Christian experience ... What does it mean to you?

D. Why can there be no relationship between you (in Christ) and the power of sin?

E. What difference does the cross make in your life right now?

56. Read and write out Galatians 2:20. Memorize this verse if you haven't already made it your own. Delight in this glorious truth! Also, describe your new life as seen in this verse.

57. In order to know the joy of living experientially in this wonderful union with our Lord Jesus moment-by-moment, you must live and walk by faith. What is the object and expression of that faith? (i.e., In whom do you put your trust? How do you see Him? What do you say to Him and to yourself to express that faith? What is the focus of your mind? Remember Colossians 3:1-3. What is the attitude of your heart?)

58. In each of the four gospels, Jesus gives a call and conditions to those who desire to follow Him. Look up each of the following passages and list what parallels you discover:

A. Matthew 10:37-39; 16:24-26 _____

B. Mark 8:34-37 _____

C. Luke 9:23-25 _____

D. John 12:24-25 _____

In order for you to truly delight in the cross with Paul, we must share the longing of his heart and know that only the cross can bring us to our goal.

59. Read Philippians 3:7-11 and describe Paul's goal.

60. To what extent do you long for the same?

Remember, your persistent and diligent seeking of Him and His resurrection life, by faith, will partly determine how He will manifest Himself in and through you (John 14:21, 23).

Can you say with Paul, "But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ" (Philippians 3:7)? If you can, then you, too, will love the cross and want His very best for your life and will not settle for a "comfortable" second best.

In Philippians 3:10-11, Paul shows us his personal goal in this life.

61. What specifically does Paul long for when he says, "That I may..."

A. ...know Him."

B. ...know the power of His resurrection.”

C. ...know the fellowship of His sufferings.”

D. ...be conformed to His death.”

PERSONAL

62. Take time to express to Him the longing of your heart. Do you truly want and seek a deeper union of your heart with Christ in His death? If so, tell Him.

Read John 12:24. Ask God to show you how this truth relates to your own life growth in Him.

63. Visualize the ripe grain of wheat on the stalk - mature, outwardly whole and beautiful. Then compare this picture to the left side of the illustration. How do they relate to each other? (The circles depict grains of wheat.)

PERSONAL

64. Now look at your own life in the light of the Spirit. Does any part of your life relate to the above illustrations? Explain.

DYING TO LIVE

(SEE PAGE 21 IN SYLLABUS)

PERSONAL

65. You probably will experience the process of dying in Christ again and again rather than have the single death experience of the grain of wheat (see II Corinthians 4:10-11). However, you can probably identify certain major death experiences which have brought you closer to the goal of fellowship or union with Him in His life and suffering, thus conforming you to His image so that you might bear more fruit (see John 15:2). Describe briefly one of these death experiences in your own life.

PERSONAL

66. What did God accomplish in and through you by this suffering?

67. As you consider God's sovereignty and His purpose for your life, how is your understanding and appreciation for Romans 8:28 deepened?

68. Are you willing to come and die with Him? If so, tell Him!

A. What will it cost you?

B. What did it cost Him?

69. Read Ephesians 5:20 and I Thessalonians 5:18. Why is it God's will for you and why would you want to give Him thanks in all circumstances?

Section 3

Canaan

ENTERING THE LAND

(SEE PAGES 26-28 IN SYLLABUS)

70. Paraphrase (write in your own words) and personalize (fill in your own name, making it your own) John 14:20.

71. Because of your union with Christ (identification) you are one with Him in His death and resurrection life. Therefore you are His, and all that He is and has is yours (Ephesians 1:3, 18-23). How do you like that exchange?! Do you realize what a treasure He has given you?

Look at the following three immeasurable gifts you have received through this union. State the significance of each to you, and give Him thanks.

- A. The Life of Jesus (Colossians 3:4):

- B. The Mind of Jesus (I Corinthians 2:16):

- C. The Will of Jesus (Luke 22:42):

72. Take time to appreciate and delight in what this relationship with Jesus has won for you. Study and briefly explain each item under the heading "Union with Him in..."

A. Nature _____

B. Purposes _____

- C. Death to sin _____
- D. Death to the law _____
- E. Death to the flesh _____
- F. Death to the world _____
- G. Service _____
- H. Suffering _____
- I. Resurrection _____
- J. Ascension _____
- K. Fruit _____

73. Define the word "consecration."

74. What are we called to consecrate and how is that to be manifested in our lives (Romans 7:4; 12:1-2)?

75. Read Leviticus 22:18-22. What must be the condition of any animal presented to God for an offering?

76. Read Exodus 29:1-9. What had to take place before Aaron and his sons could be anointed and ordained as priests before God?

77. Our God is holy and He longs for us to know and respect His holiness and righteousness. What resources do we have in Christ that will enable Him to accept our worship and service?

78. In the light of the passages in Leviticus and Exodus, explain why crucifixion had to take place before consecration.

PERSONAL

79. Have you presented (consecrated) yourself to God according to Romans 12:1?

PERSONAL

80. What are you to consecrate? What will be the result of this consecration?

81. How do you maintain a walk of consecration in your daily walk with the Lord?

QUENCH NOT GRIEVE NOT

(SEE PAGE 30 IN SYLLABUS)

82. What is self-reliance?

83. Why does it “quench the Spirit”? Define what quench means in your response.

PERSONAL

84. In which areas of your life might you either forget to depend on God or choose to trust yourself? In which areas of your life do you know that you depend fully on God and His resources? Why?

85. Hear God speak to you in II Corinthians 12:9-10. What is His message? Do you agree with Paul’s words in verse 10? Explain.

God knows that only a life of faith, lived in full dependence on Him, will truly glorify Him. Therefore, He allows circumstances that force you to depend on Him.

86. Read II Corinthians 1:8-10. Paul is experiencing the “dying” which will produce deeper and fuller resurrection life. Remember he has already died with Jesus and has risen with Him; now God is working it out in his life (Philippians 2:12-13). In what ways was Paul enriched by the suffering he endured?

PERSONAL

87. What has God been doing in your life to bring you to “trust not in yourself, but God”?

88. Write out Ephesians 5:20. Give Him thanks using this scripture.

89. What is moral laxity? (Suggestion: use your dictionary and look up the words moral and laxity.)

PERSONAL

90. Ask God to show you if there is an area of moral laxity in your life. You might pray the words of Psalm 139:23-24. What is God showing you?

91. How do you deal with moral laxity? (Remember God has dealt with sin. Read Hebrews 3:12-19 and Colossians 3:5-7).

THE WORLD SYSTEM

(SEE PAGE 31 IN SYLLABUS)

92. Define the "world."

93. What is the "world system"?

94. Describe the atmosphere of the world (using the chart).

95. What does the world have to offer you...

A. From a human perspective?

B. From God's perspective?

PERSONAL

96. What part of you is drawn to the world and its pleasures?

God's people cannot pursue both the world system and the kingdom of God.

WE HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE!

I. I Thessalonians 5:15b-18 Warning Freedom

J. I Timothy 6:17-19 Warning Freedom

K. Hebrews 10:34 Warning Freedom

L. James 4:4 Warning Freedom

M. I Peter 4:2 Warning Freedom

99. Look for your purpose, function, and identity in the following verses and describe what you see. To what extent does each one agree with how you see yourself and your function in this world?

A. Matthew 28:19

B. John 17:14-18

C. Romans 8:16-25

D. II Corinthians 5:1-4

E. II Corinthians 5:20a

F. Philippians 1:22

G. Philippians 3:7-11

H. I Thessalonians 5:16-18

I. Hebrews 11:13b-16

J. I Peter 2:9

K. I John 3:1-3

100. Summarize the above verses with a statement showing your identity and purpose in the world.

SATAN

(SEE PAGE 34 IN SYLLABUS)

101. Study the scriptures on this page. Become thoroughly acquainted with the strategies and the cunning of your opponent. Remember that you are a soldier of Christ, engaged in spiritual warfare. You are responsible for knowing the wiles of your enemy. Do not be deceived!

In addition to knowing the tricks of your enemy, how are you to deal with Satan, according to these scriptures?

A. Luke 22:31 _____

B. II Corinthians 2:10-11 _____

C. Ephesians 4:27 _____

D. Ephesians 6:11-13 _____

E. II Thessalonians 2:3-10 _____

F. James 4:7 _____

G. I Peter 5:8-9 _____

102. Summarize the above exhortations into one sentence that you can remember and carry out by faith.

103. Know these verses: I John 4:4 and 5:4. How do they encourage you?

THE POWERS OF DARKNESS

(SEE PAGE 36 IN SYLLABUS)

104. Merrill F. Unger writes, "Satan's chief tactics are to hide his identity and his assaults. The Christian must recognize him and anticipate his moves. Only as the believer knows the powers of darkness will he be able to win against him in his superior position and strength in Christ."

Why do you suppose that he so strongly states that we should KNOW OUR FOE!?

105. Who is the prince of the demons and head of a well-organized rank of fallen angels (Matthew 12:24; Ephesians 6:11-12)?

106. Write down the four levels of authority of these powers of darkness and the different role and function of each.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

107. Now, look at "Principles of Spiritual Warfare" and locate the circle picturing Christ in His glorified state. Next, read Ephesians 1:18-23. What is this saying about your union with Christ and your position in Him above principalities and powers?

Finally, it is important that we learn how to live constantly from our union with the glorified Christ. We need not only to accept our position in the heavenlies with Christ

as a daily reality, but also to exercise the authority that He has delegated to us over the powers of darkness.

John A MacMillian writes in "The Authority of the Believer":

"Do we believe that God 'hath quickened us together with Christ, and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus?' If we do, our reaction to it will be a fervent: 'Lord, I accept Thy gracious word. I believe that Thou hast thus wrought for me. In humble faith I do now take my seat in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus at Thy right hand. Teach me how to fulfill this sacred ministry, how to exercise the authority which Thou hast entrusted to me. Train me day by day that I may attain to the full stature of the perfect man in Christ, so that in me, Thy purpose of the ages may be fulfilled. Amen.'"

"Let us morning by morning, as one of our first acts of worship, take our seat with Christ (as suggested in the previous paragraph) and return thanks to God for all that it implies. Let us often remind ourselves that we are seated far above all the powers of the air, and that they are in subjection to us. As our faith learns to use the Name and the Authority of Jesus, we shall find the spiritual forces yielding obedience in ways that will surprise us. As we continue to abide closely in Him, our prayers for the advancement of the Kingdom will become less and less the uttering of petitions and will increasingly manifest the exercise of a spiritual authority that recognizes no national boundaries, but fearlessly binds the forces of darkness in any part of the world."

Section 4

The Conquest of Canaan

THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

(SEE PAGE 41 IN SYLLABUS)

108. Read Ephesians 6:10-18.

A. Describe your opponent. (Review the previous section. Examine your enemy soberly, being aware of your own weakness and helplessness in the face of such opposition, yet confident in the overcoming might of your God.)

B. God is our refuge and strength and the battle is His. But what does He ask you to do in order to win the battle? (List the exhortations in this passage, taking special note of the repetitions.)

109. When you put on the “full armor of God”, you actually “put on” your Lord Jesus Christ. (See Romans 13:14 and Galatians 3:27). Take time to look carefully at each part of the armor and show how you “have clothed yourself with Christ.” (Keep in mind that this is done by faith – by affirming the truths that relate to each part.)

A. Loins girded with truth (John 14:6 Jeremiah 9:24).

B. Breastplate of righteousness (I Corinthians 1:30; 6:9-11; II Corinthians 5:21; Romans 8:1; Philippians 3:8-9; Revelation 12:10-11).

C. Preparation of the gospel of peace (Ephesians 2:14-22; John 14:27; Philippians 4:4-7).

D. Shield of Faith (Galatians 2:20; I Corinthians 16:13; Hebrews 12:2). Know the object of your faith, and trust in Him!

E. Helmet of salvation (I Thessalonians 5:8 – notice the words, “hope of salvation” implying a future hope; we already have salvation for today, according to Romans 6:4a. Count on that! See also II Timothy 4:7-8; Romans 8:17-25; II Corinthians 4:16-5:4).

F. Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (Colossians 1:27; John 1:1-4; see how Jesus used the Sword in Luke 4:1-13).

110. Read II Chronicles 14:11. In Asa’s prayer we see the attitude with which we must engage in spiritual warfare. What did you learn from Asa’s example here? (How does he see God, and how does he see himself?)

111. Read II Chronicles 20:6. Which of the exhortations in Ephesians 6:10-18 did Jehoshaphat fulfill, which parts of the armor did he “put on” in his prayer?

112. Now, let's be practical. Be prepared to teach or demonstrate each step to another person. How can you...

A. Be strong in the Lord?

B. Stand firm against the schemes of the devil?

C. Put on the full armor of God?

Take time to be quiet in the presence of God. Hear Him say to you, "Be still and know that I am God." Let Him show Himself to you, as you wait on Him.

DEATH BY NEGLECT

(SEE PAGE 44 IN SYLLABUS)

113. Paraphrase and personalize II Corinthians 3:18.

114. Reread II Corinthians 3:18.

A. What is a veil?

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B. Give an example of a “veil” you have worn or might have put on.

C. How do you remove the veil?

D. Describe an “unveiled face.”

BEHOLDING

(SEE PAGE 45 IN SYLLABUS)

115. Explain the meaning of the word “beholding.”

116. How do you behold your Lord and His glory?

117. Why must you have an “unveiled face” in order to see Him?

“One thing have I asked from the Lord, and that shall I seek. That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to meditate in His temple.” Psalm 27:4

COMPROMISE

(SEE PAGE 47 IN SYLLABUS)

Let's take a look at how compromise is a deception of the believer.

118. Take a moment and look up the word "compromise" in the dictionary. Now that this is clear in your thinking, how does the meaning of this word parallel with our Lord's command in Deuteronomy 7:1-3?

119. Look up II Corinthians 10:3-5. What are the things that we are called to destroy? List them.

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120. The terms "fortresses" and "strongholds" are two different words to describe the same thing. Go before the Lord and ask Him to identify strongholds or fortresses in your own thinking and write out one below. To refresh your memory of what these are, review the list of strongholds in this section.

121. God uses strong language concerning the destruction of the nations inhabiting Canaan and their religious practices. Why was He so concerned that they be utterly destroyed?

122. Later on in their history, Israel suffered some major setbacks.
- A. Read Judges 2:1-4 to gain an understanding of what happened to Israel. Summarize what you found.

 - B. What was the first step in their decline (Judges 1:19-36)?

 - C. What was the consequence of their disobedience (Judges 2:21-3:4)?

 - D. Again, what are the conditions for occupying the land?

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.” II Corinthians 10:3-5

Section 5

The Carpenter's Tools

TRIBULATION
(SEE PAGE 49 IN SYLLABUS)

123. Define "tribulation."

124. What is a natural or fleshly response to tribulation?

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125. List some of the forms of tribulation you are experiencing this week.

126. We may be tempted to believe that our mighty God, for whom nothing is impossible, should prove His love and faithfulness by altering our circumstances and relieving our pain. What is wrong with this type of reasoning?

127. What does God's word say concerning tribulation or suffering in the following verses?

A. John 15:20 _____

B. John 16:33 _____

C. Romans 8:20-23 _____

D. I Corinthians 10:13 _____

E. Philippians 1:29 _____

F. I Peter 1:6 _____

G. I Peter 5:10 _____

128. According to Romans 8:29, what is the purpose of suffering?

129. Study the list of verses under the sections Trust and Travel.

A. What must be your attitude toward God as you experience the pain and pressures of life?

B. What action on your part would express such an attitude?

C. What does the suffering produce in your life as you yield to Him and trust Him?

130. Considering the above verses, when might God bring relief from any part of your suffering? (See I Peter 5:10-11 and also Isaiah 55:8, keeping in mind that we cannot know God's times for carrying out His purposes in our lives. But we can know His character and His promises!)

131. What must be our response to suffering in order for it to have its full benefit?

132. In “girding our loins with truth”, you know and affirm certain facts about God. This protects you from Satan’s attempts to discourage and deceive you. What are some of these truths which also make it possible to give Him thanks in these hard places?

133. What will happen to us if we successfully trust during the trial? What is the hope that we need to have before us if we are going to persevere during it?

134. Paul said, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Romans 8:18). God has given us some beautiful glimpses of that glory. What has He shown you of your “glorious inheritance” that you may look forward to now? (See I Corinthians 15:50-58; I Peter 1:3-9; I John 3:1-3; Revelation 21-22)

135. Read the verses listed under “The Purpose of Suffering”. Hide these words in your heart (Psalm 119:11) and make them your own. You will need these in order to stand firm when suffering comes.

A. Write in your own words the reasons why you can “count it all joy” in whatever circumstances God might allow in your life.

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B. Which one of these reasons is the most important to you today? Why?

136. Read Hebrews 13:15. Study this verse carefully and prayerfully, and ask God to show you how He wants you to apply this exhortation to your own life with and in Him. What is He asking you to do in each part of this verse?

A. Through Him _____

B. Continually offer up _____

C. The sacrifice of praise _____

D. The fruit of lips that give thanks to His name _____

137. Read II Corinthians 11:23-29.

A. As simply as possible, describe the suffering Paul endured.

B. Yet, how does he describe his suffering in II Corinthians 4:17? Why can he say this?

C. As you prayerfully read II Corinthians 4:16-18, what is God's message to you for today? How can the promise of verse 17 be fulfilled in your life?

D. If you are living out the exhortation in Hebrews 13:15, you are also meeting the condition stated in II Corinthians 4:18. Explain how these two verses fit together.

"When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives, my brothers, don't resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends! Realize that they come to test your faith and produce in you the quality of endurance."

James 1:2 (Phillips Translation)

"...that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless."

Ephesians 5:27

THE REFINING PROCESS

(SEE PAGE 50-52 IN SYLLABUS)

138. Define the word "holy."

Our God is a Holy God. He wants us to recognize and acknowledge His holiness in the way we worship Him and by the way we live each day in Him.

139. Look at God in the following passages and write down what you learn about Him. (Remember, it is in beholding Him – His character, His desires – that you become like Him, II Corinthians 3:18.)

A. Leviticus 19:2 _____

B. Deuteronomy 4:11-13 _____

C. Isaiah 43:10-14a _____

D. I Peter 1:16 _____

E. Revelation 3:7 _____

140. God has chosen a bride for Himself who is given the wonderful privilege of dwelling with Him in close and holy communion. Read Leviticus 20:7-8, 26 and see what God requires of his beloved.

A. What is God asking of you in verse 7? (Include a review of the meaning of consecration, refer to that section.)

B. What is His promise in verse 8?

C. Compare I Peter 1:16 with Leviticus 20:26. How is this Old Testament command to the nation of Israel relevant to the New Testament believer?

141. See what God has called you to! Study each of the following verses to learn more about your identity and destiny.

A. Deuteronomy 7:6 _____

B. Jeremiah 17:8 _____

C. Romans 8:19-25 _____

D. II Corinthians 6:14-18 _____

E. Ephesians 1:14 _____

F. Ephesians 5:8-14 _____

G. Ephesians 5:27 _____

ENDURANCE

(SEE PAGE 53 IN SYLLABUS)

142. As dross is removed from silver, what needs to be refined out of your life, so that you might more clearly reflect God's character (Hebrews 12:1-2)?

143. What needs to be worked into your life?

144. Review and explain the function and purpose of tribulation and suffering in this refining process (review this section and Hebrews 12:4-14).

145. Hear God speak to you in these beautiful promises and state the encouragement you find in each.

A. II Corinthians 3:4-6 _____

B. Philippians 1:6 _____

C. I Thessalonians 5:23-24 _____

D. Jude 24-25 _____

Section 6

Possessing the Land

SALVATION OF THE SOUL

(SEE PAGE 58 IN SYLLABUS)

He who takes refuge in Me shall inherit the land and shall possess My Holy Mountain. Isaiah 57:13b

Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you. Joshua 1:3

146. As a child of God, born of the Spirit, you have received a birthright and an abundance of spiritual treasures. Describe some of the riches you already have in Christ.

A. Romans 5:1-2 _____

B. Romans 6:23b _____

C. Romans 8:1-2, 30 _____

D. Romans 8:35-39 _____

E. Ephesians 1:3-5, 7, 11 _____

F. Ephesians 2:6-10, 18 _____

G. Philippians 4:19 _____

H. I Peter 1:3-5 _____

147. What did you have to **do** to receive this birthright and spiritual treasures (Galatians 3:22; Ephesians 6:10-19)?

148. What must you do now in order to enjoy these treasures that He has given you?

149. What is the "land" which we are possessing?

150. As we possess the land, what happens (I Peter 1:9)?

151. What is our character being transformed into (Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:1-12; Romans 8:29)?

152. What are some of the hindrances to this process (Luke 8:14; Matthew 13:22)?

As residents of His Kingdom, we are promised certain spiritual riches which are not given at the time of spiritual rebirth as the above. Rather, you must claim these as your own and take possession of them by faith and obedience.

153. According to the following verses, what is yours as you possess the land and, what is required of you in order to acquire this "territory"?

A. Psalm 37:9 _____

B. Luke 8:15 _____

C. John 8:31-32, 36 _____

D. John 10:10b _____

E. John 12:26 _____

F. John 14:19-21 _____

G. John 15:3-11 _____

H. John 16:24 _____

I. John 16:33 _____

J. John 17:21-24 _____

K. Romans 8:16b _____

L. Ephesians 1:8, 12 _____

M. Ephesians 1:18-19 _____

N. Philippians 4:4-8 _____

O. I Peter 5:8-10 _____

P. I John 3:1-3 _____

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154. What do you resolve to do in order to possess these riches for yourself? Ask God to show you His will for you.

155. In Hebrews 11:27, we see that “Moses endured as seeing Him who is unseen.” How does an eternal perspective enable us to endure and so possess the Land? Endurance in Hebrews 11:27 comes from the Greek word, *katero*, which means to do something persistently in the face of opposition. For a deeper understanding of the vital quality, look up the following passages dealing with this subject of an eternal perspective.

A. I Corinthians 2:9-10 _____

B. II Corinthians 4:17-18 _____

C. II Corinthians 5:7 _____

D. Philippians 3:12-14 _____

E. I Timothy 6:12 _____

F. Hebrews 11:1-3 _____

156. What does having an ‘eternal perspective’ mean?

157. How does it go hand-in-hand with possessing the land?

Finally, you have a glorious inheritance laid up in heaven for you. Eternal life and entrance into God’s heavenly mansions are unconditional for His children. Yet there are degrees of glory; these eternal treasures are strangely and wonderfully related to and dependent on what you choose to possess now.

158. Describe your inheritance as you look at the glimpses of eternity seen in the following verses.

A. John 12:25 _____

B. John 14:1-3; 16:22 _____

C. Romans 8:17-25 _____

D. I Corinthians 15:51-57 _____

E. I Peter 1:6-9, 13 _____

F. I Peter 4:12-13 _____

G. I John 3:2 _____

H. Revelation 7:14-17 _____

I. Revelation 22 _____

159. What must you do here and now in order to 'lay up' (or secure for yourself) the full heavenly treasure God longs to give you?

A. Matthew 6:19-25 _____

B. I Corinthians 3:10b-17 _____

C. I Corinthians 15:58 _____

D. II Corinthians 4:16-18 _____

E. Revelation 2:7 _____

F. Revelation 3:20-22 _____

160. Remember and delight in the fact that God is at work in you to accomplish what He has called you to. What does He promise you in these verses?

A. Psalm 23 _____

B. I Peter 1:3-5 _____

C. Jude 24-25 _____

Section 7

Our Journey at a Glance

OUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

(SEE PAGE 60-61 IN SYLLABUS)

161. Reflect on the diagrams. Take some time and reflect on each step of the journey. Summarize what you have learned in each section.

A. Egypt – The World

B. Red Sea – Salvation

C. Wilderness – Futility

D. The Jordan – The Cross

E. The Conquest of Canaan – Believer’s Victory

F. Possessing the Land – Salvation of the Soul

162. Write out the truth that impacted you the most during this study.

163. Write out a prayer to the Lord with your response to Him for giving us these wonderful truths through His Word.

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.