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PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE
TO MATURITY FOR NEW BELIEVERS

ANSWER SHEET

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Discipleship Course

- ☒ Each of the following studies have 4 to 6 questions, each question should be researched and prayerfully answered. There are no 'YES' or 'NO' answers. All the relevant scriptures needed for the answers have been carefully selected so that the correct answers can be given, you may find many more scriptures which will help you with your answers.
- ☒ The local fellowship oversight or whoever will conduct the course will then allocate how many studies need to be completed - preferably on a weekly basis.
- ☒ Each new believer who then starts the course, will fill in their answers in the allocated space, should the allocated space not be sufficient please use extra paper.
- ☒ The overseer will then work through the studies, answering and correcting whatever is necessary thus ensuring the believer's understanding. The discretion and discernment of the local oversight can determine the effective application of this course. The purpose is that each believer understands fully what their God given salvation and new walk with the Lord is really about.
- ☒ This workbook can also be used by any believer for their own personal knowledge and understanding, working through it by themselves. It would however, be advisable to draw on those established in the Faith to confirm their answers.

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Introduction

Dear Fellow Believer,

Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus. Your decision to commit your life to Christ is the most wonderful step you will have ever taken and as you follow and serve Him, your life will have the purpose and meaning your Heavenly Father desires of you.

This book with 20 study chapters will start to equip you with a basic foundation for your new life in Christ. This journey in life is one of ever desiring to learn more about Jesus, and as your knowledge of Him increases so doing and being in the Will of God will be your portion.

- *Study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim 2:15)*
- *For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our saviour, who will have all men to be saved and come into a knowledge of the truth. (1 Tim 2:3&4)*

I trust that as every principle and chapter of this book becomes real to you, you will share it with someone else.

God Bless you as you, 'Live in the Son'.

Yours in His service

Peter Michell

"Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to Him be Glory both now and forever. Amen"

'You Have Been Born Again'

STUDY 1

Question 1: What does it mean to be Born Again?

Your answer : To be quickened who were dead (Spiritually). To receive new life in Christ by a spiritual conception – need to be born of God so that I can inherit His sonship by adoption. To have access and be able to cry – Abba Father- Thus being part of Gods kingdom, eternity, as a child/ son of His.

Question 2: What does it mean to be born of the Spirit?

Your answer : My Spirit needs life, which was/is dead. God is a Spirit therefore needs access to my spirit. I need to have my spirit married to Christ's spirit (spiritual conception), thus I have a witness within that I am a child of God.

and, born of water?

My natural birth.

Question 3: What does it mean to be a New Creature?

Your answer : God does not see us as sinners anymore, our sin He remembers no more thus I can start life anew. No history, past, hang-ups etc. Now I can start to grow as a new born child, into the maturity God has planned for me. I now have to "put on" the new man, to seek those things from above, being obedient to my new fathers instruction, direction, chastening etc.

Question 4: What 'Things' from the past belonging to the 'Old Creature' must I denounce and put away?

Your answer : My old identity, ancestral worship, culture, standing, religious heritage (identity) must be "put off" everything tied to the old man, make myself of no reputation as I 'Put on' the new man, I have the mind of Christ

- STUDY 2 -
'Repentance'

STUDY 2

Question 1: Do you have to repent to be Born Again?

Your answer : No, because repentance is a fruit that will evidence itself after salvation – goodness of God leads us to repentance. If one's salvation depended on our repenting - it would be a work. No amount of repenting could qualify us; the work on the cross was ordained in heaven long before the world was created. God's plan and none of our work.

Question 2: What does it mean to repent?

Your answer : Once our sin is exposed/revealed – we need to recognise it and turn away from it, having true Godly sorrow apply 2 Cor 7v9-11. To be honest, opening our hearts for God to work in. "Putting your toes where your heels are. 180 degree turn around" from sin – to have a changed mind.

Question 3: What is the difference between Repenting and Confessing?

Your answer : Repenting – change of mind, attitude, turning away from sin completely.
Confessing – naming these things, issues, weights, hurts, strongholds, unforgiveness issues etc. – before God, allowing God to forgive, heal etc.

Question 4: How do you deal with sin?

Your answer : Come before the Lord, honestly, asking Him to be merciful – judging yourself (not others) as you enter in to the fullness and victory of the breaking of bread. Being accountable 1st to God, then to others if need be – making right! Seeking Gods face and looking to Jesus not to succumb to the weakness of the flesh. Staying under the word that it can wash, having ones mind renewed – being faithful to the Lords calling – staying in fellowship.

'Have you been Saved'

STUDY 3

Question 1: What does it mean to be Saved .. Saved from What?

Your answer : Saved from eternal damnation – separation from God. To call upon the Lord, confess that He is Lord, that He died and rose again, believing from the heart these truths. Receiving eternal life through faith – the salvation of our souls. Having a true revelation of who Jesus is by the Holy Ghost, being drawn by the Father and then accepting that He (Jesus) is the only way.

Question 2: What do you have to Confess to be Saved?

Your answer : That Jesus is the Lord (He is God) He is the Christ. That Jesus rose from the dead, believing in Him, accepting that He died for me, that my salvation is a free gift, not worked for or purchased. My confessing will be my lifetime verbal declaration of the continual revelation that I receive from above through word by the Holy Ghost.

Question 3: What part does Faith play in your being/getting Saved?

Your answer : Having heard (someone preach or share) – now by faith I receive (respond) not trying to work it all out intellectually. Faith is now receiving the gift of eternal life. If I don't accept or receive it, I will not be saved. Faith is now believing without reserve, that what God has said and declared – will be.

Question 4: What effect does Salvation have on your life? (eg. church, family, work)

Your answer : Everything! My life will change; my obedience now to His word will take preference over all. I will want to please my father, by being obedient to his commandments, instructions, laws etc. I will want to be at all of the meetings (Acts 2 v 42) I will be able to forgive others. My relationship with my family will be what God expects of me outworked in every situation. The world will start becoming less attractive, with all its temptations. I won't want to be identified with the old man and all his dictates. As I subject my mind now to the word, it will start bringing forth fruit in my life. (my ministry will start to develop.) I will want to put off the old man, and want to put on the new man – everything will change. Recognising sin is not the things you do wrong, it's who you are – change from within needed.

'Being Sure You are Saved'

STUDY 4

Question 1: What part do feelings/emotions play in your Salvation?

Your answer : None. It is not an emotional experience; however, should the Holy Ghost convict one there could be emotions experienced with this awesome conviction. It's our response to the word as the spiritual eyes of our understanding are being enlightened with the truth. (We will react /respond differently)

Question 2: What guarantees are there for you to know that you are Saved?

Your answer : As we now exercise faith, what the word says, by the power and the anointing of the Holy Ghost, our reasoning is put aside, because the love of Christ, passes knowledge, eye has not seen, nor has ear heard what God has prepared for us, - now. By His Power He has given us all things that pertain to life and Godliness. Being in fellowship, having all things confirmed, breaking bread as we examine ourselves, we will have the witness within and know we are sons of God. My guarantee is that it's not what my mind now says but what the word says. This is faith.

Question 3: What role does sin now play in your life?

Your answer : It now has no more dominion over me. The old man is crucified. I now have the responsibility to judge myself, and confess and repent of what sin I have now committed. I am able to keep the flesh under by the power of God which now works in me. I now decide to put off, and turn away and find a way of escape with the temptations that come. I flee youthful lusts, and abstain from all appearances of evil.

Question 4: How do you know that you know that you are Saved?

Your answer : Witness within, old desires and passions have no more hold on me. I desire to be in fellowship under the washing of the word. I desire to read, study word and pray. Others have witnessed my changed life and testimony of Gods working in my life. I am able to see through my trials and tribulations, living in victory by the power of God in them. I long to keep His commandments, and be a witness for my God to all I meet.

'Prayer'

STUDY 5

Question 1: What is the purpose of Prayer?

Your answer : To exercise faith, believing who God is and knowing that He rewards those that diligently seek Him. For spiritual strength and building a solid relationship with our Heavenly Father, to find rest for our souls. Calling on our God as He longs for us to know Him, to express our thanks and gratefulness. A means to confess and open our hearts to our Father. He has asked us to pray. Luke 18:1

Question 2: What should you Pray For?

Your answer : Not to enter into temptation, for our oft infirmities. To seek His will in our life that thereby the real issues can be addressed, praying out of His will achieves nothing, things that pertain to eternal/ spiritual issues, not just all the 'I need' prayers. The desires of my heart will or should only have spiritual aspirations and longings, however God is sovereign and He sees our hearts. We should pray for one another in the body, and the salvation of souls, obviously our personal needs, re family, finances, hurts, issues etc seeking first His kingdom will sort out everything.

Question 3: How do you Structure and Discipline your Prayer Life?

Your answer : Prayer can become a dead work if it is not from a desire within. It is good to discipline oneself to set a time of the day that suits you. Start with a short time and let it grow – it will! Practically – structure your prayer life into: Thanksgiving and praise; Personal and family needs and issues; Body of Christ – other believers needs; the lost, make a definite decision to get to the prayer meeting, to unite in prayer with the other believers you are in fellowship with.

Question 4: How do you continue to Pray when your Prayers seem unanswered?

Your answer : Examine your heart, whether there be any unforgiveness or sin, you may have to set some issues right. Check your motive for what you are asking for, may not be in the Lords will. Husbands treat your wives correctly, wives submit to your husbands, children obey your parents. Servants obey your masters etc.

Question 5: How do you continue to Pray when your Prayers seem unanswered?

Your answer : To the Father in Jesus name.

- STUDY 6 -
'Faith'

STUDY 6

Question 1: What is your definition of Faith?

Your answer : It is accepting Gods word and acting on it, it is believing the word in spite of all other reason/testimony to the contrary. Faith brings about a change of lifestyle in a believers life. Faith is the ability (by Jesus Christ only) to please God. It is: Substance which is confidence, the assurance and the hope we need. Evidence – visual manifestation of the ability not to give up. Faith does not question what the word says.

Question 2: Why is it impossible to please God without Faith?

Your answer : Because it would do away with Gods ability and power and bring to naught what He said- it could then have been by my ability, intellect and wisdom that I could live by – God is not humanly defined and wants to be accepted/ believed on for what He has said – God wants us only to live by faith.

Question 3: Where does Faith come from and how do you exercise Faith?

Your answer : It is a gift from God to every believer. I exercise faith by doing what the word says, not reasoning it away with my logical intellect. (My mind will always militate against the word) the fleshly mind. I exercise faith by not walking/reasoning in unbelief, and by putting my trust and obedience in God.

Question 4: Is Faith something of yourself, is it a feeling, what is it Not?

Your answer : It is not a feeling, it is the ability I have, by Jesus, to please my Father. It is not – from my intellect, or reasoning or ability or the learning from my mind in trying to concentrate mentally to move Gods hand. – Not a formula to get something. – Not stirred up emotionally – Not a magical power.

Question 5: Can your Faith grow - How? Can your Faith diminish - How?

Your answer : Grow – by hearing more of the word, and allowing word to wash me, change me etc. Having an open heart to receive word allowing it to be effective as a two edged sword. Faith can diminish by living in unbelief – doubting God by questioning His word, not examining myself whether I be in the faith, not dealing with my sin – having no repentance and not being faithful to hearing the word preached – I revert back to my own self justifications and reasoning, and life style.

- STUDY 7 -
‘The Will of God’

STUDY 7

Question 1: What is your understanding of the Will of God?

Your answer : The Fathers eternal purpose revealed to us little by little, line upon line, precept upon precept in and through the knowledge of His son Jesus. (Not conforming to this world!)

Question 2: Why did Jesus emphasise the importance of His Fathers Will?

Your answer : Because He came only to do His fathers will, and by example expects and will lead us into doing likewise because His human flesh (mind and body) was weak and the eternal purpose and plan of His Father had to be fulfilled with Him dying on the cross. The higher supreme purpose of His dying to take away the sin of the world was His Fathers will, that we could be identified with His death, burial and resurrection. With Jesus submitting His will to His Father, at the expense of Himself – we now are able to do the Fathers will only by putting the flesh to death.

Question 3: How do you submit yourself, (practically speaking), to the Fathers Will?

Your answer : By being obedient to His word, in all things, having a desire to know and learn more of what He expects and requires. By continually putting our will, desires, aspirations, reasons, logic, intellect etc down by submitting our whole being to His instructions, commandments, laws, precepts etc. with the right longing and attitude.

Question 4: What does your mind have to be renewed from?

Your answer : Because our minds were – sensual, wicked, selfish, devilish – we need a change of mind. We have to consciously subject our minds to word for changing (no other way will this happen) From – all that is in the world – imaginations, arguments, questions, lusts etc, our old natural way of thinking has to change.

Question 5: What is the Fathers will for the world, (mankind)?

Your answer : That all men should come to salvation through His son Jesus and the work of the cross. For it is God in you, at work, both to will and work for His good pleasure.

‘Talking about Jesus to others’

STUDY 8

Question 1: Why should one witness and tell others about Jesus?

Your answer : This is how the world hears the gospel, how else will they hear about Jesus, the more we witness, the greater the reality of our personal walk becomes, otherwise we would be hypocrites – we can only confess what is real in our own lives, and Jesus told us to go into all the world, and if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost.

Question 2: What do you tell others?

Your answer : What Jesus has done and is doing in your life, that Jesus is the only one that can meet their need and cleans them from their sin. That Jesus desires a relationship with them and that heaven can be a reality in their lives. To look at your life, and He can do the same for theirs. The Holy Ghost will give you the words to speak – it has been promised.

Question 3: Why do Christians struggle to witness?

Your answer : Because their confidence is naught, through either - sin or unrepented issues, or strongholds (From the past) make them fearful to launch out. Because they are scared of rejection, ridicule or even believed the lie that sharing the gospel is only for some, or a lethargic attitude or no one will get saved, peoples hearts are hard, or are self righteous, judgemental attitude, or maybe not even saved oneself.

Question 4: Why are we called not to Judge others?

Your answer : The Lord Jesus is and will always be the only one to judge, because His Father said so. Because we normally never see the beam in our own eyes, and because God judged the Lord Jesus on our behalf on the cross and all of us have sinned.

Question 5: Does our witnessing/sharing affect the evil one and why?

Your answer : Principalities and powers in high places hear our declarations and cannot stand against our testimonies of the Gospel – power of God unto salvation, and the shed blood of the Lord Jesus work – which still avails today. Our testimony is our word in a dark world and brings light and reality into unbelievers lives, the evil one was defeated on the cross – and we live that victory over sin.

'Following Jesus through the Waters of Baptism'

STUDY 9

Question 1: What does water Baptism symbolise/declare?

Your answer : Seal/ sign of the righteousness which we have received at salvation, it's an outward expression of what has happened within at salvation, it also declares openly our obedience to Jesus' instruction. It is a picture of the circumcision of our hearts at salvation. Immersed into and coming out represents – cutting off/ leaving behind/ burying the old man/ life, rising in newness of life.

Question 2: Does water Baptism save you? If not why?

Your answer : Baptism does not save, we have to believe first and receive Christ- then be baptised. Salvation saves us which is the spiritual awakening /revelation, as we confess to Jesus being 'The Christ' who died and rose again. Baptism is purely an outward/physical witness to God and others of our accepting Christ at salvation.

Question 3: Is water Baptism, (full immersion), correct - why not under a tap?

Your answer : Jesus came out of the water, Philip came out of the water, no scripture to confirm any other way, we can't change what God has decreed.

Question 4: Does water Baptism forgive you of your Sins?

Your answer : The only qualification for baptism is to be saved. It does not save us; the work on Calvary did that. Our sins were forgiven when we received Christ; the price for our sin was paid in full at Calvary. It costs me nothing of my own doing. It gives us a good conscience before God and God honours that, obedience to His instruction/ commandment.

Question 5: Must you be Baptized in a Church, and does it give you membership?

Your answer : No, one can be baptised any where, as long as there is enough water. It does not give us membership to any church or to some special group of people. It has to be and is a personal decision of obedience, administered by another believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

'Baptism into the Holy Spirit'

STUDY 10

Question 1: What does 'You will be a witness unto Me', mean, (Acts 1:8)?

Your answer : Because Jesus had to go back to heaven, and His Father promised the Holy Ghost would come, we have now the privilege of being a witness to all that Jesus could and would continue to do, greater things will you do than what I did. We are able to be His expression on earth with all power – however with no glory to ourselves at all.

Question 2: What is the reason for Baptism in the Holy Spirit?

Your answer : So that Christ can be glorified in our testimony and Christian witness and ministry. So that we can be given of the 9 gifts of the Holy Ghost, to edify the body of Christ and in winning souls, Jesus alone receiving all the glory. So that I can pray in the Spirit, building myself up from within, where my mind can be unfruitful and out of the way. Singing and making melody in my heart.

Question 3: Who Baptizes/immerses you into the Holy Spirit?

Your answer : Jesus is the Baptiser, and I know I am filled with the Holy Ghost when I speak in a new heavenly tongue. There are no qualifications to receive the Holy Ghost, only to be saved.

Question 4: Do you get Baptized into the Holy Spirit when you get Saved?

Your answer : No! However without the Holy Spirit I could not have got saved. He drew and revealed Christ to me, no man can say that 'Jesus is Lord' but by the Holy Ghost, the revelation I needed to believe and confess, came by the Holy Ghost.

Question 5: How do you receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Your answer : By faith, not trying to reason how or by what language I am going to speak the Spirit will give me utterance. By asking, I will never receive if I have no desire to be filled, I need to thirst as the scripture says. By being obedient, and by someone praying and laying their hands on me, or just sitting under the word. There is no fixed rule or procedure to follow. Can be filled in you own in you closet room.

‘Understanding the Godhead (Trinity)’

STUDY 11

Question 1: Who created the world?

Your answer : God created the world by/through His son Jesus, He said “Let there be ...” and from nothing He created all things. He made the heavens, seas, the earth and all that are in them – man, animals, fish, birds the whole of creations – “Let us make man in our own image!”

Question 2: Did the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost play a part in your Salvation?

Your answer : Yes! Father – drew us to the son, by His divine power. Jesus said come to me, receive me, believe on me and confess who I am. Holy Spirit reveals/shows us who Jesus is.

Question 3: What part does each of the Godhead play in your life today?

Your answer : Father in heaven – wants us to be conformed the image of His Son, to seek after Him, seek His face in prayer to worship Him in Spirit and in truth, to bear fruit in our lives with the spiritual union we have with His son, and to do His will, fulfilling our ministries that we might be equipped for heavenly Duty one day. Son in heaven – yet married to my spirit sticking closer than a brother, desiring only that I fulfil my ministry here on earth, reaching the lost, and making disciples. To do His Fathers will, working in me to desire to know more about Him. Holy Ghost – in heaven – yet working in us, revealing Jesus to the world and enduing us with power and gifts that Jesus only is glorified by.

Question 4: Who do you pray to in the Godhead?

Your answer : The Father – in Jesus name

Question 5: Give three different names for each member of the Godhead?

Your answer : **Father-** God, Jehovah, I am, Lord thy God.

Son – Messiah, Christ, Saviour, Lord, Redeemer, Master, Lord of lords, King of kings, I am

Holy Ghost – Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth, comforter, unction from above. The anointing.

'The Body of Christ - My Place in the local Fellowship'

STUDY 12

Question 1: What is the Scriptural name for the Church and what is the Church?

Your answer : The Body of Christ. The church is the believers. God has added together, to by His habitation. Each believer being part of the building, members in particular lively stones, built into a spiritual house, each playing an effectual, important part. Made up of members – not a building.

Question 2: Why is it important to be part of the Church, how will it affect your eternal destiny?

Your answer : This is where God will reveal His will to us, and teach us His ways. Where God meets with us collectively to have His word confirmed to us as He speaks to us. It is here where we feed and grow, exercising our gifts – preparing for heaven. It is where my mind can be renewed so that I can discern Gods dealing and speaking to me, directing my life. Where I am accountable to oversight, deal with my sin at breaking of bread, lest I be contaminated by the world and condemned with it. I cannot be an island. It is where the ministries are operating to bring me to maturity.

Question 3: What is the 'Great Commission of the Church' and what are the 4 Scriptural meetings?

Your answer : To go into all the world preaching and teaching the things that have been imparted to us. Baptising in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost
1) apostles doctrine – Bible study
2) breaking of bread
3) fellowship
4) prayers

Question 4: What is the right Church to belong to and why?

Your answer : Where Jesus Christ is preached, exalted and the word of God is the only term of reference for – doctrine, daily living, church administration. Where the Father is worshiped and the Holy Ghost given His place through His gifts, to glorify Christ only. Where the priesthood of believers are exercised, not a "one man band" where all 5 gift ministries are given expression.

Question 5: What are the Ministries in the Church, name as many as you can find?

Your answer : Apostles, evangelists, pastors, teachers, prophets, helps, deacons, givers (dorcias), hospitality etc.

Question 6: Why do you go to Church and is it necessary to be at all the meetings?

Your answer : Because we love the Lord! Yes we need all the meetings to function effectively, to learn, to give, to praise, to worship. Where I need to have word confirmed, to hear the Lord speak, encourage, chasten, exhort, reprove, admonish. I cannot separate myself from this.

'Gods Royal Law of Love'

Question 1: Is Gods Love unconditional?

Your answer : Yes. Conditional in Jesus Christ. If we don't accept Jesus and His atoning work on Calvary we will be condemned. However if we accept Jesus we are received without question and are immersed into the love of God.

Question 2: How do you show or express your love to God - does it grow?

Your answer : By being obedient to His word, commandments. Being fickle we bless and curse out the same mouth, God requires our obedience. By loving one another, cannot say we love God and hate our brother. By doing what He instructs, hating iniquity, not loving the world, turning away from sin. Yes our love for God grows as we love His word, as we seek His face in prayer, and totally submit our wills to Him.

Question 3: How do you show or express your love for others - neighbours?

Your answer : Reaching out to them with the gospel, going the extra mile with them, having true compassion on others needs. Preferring others above ourselves, not judging, recognising the grace of God in our own lives. By asking the Lord to help me change my perceptions and coldness to the lost, as I keep my heart pure and soft and always having a forgiving spirit.

Question 4: What are the works of love that should be evident in my life?

Your answer : From a pure heart to wash my brothers' feet by sharing my gift, at my expense, that others may be blessed and edified. As I am used in the gifts of the Holy Spirit that I would use them in love, that Jesus might be glorified in my brothers' life. Need to feed the poor showing charity at all times. Not seeking my own, not provoking, rejoicing in the truth, bearing all things, believing all things etc. love in deed not in word only.

Question 5: What (normally) causes you to lose your love for God?

Your answer : Sin in my life (not examining myself)
Disobedience to the word, loving the worldly things more than God. Bitterness that defiles, normally through unforgiveness. I turn again to the weak and beggarly elements of the world for my sustenance. Don't come to church, I will grow cold, my love for God will wane. I have a heart of unbelief where what God says in His word – does not touch me because of the deceitfulness of sin.

'Giving by Tithing'

STUDY 14

Question 1: Define tithing in your own words?

Your answer : To give from ones heart willingly not grudgingly, by faith, tithes are not paid they are given, part of our act of worshiping God, not because I have to, but because I want to. There is a blessing in tithing. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Question 2: Where do I give my tithe? And why there?

Your answer : Into Gods storehouse – local assembly where my Melchisedek (Jesus) has given me spiritual food (ministries) and sustains me. Into the local Assembly to keep the ministry, that ultimately, souls will be saved and added.

Question 3: What is the difference between tithes and offerings?

Your answer : Tithe – is that portion of our “bounty” salary, crop (farming) etc being 1/10 of such offering – anything over and above that portion (tithe) can be, in time, kind, food, petrol, clothes or money etc, distributing to where there is a need, as the Lord touches our hearts.

Question 4: Is it a law to tithe?

Your answer : No! Tithing was established before the law, in Abrahams time (Genesis). It is giving with the right attitude and heart, as we enjoy the love and grace of God in His provision to us.

Question 5: How much and how often should I tithe?

Your answer : A tithe is 10%, given obviously when it has been earned of ones salary or bounty. It is good to be disciplined in this, and see the blessing of God on your life (we can never out give God).

Question 6: Does God give you more wealth and money if you tithe?

Your answer : God promises to bless us beyond our measure, sow bountifully – reap bountifully. We cannot buy God, He is sovereign, He sees our hearts and will supply according to His good pleasure. Cannot give – to get. We just need to see the blessing of giving, it gives one great joy. (not to shout from the rooftops) not letting our right hand know what the left hand is doing. But unto our God who has so freely given to us all things.

'Forgiveness and You'

STUDY 15

Question 1: Why did God forgive you your sin unconditionally?

Your answer : Because He chose to! There was no price man could pay for his forgiveness, His son Jesus, had to become sin, be rejected by His father on the cross that a once and for all sacrifice could be paid, no blood from animals. The price for our forgiveness was paid by Christ's blood. That is how much God loved us, and does.

Question 2: If you are right, why must you forgive those who 'trespass' against you?

Your answer : Because Jesus is our example here, He died and was right, not holding our sin before us, so that we, by Him, can now extend ourselves to our offenders, (miracle of a changed life) Jesus commands us to forgive retribution is not our right. None of us are/were without sin, we must forgive others.

Question 3: Do you have to forgive unconditionally and why?

Your answer : Yes! Because bitterness will set in and defiles, and because God forgave us completely, and now we belong to Him, we are not our own, we have been bought with His blood.

Question 4: How often do you need Gods forgiveness?

Your answer : Continually, because we even now, cannot say we have no sin, have to continually judge ourselves at the breaking of bread for this reason. Sin will eat away at us, ferment with in us. Our hearts will get hard, unbelief will set in and we will separate ourselves from God. We need to continually seek His face, keeping a short account of our lives.

Question 5: Are your sins forgiven if you can't forgive others?

Your answer : No – because Gods plan of forgiveness in His Son was so profound, we do not have the right not to forgive. He forgave us, when we wronged and we now live in His wisdom – not ours.

Question 6: What happens to you if you can't forgive others?

Your answer : You will remain in your sin, unforgiven by God. You will not grow spiritually, continually justify yourself, and the evil one will have a field day with you! The consequence of not forgiving has eternal ramifications.

'Thanksgiving'

STUDY 16

Question 1: Should you be thankful, is it just the right thing to do?

Your answer : It will be a natural response to what God has done and is doing for us. We must stop allowing all the negative thoughts that motivates in complaining to see what the Lord has done. However we must not be hypocrites and just say things to please God, when our hearts are far from Him- we must by sincere with our thanks.

Question 2: From what source does genuine thankfulness come?

Your answer : From a heart that has been set free from much, from a heart free of guilt, hypocrisy, malice etc. The Spirit of Christ within will, from a contrite heart, want to give thanks, it won't just be lip service.

Question 3: What should you be thankful for?

Your answer : The gift of Jesus, salvation, giving us access to our Heavenly Father, for sins forgiven, that our names are written in the Book of Life, for all that has been afforded us now as Christians, all spiritual Blessings etc. For food, raiment, homes, family etc. Taking nothing for granted- for all things.

Question 4: Does God expect/demand you to be thankful?

Your answer : God demands nothing from us, other than found to be walking in His will, giving place to His son Jesus in our lives as we be obedient to His word and live by faith, coming to Him as our Father, believing who He is.

Question 5: How do you show or express your thankfulness?

Your answer : In prayer telling Him from our hearts, by showing Him in our commitment to being obedient to His word. By fulfilling our measure/ministry, so that He can use us on into eternity to fulfil His eternal plan – by loving Him first then our neighbours as ourselves, being available, willing to be used of Him.

- STUDY 17 -
'Living to Give'

STUDY 17

Question 1: How much does God expect of you in time, commitment etc and why?

Your answer : God expects our all, all things must become new, if our heart is right, our attitude will be and we will be totally committed. Spending time in prayer, drawing nigh to Him, being at every meeting to learn more and to share. Heaven is our destiny, we're passing through, eternity is at stake. Sin, bad attitudes, unresolved issues etc will give us every reason to commit to God at our time and convenience but God has never stopped in His commitment to us – not even now.

Question 2: Can you be an effective Christian if you never reach out and give?

Your answer : No. Our hearts are where our treasure is, if on earthly things we will be ineffective in our giving. We are known by our fruit and must be doers and not just hearers, we will be known by our actions, conversations and our reaching out to others in love. Christianity is all about sharing God's love to others.

Question 3: What does God require of you to give to church, family, world (not money)?

Your answer : Church – commitment and faithfulness, in attendance and involvement, not grudgingly but willingly according to the measure God has given us – our ministry. Preaching, visiting, praying, giving, Sunday school, youth old age outreaches etc. Family – not to neglect your spouse, children, parents after the Lord. They come 2nd, but don't use your family and their earthly activities as excuses, or as a scapegoat. We are serving the Lord – not man.

Question 4: How, in your own words, can you as an individual give?

Your answer : Being available and willing to help/assist, relieve the burden at the fellowship – that which you can do naturally. Ask oversight where you can help and what is needed. Give your time to waiting on the Lord to be used in prayer, gifts, sharing, the Lord will raise you up – let your heart lead you! The Lord will direct.

Question 5: What should your attitude be when giving?

Your answer : That I may decrease in my ability, that He (Jesus) may increase in all that I do and say, at church, at home, at work etc. Making myself of "no reputation" esteeming others better than myself. However – allowing my confidence to be in Christ and not myself.

'Jesus is Coming'

STUDY 18

Question 1: Do you believe Jesus is coming, how important is this to your Salvation?

Your answer : Yes. Yes! He promised to come back and take us home. There would be no hope for us if this was not so. We would still be in our sin; Jesus rose for our justification and ascended. We would have no message of salvation – man would be doomed forever. We are comforted by His return – to be set free from this evil world.

Question 2: What is the 'Rapture', what is going to happen?

Your answer : Rapture: when Christ returns in the clouds to receive His Bride, dead in Christ rise from graves, then we who are alive will meet the Lord together in the air. The world will not witness this, only see many people missing.

2nd Coming: when Christ returns with His Church (Bride) after 7 years to rule and reign on this earth for a thousand years.

Question 3: Are you sure you are going to Heaven?

Your answer : Yes, accepted Jesus as Lord and saviour of my life, my sins were forgiven by His atoning blood on Calvary, am saved by grace, through faith and know my name is written in the book of life, as He promised. I received eternal life at salvation.

Question 4: What does it mean to be a 'Wise Virgin', (Matt 25:1-13)?

Your answer : To be ready with my life filled with the revelations of Jesus, my garment clean as I have repented from my sin and have wisely worked out my salvation, knowing that I am in the will of God and now ready to meet my bridegroom (Jesus) as I have broken bread faithfully, examining myself etc.

Question 5: What is going to happen to those who are left behind?

Your answer : They will shout, Lord, Lord did we not do so much good, etc. prophesied, cast out demons etc, Jesus will say I never knew you! There will be no revelation of Jesus to them because the Holy Ghost will have left as well NO Hope – eternally doomed to hell eventually.

Question 6: How should you be living if Jesus is coming soon?

Your answer : Prepared – Patiently establishing your hearts in all Holy conversation (lifestyle) and Godliness, blameless dealing with anything that is hindering your walk, sin, habits etc. Watching and expecting His soon return.

Question 7: When is Jesus coming?

Your answer : No one knows the hour or the day when Jesus will return – only His Father in heaven. It is soon!

'The Christian Confidence'

STUDY 19

Question 1: How do your human abilities affect your Christian walk?

Your answer : Negatively. Because we should have no confidence in the flesh (Human abilities/attributes inherited and learned.) Jesus came to die for the weak, base things of this world. God is only interested in the 'new creature' the old man with all his earthly abilities has to die.

Question 2: What is true Christian confidence, and where is our confidence found?

Your answer : In doing the Fathers will! By standing on the word alone – by faith, believing what God says is true, not ever leaning on my own understanding – Let God be true and every man a liar. Living by the Faith of Christ (His ability in me) not doubting, knowing that the trials, burdens, problems etc are working something in me for eternity. By experiencing God working in our lives as we remain in fellowship. Growing (and witnessing) in grace in the knowledge of our Lord.

Question 3: What do you have, (practically speaking), that you can hold onto as a Christian?

Your answer : A relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, experienced in prayer, in His word, in fellowship, a witness within! As the word is ministered and studied. In fellowship having everything confirmed and established, where I can be built up, encouraged, corrected, admonished etc. The Body of Christ.

Question 4: As a Christian with your personality and abilities, how can you have confidence in your salvation?

Your answer : Commit all your ways to the Lord, everything – abilities, gifts, strengths, weaknesses. – He will use and direct as He sees fit. Share the reality of your experience, by confessing, preaching, testifying etc, by doing such, your faith is exercised, others will be encouraged and you will be blessed, persuaded and know the Lord is using you. Humble yourself, make yourself of no reputation, put on the mind of Christ – so that Christ alone can come forth from you in all you do and say.

Question 5: How confident are you?

Your answer : Only in Christ, can our confidence be, Him being exalted in all my life, in all things. As we submit our wills to Him; submit ourselves to one another. We are safe from the old man, with his abilities rearing his ugly head.

'Serving the Lord'

Question 1: Why do you serve the Lord?

Your answer : Because – He placed a desire in me to – know more, learn more, be used more. He first loved me, gave His life and saved me now I want to express my love to Him and please Him. He has promised and given me eternal life – in heaven, ruling reigning with Him, rewards – I want to, not because I have to. His Spirit within me makes me want to do all I can, with the ability He gives me.

Question 2: What does it mean to take up your Cross?

Your answer : To deny my old identity, whatever the price! To continually recon/ reason as He reasons – I died, my old passions, desires, will, aspirations must also be dead, I must put them off, and now put on the new man 'in Christ' which means I lose my life here on earth, my rights – (humanly speaking)

Question 3: Can you serve the Lord being 'an island' - why not?

Your answer : No – I need the vehicle God has provided and willed that I belong to. Where I need to be ministered to, where I need to minister. Playing my part as God gives me the ability. I need to be a member in particular as He said.

Question 4: What are the greatest stumbling blocks in your life as you serve the Lord?

Your answer : Sin – unbelief, doubting and questioning what God has said, offended by others. The past with its strongholds, hurts, abuse, never being heard. No Christian discipline. Things – sport, hobbies, Job, relationship, habits etc. Slackness.

Question 5: What do you have to do to stay focused when serving the Lord?

Your answer : Praying regularly and studying the word. Be faithful at all the meetings (Acts 2 v 42) Learning and sharing. Witnessing to others/ sharing the Love of Jesus all the time. Keeping your heart soft, repenting from sin, obeying the word regardless. Breaking bread always.

Question 6: Please write down how you came to Salvation?

Your answer : Personal Testimony

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