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Lesson 1
Salvation

1. Objective
For each student to understand the importance of our salvation and the atoning work of Christ.

2. Goals
By the end of this session the student should be able to:
   • Explain, with biblical foundation, the condition of humankind when they were created.
   • Explain why mankind needs atonement.
   • Explain how people should respond to Christ’s sacrifice.

3. Biblical Foundation
“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:16-18).

4. Theme Exposition
A. Condition of humanity when created.
   “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” Genesis 1:27.

   The characteristics of God’s image in humankind.
   • Mankind is a living soul – Gen. 2:7 Mankind has emotions, a mind and a free will.
   • Mankind has a spiritual nature – to have fellowship and communion with God
   • Mankind is given authority over the earth a God’s representative.
B. The fall of man

- Humankind is corrupt in every part of their being.

  “There is none righteous, no not one; there is none who understand; there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside….” (Romans 3:10-18).

- They are separated from the glory of God.

  “…for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

C. The atoning work of Jesus Christ

- What does atonement mean? In the simplest terms it refers to at-one-ment, thus being at one with God. Through Christ’s suffering and death He satisfied God’s judgment on sin and reconciled us back to the Father. Since Jesus covered our sin the Father’s love now is released to us and we enjoy this blessed fellowship with Him.

  “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed” (Is. 53:3-5).

- Redeemed by His blood – “You were redeemed…with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:19).

- Reconciled or purchased back to God through Christ’s atoning work – Col. 1:20.

D. How to respond to the sacrifice of Christ

“Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit... And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts. 2:38-42).

- Accept and receive Christ’s sacrifice - “As many as received Him…” (John 1:12).

- Believe Christ’s sacrifice – “He who hears My word and believes” (John 5:24).

- Confess Christ’s Lordship over your life – “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Ro. 10:9).

Assignment

Speak with someone who does not know Christ (friend, relative, etc.). First pray, and when you speak with the person, explain each one of the steps you have learned in this lesson. Write down your experience.
Lesson 2
Repentance

1. Objective

The understand and comprehend that repentance is the only way to restore our relationship with God.

2. Goals

By the end of this session your should be able to:

- Describe your condition as a consequence of sin.
- Explain the difference between repentance and remorse.
- Explain the redemption concept and steps to repentance.

3. Biblical Foundation

“Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations.”’ (Ezekiel 14:6).

1. Theme Exposition

A. The consequences of sin for mankind are:

- Spiritual death Romans 5:12
- Vanity Romans 1:21-25
- Worldliness Romans 3:16-18
- Nakedness Genesis 3:10
- Hide yourself from God’s voice Genesis 3:10
B. Difference between repentance and remorse

- Repentance:
  1. To make a decision to change the direction of one’s life
  2. Is not an emotional issue but a decision followed by an attitude of change
  3. Turn back…”When you are driving on a road and discover that you are in the wrong way, you decide to make a ‘U” turn.
  4. Genuine repentance can be seen because there are fruits, changes in the way of thinking and behavior.

- Remorse:
  1. Feeling sorrow for the sins committed but does not confront the past life.
  2. There has been no humility and breaking before God
  3. There is no decision to turn back to God.
  4. To feel deeply anguished but with no change of direction

C. The Redeemer’s plan for repentance

- The purpose of God for mankind is summarized in the word Redemption. There are three Greek words that are translated into the word redemption.
  1. Agorazo: “To buy in the market”; this word gives the idea of a slave market.
  2. Exagorazo: “To buy and to take out of the market”, to be taken out of the market, no longer for sale.

- Redemption covers three area:
  2. Physical redemption Isaiah 53:4-5
  3. Financial redemption Psalm 23:1, Deuteronomy 28:29

D. Specific steps for repentance

- To feel deep pain for offending God – Jeremiah 33:3
• Confess your sins – Psalm 32:5, 1 John 1:9
• Renounce your sin and cut off curses – Galatians 3:13; Colossians 2:14-15

Conclusion

When someone truly repents, fulfilling each one of these steps, then the person is ready to enjoy the benefits that God has already prepared.

Ministry

Each student needs to go through a time of restoration with God according to the steps and scriptures you have just learned.

Assignment

Present a case where:

1. A person who is not a Christian. How would he get to the repentance point?
2. A person who is a Christian commits sin. How would he / she get to the repentance point?
Lesson 3

The Bible

1. Objective

To learn the fundamental reasons why the Bible is the Word of God and relevant for our own lives today.

2. Goals

By the end of this session you should be able to:

- Explain the Biblical foundation of the usefulness of the Scriptures as referred to in Paul’s letter to Timothy.
- Outline accurately the basic structure of the Bible.
- Describe the characteristics of the Bible.

3. Biblical Foundation

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

4. Theme Exposition

A. Aspects that distinguish the Bible from other books

- God’s revelation to mankind – “and we have the prophetic word confirmed...” (2 Peter 1:19).
- Referring to man’s salvation - “to you this word of salvation has been sent” (Acts 13:26).
- Referring to the truth – “thy word is truth” (John 17:17).
- Jesus as central character – “the words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life” (John 14:9).
B. Basic structure of the Bible

- The Pentateuch – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- Historical Books – Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther
- Poetic Books – Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
- Major Prophets – Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel
- Minor Prophets – Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.
- The Historical Book – The Book of Acts
- Christian Church Epistles – Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians
- Pastoral & Personal Epistles – Timothy, Titus, and Philemon
- General Epistles – Hebrews, James, Peter, I – III John, Jude
- The Book of Revelation

C. Characteristics of the Bible

- Is a living word – “For the word of God is living and powerful” (Hebrews 4:12).
- Is food to the soul – “Desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow” (1 Peter 2:2).
- Builds a solid life – “I commend you…to the word if His grace, which builds you up” (Acts 20:32).
- Will set you free – “the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).
- Does not go unfulfilled – “My word…shall accomplish what I please” (Is. 55:11).
- Promises answers to prayer - “If you abide in Me, and My words abide you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you” (John 15:7).

Conclusion

Do not stay as a baby that needs milk. Once you have been in the Church for a while there is a need to stop breast feeding and start taking bread and solid food. You need to grow and become strong to move from being a child to become a parent who can feed others.
Ministry

Pray for the Lord to revive the love for the Word of God in your students, that they may commit themselves to study the Bible daily.

Assignment

1. Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17, and explain each one of the aspects of the usefulness of the Scripture.

2. Memorize the structure of the Bible.

3. Memorize the 66 books of the Bible.
Lesson 4
Prayer

1. Objective
To learn the benefits of developing a life of fruitful prayer and understand the basic elements for effective prayer.

2. Goals
By the end of this session your should be able to:
- Talk about the biblical foundation for prayer
- To explain the conditions for a prayer to be effective.
- Explain what it is to pray and how to get an answer to prayer requests.

3. Biblical Foundation

“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. In this manner therefore pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.’” (Matthew 6:5-14).

4. Theme Exposition
A. What prayer is?
- Dialogue with God: conversational prayer and fellowship.
- Praise and adoration as we express our appreciation to God for He has done.
- Confession of sin, God’s goodness and faithfulness to His promises.
- Spiritual warfare as we pray to resist and overcome demonic spirits.

B. Conditions for a prayer to be effective – (Matthew 6:5-7, 14:15)
- Do not be hypocrite. You should not pray to be noticed by others. You have to be sincere with God for He knows your heart.
- Do not use repetitions. Make prayer conversational and spontaneous.
- Do not hold anything against anyone else. (Matthew 6:14-15, 5:23-24)

C. How to obtain answers to your prayer requests
- Believe that He can and wants to answer your petitions
- Ask clearly and specifically
- Visualize the answer
- Persevere until you get confirmation that the answer is on its way
- Praise the Lord for the answer

D. Appropriate environment for prayer
- Have a fixed daily time
- Have a fixed place to pray
- Pray with an open Bible and use a notebook to write down anything God may tell you and to record your petitions. Make a note of when you start praying for something and the date when your prayer is answered.

Assignments
1. Make a list of your petitions that have not been answered and look for things that may hinder the answers.
2. Write down two cases when you have requested something from God and got the answer.
3. What are some major obstacles in your prayer life?
Lesson 5
Water Baptism

1. Objective
To learn what the Bible has to say about water baptism and the importance of all believers participating in this blessing.

2. Goals
By the end of this session your should be able to:

• Define the origin of the word “baptism”
• To understand the requisites and benefits of being water baptized.
• Explain the biblical foundation for the importance of water baptism.

3. Biblical Foundation

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).

4. Theme Exposition
A. Definition – What is baptism?
   • Baptism (bapto = wet, sink, immerse). Burial of the individual. Bury the old way of living and be raised into a new life (Romans 6:3).
   • The command included in the great commission (Matt. 28:19).
   • We identify ourselves with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection (Ro. 6:4).
   • Public confession that we are dead with Christ to our sins
B. Importance of Baptism – Why should we be baptized?

- We are Christ’s disciples 1 John 2:6
- Christ gave us the example Matt. 3:14-15
- It is a step of obedience by faith James 2:17-18

C. Requisites to be baptized

- To be a believer in Christ Mark 16:16
- Accept the work of the cross 1 Peter 1:18-21
- Show fruits of repentance Acts 2:38

D. Benefits of being baptized

- Heaven opens wide
- The Holy Spirit comes upon your life
- God’s voice come clearly to your heart

Conclusion

Through baptism we respond in obedience, demonstrating to our family and the world, the meaning of our faith in Christ, the only one who is able to change us.

Assignment

1. Research the subject of baptism in the early Church, as seen in the book of Acts and the Epistles.
2. Make a commitment to be water baptized at the next opportunity if you have not already done so.
Lesson 6
Faith

1. Objective
To learn the biblical concept of faith and its importance for a life of growth and victory.

2. Goals
By the end of this session you should be able to:

- Define the biblically concept of faith.
- Talk about the three steps to obtain a victorious faith.
- Identify true faith and a lack of faith from two biblical examples

3. Biblical Foundation

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1).

“I used to close my Bible and ask for faith. After a while, I opened my Bible and began to study it, from that day onwards my faith has not ceased to grow (D. L. Moody).

4. Theme Exposition

A. Definition of faith – We find in both the Old and New Testament certain words that give the idea of what faith is:

- Faith is evidence of what you believe - “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).

- Faith is believing God’s word – “But only speak a word…I have not found such great faith” (Matt. 8:5-13).

- Faith is being a doer of God’s word – “But be doers of the word…” (James 1:22).

- Faith is trusting in God – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart” (Proverbs 3:5).
B. Essential characteristics of faith
   • Faith is bound to the Bible
   • Faith is more than feelings
   • Faith and unbelief
   • Faith and faithfulness

C. Steps to have a victorious faith
   • Repentance
   • Confession
   • Acceptance
   • Knowledge
   • Obedience
   • Being filled with the Holy Spirit
   • Fruit of the Spirit

Conclusion

Every believer is called to be a conqueror and to walk in faith. Everything depends on submission to God and the practical application of principles learned on this lesson.

Ministry

Pray that your faith would be renewed and not fade away when hardship comes. Pray for God to strengthen them to overcome in these situations.

Assignment

1. Research two cases in the Bible regarding faith. One, where true faith is demonstrated and one where a lack of faith and doubt is displayed.

2. Study and highlight the way Jesus evaluated the faith of the people involved when He performed miracles.

3. Do a study in James as to the relationship between faith and deeds.
Lesson 7
The Holy Spirit

1. **Objective**
   To learn the importance of being full of the Holy Spirit and the necessary principles to not only be filled but to also remain filled with the Holy Spirit.

2. **Goals**
   By the end of this session you should be able to:
   
   - Explain the steps to be filled with the Holy Spirit
   - Discuss the Holy Spirit, who He is and His ministry to the believer.

3. **Biblical Foundation**
   
   “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

4. **Theme Exposition**
   
   A. Knowing the Holy Spirit
      
      - The Holy Spirit is a person  Acts 10:38
      - He glorifies Jesus  John 16:14-15
      - He makes us born again  John 3:1-15
      - He is our guide  John 16:13
      - He reveals divine secrets  Deut. 29:29 and 1 Cor. 2:9-10

   B. Fundamental steps to be filled with the Holy Spirit
      
      - Have an obedient heart  Acts 5:32
• Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you   Luke 11:13
• Ask in faith that you will receive  Mark 11:24
• Expect a new prayer language   Acts 2:4, 10:46; 19:6

C. Benefits of praying in the Spirit
• Spiritual edification   1 Cor. 14:4
• Stimulate faith   Jude 20
• Giving thanks   1 Cor. 14:15-17
• Spiritual refreshing   Isaiah 28:11-12
• Praying the perfect will of God   Romans 8:26-27
• Helps keep you in the love of God   Jude 20-21
• Spiritual warfare   Eph. 6:18

D. How would you avoid quenching the Holy Spirit within you?
• Study the Word of God
• Take away all the blockages in your life
• Ask the Holy Spirit to fill every area of your life
• Witness to others about Christ
• Have the assurance that the Lord is faithful to give us His Spirit

Conclusion
Every believer should experience the baptism of the Holy Spirit for their Christian life and ministry to develop within the level of prosperity and authority that God requires.

Assignment
Look at your life and see if you have been taking care of the flame of the Holy Spirit in you: Mark yourself on a scale of 1 to 5.

1. Study of the Word of God

2. Removal of all blockages and sin in your life

3. There are empty areas that has not been filled by the Holy Spirit

4. You are sure that God will give us of His Holy Spirit
Lesson 8
Abundant Life

1. Objective
To know and to practice the principles that will make us experience financial freedom.

2. Goals
- That the student should write the nine principles for obtaining financial freedom.
- That the student should explain the 'errors that bring ruin' and learn how to eradicate them from his life.
- That the student should memorize the Bible reference for sowing and reaping in 2 Corinthians 9:10.

3. Biblical Foundation
“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer; and day and night shall not cease” (Genesis 8:22).

“Now may He who supplies seed to the sower; and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness” (2 Corinthians 9:10).

4. Errors that bring financial ruin
A. Irresponsible use of our money - spending without any planning.
B. Not repaying debts
   Proverbs 22:7 “The rich rules over the poor; And the borrower is servant to the lender”.
C. Buying beyond our need.
D. Seeking to be quickly enriched

Proverbs 22:22 “Do not rob the poor because he is poor; nor oppress the afflicted at the gate”.

E. Loving riches

F. Living a life motivated by work and business in lieu of trusting God - Deuteronomy 8.

G. Robbing God in tithes and offerings

"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, [Even] this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you [such] blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it and I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field, " Says the LORD of hosts, "And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land, " Says the LORD” (Malachi 3:6-12).

H. Having a selfish heart

Proverbs 19:7 “All the brothers of the poor hate him; How much more do his friends go far from him! He may pursue them with words, yet] they abandon him”.

5. Actions that bring financial prosperity

A. Recognizing God as our only source of provision.

Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”.

B. Accepting our responsibilities as wise administrators of the riches of God.

C. Sowing seeds will always bring an abundant harvest.

Matthew 13:3 “Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow".

2 Corinthians 9:10 “Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have [sown] and increase the fruits of your righteousness”.

D. Tithing on all our income

Leviticus 27:30 “And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree is the Lord’s. It is holy to the Lord”.

Malachi 3:10 “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the Lord of host, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it”.

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E. Checking the perfect will of God regarding all your business dealings and listen to wise people such as your pastor or leader.

F. Establishing a plan for savings with your family.

G. Sowing your seed in the best soil - the work of God.

H. Blessing others in love with what God has given you.

I. Releasing the anointing of God to cancel all your debts.

   Isaiah 10:27 “It shall come to pass in that day that his burden will be taken away from your should and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil”.
Lesson 9
Laying On Of Hands

1. Objective

To understand and comprehend how the power of God flows through the laying on of hands.

2. Goals

By the end of this session your should be able to:

- Explain the importance of the laying on of hands in the process of ministering to others.
- Know the purposes of laying on of hands
- Make at least three suggestions to avoid lightness in laying on of hands.

3. Biblical Foundation

“Do not lay hands on people hastily, nor share in other people’s sins; keep yourself pure”
(1 Tm. 5:22).

4. Theme Exposition

A. What do you understand about the laying on of hands?

Every person who would like to used by God should be a vessel ready for His use.

- We must recognize and accept our condition without Christ – John 15:5
- Be prepared to be broken and to die – John 12:24
- Prepare yourself in holiness and purity - 1 Tim. 2:20-21
B. Purposes of the laying on of hands

- Inner healing
- Deliverance
- Blessing to others
- Authority
- Physical healing
- The baptism in the Holy Spirit
- The gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Commissioning into ministry

C. Suggestions to avoid acting indifferent

- Do not lay hands on anyone who has not gone through the process of repentance and confession of faith in Jesus Christ.
- Do everything according to the biblical order established.
- Once it is proved that the person has opened his/her heart to Jesus, the process should be done with the following order: share the Word, impart faith, lay on hands, and then pray.
- Keep in an attitude of prayer and humility
- Understand that the laying-on of hands goes together with a prophetic word. It is important to keep in tune with the Holy Spirit expecting His guidance and direction through the whole process.

Conclusion

We stress the importance of the laying on of hands and ministry to all who long to grow in their Christian life, free of bondages and curses which represent an obstacle for the spiritual and numerical growth of the Church and the individual.

Assignment

Study Mark 16:17-18 and the, together with everything you have learned in this pray for someone. Write down the outcome of your prayer.
Lesson 10
Overcoming Obstacles

1. Objective

We need to learn the tools available to us that will be useful to face and overcome obstacles that will come in the Christian life.

2. Goals

By the end of this session you should be able to:

- Overcome any obstacle that might come your way
- Learn how to overcome temptation
- Overcome obstacles that could come within the family

3. Biblical Foundation

“Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: ‘For your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord’. (Romans 8:35-39).

4. Theme Exposition

Three of the strongest obstacles that Christians face are:

A. The world – John 17:15
   - The desires of the world (glory, riches, power, etc)
• The desires of the flesh (everything that is against the Spirit)
• Ungodly friendships which draw us away from the presence of God

How to overcome them?
• Having your thoughts always centered on God  Phil. 4:8
• Be concerned for the things of the Spirit  Ro. 8:5-6
• Do not make alliances with the world  2 Cor. 6:14-16
• Study the Word of God  Psalms 119:9
• Win your friends for Jesus  James 5:19-20

B. Temptation

• What is temptation?
  1. Temptation is not sin. Sin is to give into temptation.
  2. Temptation comes from: Satan and the lustful desires of the flesh

• How to overcome temptation
  1. Pray and have constant communion with the Holy Spirit
  2. Immerse yourself with the Word of God and confess it out loud
  3. Renounce any root of sin that allows temptation to come in
  4. Fill your mind with the things of the Spirit

C. The Family

What do you do with family members which bring obstacles into your life?
• Win them in prayer
• Believe God’s promises
• Be prudent with the things you do, so you have a good testimony before them
- Persevere and be constant in prayer and fasting before the Lord.

**Conclusion**

Every Christian will at some time or another in their lives face obstacles they need to overcome. It is important that we grasp the truths of the Word of God and learn how to discern and overcome the obstacles in faith (1 John 5:4).

**Assignment**

1. **Personally**

Write down a list of actual obstacles that you may be facing considering the areas discussed; the world, temptation and the family.

Next to each obstacles write down God’s truth from the Bible which you can stand on and confess in the face of the trial.

Keep a journal of the obstacles you faced, the scriptures which strengthened you, and the victory God gave to you in the face of the adversity.

2. **Ministry -**

Seek to assist others, especially new believers, overcome their own personal obstacles giving them the word of God and your testimony of God’s faithfulness.
The Old Man & The New Nature

1. **Objective**

To learn how to strengthen the new nature and how to weaken the old nature.

2. **Goals**

By the end of this session the student should be able to:

- Define what is of the old and what is of the new nature.
- Explain how the new nature comes.
- Understand how to strengthen the new nature.

3. **Biblical Foundation**

“This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles, walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart; who, being past feeling have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him as the truth is in Jesus; that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” (Ephesians 4:17-24).

4. **Theme Exposed**

A. Condition of humanity when created.

The old nature is seen in those who “… walk in the futility of their minds, darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity” (Ephesians 4:17-21)

- To walk in the vanity and futility of the mind
- Understanding darkened
- Alienated for the life of God because of their ignorance
• Hardness of heart
• Loss of sensitivity
• Practicing every kind of impurity

B. How does the New Nature come in?

“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you” (Romans 8:9-11).

• The moment when Jesus Christ comes to live within us.

C. The conflict between the new and old nature

“I say then: walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish” (Galatians 5:16-17).

• There is a battle between the flesh and the Spirit in the life of a believer.

D. The new Nature and how to strengthen it.

• The new nature renews the mind and returns us to the image of God.

“… that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness (Eph. 4:22-24).

• To strengthen the new nature:
  2. Renew the mind
  3. Crucify the flesh
  4. Put on the new man

**Conclusion** - The nature that controls your life will be the one you strengthen more.

**Assignment**

Pray renouncing those things listed in Ephesians 4:25-32. Examine your live to find out if there is anything remaining from the old nature. Write down a list of the things in your life that belong to the old nature. Then search in the Bible to find out what God says regarding them.