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Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein for the time is at hand. "Revelation 1:8"

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to all new converts in the Lord Jesus Christ and the Sunday School Teachers world-wide, and the ministers of God, church workers, pastors, General Overseas and those who aspires growth in

the body of Christ today. Those who believe that their set time of manifestation in Christ Jesus (spiritually and physically) has come, and to as many that would arise to pursue this believe (righteousness and holiness) to a conclusive reality, you are all the reason for this great work today.

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Introduction

The Bible admonishes us to be diligent and study to present ourselves approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth. We are to seek the word of truth, know it and in essence, we are to study the Bible to discover the treasures in it. This acknowledges starts with knowing some foundational truths now that you are born again.

God is particular about your foundation this year and for us, especially now that you are BORN AGAIN. It is supposed to be a year of hard study, trying to know Him more than you do before you were not BORN AGAIN. Therefore, the Sunday School Manual of this new season of your life THE GOSPEL PLAN FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH has been prepared with this mind of God in our heart.

OUR COUNSEL TO YOU NOW THAT YOU ARE BORN AGAIN AND ALWAYS IS!!!

1. Never fail to read and study lessons in this booklet as part of your Christian ministry.
2. Be doer of what these lessons teach, because if you keep them in your heart they will always keep you from falling.

3. Remember that the daily Bible reading is for your daily growth.
4. Endavour to bring others with you to Sunday School Class each Sunday
5. It is imperative for you to come early to Sunday School Class before the lesson starts.
6. And remember your teacher and your fellow brethren in your prayer.
7. Read regularly, slowly, read inquisitively, comprehensively, and read lovingly and prayerfully.

Chapter One

WHO IS A CHRISTIAN

INTRODUCTION: Some people thought that those who bear such Christian and Biblical names like John, James, Peter, Paul, Esther, Mary, David, Nathaniel, and such can be called Christians. This is far from the truth as Christianity is not in the name. Instances have shown that some of such people antagonize Christianity more than any other religion. There are those who profess Christianity by mouth or church attendance which has become a ritual for them. There are also who claim to be Christians simply by reason of their birth into so called **"Christian"** homes.

LESSON OUTLINES

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6: HOW TO FIND A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

7: CONCLUSION PRAYER

LESSON 1: WHO THEN IS A CHRISTIAN?

The disciples were the ones first called Chris-

tians in Acts chapter 11:26 **"And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch"**, meaning then that a Christian is a disciple of Jesus Christ. He is a follower of Christ, having the nature of Christ i.e Christ like.

LESSON 2: CHARACTERISTICS OF A CHRISTIAN

In Acts 2:42-43 it was mentioned that the disciples were steadfast in the doctrine of Jesus Christ and in fellowship with one another and breaking bread. **"And they continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles"**. A Christian is one who will fellowship such example united in purpose, sharing, having a sense of belonging and bearing another's burden.

LESSON 3: HOW DO WE KNOW A CHRISTIAN?

Jesus said in John chapter 13:35, **"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciple if ye have love one another"** the most visible trademark by which Christians can be identified is when there is True love among them (the body of Christ). A Christian should not be pre-occupied with self. We must sincerely

love ourselves so that Christ can be glorified in our lives. Christians can also be identified by the kind of fruit (i.e fruits in Galatians chapter 5:22-25) you shall know them. **"Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Matthew 7:16.**

LESSON 4: THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION

Commission is the conferment of authority to carry out certain duties. As Christians, God has mandated us to look in four directions which are.....

1: Look Back: By this we thank and praise God for the doings of the past and to show appreciation for His mercies.

2: Look Up: To trust God for He is the Author and Finisher of our faith.

3: Look Around: Your neighborhood, to be able to serve God by telling others about Jesus Christ the son of the living God, the Saviour of mankind.

4: Look Ahead: With joyful hope expecting His coming because He shall surely come again, as He has promised those who are ready for Him and His arrival.

Christianity is not a name, but in deed for it is God that worked in us both to will and to do His good pleasure. In us there is no willingness to do good, it is only God that works good in us. The much that we allow God to work in us, the much good that will come forth in us and to us.

LESSON 5: WHO I AM IN CHRIST JESUS THE SON OF GOD

1: CHOSEN BY GOD: He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish **"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" Ephesians 1:4.**

2: Made perfect forever: "For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified".

3: Made at Peace with God. "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" Romans 5:1

4: Totally Forgiving. "And you, being dead in your sins bath he quickened together with him, having forgiven your all trespasses" Colossians 2:13.

5: Totally Cleansed. "But ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God" 1 Corinthians 6:11.

6: Made Holy and Blameless. "In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight" Colossians 1:22.

7: Given Christ's Righteousness. "For he hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" 2 Corinthians 5:21.

8: Freed from Condemnation. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" Romans 8:1.

9: Made into a New Creation. "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away, behold, all things are now new"

10: Reconciled to God. "We are reconciled to God by the dead of his son; much more being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life" Romans 5:10.

11: Made Heirs of God. "Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ" Galatians 4:7.

LESSON 6: HOW TO FIND A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

This is what the Bible tells us

By nature, your heart runs from God and rebels against Him. The Bible tells us this "sin" Romans 3:23 say **"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"**. Yet God loves you and want to save you from your sin, to offer you a new life of hope. John chapter 10:10 says, **"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"**. You receive this gift by faith alone. Ephesians chapter 2:8 says, **"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves,**

it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast".

Faith is a decision of your heart demonstrated by the actions of your life. Romans 10:9 say, **"If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved".** If you are choosing right now to believe in Jesus Christ who died for your sins and to receive new life through Him.

Pray a prayer similar to this to thank Him (GOD) for your new life in Jesus name.

Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I believe in Jesus Christ the son of God that died to forgive me of all my sins. I now accept your offer of eternal life. Thank you for forgiving me all my sins. Thank you for my new life. From this day forward, I will choose to follow you forever and ever Amen.

Chapter Two

MY KIND OF CONSCIENCE

MERMORY VERSE: When they knew God, they glorified Him not as God. Romans 1vs21

Bible Text; Romans 1vs18-32

INTRODUCTION: What is conscience? Conscience is an internal judge examining all that I do and say. When your conscience does not judge you it means you are caring a dead conscience or no conscience at all. Your conscience is the God in you as a child of God judging the truth and the lies in your person. It cries out before any wrong if you carry a living conscience. It does not keep quite during the act and keeps talking even after the act. It became deft and dumb if you carry a dead one. The word conscience does not appear in the Old Testament; instead the word heart is substituted. [1 Sam 24vs5] Who has a conscience? Is it reserved for the educated, the politicians, the military personnel's, or the civilized people only? No, all humans have consciences. [11 Cor.4vs2] but there are various types of consciences;, evil ones, pure ones, weak ones, good ones, and so on.

LESSON OUTLINES

1 DEMONIC OR EVIL CONSCIENCE
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4 WEAK OR DEAD CONSCIENCE
5 PURE CONSCIENCE
6 GOOD AND UPRIGHT CONSCIENCE

LESSON 1: DEMONIC OR EVIL CONSCIENCE

Not all conscience is good or pure conscience. In fact since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, many consciences hard become darkened and defiled. The conscience of man suffered terrible attack and falls to the level of no remedy Eph vs 18, Titus 1vs15. It is an evil conscience that directs a man to bow to idol, wickedness, sin, corrupt act etc. when you see one of these acts in your life and you are free to accommodate it, it means you are caring evil conscience. It is an evil conscience that makes you to bow before idol and give yourself away for money. It is an evil conscience that cause a father to kill his son and a son sacrifice his father, mother, brother or sister for one selfish or the order. When your conscience becomes evil your entire life is defiled, depraved and evil. [Rom 1vs18-32]

LESSON 2: CONVICTED OR CONDEMED CONSCIENCE

We have two types of conviction in life. 1. Conviction to repentance and righteousness. 2. Conviction to guilt and condemnation. When one hears the true gospel of Christ, the Holy Spirit will quickens the Word of God in his heart and his conscience becomes convicted. This is conviction unto repentance and righteousness. But when one is con-

demned to the law of the land or the word he is convicted to destruction that will lead to eternal death and physical punishment. Conviction unto righteousness hears the about sin and judgment for sin and his conscience begins to judge him, bearing witness to the truth in the Word of God.

Then the hearer does one of these two things; either he yields to the working of the Holy Spirit or excuses himself [Rom 2vs15]. A common excuse is to say, I am not the only sinner in the whole wide world, that all men are sinners, if God is going to judge He will judge all including the preachers, so why I am disturbed by the gospel of our today. But those who yield to prompting of the Holy Spirit start feeling sorrow, guilt and painful in their conscience for their sins and soon began to yield to repentance. John 8vs1-11 is a good example of conscience in action.

LESSON 3: PURGE OR CLEANSED CONSCIENCE

A purged conscience is a conscience cleans for the use of the master. When a man yields to the working of the Holy Spirit in his heart, his awakened conscience brings pressure on him to confirm to God's stand on sin and righteousness. He begins to realize the evil of a depraved conscience and conviction leads to conversion or salvation. His conscience becomes purged [Heb 9vs14] and he begins to find joy in serving God.

LESSON 4: WEAK OR DEAD CONSCIENCE

So we see that conversion is the recreation of conscience which has been long silenced. But the young convert who is the new born again in Christ may find that his conscience is still too weak to be relied upon; meaning may not be able to withstand some certain assignment in Christ. His conscience may not be strong enough to clearly differentiate between what is good and bad in Christ kingdom [1 cor 8vs7]. His conscience may still be weak enough to accept anything that is not too bad. Ignoring the fact that anything not too bad is definitely not good. This weakness can be overcome by prayers and Bible study and constant obedience to the things of the Spirit.

LESSON 5: PURE CONSCIENCE

At conversion not the soul is saved only but the conscience is converted too. When a child is born, he or she is born with a pure or perfect conscience. But as the child keeps developing into maturity the world begin to play her role in that child. In so doing the mind became corrupt and sin began to enter little by little. After receiving Jesus Christ as personal Lord and savior, we began to expect a pure heart and perfect conscience. This change of conscience is often a gradual process as the individual is instructed

more perfectly in the will of God. The sinner feels that the conscience is a burden but to the saved, conscience is a big help. Because outside the conscience the believer will not be reminded of his or her short comings in Christ Jesus our saviour. So the conscience in man is like a friend who keeps reminding his friend of the love of God and kind of standard heaven expected from him [Matt 5vs48, 1 Tim 3vs9].

LESSON 6: GOOD AND UPRIGHT CONSCIENCE

The desire of God towards every child of God is to have a good conscience toward himself and his fellow believers in Christ Jesus [1 Tim 1vs5]. I always encourage my fellow Christians to pray that the Lord will give us good conscience and tender on to do the work of the kingdom. Do not try to silence a good conscience because it is God in you to perfect your real person in Christ our God, instead agreed with it. if you have good conscience it will be difficult for you to be abandoned on the way because heaven always monitors the good hearts and the perfect in their minds. Those with good conscience never forsake the narrow that leads to eternity.

LESSON 7: CONSCIENCE DEVOID OF OFFENCE AND FORTH

One of the highest goals in Christian life is to have a conscience devoid of offence towards

God and man. [Acts 24vs16] A sensitive conscience produces careful Christians who are conscientious, dependable and usable in the kingdom of God. What type of conscience is your conscience? Can you pray the prayer of [Heb 10vs22] now?

8: QUESTIONS

1. What is conscience?
2. How do we know a weak conscience?
3. How do we know the good, pure and sensitive conscience?

Chapter Three

BACKSLIDING

MEMORY VERSE: Now the just shall live by faith, but if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him Heb 10vs38.

BIBLE TEST Hcb 10vs19-39

INTRODUCTION: Backsliding did not start the very day one stop effective worship in the house of God but the day he started nursing reasons why he should not be in the services of God. Dead conscience is one of the reasons for backsliding. When the conscience is dead, the services of the all mighty is no longer pleasurable. Unrepentance is another major big blow for backsliding. When you are in Christ and your adamic nature still controls you, you will one day abuse Christ to his face. Often times we find someone stars very uniquely in the Christian race and cools down for effectiveness afterward. Many times someone who use to advice and changes life for kingdom effectiveness become a topic of backsliding.

Sometimes someone who uses to be very hot for the Lord may even leave the Lord completely. When such a thing happens, thoughtful minds always ask, who will be the next person to leave the Lord or church. Invariably the answer is God forbid; I will not be the next person to hot the heart of my God and my pastor. We shall all keep in the mind

that backsliding does not come until an open apology in tendered to it to come and have his way. If we deliberately refuse His grace and care and assistance we will surely fall to backsliding.

LESSON OUTLINES

1 What is backsliding?

2 How does it happen?

3 How does it get started?

4 What are the results of backsliding?

5 What are Gods promises to a backslider?

LESSON 1: WHAT IS BACKSLIDING?

Backsliding simply means turning away from God. 1 kings 11vs9. It is growing cold and leaving the first love we have for Christ and His kingdom Rev 2vs4. It is turning from joy and the simplicity of the kingdom and of the Gospel to salvation to law. Gal 5vs4. In other words, backsliding is growing cold and losing interest in the work of God, in the Lord, the Bible, prayers, church attendance, Evangelism, and church programs. This is backsliding, turning from God to the world.

LESSON 2: HOW DOES IT HAPPEN?

Backsliding does not happen suddenly. It is a

gradual process before it hit her peak. It is always one backward step after another. Today, pastor's wife said, the other day the choir mistress said, the next time, my husband said. The other day I was busy in the market place and I could not turn up for the Bible study and I slept late for coming to church late on Sunday morning. It takes week to week excuse, month to month, or even year to year excuse to complete stay away from the presence of the all mighty. You now said he has backslidden.

LESSON 3: HOW DOES IT GET STARTED?

Backsliding does not have his fashionable way to get started. There are so many causes for backsliding. No one can list all but we will list a few.

1: Unrepentant:

2: Covetousness. Gen 13vs10: The major reason of Lot's trouble was the lust for something not God's will for him.

3: Pride of heart. Proverbs 16vs18: when you become too big to be controlled by your spiritual heads, then you are on your way to backsliding.

4: Selfishness. Proverbs 14vs14: When you replace, Thy will be done to my will be done, then you are encountering trouble from backsliding.

5: Disobedient. 1samuel 15vs11: Disobedient is the originator of sin. To obey is better than sacrifice.

6. The love of money. John 13vs29: As you know, the love of money is the root of all evil. When you begin to love money more than your creator, then remember what happens to Judas Iscariot. He was an Apostle of Christ but money leads him to lost apostleship to another person. When you love money, your place will be taken by another.

7: Ambition for power. Acts 8vs19: No man can get anything unless it is giving him from above. You cannot force God to give you a position he thinks you are not fit for. Remember, godliness with contentment is a great gain. You cannot serve God and the world at a time, God is God.

8: Love of the world. 11 Tim4vs10: A servant cannot serve two masters at a time. Love of the world is enmity with God.

9: Evil conscience. When your conscience is evil, you will never stay longer in Christ. It is a clear conscience that serves God from a perfect heart and last longer in Christ.

Added to all these causes are several others like,

[a] failure to pray. God commands us to pray without ceasing. Unable to do that is backsliding to the highest order.

[b] Failure to read the Bible. The Lord said to Joshua, this book of law shall not depart from your mouth day and night, Joshua 1:8.

Paul said to Timothy, study to show yourself approved, 2 Tim 2vs15. In fact studying the Bible is one of the conditions of being blessed [ps12vs1-2].

[c] Failure to attend church. [Heb 10vs25] The soul needs the church as the tree needs the river ps1vs3.

[d] Failure to obey the Holy Spirit. When you fail to obey the Holy Spirit it grieves him and is a sign of backsliding [Eph 4vs30]. When you are led by the Holy Spirit to do anything, no matter how stupid and foolish it may look like, go on and do it. Obedient is better than sacrifice.

[e] Failure to confess Christ. If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and shall believe in your heart, you shall be saved. Some people deny me before me shall I deny before my father in heaven Matt 10vs33. A dynamic witness does not find it easy to sin. For example, you will not fight in the neighborhood where you have recently witness for Christ.

[f] Failure to walk in the light. Jesus said, walk in the light as I am in the light [1 John 1vs7] when you begin to love darkness more than the light, it means your deeds are evil.

LESSON 4: WHAT ARE THE RESAULTS OF BACKSLIDING?

There will be a loss of Joy and happiness, a loss of peace of mind and power in the Holy Ghost. Murmuring and darkness will replace

songs of praise and light. A backslider will never enter heaven unless repentance takes place.

WHAT ARE GOD'S PROMISES TO BACK-SLIDERS?

To backslider God said, return and be forgiven, return and be healed. [Jere.3vs22] [Hos.14vs4] Are you backsliding. Return to God today, tomorrow maybe too late

Chapter Four

THE LIGHT OF LOVE

MEMORY VERSE: "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him" 1 John 2vs10.

OUR FOCUS: He who hates his brother is in darkness and is not in the light.

TEXT 1 John 2vs7-17

He who hates his brother or sister is in darkness and is not in the light. Jesus is the light and those who calls upon him must believe and trust in the light. This lesson attempts to interpret the meaning of God's love and how it relates to our relationship with one another. This less explores love as a light in our dark world of evil and hatred. It also explores our hope for experiencing love in its purest form. The source of the love we all need and long for, are ways of loving others as we ourselves would like to be loved. It is imperative for you to practice fully this less if you want to be the type of Christian God wants you to be.

LESSON OUTLINES

THE ARRIVAL OF LIGHT

THE REASULTS OF THE LIGHT

WORLDLY DESIRES

Lesson 1: THE ARRIVAL OF LIGHT 1 Jn. 2vs7-11

To be partakers of the divine nature is to have giving one's life to God through faith in Jesus Christ. At conversion, God's nature is imparted. Because there is always strife between the flesh and the spirit, man [the flesh] is prone to do things that are carnal and ungodly. That is why Apostle Peter admonishes the believers not to stop at salvation, but we should work out our salvation by adding to faith virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godly virtues that benefit believers and anyone who possesses them will be productive in the things of God and will not stumble.

However anyone who lacks them is shortsighted and will eventually become blind spiritually. Do you posses these virtues. John calls his readers brethren since they share membership in God's community, they must submit to all the commands of God. John reminds them of the commandment to love which is as old as Leviticus 19vs18. John had added nothing to this truth of the gospel of Christ Mt. 19vs19. John is merely re-emphasising the same command that Jesus gave Jn. 13vs34, 1 Jn. 3vs23, 2 Jn. 5vs6. To love is exemplified God's great love at the cross.

The command is also true in the church where believers live out divine love in their lives. When love points the way, people no

longer walk in darkness. The true light that now shines is Jesus Christ the son of the living God. Now false teachers, prophets, pastors, and ministers are trying to extinguish that light but the hand of God is already on the move forever. There darkness must be rejected.

The sharp contrast between light and darkness serves to reveal who a person really is. The one who hates his brother or sister is not at all in the light, and never love like Jesus Christ. Such a person is more like Cain 1 Jn. 3vs12. To God, when a person's deeds show that he or she loves darkness and harbors hatred, that person loves darkness and drinks from it. On the other hand, a person who follows Jesus walks in the light of life verses number 10. The true believer does not step into the light only on special occasions rather, such a person abides in the light permanently. And because the light of love has opened that person's eyes to God's reality, there is no occasion of stumbling in him or her. This means he or she will neither stumble nor be the cause of stumbling or trap for others to stumble.

Anyone who hates his brother or sister is not only walking in darkness but has his or her eyes blinded and does not know where he or she is heading to.

The false teachers and the prophet Apostle John opposes make the darkness only worse. They have contempt, rather than love for the people who put their faith in Christ Jesus.

They are quick to condemn anyone who does not have their secret knowledge. These teachers walk in darkness and do not know it at all, because the darkness has blinded them to God's truth.

Lesson 2: THE RESULT OF LIGHT 1Jn 2vs12-14

The light of God and love of God are not intended for a chosen few. God's light is for all people. Because by this light they can see the error of their ways and come to repentance 2 Peter chapter 3:9. Now Apostle John writes brief notes of celebration to vicious group in the church.

By using the address children, it is possible that Apostle John is referring either to those who are young in age or are young in faith. The address little children is a favorite of John the beloved 1 Jn. 2vs1, 12, 18, chapter 4vs4 and chapter 5vs21. This may also mean that Apostle John thinks of all who receive his letter as his own children in faith. In any case, John celebrates the fact that their sins are forgiven , and that the forgiveness is not by personal accomplishment, rather, it is by God through Jesus the son of God.

Next John turns specifically to the fathers. These are members of the churchwho are mature both in years and in faith. They have known Christ from the beginning. They know that their beliefs are the original truth.

Next to the fathers, John address the young men, the chief characteristics of young men is their vigor and strength. These young warriors for faith have overcome the wicked one, the devil, through Christ, they have resisted temptation. Youths are particularly vulnerable to certain kind of sin, 2 Tim 2:22. But through Jesus in them they are overcomers. The youth are also strong, because they are abiding in God's word. These and many more are the benefits of belonging to the fellowship of believers.

Lesson 3: WORDLY DESIRES
1 John. 2:15-17

Love should be our finest motive. It is to be a selfless devotion modeled after the nature of God. Yet some people direct their love to the things that are in the world rather than to the father 2 Tim. 4vs10. When John charges his readers not to love the world, He is not talking of the atmospheric world or humanity, that God loves and sent His son to save Jn. 3vs16. He means the fallen world as it continues defiantly to reject God Jn. 16vs11, Jn. 4vs3-5, Jn. 5vs19. To love the ungodly traditions of fallen world is to prefer the company of sinners to the community of saints. If a person loves the world he or she does not love God. We cannot have two masters Luke 16vs13. Three major things to avoid further

[a] The lost of the flesh: This is any craving that arises out of our selfish appetites, in

short, it is the unholy desire to do any of the works of the flesh listed in Gal. 5vs19-21.

[b] The lost of the eyes: This refers to enticements that come through our sense of sight. Television, movies, and all materialistic enticement offered by the internet.

[c] The pride of life: This refers to boastfulness and arrogance. This is fatal flow of modern society, where status seekers care only about their public image.

For centuries and ages, false teachers and ministers have tried to lead God's people astray. Against this, Apostle John issues a clarion call to the church to walk in the true light. On other hand, John warns that the one who chooses the darkness and the ways of the world will be exposed. The light of love is God's beacon to guide our lives.

Chapter Five

THE TEST OF LOVE

MEMORY VERSE: Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is 1John 3vs2.

OUR FOCUS: Only the redeemed can experience the eternity of love.

TEXT 1 John 3vs1-2, 11-24

The reason many believers have left their first love for God is because they have stopped appreciating the value of their salvation. Many of us have taken our salvation for granted; we no longer consider what it cost God to offer us salvation free of charge. It may be free to us but it is not free to God, it cost Him the life of His begotten son. In chapter 3 of 1st John, Apostle John presents God as LOVE and out of this love believers are given permission to become the children of God. This love that the Lord so lavishly and graciously bestows upon us should be extended to other people. Our love for others should go beyond mere words. Our actions must be motivated by love from pure heart. Whatever we do, our actions should please the heart of God and not to seek the applause or approval of other people.

LESSON OUTLINE

MAJESTY OF LOVE

MESSAGE OF LOVE

MEASURES OF LOVE

SUMMARIES

Lesson 1: MAJESTY OF LOVE- 1 John 3vs1-2

Consider what manner of love God has offered to us mankind. With these thoughts John calls his readers to pounder on the degree of love it took God to adopt us as his children. How can God love us when we are sinful and unworthy? It is through Christ that God has forgiven us and welcomed us into His family, the family of God most take note, however, that the world does not understand or approve of us because the fallen world refuses to know God. In spite of this, it is an eternal privilege for believers to be called the sons of God John 1vs12.

As God's sons, Christians have a glorious future vs2. We are heirs of a father who owns the whole universe. We as God's children will be changed with transformed bodies into something far more glorious 1 Cor. 5vs51-54, Phil. 3vs2. At that time, we shall be like Him with glorious bodies made eternal and incorruptible. God's immeasurable love was poured out on people who deserved just the opposite. He invites us to come out of rebellion live in heavenly home.

What cost God to issue this invitation was the life of His son, when we consider the degree of love it took God to do that? Is God's

command that we should love one another too burdensome? No; His call for us to love is possible, if we really love Him.

Lesson 2: MESSAGE OF LOVE- 1 John 3vs11-15

It was God's intention from the beginning that love we should love one another. But what beginning is John talking about. Even before the church was established John 13vs35.

Genesis chapter 4vs7 gave us the example of Cain and Abel. When Cain's offering was rejected and Abel's was accepted, Cain allowed hatred and jealousy to overrule love, so he slew Abel out in the field Heb. 11vs4, Mt. 23vs35. Hatred is nothing new, it exists in every generation. John, therefore admonishes believers not to marvel that hatred is now directed against them John 15vs18. The hatred of Cain is an old story, and the hatred of the world is provable not surprising. But what about hatred within the family of God Vs14. It is inconceivable, if a believer doesn't love his brother, it signifies that such a person either has never come all the way into life or has gone back and now abides in death.

John tells us that we cannot love God and hate our brother or sister, verses 15 for if we do, the love of God is not in us. John further explains that anyone who hates his brother or sister is a murderer, this is a powerful

statement. It tells us that if we are children of God, then we ought to love as He loves. We may not be responsible for someone's death, but we can assassinate someone's character through gossip, slander, and hatred. As a believer, we know that hatred and murder are in the same category. Therefore we must allow God's word to change us from inside out. Also in order to love others, we must begin with loving God by showing reverence to God.

Lesson 3: MEASURE OF LOVE- 1 John 3vs16-24

The first measure of love is a practical test. The love of God is a love that we can perceive in action. When God loves the world, he sent Heaven's greatest gift. Jesus came and laid down His love for us – unrepentant enemies of God John 3vs16; Rom. 5vs8,10; Col. 1vs21-22. Love like God's love could give nothing less. God's children should resemble their father in this kind of love. When we are blessed by God with material possessions and see fellow Christians in need, we must show care and concern, and not to shut out bowels of compassion; to shut our bowels of compassion means to have no pity or tender feeling towards a person in need.

How does the love of God dwell in that person? Love must therefore be put in action. John urges us not to merely love in word or in tongue, paying mere lip service to the Lord's command Mt. 7vs21, Jm. 1vs22-25,

2vs14-17. God wants His children to put their love to work in deed and in truth. The first church in Jerusalem was a good example of this. In that community of love, no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common Acts. 4vs32.

At times, we may feel guilty for not fulfilling the mandate to love one another. We may feel we are not doing enough to meet the need of others. God is greater than our hearts, and He knows the motives behind our actions. When there is no condemnation in hearts, then we have confidence towards God and we can be assured that whatever we ask from Him, He will give unto us. Only that we should live a life that pleasing to Him and love our fellow brethren. With this, God will dwell in us and we in Him. This divine presence in the life of the believer is identified in vs24 as the spirit which has given us the abiding spirit confirms to us that God is with us and in us Acts 2vs33 & 38; Rom. 5vs5, 8vs14-16.

4: SUMMARIES

Love is a verb, not just a noun; it is an action, not just an emotion. When Apostle John writes about love, he writes about doing more than feeling. The command to love one another is a call to action. God's final examination for his people on the judgment day will be on how our belief expresses itself in love. If we fail the test of love, we can never

make up for it with any extra credit we may think we can gain from our religious activities.

Chapter Six

THE SOURCE OF LOVE

MEMORY VERSE: By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another John 13vs35

OUR FOCUS- He who loves God must love the brethren also.

TEXT 1 JOHN 4VS7-21

INTRODUCTION: In the last teaching we saw how John explained that love for fellow believer is a test that reveals whether a person is really walking in the light. In this teaching Apostle John goes further by saying that love is also the test that reveals if a person is actually born of God. Since God is the ultimate source and embodiment of love, anyone who is genuinely born of God will reflect His characteristics. A person without love is a person who is not God's child. We will see how John establishes that such a person does not even know God.

LESSON OUTLINE

EXAMPLE OF LOVE 1 John 4vs7-12

PROOF OF LOVE 1 John 4vs13-16

RESULTS OF LOVE 1 John 4vs16-18

GRAND SUMMARY OF LOVE 1 John 4vs19-21

SUMMARY

Lesson 1 EXAMPLE OF LOVE 1 Jn. 4vs7-12

Apostle John addresses his readers as people who are beloved in His eyes 1 Jn. 3vs2, 21, 4vs1, 11. He is quick to supply a threefold reasons; first, love is God, that is, God is the source of this selfless love. Second, those who love show that they are born of God; they are genuine children who resemble their father in vital way. Thirdly, those who love show that they know God, they follow God's love as their pattern. Since the nature of God is love, the person unacquainted with love is unacquainted with GOD'S way.

Though love God reveals Himself through what He created, yet no one would have known or related with Him if not for what He had done through love. It is love that motivated God to seek for the reconciliation of the fallen humanity. And for this to be possible, God, through love, sent His only begotten son to be propitiation for the sins of humanity. It therefore follows that anyone who will know Him and relate with Him must do so by accepting God's offer of love. It also follows that you can only claim to know God. If you don't have love, it means you don't know God and God don't know you.

Have you accepted God's offer of salvation [Jesus Christ]. Jesus description of love is in shape contrast to society's definition, while the world places emphasis on self gratifi-

cation which is rooted in self-centeredness, God's love is just the opposite.

Everything Jesus did on earth exemplified the love of God. He was the personification of self sacrificing love. He served His disciples and put their needs before His own.

He endured humiliation and degradation on the cross and He suffered public scrutiny for wrongs He did not commit. Jesus is the perfect example of agape love. Many people wouldn't even consider sacrificing their personal agenda in order to help others.

Think on this, since we are instruments of God's divine peace and love, we must also show the world that we are born of God through the various acts of love and service we give to others. Some people may not go to church or open a Bible, but they can get to know God and His love for them by how we treat them.

Lesson 2 PROOF OF LOVE
1 Jn. 4vs13-16

Our knowledge that we dwell in God is not based on some mystic, mysterious experience. It is based on the fact that God has given us His Spirit Rom. 8vs9; 1 Jn. 3vs24. Thus, God's spirit in us and our practice of love join together as proof that, we in Him and He in us. Love is the first and greatest fruit that His Spirit produces in us Gal. 5vs22. God sent certain conditions for salvation. God expects anyone that will be saved

to confess that Jesus is the son of God. Jesus promises that if a person confesses Him before men, He will confess that person before His father in heaven Mt. 10vs32. Mere confession is not the entirely of the plan of salvation. As Apostle John make it clear, loving action serves as proof that we belong to the truth 1 Jn. 3vs17-19.

Lesson 3 RESULTS OF LOVE 1 Jn. 4vs16-18

God does not just have love, God is love. He embodies everything that is good about love and encompasses the entire range of love's expression. God and love are so much identified with each other that to dwell in love is to dwell in God and when we dwell in love is to dwell in God and when we dwell in love, God himself dwells in us. And also when our love is made perfect or complete, the final result is that we will have boldness on the judgment day. We will have nothing to fear when that day comes. This boldness will made possible because as Jesus is, so are we. Just as Jesus is pure, and righteousness 1 John 3:3, 1 John 3vs7 by His blood we can also stand before the father pure and righteous. Jesus abides in the father Jn.17vs21-26 and so can we. Although we live in this world, but we can approach God's throne of grace even now in bold confidence.

Christians can have boldness in judgment because there is no fear in love vs18. This fear is not the kind of healthy awe that a per-

son should have for God. Rather, the kind of fear in view is a paralyzing dread and terror. Love and that kind of fear have nothing in common. Therefore love that is perfect or full grown will cast out fear. While fear paralyses and torment, genuine love confirms our salvation. The person who still lives in unhealthy fear of God is not yet mature. He or she is not yet made perfect in.

Lesson 4 GRAND SUMMARY OF LOVE- 1Jn.4vs19-21

Now Apostle John sums up his grand teaching about love. God is the source of love. He first loved us. Without God's initiative we would not have know genuine love neither would we have known how to love. When we abide in God and His Spirit abides in us, Divine love becomes a natural part of our lives. The piratical test of love as seen before is that God's child must love the brother or sister in Christ vs20.

A person who says I love God, but then hates a fellow Christian is a lair. There is a logical reason for this fact; we have been made in the image of God. Therefore, this brother whom we love bears a certain resemblance of God. If we cannot find anything attractive or loveable in our fellow Christians, then we will not find anything lovcable in God. If we fail this practical test of love our claim to love God are simply lies.

5: SUMMARY!

Apostle John concludes as he began, we must love one another. To love God and to love one's neighbor are inseparable. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets' Mt. 22vs40. Moreover, loving others is a command from God. It is not optional or negotiable. By observing this love in us, all people will be able to tell that we are Christ's disciples Jn. 13vs34-35.

When we recognize that God is the source of love, then, we realize that He intends we should be the channels of the love. We become the passage ways through which the mighty river of God's love flows. This love will bless countless lives, but only as we allow it flow through us.

Chapter Seven

THE WAY TO LOVE AND LIVE

MEMORY VERSE: In him was life and the life was the light men Jn. 1vs4.

OUR FOCUS: Jesus lived to please God; you too should live to please God.

INTRODUCTION

The book of 1st John was written to help the early church realized the certainty of God's presence in the life of every believer. The first two chapters describe the conditions of fellowship with God, made possible through the blood of His son Jesus Christ. Chapter three explains that obedience is the key to our fellowship and we should attempt to live sinless lives. Chapter four defines how confession leads to forgiveness. Finally, in this teaching of today will be taking from chapter five, where John concludes by summarizing the factorregarding achieving a right relationship with God. John admonishes all believers to 1. To have love for one another 2. To be obedient to God and His word, 3. To receive the power to overcome the world and 4. To receive eternal life.

LESSON'S OUTLINE

FOUNDATION OF GOD'S WAY- 1 Jn. 5vs1-3

VICTORY OF GOD'S WAY- 1 Jn. 5VS4-5

BASIS OF GOD'S WAY- 1 Jn. 5vs6-10

OUTCOME OF GOD'S WAY- 1 Jn. 5vs11-12

SUMMARY

Lesson 1 FOUNDATION OF GOD'S WAY- 1 Jn. 5vs1-3

Apostle John begins the final chapter of his letter by demonstrating the relationship between having faith in Christ, loving God and obeying God's command. Whosoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God our faith in Christ is the doorway to our relationship with God Jn. 14vs6. True faith empresses itself in love for God and His son, Jesus Christ. If we love God, we will also love His son Jesus, because the father and the son are one. John acknowledges that Jesus is the only begotten son of God- the head of the church and the anointed one by God.

How do we show that we love God's children? Sometimes the greatest test of how much we love a person is demonstrated in how well we treat them. John says, the proof of our love for God is that we love others and obey God's commandments. Apostle John makes it clear that no one can say they love and at same time hate their brother. To do so would make one a lair 1 Jn. 4vs20. Thus, true love flows out of our service to others, as well as an obedient heart towards God.

When we love God, we love those whom He loves. In vs3, Apostle John goes on to say that keeping God's commandments is not grievous. The word grievous refers to an exces-

sively heavy load or something that is too difficult to endure. Fortunately, for the true believers, God's commands are not too much to bear because He gives us the strength to fulfill their demands.

Lesson 2 VICTORY OF GOD'S WAY- 1 Jn. 5vs4-5

In context, the phrase; the world; refers to the evil that take their stand against God Jn. 16vs33. By being born again we share in victory over the world. As members of God's family, we have an overcoming faith. It is a faith that separates us from the fallen world and gives us victory over the temptations of the world. We live in this world in an ethical sense, but we are not of the world in a physical sense Jn. 15vs19, 17vs6, 14-19. Though we struggle on a daily basis to live Godly lives, we can take heart in the fact that the victory has already been won. The outcome is already decided. We are on the winning side.

When we overcome the world, it is not because we ourselves are so powerful. The true source of our victory is the object of our faith, Jesus the son of God. Through our faith in him, we are assured that we have overcome this evil world 1 Cor. 15vs57.

Lesson 3 BASIS OF GOD'S WAY 1 Jn. 5vs6-10

As at the time John wrote this letter, the

false teachers deny that Jesus came in flesh only that Jesus seemed to appear in flesh. To counter such falsehood, John presents the fact that from the begging of Jesus ministry to its very end, Jesus displayed His deity in bodily form Col. 2vs9. For instance, Jesus came by water into His public ministry when He was baptized by John. Jesus came by blood of the conclusion of His ministry when He was nailed to the cross. The real humanity of Jesus is clearly shown by water and blood, the spirit of God descended from heaven in form of a dove and rested upon Jesus and the Father confirmed Jesus humanity by calling Him; My SON; Mt. 3vs16-17.

The record borne by the Spirit, and the water, and the blood is powerful. These three witnesses fulfill the requirements for legal testimonies as stated in Deuteronomy 17:6, chapter 19:15. These three give unanimous testimony, they agree as one voice. Jesus is the son of God who came down to earth in human form. The father (God) says if we readily receive the witness and testimony of men we should certainly accept the testimony of God concerning His son, because God is greater than men verses number 9.

The response that God requires is that we must believe in the son of God verses number 10. We are to trust IIim; rely on IIim, and put all confidence in Him. The one who does this is said to have the witness in himself. He has accepted the Father's testimony and put it in his or her heart.

On other hand, if a person does not believe what God has done and said about Jesus Christ, he or she pronounces God to be a lair. Such a person hears the record that God gave us His son but rejects it as false. Ultimately, these are the only two responses we can make to the message of God, believe it as true or reject it as false.

Lesson 4: OUTCOME OF GOD'S WAY. John 5:11-12

God's record or testimony about His son reaches a wonderful conclusion. God has given us the gift of eternal life. We do not earn or deserve his reward, it is a gift. Eternal life is not just an unending quality life. It is something far better; it is whole new quality life. It is life that is in His son. This life begins as a person comes to know God. This life begins as a person comes to know God. It begins when he or she experiences God first hand and enters a saving relationship with Him, Acts 2:38, John 17:3. This is the testimony, the promise of God to mankind. The believer can count on receiving life as the gift of God.

But whoever has not the son of God in heart and life should be warned of this fact. **"He or She has not life"** the certainty of this fact or punishment on judgment day is determined by whether or not a person follows Jesus Christ.

5: SUMMARY!

Victorious faith enables us to love as Jesus Christ loved. A review of today's lesson shows us that we should love all God's family. When Jesus Christ was on this earth, he extended His love to all who would respond to God's call. Commandments, and it is then, we can have eternal life promised by God.

6: DAILY BIBLE READING

Mon. Jesus calls His Disciples- Matthew 1:16-20

Tue. God's love saves creation- John 3:16-21

Wed. Jesus Christ seeks the Father- John 17:1-5

Thu. We belongs to God- Romans 8:9-17

Fri. We are God's Heirs- Galatians 4:1-7

Sat. God gives us eternal life- 1 John 5:7-13

7: QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

How is faith in Christ the key to overcoming sinful impulse?

What is the testimony concerning the Messiah?

What is result of rejecting this testimony concerning the Messiah?

Chapter Eight

CHRIST IS THE KING

BIBLE TEXT: REVELATION 1:8, LUKE 19:28-38

MEMORY VERSE: "Saying, Blessed be the king that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest", Luke 19:38.

FOCUS: To reveal Christ as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

INTROSUCTION: John wrote the book of Revelation to encourage Christians who were being persecuted by Caesar for not participating in the emperor worship, instituted by Roman authorities. Apostle John directs the attention of the Christians of the victory they will have through Christ Jesus in future. He assures them that Christ is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the sovereign ruler over all human history. His majesty is further evidenced by Luke chapter 19:28-40 which deserved and shew the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. The crowd welcomed Him with shouts of "hosanna in the highest" and the words of Psalm 118:22-26 giving Him a Messianic title as the coming king of Israel.

LESSONS OUTLINE

CHRIST AS SOURCE AND GOAL

CHRIST AS LORD TO BE SERVED

CHRIST AS KING TO BE PRAISED

SUMMARY

Lesson 1: Christ as source and goal. Revelation 1:8

A fitting opening to today's study comes from the first chapter of Revelation. Here the Apostle is being introduced to the key figures in his heavenly vision. This includes God the father, and seven Spirit, Revelation 1:4. There are three parts of Jesus Christ self description in the verses we are considering now. First, He is Alpha and Omega, meaning Jesus Christ is the beginning and end. He is the source and goal for all creation.

Secondly, Jesus Christ claim that He is the one which is, and which was, and which is to come is an affirmation of His eternity. He is not only bound by the constraints of time, Exodus chapter 3:14, John chapter 8:58. Thirdly, the verses before us refers Jesus as **"Lord and as the Almighty"**. The equivalent title in the Old Testament is **"The Lord of host"** Jeremiah 17:1. It means that He is the commander of all the hosts of heaven, all the armies of angels, and that no power in heaven or earth can stand against Him.

In the Old Testament, nothing is more powerful than the Lord of hosts. In the book of Revelation, nothing is more powerful than the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Lesson 2: Christ as the Lord to be served. Luke 19:28-34

As Jesus and disciples were going to Jerusalem, they came to a place called Bethany. Bethany is the home land of Mary and Lazarus, John 11:1. Two of Jesus disciples were sent to Bethany, to fetch a colt belonging to someone else. This request shows us two parts of Jerusalem: First, Jesus simple instructions indicate His authority. To steal a colt is a serious punishable offence in those days. But that not what Jesus was doing, and the men obeyed with confidence.

Second, Jesus Christ acted in order to fulfill prophecy, Matthew chapter 21:4 makes it clear that what was about to happen is a fulfillment of Old Testament predictions about Jesus Christ entry into Jerusalem, Isaiah chapter 62:11, Zechariah chapter 9:9.

How many of us can the Lord pounce upon unannounced to request for any of the things He has already given us? Many of us are found of complaints that we are not given enough notice for certain contributions in the church. Likewise, our material possessions are difficult for us to give or lease out for God's work, this should not be so.

We must know that what we have, do not really belong to us, they are lent to us by God and we will give account of how we use them, whether wisely or otherwise. The Lord also needs your life, time, talent, possession and

all that you are, will you also give Him? The fact that this animal had never been ridden had dual significant: first, it offered a sense of holiness for occasion. This was an ordinary animal but special in that it had never been mounted by any other person. Second, Jesus ability to ride an unbroken donkey was a way of demonstrating His lordship over all creation.

He is the Prince of Peace, whom even the untamed animals obeyed. We can imagine the surprise and wonder of the obedient disciples when they found everything exactly as Jesus had predicted.

When the disciples were confronted by the donkey owner, they gave no long rational for their action, and they merely asserted **"The Lord hath need of it"**. In answering, they demonstrated both their confident obedience and their submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

Lesson 3: Christ as King to be served. Luke 19:35-38

After the animal was brought to Jesus Christ, the crowd quickly joined the excitement of the celebration. There was no red carpet or newly paved street, so those in the crowd tossed their cloaks to cover the dirt and give an air of elegance to the procession. This showed the size of the crowd, which may be sufficient to have garment that cover the

mile or so of this match, Matthew chapter 21:8 says the crowd was **"very great"**

Our age is obsessed by the cult of celebrity. We often witness the folly of assuming that famous people are wise and or good examples. The disciples and the crowd, having seeing the great things God had done through Jesus Christ, burst into singing with a loud voice, blessing and praising Jesus Christ as the King of kings and Lord of lords. He is worthy of all honour, majesty and adoration. The crowd was not praising Jesus Christ because He was famous. They rather praised God because in the ministry of Jesus Christ they had seen the power of God displayed. This is the crowd that traveled with Jesus Christ from Jericho, where He had dramatically healed a blind man just shortly before.

Although Jesus Christ had won no physical military battles, yet, they recognized and celebrated His kingship, the crowd's spirit was one of worship. The acclamation is all consistences with that of the angels at Jesus' birth when they say **"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"** Luke 2:14.

4: Summary!

A certain theme in the Bible is the kingship of Jesus Christ. Jesus does not inherit a kingdom from any earthly father or win it through His accomplishments. His kingship is not bestowed upon Him by adoring citizens of the realm. He is king and has always

been king, and will always be king. There will be challenges to His throne, but He will reign supreme, 1 Corinthians 15:24-25.

Many rejected Him as King John 19:15, but in the end He will receive their acknowledgment Philippians 2:1-11, does He reign in your life? The New Testament teaches that those who reject the reign of the Lord will face the wrath of God, Revelation chapter 19:15.

5: Daily Bible reading

Mon. Jesus is the chief corner stone- 1 Peter 2:4-10

Tue. Jesus God's son- Hebrews 3:1-6

Wed. Jesus, praised by children Matthew 21:14-17

Thur. Give thanks to God- Psalm 118:21-28

Fri. Blessed is the King- Luke 19:35-40

Sat. Christ will return- Revelation 1:1-3

6: QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1: What truth about the Lord God is discovered in Revelation 1:8?

2: What was the significance of the colt on which Jesus Christ rode?

3: In what sense is Jesus Christ the King?

4: Why were the people shouting praises to Jesus Christ?

Chapter Nine

CHRIST IS RISEN

BIBLE TEXT: Revelation 1:12-18, John 20:11-16

MEMORY VERSE: Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, John 11:25.

FOCUS: To show that Christ is the Lord both the living and the dead.

INTRODUCTION: Mary was an example of dedication and commitment. Her life matched the African parable that says, **"He or she who cares when one is alive alone, cannot be compared with the person who not only cares when one is alive, but cares when one is not alive.**

When all other disciples had thought that the end of Jesus Christ had come with being hanged on the cross, Mary thought that at least Jesus body could still be preserved from decaying. Hence, she determined to go to the tomb of Jesus Christ very early in the morning, on the "Sunday morning" when other disciples were sleeping. Alas, she found the tomb empty and went back to tell the disciples and Peter what she had seen. Beloved of Christ, how dedicated and committed are you to the course of Christ and His kingdom? Can you go a step further with Him when others are tired?

LESSON OUTLINE

1: DEATH IS UNLOCKED

2: CHRIST IS RISEN

3: FAITH BRINGS LIFE

4: SUMMARY

5: DAILY BIBLE READING

Lesson 1: Death is unlocked: Revelation 1: 12-18

We can easily understand the reaction of John when he heard the voice of the Lord. He was experiencing Jesus in all His glory daily. This included a trumpet like voice Rev. 1:10, He saw eyes that burn like fire, Rev. 1:14, And Jesus countenance glowing like the sun Rev. 1:16. The fear of John was understandable. Jesus taught that this fear was completely justified, for God is the one with the ultimate power over a person's eternal destiny, Matthew 10:28, Revelation 15:4, 1 Samuel 6:20 say that **"Who is able to stand before this Holy Lord God?"** However, Jesus Christ laid a comforting hand on the John and told him, **"Fear not"** His life was not in danger, because of the presence of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ gave John three powerful reasons not to fear. First, Jesus Christ reminded John of the event that changes history. Jesus' resurrection, John knew, beyond any doubt that Jesus' body had been devoid of all lives. Yet he had also witnessed Jesus Christ alive

again. Jesus Christ was dead, but God did not abandon Him in the grave Acts 2:31-32.

Secondly, Jesus was raised to eternal life. When Jesus Christ came back to life, it was for Him to be alive forever. Thirdly, Jesus Christ told John that He had the keys to unlock the strongholds of death. When we as believers read these words, we should rejoice for death has no power over us. We have been rescued from death and from the fear of death by Jesus Christ, our Savior Hebrews 2:15. Truly, we can sing with Apostle, **"Death is swallowed up in victory"** 1 Corinthians 15:54

Lesson 2: Christ is Risen: John 20:11-16

Mary was an example of commitment and persistence. After Peter and John had entered into the tomb and could not find Him, they went back home, but Mary stood outside the tomb. She refused to go with Peter, John and the other disciples. No wonder Jesus had revealed Himself to her. What is surprising is that the same tomb Peter and John entered and could not see anything, Mary only looked and she saw angels who comforted her. The difference is patience and persistence.

Beloved, you cannot receive anything tangible from God, if you are always in a hurry to His presence, either in your place of prayer or in church services. Therefore, learn to be patient in God's presence. Remember, God will

only reveal Himself to those who seek him diligently. Mary did that and she saw Jesus Christ face to face and His manifestation of power.

The type of Jesus tomb is a small room carved into the limestone hillside. After a body is deposited, such a tomb is sealed with large stone that has been shaped to fit the entrance. The tomb used for Jesus Christ belongs to Joseph of Arimathea, Matthew 27:57-60 and that had never been used for burial beforehand. The angels knew what Mary did not know; that it was time for rejoicing, not weeping. Mary's sorrow was so deep that she could not even marvel at any angel manifestation. She could think only of one thing, find the missing body of her dead Lord, Jesus Christ, and rescued it from those who would have desecrate it.

Turning away from the angels, she saw Jesus Christ standing, but probably because of the dim light of the dawn; she could not recognized Jesus Christ. Even when Jesus Christ spoke to her, Mary thought He was a gardener. Knowing that Mary had not recognized Him, Jesus Christ called her name in a personal, revealing way. It all came to her in a rush that Jesus Christ is not dead but alive. Notice that Mary did not find the living Christ because of her seeking (remember, she was looking for a dead Christ), rather, the living Christ found her.

This has a huge significance for us today in the ministry and churches. The risen Christ

is still alive and is still seeking disciples. If we make ourselves available, call on His name, and follow the biblical pattern of salvation, Jesus Christ will find us and change us. We will never be the same when this happened. We will be transformed from death to life. Our fear of death will no longer paralyze us anymore, 1 Corinthians 15:20, 22; and 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

Lesson 3: Faith brings life: John 20:30-31

The Bible says we should not forsake the assembly of one another, as in the manner of some, but exhorting one another, Hebrews 10:25. We need to ask ourselves, where was Thomas on the resurrection day? Why was he not with the other disciples when Jesus Christ appeared to them in the evening? Look at it; we were talking about the interval between morning and evening when Mary and the disciples saw Jesus Christ respectively. But in the case of Thomas it was 8 days after Jesus resurrection verses number 26.

Beloved, what danger we normally expose ourselves to and blessings we often missed when we are not in God's presence and in the midst of the brethren when we ought to be there. Thank God Thomas had another opportunity. Therefore, let us always do what is expected of us at the right time, because we may not have another opportunity like Thomas.

John saw Jesus Christ alive and exalted in a vision recorded in Revelation chapter number 1. Mary found Him in a garden, and John tells us that we can learn of Jesus christen the Bible, especially the Gospel he wrote. He writes that Jesus performed many miraculous signs and wonders and that not all of them are recorded in His book. Hebrews 11:6 says, **"Without faith it is impossible to please God...."** John and Mary both discovered that Jesus Christ is the Lord and that He is great. We are called to discover Jesus' greatness and put our faith in Him for salvation that will eventually bring us eternal life. Christ has proven that He is both sovereign and infinite. If we are in Christ, we do not have to fear death. He has already conquered it. His resurrection is a testament of hope, if we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him in eternity.

4: Summary:

It is a pity that some, still search for the dead Christ, some seek Him only as a historical figure from 2000 years ago and finds Him as a person very difficult to explain. However, the great news of resurrection is that we serve a risen Saviour, He was alive on that morning when Mary visited the tomb. He is alive today and still seeking those who would serve Him, and be His disciples.

As believers, let us walk with confidence of Jesus presence in our lives, He is not dead, He is alive, and He is indeed risen.

4: Daily Bible reading

Mon. This is my body- Luke 22:7-23

Tue. Jesus is Lord of all- Romans 14:7-12

Wed. Mary finds an empty tomb- John 20:1-9

Thur. Jesus appears to Mary- John 20:10-18

Fri. Jesus appears to His disciples- John 20:19-23

Sat. Jesus, the first and the last- Rev. 1:9-12, 17-18

5: QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1: Why did John respond as he did at the sight of the glorious Lord?

2: In what sense does the son has the keys of death and Hades?

3: Why was Mary Magdalene initially weeping outside the tomb?

4: What was the nature of the exchange between Mary and the angels?

Chapter Ten

CHRIST IS WORTHY OF PRAISE

BIBLE TEXT: REVELATION 4:1-11

MEMORY VERSE: Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created Revelation 4:11.

FOCUS: To show that God is worthy of praise, therefore, worship Him always.

INTRODUCTION: Revelation chapter four begins the third and final segment of the book of Revelation as outlined by Jesus Christ to John. **"Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter" Revelation 1: 19.** The vision of the risen Lord in chapter one are the things "which you have seen" and the message to the seven churches in chapter two and three are "the things which are". The third section of Revelation looks ahead to the future and chapter four and five from the prologue to the events that are to follow and they are "things which shall be thereafter".

The focus now shifts from Earth to Heaven. The key feature of chapter four is the throne and the person occupying the throne. All of heaven bow before the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever.

LESSON OUTLINE

1: PRELIMINARIES OF WORSHIP

2: CENTRE OF WORSHIP

3: WORSHIP IN HEAVEN

4: SUMMARY

5: DAILY BIBLE READING

Lesson 1: Preliminaries of worship: Revelation 4:1

John understands this world like everyone else in antiquity. He saw the earth as being covered by firmament, Genesis 1:6-8, Isaiah 40:22. This firmament barrier prevent human from seeing what is happening in the heavenly, spiritual realm. In his vision, John saw a break in the firmament, a door into heaven. He saw what mortal eye is not normally allowed to see. Know that the fact that men have traveled far beyond the sky into outer space diminishes neither the reality of heaven nor the validity of John's vision.

We still believe that heaven exists as a definite place. John is invited by an unmanned voice to view heavenly events. He knows this voice, however, it sounds like a trumpet, loud and brilliantly piecing. It is the voice of the risen Christ Revelation 1:10. Christ warned John that he was about to see in heaven foreshadows future events. This vision is designed to impact special knowledge; so that John may share this with his fellow believers in Christ Jesus.

Lesson 2: Centre of worship: Revelation 4:2-5.

To being in the spirit means that a new vision has begun, this is very real to John. His spiritual eyes immediately focus on the throne of God itself. The challenge now before John is how to use human language to describe the indescribable. John describes the throne occupant as having appearance of jasper (a gemstone that comes in a verity of colours) and sardine (a bright red gemstones). He does not attempt any physical description of God because that would be sacrilegious. He merely indicates that God has a fiery glowing appearance.

The throne itself looks like an emerald to John a brilliant green colour. It emanates colour as well as multitude rainbow, radiance surrounding God's throne are 24 seats, occupied by Heavenly elders. The identity of these elders is not disclosed. For instance, twelve is the number for the people of God. Twelve was the number of the tribe of Israel, while the number 24 is double of 12. As a result we suggests that this group of elders may therefore represent the combine people of God from the Old Testament and New Testament Apostle, and the church.

John also saw lighting and thundering proceeding out of the throne. These supernatural lightings are tied to spiritual activity originating from the throne. Because seven is

the number of perfection in Revelation, the seven spirits represent perfect or complete Spirits, Isaiah 11:2, **"Thus the Holy Spirit is perfect".**

Lesson 3: Worship in Heaven: Revelation 4:6-11

The sea is seen in the ancient world as the most violent, uncontrollable force of nature, Psalm 89:9. God's mastery of His created world is often symbolized by his ability to control the sea. The sea in Heaven is in utter submission to God, with a surface as smooth as glass. This is vivid symbol of God's power and authority. The four beasts mentioned are special living creatures with eyes that observe everything, verses number 66. They are symbols of God's omnipresence and omniscience. They are able to give coverage to the four corners of the earth.

John also notes individual difference in the four beasts, Ezekiel 1:5-15. What do these beasts symbolize? A very old explanation ties them to the four Gospels. In this interpretation, Matthew is the Lion, the king of the beast, because he represents Jesus as king of the Jews. Mark is the Calf, the dependable servant of all humanity. Luke is the ma, because he represents Jesus as the son of man. John is the eagle the imperial symbol of the Romans, because he represents Jesus as the exalted son of God. a less complicated explanation is that these four creatures represent various qualities of God, under this theory,

the Lion symbolizes God absolute power, the Calf symbolizes God's faithfulness, the man symbolizes God's intelligence, and the Eagle symbolizes God's sovereignty.

A more likely explanation is that these four creatures represent the general categories of creatures on earth, wild animals (Lion) Domesticated animals (Calf) Human being (Man) and creatures of the sky (Eagle). Thus, the picture is related to number four, they symbol for the created world.

The four creatures have the functions of ceaseless worship and praise concerning the one seated on the throne. The three fold Holy, Holy, Holy is an emphatic way of stressing God's unique holiness.

There are four aspects of these words of worship:

1: They give glory to God, 1 Corinthians 10:31. To ascribe glory is to recognize God's greatness and power.

2: They honour God. To honor means to recognize sovereignty, and to place oneself as royal vessel 1 Peter 2:17. When we honour God we are acknowledging His kingship in our lives.

3: They give thanks to God. To give thanks is to recognize God's provisions for us and our dependence on Him.

4: The beasts recognize a central attribute of God. His eternity, His sovereignty, person-

ality and glory are recognized. God the eternal One lives forever and ever.

The elders bow down their heads in worship immediately the beast give glory to God. They are also completely devoted to the service of God. The words of the elders emphasize the creatorship of God and affirm that God is worthy to receive gory, honour, adoration and power. This is the very heart of worship, Psalm 18:3. Our God is king and Master, and we are His blessed servants.

4: SUMMARY:

Worship, whether individual or corporate, should have the same purposes as given in heavenly scene of Revelation chapter four.

We can use text to ask these evaluative questions: is what we are doing in any way ascribing worthiness to God? Specifically are we giving God honour by our submission, giving God glory by our praise or giving God thanks by the gratefulness of our hearts. Let us renew our commitment to worship God ***"In spirit and in truth" John 4:24.***

5: Daily Bible reading

Mon. Praise to a glorious God- Psalm 145:8-12

Tue. Great is our God- Psalm 111

Wed. God's eternal purpose- Ephesians 3:7-13

Thur. None is like God- Jeremiah 10:6-8

Fri. Live a life of Love- Ephesians. 4:25 & 5:2

Sat. Endure Hardship- Revelation 2:1-7

6: QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1: How did John describe the glory of sovereign Lord?

2: Who were the 24 Elders John saw?

3: What was the significance of the seven lampstand?

4: What was distinctive about each of the four living creature?

Chapter Eleven

CHRIST IS ABLE TO REDEEM

BIBLE TEXT: REVELATION 5:1-5, 8-14

MEMORY VERSE: Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, Titus 2:14.

FOCUS: To show that if you are redeemed, you will surely serve the living God perfectly.

INTRODUCTION: This week lesson continues from last week's lesson, but worship has ceased temporarily. The reason for its pause and for its resumption is key elements of Revelation chapter five. A central item in this chapter is a certain scroll of Isaiah chapter 29:11. This scroll represents the mystery of God's glorious salvation and His judgmental wrath. This scroll is closed by seven seals. The breaking of each seal in the following chapters brings about symbolic events that correlate with judgments of God. while the images are terrifying, we who are in Christ are rest assured that God's punishing anger will be visited upon us and our names are written in the Lamb book of life. **"We overcome by the blood of the Lamb, Revelation" chapter 12:11.**

LESSON OUTLINE

1: THE LAMB REVEAL IN HEAVEN

2: THE LAMB WORSHIPED IN HEAVEN

3: SUMMARY

4: DAILY BIBLE READING

Lesson 1: The Lamb revealed in Heaven: Revelation 5:1-5.

As John was in the throne room of God in the spirit, he saw a scroll in the right hand of God, sealed with seven seals. The scroll contains important messages of God to believers on earth. Unfortunately, there was no single person, whether human, angel or even devil worthy and had the pre-requisite to open the book. John was so much touched and started weeping for this unfortunate situation. But thank God for Jesus Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, and the seed of David who was qualified and agreed to open the scroll for He is worthy and qualified.

As a minister, workers, or members in the church, are you worthy before God to open the scripture? Does God recognize you? Read Psalm chapter 50:16-21 and consider whether you are worthy to take the word of God, read it or even preach it. You cannot be qualified to handle God's word except you have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. The scroll with seven seals gives a high sense of the importance to the scroll contents. The book of Revelation uses the number **"seven" 55 times"**. The number seven indicated that the scroll contains the perfect messages of God.

A further intriguing detail is that the scroll has been written on both sides. We can imagine the practical difficulties in using a scroll that has texts on both sides, so this is not the common practice of ancient scribes. Writing on both sides gives the sense that the scroll is filled with very important information, Ezekiel 2:9-10, 3:12, & 8:10.

Our scroll in view is also rated to secret, and not just anyone can break it seals. The one who opens it must have the proper authority, that is must be found **"worthy"**. The one with ultimate authority is worthy and therefore properly deserving worship.

However, to John's amazement, there is no one, neither in heaven or on earth or under the earth who is worthy to break the seals and open the book. This is because none of them is worthy. This situation caused John to weep. He felt the crises deeply, because he has a strong desire to know the contents of the scroll, both for himself and that we may be able to share the content with his fellow believers, so that they may be able to know better how to live in life according to God's plan. John's weeping, however, short lived because one of the 24 elders comforts the stricken Apostle in verses number 5. The Lion of Judah and Root David is none other than the risen Lord, **Jesus Christ, the son of the Living God.** He is worthy because He has prevailed over death and the grave and has broken the curse of law.

Lesson 2: The Lamb worshiped in Heaven: Revelation 5:8-14

With the appearance of the Lamb on the scene, the worship resumes now, the Lamb Himself is the object of worship as signified by the leaders bowing before Him. **"Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" Psalm 141:2.**

Two things motivate this great worship celebration for the Lamb. Basically, is of the fact that the Lamb appears in Heaven as the redeemer for the peoples of God. He has been slain as an atoning sacrificial victim. The price of His blood has brought redemption to many, both the Jews and Gentiles.

Secondly, He is acclaimed because His triumphant sacrifice has made Him worthy to solve the current crisis, break the seals and open the book. By the virtue of His death and resurrection, He has made all who believe in Him as kings and priests to God.

The song of the elders is joined by as seemingly infinite host of heavenly host or angels, verses number 11. Saying ten thousand times, ten thousand is not a precise mathematical formula but it's another way of saying they are innumerable, Daniel 7:10, Hebrews 12:22. The worship from the angels is even fold. It encompasses important qualification for worthiness. Power (ability) riches (wealth) wisdom (intellect) strength (might)

honour (esteem) glory (majesty) and blessing (approval). Apart from the angels, the worship is eventually joined by every creature. The celebration is so much that even heaven cannot contain it. The acclamation of the creatures is fourfold, symbolic of the entire world, repeating four of the items from the angelic song. The song of every creature is also remembrance of the original song of God's worthiness in Revelation chapter 4:11, with one key difference: the worship now included the Lamb, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the risen one. The redeemer of humanity is worthy of worship and no human king deserves such worship.

The scene ends on a high note with the worship by the four beasts and the 24 elders. The worship unreserved, counting the Lamb as worthy as the one who sits on the throne. This powerful moving description of heavenly worship is as inspiring today as it was when John first wrote it. We see in the great esteem and worthiness that all Heaven accords to the risen Jesus Christ, our redeemer, our savior and Lord, Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

3: Summary:

There are two sides to the coin of worship. One side is the principle that worship is for God and only for God. If there is another recipient of worship, worship has become idolatry, the most grievous sin in the Bible. The other side of the coin is that acts of worship

clearly reveal whose person God is? We may claim to worship God, but the way we live our lives will show **"who or what"** we really count worthy. However, our lesson this week encourages us that it is proper and lifting to worship Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who redeemed us by taking away our sins.

4: Daily Bible reading

Mon. Thanks for Redemption - Psalm 107:1-9

Tue. Serving the Living God - Hebrews 9:11-15

Wed. Life of Holiness – 1 Peter 1:13-31

Thur. Praise for Redemption – Psalm 40:1-6

Fri. That you may overflow – Philippians 1:3-11

Sat. The Scroll is open – Revelation 5:1-14

5: Questions for Consideration!!!

1: what made John scroll distinctive?

2: Why was the Lamb worthy to open the scroll?

3: Who did John see around the throne of God?

4: What did the heavenly creatures ascribe to the Lord God?

Chapter Twelve

CHRIST OUR PERFECT SECURITY

BIBLE TEXT: REVELATION 7:1-17

MEMORY VERSE: Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy Revelation 3:4.

FOCUS: To Show that if you receive God's salvation, God's mark of protection is on you.

INTRODUCTION: Our focus in this lesson is an interlude between the ferrying images of the first six seals and that of next sequence **"Who shall be able to stand God's wrath?"** The people of God are the saints pictured in the fifth seal. While no one can withstand God's wrath, there is a protection for the people of God so that they will not have to face it. The protection comes through the blood of the Lamb, our blessed Saviour, and Jesus Christ.

The Lord is the keeper of those who trust God with all their lives. And we can count on the ability of God to keep us day and night because He neither sleep nor slumbers. You can imagine what is going to happen in the whole world if God should just decide to sleep for some minutes, you can be sure of chaos and pandemonium. But if you belong to God, He will be your keeper and shade. Any

wicked people who dare to harm you will preserve you from all evil, Psalm 121.

LESSON OUTLINE

1: ZEAL OF PROTECTION

2: THE PROTECTED

3: REDEEMED BY BLOOD

4: SUMMARY

5: DAILY BIBLE READING

Lesson 1: Zeal of Protection: Revelation 7:1-3

The number four symbolizes the whole earth in Revelation. The four corners of quarters of the land, Revelation 20:8, or the four winds that blow upon the earth, Jeremiah 49:3, Ezekiel 37:9, Daniel 7:2, Mark 13:27. Another angel came that possess God's seal, to mark the people of God. The spiritual seal of God is pictured as a mark on the foreheads of God's servants. Any destruction to be done by the **four earth steward angel is "on hold" until the project of marking all God's people** is accomplished.

This seal is not the same as the **"mark of the beasts"** a type of seal done on those who are not covered by the blood of the Lamb, whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life, Revelation 14:9, 16:2. The lake of fire awaits those who do it, Revelation 19:20, 20:10 & 15. What is a seal? We should not understand it as a physical mark like tattoo or brand. It is spiritual in a nature. A seal

is a sign of ownership and authentication. God will identify each person who belongs to Him. By placing His seal upon them, God protects His servants from the dangers and turmoil that would otherwise consume them.

Lesson 2: The Protected: Revelation 7:4-12

It is necessary to emphasize especially these days that some ministers with miracle ministries are ascribing the glory due to God unto themselves that salvation, deliverance, protection and preservation belongs to God. There is nothing in life that you have, or desire to have whose source is not in God and from God. in the vision shown to John, all inhabitants of the word were about to be destroy when another angel came and stopped those who are about to harm the people until the people of God have received God's mark for them to be preserved. Eventually, the multitudes that were save worshiped God and declared that Salvation belongs to God who seat on the throne and to the Lamb forever.

Revelation 7:4-8 introduces concept of God's people numbering 144,000. This is not to be taken literally as if Heaven were run by census takers. The number 12, which occurs 35 times in Revelation, is an important number relating to God's people. the number 144,000 or 12 times 12,000 refers to the Israelites only that shall be saved during the great tribulation.

We should be aware of false teaching of Jehovah's witnesses that says the 144,000 are the only people that shall get to heaven and they are already completed. If it is true, what is the hope of them that strife or struggle to serve God now. Their service or efforts wouldn't have been meaningful.

But the Bible confirms that after those 144,000 Israelites, there is crowd or multitude that comes from all the families and people of the earth. They are described as wearing robes and holding branches of palm trees. Their redemption is signified by the garment they wear. Those who trust in His sacrifice shall be cleansed from sin, washed in Jesus' blood with spotless garments that are as white as snow, Revelation 1:5 & 7:14.

In ancient civilization, palm branches were used to pay homage to royalty, conquering heroes, and those who were esteemed to be honorable. The multitude around the throne are those who pay homage to Christ, realizing that He has delivered them from sin and protected them in the midst of their suffering on earth. The multitude is giving true worship and honour to the Redeemer who secured their salvation.

Lesson 3: Redeemed by Blood: Revelation 7:13-17

John again draws the attention of one of the elders, Revelation 5:5. What's going on with all these white robed – people? John

answered wisely, **"Thou knowest"** in verses number 14. The elders told him that they are the persons that have survived great tribulation. This great tribulation is not the tribulation period related to Christ's second coming, but natural hardship that these saints have endured for Christ while on earth. They are faithful unto death in the face of this tribulation, but now they have received their crown or reward.

Therefore, the people thought that if Christ has done so much for humanity, worshiping Him day and night should not be too much. How many of us as believers today appreciate Christ solely for the salvation He purchased for us? Rather, we always complain of what he has not done. Let us change our attitudes and be more committed to the course of Christ.

Verses number 15-17 are not simply a picture of the future bliss in Heaven. This can also be seen as a personality for us today. For instance, worship is our acknowledging the Holy God and submission to Him. We don't need to wait for the after life in order to serve him day and night. Let us start to give Him qualitative worship and service now. We do indeed suffer the daily sorrows or life, but God overcomes these for us. However, when we get to heaven, we will enjoy this perfectly. With God by our side, we now live lives of protection and purpose. Our purpose therefore is to trust, obey, and follow Him, John 21:22.

4: Summary:

As Robert Lowry (1826-1889) wrote in the hymn **"Nothing but the Blood"** affirms that it is only the blood of Jesus Christ that can wash away our sin, that can make us whole, that make us white as snow. Without the blood of Jesus Christ, we would be overwhelmingly dirty because of our sin. Have you been to Jesus Christ for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Remember, only those that have been washed by Jesus' blood can be protected by God from the onslaught of the devil. And if you have been saved, offer thanks to the one who sit on the throne and to the Lamb who gave His blood for us.

5: Daily Bible reading:

Mon. Thanks for faithful followers – Col. 1:3-8

Tue. The Lord will keep you – Psalm 121

Wed. God is our Deliverer - Psalm 3

Thur. Protected in Trials – Rev. 3:7-13

Fri. Salvation belongs to god – Rev. 7:1-3

Sat. The Almighty God and His faithfulness – Jere. 29:11

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