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### •God's Desire

Read Jeremiah 9:23,24- From these verses what are the things that man desires or glories in? What does God desire for us? What three attributes of God are we to know about?

*Thought Question:* The average person when asked what they think God is like mentions His love and kindness but few mention his justice and righteousness. Why do you think this is so?

### •God's Essential Character

How do the following verses describe God?

- I Samuel 2:2-
- Psalm 77:13-

Read I Peter 1:15,16. What are we called to do because God is holy? Why is God's holiness a motivation for our holiness?(Why *didn't* God say "Be all-knowing because I am all-knowing" Why "Be holy for I am holy?" What was Isaiah's response to the holiness of God? Isaiah 6:1-5 What should be our response?

### •The Revelation of His Holiness

Read Isaiah 5:16. How does God reveal His holiness?

*Righteousness* is God's perfect standard. *Justice* is the giving of rewards or penalties to men in order to honor those who reveal His righteousness and punish those who violate His holiness.

Read Isaiah 11:4 and Psalm 9:8 - How does God exercise justice and righteousness in the earth?

*Thought Question:* Why is it necessary for God to maintain His justice? Couldn't He just be nice and gloss over my sin? (After all, we all make mistakes.)

### •God is...

In I John, the apostle John reveals to us two main aspects of God's character. John tells us that God is Light (I John 1:7) and God is Love (I John 4:6)

**God is Light-** Look at I John 1:5-10.

- What do these verses say about God?
- What happens when the light of God shines upon our lives?
- What does God say about those who deny the light of God in their lives?
- What should be our response when God's light reveals darkness in our lives?
- What does God promise to those who respond correctly to His light?

**God is Love-** Look at I John 4:7-21

- What do these verses say about God?
- How is God's love toward us revealed?
- When we compare our righteousness to God's righteousness we always come up short. How does God love minister to us in our condition of unrighteousness? (see verses 17,18)
- What effect does the love of God have on our lives? What is our response to God and to others? Why does God link our response to others with our love for Him?

### •Conclusion

Look back at Jeremiah 9:23,24. God wants us to know that He exercises kindness (God is love) and that He exercises justice and righteousness on earth (God is light). After doing this study, do you understand why it is important to understand these attributes of God? Did you learn anything new about God's character? What difference will it make in your life that God is light and God is love?



**Original Creation:**

- In Genesis 1 & 2 God created Adam to have a significant purpose (Ge. 1:28), He provided for all his needs (Ge. 1:29), and met his need for relationship (Ge. 2:18).
- God also gave Adam a command to test whether Adam would be wholly committed to God and trust Him alone (Ge. 2:16-17).
- God saw everything He had made and declared that it was good (Ge. 1:31).

**The Fall: Genesis 3**

- Compare and contrast the following passages and answer the following questions.

	<b>Original Creation</b>	<b>The Fall</b>
<b>Significance/Purpose</b>	Genesis 1:28	Genesis 3 (Cross References: Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12; Isaiah 59:2; Genesis 6:5,6)
<b>Security/Safety</b>	Genesis 1:29	
<b>Life</b>	Genesis 2:7,21-27	
<b>Relationships</b> w/God w/people w/Satan	Genesis 2:18	

- How would you define sin from what you have studied so far?

**Heart Condition: Romans 3:9-20, 23**

- How is the spiritual condition of every person who has ever lived described in these passages? Please make a thorough list.
- Look up the following cross references.  
-Matthew 5:27-28      -Matthew 15:18-19
- Where did Jesus say the root of sin was grounded?
- Why do you think the world tends to view sin as only external behavior and not internal?
- Why do you think God looks internally as well as externally. (see Jeremiah 17:9-10)
- How would you define sin from what you have studied to this point? Be as complete as possible in your definition.

**Light vs. Darkness: John 3: 1-21, 36**

- List out the ways people respond under these two categories.

Darkness	Light



- Look at your notes from the section of this study titled The Fall. How did Adam & Eve respond when they lived by the truth/light? How did they respond when their deeds were evil?
- Identify times when you have lived by truth and other times when your deeds have been evil. What were the results of each?
- Why does a person need to be born again? What does it mean to be born again?
- What did God do to offer us life and deal with sin?
- Write out your final definition of sin from this study. How would you describe sin to a non-Christian?

**Restoration:**

- Fill in the following chart from the first section of your study and then look up the passages on the right column. List out what Jesus has done to restore you.

	The Fall	In Christ
<b>Significance/Purpose</b>	Genesis 3 (Cross References: Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12; Isaiah 59:2; Genesis 6:5,6)	John 15:5,16; Eph 2:10; Phil 3:20,21
<b>Security/Safety</b>		Philippians 4:19; Romans 8:32
<b>Life</b>		Colossians 3:4; I Peter 1:23
<b>Relationships</b> w/God w/people w/Satan		John 1:12; I John 5:18; II Cor 5:18,19

In the Old Testament, the main leaders in the lives of God's people were the prophet, the priest and the king. Study the following passages to discover how Jesus was the complete fulfillment of each of those roles.

•**Prophet**- The role of the prophet was to reveal God to His people.

Look at John 1:21,45; 6:14 Who were the Jews looking for God to send?  
What does Peter say about Him? Acts 3:17-23

Study John 1:1-18.

- How did Jesus fulfill the role of a prophet?
- What title is He given? What is the significance of that title?
- Who was He? What was His identity?
- What things did He reveal about God?
- What do you understand about God that you don't think God's people who came before Jesus understood?

•**Priest**- The priest was man's representative before God. He sacrificed and interceded for the people.

Read Hebrews 7:20-27; 9:11-28

- How did Jesus fulfill the role of a priest?
- What is unique about His priesthood? Why is it superior to the Old Testament priesthood?
- Look at Hebrews 9:15 (see also I Timothy 2:5). What is the role of a mediator? Why is Christ the perfect mediator between God and man?
- Look back at Hebrews 7:20-27; 9:11-28. What difference does it make in your life personally that Jesus fulfills the role of a mediator between God and you?

•**King**- The role of the king was to rule and thereby represent the authority of God.

Read Matthew 7:28,29; 9:6-8; 21:23-27; 28:18

What was the issue that continued to arise between Jesus and the people of His day? Why did they respond this way?

How did Jesus fulfill the role of a king? What kind of kingdom did He establish? (see John 18:36 & Luke 17:20,21) For more insight and later study on Christ's kingdom read Matthew 5-7

Read Philippians 2:5-11

- What did Jesus do on earth to set up His kingdom? How does this compare with most earthly kings and kingdoms? (See Luke 22:24-30)
- What place of authority has been given to Christ as King?
- Jesus came to rule in human hearts not in a geographical location. What is the extent of His reign in your life? If your life were depicted as a map, what regions would be under His control? What regions are fighting for authority? How can you grow in responding to His kingship?

•**Conclusion**

Jesus Christ is both the fulfillment of prophecy and the Prophet. He is both the sufficient sacrifice and the supreme Priest who lives forever to intercede for us. He is both the ultimate servant and the King to whom all must bow. Jesus Christ is God's every blessing to His people. (Ephesians 1:3)

Read I Corinthians 15:1-8. From this passage how does Paul define the gospel? What are its three main components?

### •*The Death of Christ*

**The Scene at the Cross-** Read Matthew 27:27-56. Imagine yourself as a reporter for the Jerusalem Chronicle, what would you report? What (5) words or concepts would you use to communicate what happened at the scene of the cross?

**The Significance of the Cross-**At the cross, Christ not only died physically but his death was eternally significant to secure permanent benefits for us. Some of those benefits are listed below, along with their definitions and biblical promises of these benefits. Look up the following verses and ask yourself the question, “What is the significance of Christ’s death on the cross for those who put their trust in Christ? How about for you personally, how does it affect you?”

**Justification-** To be justified means more than to be declared not guilty. It actually means to be declared righteous before God. It means God has imputed or charged the guilt of our sin to His Son, Jesus Christ, and has imputed or credited Christ’s righteousness to us.

Romans 3:23-28; 5:1

**Sacrifice of atonement-**this is through faith in his blood Jesus by his death turned aside the wrath of God from us by taking it upon Himself by His death Jesus completely satisfied the justice of God, which required eternal death as the penalty for sin. Atonement was God’s extending favor to people who deserved not favor but wrath.

Romans 3:25; Hebrews 2:17; I John 2:2

**Redemption-**The deliverance from some evil by payment of a price. Deliverance on payment of a price, a ransom. Christ bought men at the price of His blood. Christ redeemed us by taking our place, by bearing our curse.

Romans 3:23-25; Galatians 3:13; Ephesians 1:7

**Forgiveness-** Forgiveness rests basically on the atoning work of Christ. It is an act of sheer grace. Jesus purchased our forgiveness of sins; it is to deal graciously with, to release, to send away.

Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14

**Reconciliation-** Reconciliation properly applies not to good relations in general but to the doing away of an enmity, the bridging over of a quarrel. Christ died to do away with our sin. In this way he dealt with the enmity between God and Man.

Romans 5:10 & 11; Colossians 1:18-22

**Grace-** Is God’s free and unmerited favor shown to guilty sinners who deserve only judgment. It is the love of God shown to the unlovely. It is God reaching downward to people who are in rebellion against Him.

Romans 5:15-21; Ephesians 2:1-11



**Sanctification-** Involves a moral and spiritual transformation  
Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is our growth in Christlikeness. It is a progressive experience covering our entire life.

Romans 6:15-23

*An Appendix follows this study which lists other passages you can look at if you want to study these concepts further.*

**•The Burial of Christ**

Read John 19:38-42. What was done with Jesus’ body? Why was it important that Jesus be buried?

**•The Resurrection of Christ**

Look at the following passages. What does the resurrection insure for us as believers?

Romans 4:23-25; 6:4,9; 7:4; 8:11; 10:9

What would it mean if Jesus died but there was not a literal bodily resurrection? I Corinthians 15:12-19

Look at these proofs that Jesus did actually arise bodily.

Luke 24:39- What did Jesus say about His resurrected body?

Acts 2:31- What was predicted about His flesh?

Luke 24:34-39- How was He recognized?

Luke 24:41-43- What did He do?

**•Conclusion**

Look again at I Corinthians 15:1-5. What are the three main components of the gospel? Why is each important? What difference will understanding these points make in how you share the gospel in the future?

**Appendix**

**Justification:**

Romans 3:23-28  
Romans 5:1&2  
Romans 8:1-4  
Galatians 3:17-29  
2 Corinthians 5:21

**Sacrifice of atonement:**

1 Peter 1:18&19  
1 Peter 2:24  
1 Peter 3:18  
Colossians 2:13-15

**Redemption:**

Ephesians 1:7  
Romans 3:23-25  
Galatians 3:13  
Mark 10:45

**Reconciliation:**

Romans 5:10 &11  
2 Corinthians. 5:18,21  
Colossians 1:18-22  
Ephesians 2:11-22

**Forgiveness:**

Ephesians 1:7  
Matthew 26:28  
Acts 5:31  
Mark 2:101  
1 John 1:9  
Revelation 1:5

**Grace:**

Ephesians 2:1-11  
Titus 2 1-7

**Sanctification:**

2 Corinthians 3:17&18  
Romans 6:15-23  
1 Corinthians 1:30&31  
Titus 2:11-15

**Resurrection Power:**

Hebrews 2:14  
Romans 6  
Col 2:15  
Eph. 4:7-10

**Pathway of the Cross:**

Philippians 3  
Luke 9  
Romans 1:16



**What is Faith?**

“We all have faith in good principles, in good management, in good common sense, but who amongst us has faith in Jesus Christ? Physical courage is grand, moral courage is grander, but the man who trusts Jesus Christ in the face of the terrific problems of life is worth a whole crowd of heroes.” -Oswald Chambers

1. Define the following words using a dictionary (use a Vines dictionary if you have it)
  - Faith, trust, belief, repentance.
  
2. Intellectual Assent:
  - Read Acts 26:19-28
    - What is it that Paul knew King Agrippa “believed”?
    - If Paul described King Agrippa as “believing” these things to be true, why wasn’t King Agrippa a Christian?
  
3. Repentance:
  - Matthew 18:3 Acts 3:19 Acts 17:30 2 Corinthians 7:9-10
    - What elements are included in repentance?
    - How do you see faith and repentance working together?
  
4. Christ as the Object of Saving Faith:
  - From the following passages write out what you believe saving faith is.
    - John 3:16, 18, 36 John 6:40 John 14:6 Acts 10:38-43 Romans 3:21-28
  - “In the face of the terrific problems of life”, what do people trust in instead of Jesus Christ?
  - Do you trust in any of those things instead of Jesus?

**Results of Faith:** James 2:14-26

“Beware of worshipping Jesus as the Son of God, and professing your faith in Him as the Saviour of the world, while you blaspheme Him by the complete evidence in your daily life that He is powerless to do anything in and through you....If you have faith, prove it by your life” -Oswald Chambers

- What does this passage say is the evidence of a living faith?
- If we are saved by faith and not by works, what is the purpose of works?
- What does a life of faith look like from your perspective?
- What do you think a life of faith looks like from God’s perspective?
- What do you think the world wants to see in a Christian who is living by faith?

**A Life of Faith:** Hebrews 11

“It is a great thing to meet a man who believes in God, one who has not only retained his faith in God, but is continually getting a bigger faith.” -Oswald Chambers

- Write down your observations on faith from this chapter.
- What particular individuals stand out to you as a shining example of a life of faith?
- Chose a hero from this chapter and spend some time learning more about his/her life.

### ***Expression of Beliefs/Convictions:***

How we live reveals what we believe... What do the following passages reveal about what we should believe about evangelism?

2 Thessalonians 2:7-9

John 14:6&7

Acts 4:12

Acts 17:31

1 John 5:9-12

Romans 3:20-31

Revelation 20:11-15

Luke 16:19-31

2 Peter 2:4-9

How do you live out your beliefs and convictions in evangelism? Is what you believe/know different from how you live? Why? Do you believe people go to Hell who never trust Christ? Why or why not?

### ***Expression of Spiritual Conflict:***

What do these passages say about the spiritual conflict we are engaged in?

2 Corinthians 4:3-5

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

Matthew 16:18

Ephesians 6:10-12

1 Peter 5:8&9

Matthew 4:1-10

Mark 4:15-20

Acts 20:28-31

What influences you to think/believe that we are in a spiritual war over the souls of people?

What influences you to think/believe that we are **not** in a spiritual war over the souls of people?

Why is Satan your enemy and what is his strategy to destroy you?

### ***Expression of Stewardship:***

A steward is someone who has been entrusted with something that is another's.

Look at these verses. What has God entrusted to His people?

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Romans 10:13-15

Ephesians 4:11-16

Matthew 28:18-20

Luke 24:44-47

Mark 16:14&15

Acts 1:8

John 17:4

Why has God entrusted us with the stewardship of evangelism? What character qualities are involved with stewardship? What does it mean to be an ambassador?



### ***Expression of Growth:***

Read these verses and answer the following questions.

1 Peter 2:8&9  
Philemon 1:6  
Acts 4:13-22  
John 15:1-17

Why would evangelism be an expression of walking/experiencing God? Do you believe there is a correlation between your spiritual growth and evangelism? (Why or why not?)

### ***Expression of Identification:***

What do these passages say about identifying with Jesus?

Acts 5:40-42  
Acts 7  
Philippians 2:25-30  
1 Thessalonians 1:2-10  
John 15:18-23  
2 Timothy 3:12  
1 Peter 2:19-23  
2 Corinthians 11:24-33  
Philippians 3:10&11

Can others identify you as being a follower of Jesus Christ? Is there any difference between being a fully devoted follower of Christ and being a religious person? If so what? What hinders you from identifying with Christ? What is involved in suffering for the sake of Christ? Why is it both difficult and good?

### ***Expression of Love:***

Look at these verses and answer the questions below.

John 3:16  
2 Corinthians 5:14&15  
Matthew 22:37-40  
1 John 4:9&10  
Romans 5:8  
1 Corinthians 9:19-23  
Romans 2:4  
John 10:11

Why is evangelism an expression of love? What wrong motives can occur if evangelism isn't from love? How does one live out their love?



### ***Expression of “The Work of God”:***

From these verses what is God’s role in evangelism?

John 6:44&45,65

John 16:7-11

Mark 4:26-29

1 Corinthians 3:6&7

2 Corinthians 4:7

1 Corinthians 2:4&5

Colossians 4:12

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Is it possible for evangelism to be done in such a way that God’s part is ignored or excluded? What would it look like and what would be its consequences?

### ***Expression of Action:***

Read these verses. How did these people go about their evangelism? What methods did they use?

Acts 2:14-46

Acts 8:26-40

Acts 17:1-4

Acts 19:8

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

Matthew 5:13-16

What are some key principles to employ as we are involved in evangelism? (List at least 5)

Looking at these principles what methods could use to share Christ in your sphere of influence?

### ***Expression of Application:***

What has the Holy Spirit spoken to you about from this study? What are ways this study will influence how you will live? Identify one principle you will remember and embrace and share it with your study.