

STUDY QUESTIONS CONT'D

9. We know that we never become gods. So what does it mean that we will be like Jesus?

10. How can we be more like Christ this week? What steps can we take starting today?

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The word “gospel” means “good news.” The Gospel, or good news, of Jesus Christ is that He did what no one could ever do. You see, God loves us, but ever since Adam and Eve sinned against God, every human being has sinned and therefore cannot come into God’s presence because He is holy and perfect. As much as we try, we cannot bridge the gap to God because of our sinful nature. We can never be good enough to reach God. Good works, religion, philosophy and morality all fall short of God’s perfection.

God loves us so much that He sent His Own Son, Jesus Christ, to bridge the gap (John 3:16). Jesus did what no one else could ever do, because He is both God and human, born to Mary. He took upon Himself the punishment we deserve, dying on the cross in our place. Now, through a relationship with Jesus Christ, we can come before a holy God. That is the good news! We enter a relationship with Jesus by placing our faith and trust in Him and Him alone for our salvation. Do you have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

The good news doesn’t end there. Not only can we have eternal life through Jesus, but we also now can live without being condemned because of sin. Jesus paid the price for our sins, and He lives within those who have placed their trust in Him. In Christ, not only have we secured our future in eternity with God, but we have the Holy Spirit living in us to help us today to live for Christ. For more information on how to know God, check our website at www.gbcmilescity.com.



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SERMON NOTES

FIVE WITNESS & FIVE MOTIVES FOR OBEDIENCE

1 John 3:1-3

¹Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ²Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

1. God’s Wonderful Love (v. 1-3)

- God cares and looks after us.
- He will help us through all the trials and temptations of life.
- He will save us from sin, evil, corruption and death of this world.
- God will provide a way for us to be delivered from coming judgment of His Holy wrath against sin.

2. Christ’s Promised Return (3:2-3)

(vs. 2) When He shall appear we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is”

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3. Christ's Death On The Cross (3:4-8) Was Made Manifest.

- (1:2-3) to reveal the Father and enable us to fellowship with Him.
- To take away our sins (3:4-5)
- To destroy the works of the devil (3:8)
- To reveal God's love and bestow God's life (4:9)

4. The New Nature Within (3:9-18)

(v. 9) God does not destroy or eradicate the old nature; rather, He implants a new nature that gives the believer a desire for spiritual things.

This new nature cannot sin of course, believers who yield to the old nature will stumble and fall. (Gal. 6:1-2)

5. The Witness Of The Spirit (3:19-24)

True Christianity is a matter of the heart, not the tongue. We have the witness of the Spirit in our hearts that we are God's children.

True Christians do not hate and murder; instead, they show love and try to help others.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How do you experience God's love in your life?
2. How does God save us from sin since as believers we still struggle with it?
3. Why does Jesus Christ return? What is God's plan?
4. Christ's first coming was about the cross and the resurrection. What will His second coming be about?
5. How do we as believers have two natures?
6. How does having two natures affect those who trust in Jesus?
7. What role does the Holy Spirit have in the life of a believer?
8. Since we have both natures within us, how do we have victory in our lives over sin?