

# Lesson #4

## Real Esteem Established and Strengthened

**Review of Lesson #3:** With the person(s) next to you, answer the following:

1. Each of us have three needs. They are ...



2. When those three needs are met, I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. We've talked about the difference between my status and my role. My status is \_\_\_\_\_ . My role is \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Introductory Thought:** The Jerusalem Syndrome.

### I. Baptism: From this ☹ ...

**Psalm 51:5** Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

**Ephesians 2:1** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ...

**Romans 8:7** the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

1. From my conception I'm \_\_\_\_\_ . I'm spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ .  
My relationship to God is one of \_\_\_\_\_ .

### II. ... to This! ☺

**Acts 2:38** Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Titus 3:5** ... he (God our Savior) saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ...

**1Peter 3:20b** In it (i.e. Noah's ark) only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also -- not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ...

2. In baptism, God \_\_\_\_\_ me, God caused me to be \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
God \_\_\_\_\_ me.

**Matthew 28:18-20** “Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

3. When I'm born, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ of God. In Baptism, God takes me \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. In other words, God places His \_\_\_\_\_ upon me, so  
that now \_\_\_\_\_.

Me

God

**Galatians 3:26** You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

4. Now that I'm baptized, God regards me as being \_\_\_\_\_.  
In God's eyes, I'm \_\_\_\_\_.

## My Status

### By Nature

1. Sinner (Psalm 51:5)
2. Spiritually dead (Eph 2:1)
3. Deserving hell (Romans 6:23)
4. Clothed with filthy rags (Isa. 64:6)

### After Baptism

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

<p><b><i>Discover and Apply!</i></b></p>	<p><b>Read Romans 6:1-14 and answer the following questions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Paul then discusses baptism. When we were baptized, we were connected intimately to Jesus' death and His resurrection. So, baptism now empowers us to live - what? (v4b)</li> <li>2. Verse 6 teaches similarly. Sin is no longer our slave-master! So, as we now consider ourselves, we should count ourselves _____ to sin, but _____ to God. (v11)</li> <li>3. In my baptism I was united to Jesus, both to His ...</li> <li>4. What important thoughts do you see in this section in regards to each of our three needs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A good relationship with God:</li> <li>b) Good relationships with other people:</li> <li>c) Opportunities for meaningful service:</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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### **III. The Lord's Supper: Real Value Built and Built!**

Matthew 26:26-28 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup> Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you." <sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

1Corinthians 10:17 Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

1Corinthians 11:23-29 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. <sup>27</sup> Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning

against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1. In, with, and under the bread and wine, God gives me \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. God further blesses me by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. God tells us to examine ourselves before we come to the Supper so that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## My Status

### By Nature

1. Sinner (Psalm 51:5)
2. God's Enemy (Romans 8:7)
3. Worthless (Romans 3:12)

### Through the Lord's Supper

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

<p><b><i>Discuss and Apply!</i></b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We've talked about how we need significance, security, and confidence. Describe how the sacraments give us all three. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Significance</li> <li>➤ Security</li> <li>➤ Confidence</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Consider the following two quotes from Luther's Large Catechism. After you read the quotes, decide on how these quotes help you and me in regards to properly understanding our value. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ "If you don't feel your sinfulness, believe the Word of God which says that you are a sinner and need salvation. In fact, when you don't feel your sinfulness, that may be the time when you need the Lord's Supper the most."</li> <li>➤ "We baptize on the command of God who says that baptism works. All men may lie, but God's Word never will."</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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