

Lesson #5

A Smorgasbord of Delights!

Review: With the person(s) next to you, answer the following:

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



2. God fills those needs through my baptism. How so?
3. God also fills those needs through the Lord's Supper. How so?

Introductory Thought: Failure vs. failing.

I. Esteem and Christian Multi-Personality Disorder ~ Read Romans 7:14-25

1. Paul is disturbed, because as he looks at his life, what does he see? (vv15, 19)
2. But, vv17 and 20 teach us an important truth. When I sin ...
3. So, within every believer there are two combatants, at war with each other. The one is the "Old Adam", which _____ . There is also the "New Man", which _____ . In the eyes of God, the real me is _____ .
4. As long as I look at myself – my own actions and attitudes – I will be _____ .
5. So God has to constantly lift my eyes, focusing me back on _____ .

<p><i>Discover and Apply!</i></p>	<p>Read Ephesians 1:4-23 and answer the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are a bunch of good-news thoughts in these verses. Write down the five which particularly strike you today. 2. Zoom in on vv4-7. God chose you ... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... when? ... to be what? ... and how did He feel about doing it? 3. Now consider vv22-23. Jesus is described as _____. The Church is described as _____. The implication of that is ... 4. What important thoughts do you see in this section in regards to each of our three needs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) A good relationship with God: b) Good relationships with other people: c) Opportunities for meaningful service:
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II. Esteem and Service ~ Read John 13:1-5,12-17

1. Verse 3 – what do we learn about Jesus? _____
_____.

2. Knowing that, what did Jesus then proceed to do? _____
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3. Agree/Disagree: One who serves others does so because he/she isn't as important as the people whom they are serving.

4. Verses 14-15. What is Jesus' urging to us as to how to apply this segment?
5. We're thinking about the three needs. How does serving others relate to each of those three needs?
 - a) My relationship with God
 - b) My relationship with other people
 - c) My opportunities for meaningful service.

<p>Discover and Appreciate!</p>	<p><i>In almost every doctrine, God seals to me or assures me of my status before Him. That's yet another reason for us to hold on to every truth - walk away from any teaching of Scripture and we lose blessings! What follows is a list of passages. In each one, pick out the important thought regarding your God-given status and identify which doctrine(s) are taught in the passage.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gen. 2:7,22 "... the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ... ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man." 2. Eph. 5:25-27 "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless." 3. Luke 22:19-20 "And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." 4. Rom. 5:1-2 "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." 5. Isaiah 53:5 "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." 6. Rom. 8:15-17 "For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs -- heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."
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1Peter 1:18-19 “For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”

I'm worth _____ . Hope grows!

Thank you!

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