

Bethel Bible Series

Sanctification

New Testament Week 19

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - Why is it important to recognize and react to false teachings?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week - *False Teaching*

Backgrounds of Remaining New Testament Letters

Philippians

By Paul (with Timothy) in prison (first time) to the church in Philippi
Philippians sent gifts via Epaphroditus to Paul, Paul sent thanks back

Colossians

By Paul (with Timothy) in prison (first) to the church in Colosse
Paul updated on Colossian church via Epaphras, Letter sent via Tychicus

Philemon

By Paul (with Timothy) in prison (first) to Philemon & church in house
Onesimus, Philemon's slave, escaped & found Paul in Rome; Paul returned Onesimus

James

James - Brother of Jesus; Overseer of Judean church
Written to scattered Christian Jews around 60 AD; Filled with guidance

2 Peter

By Simon Peter (in prison, near execution) to Christians in Asia Minor
Letter written to warn against false prophets and teachers

1 John

A tract by John to warn Christians against false doctrines (around 90 AD)

2 John

By John to an unnamed church warning of deceivers; Fit sheet of papyrus

3 John

John commended Gaius for his work for the church; One sheet of papyrus

Jude

By Jude, brother of Jesus & James, to Christians in Asia Minor
Written to urge faithfulness despite false teachings

Gnosticism

Dualism - Spirit (good) and Body (evil) are two separate entities

Universe was created by an inferior being (the Old Testament Creator)

A spark of God exists in all living human bodies (spirit)

Hierarchy of angel intermediaries provides God/man interface

Since flesh is evil, man's spirit is suffocated from true spiritual values

The spirit must be "awakened" by a special knowledge (*gnosis*)

Asceticism - Subdue the flesh by self-denial, punishment and law-keeping

Sensuality - The body's evil can't affect the spirit; Do whatever you want

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False Teaching

*Six Manuscripts
Lamp and Smoke
Figure's Face*

Greek Column

*God to fill you with ... all spiritual wisdom & understanding (gnosis)
The fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form (dualism)
Don't be judged by your food, drink, festivals, sabbath (reversion)
Stay away from false humility, angel worship, regulations (asceticism)*

Battered Trumpet

*Jude - Contend for the faith that was ... entrusted to the saints
Godless men change God's grace into a license for immorality (sensuality)
The Lord will judge the ungodly (examples of Israelites, angels, Sodom & Gomorrah)*

*2 Peter - Many will follow false prophets with destructive heresies
God punished (spared) demons (angels), flood (Noah), Sodom & Gomorrah (Lot)
Be on your guard...not be carried away...grow in the grace*

Damaged Crib & Crown

*The man who denies Jesus is the Christ is the antichrist
Deceiver who doesn't acknowledge Jesus in the flesh is antichrist*

Dead Wreath

Faith without deeds is dead, Living faith examples of Abraham and Rahab

Review of New Testament Bethel Study Topics and Picture Concepts

Lesson - Sanctification

Sanctification

Definition

Whereas *justification* changes the status of the sinner in God's eyes,
sanctification changes the person

Blooming Flower

John 10:10

How does sanctification lead to fullness of life?

Homework Question – *Are the lives of God's children transformed immediately and completely when they enter the household of faith or does such transformation assume a passage of time in relationship with Christ?*

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Clock Face

2 Corinthians 3:18
Philippians 1:6
Philippians 2:12-14

Clock's Hands Catch Weeds

2 Peter 1:3-4
Ephesians 4:12-16
Colossians 1:28

Philippians 2:12

1 Peter 5:8
Titus 2:11-12
Galatians 5:16-18+

Romans 13:11-14
Ephesians 4:22-24

Numbers on the Clock Face

- I. Birth Into Christ
- II. Hunger for God's Will
- III. Effort to Learn God's Will
 - Worship
 - Study
 - Fellowship
 - Prayer
- IV. Understanding
- V. Sense of Values
- VI. Awareness of Sin
- VII. Awareness of God's kindness
- VIII. Sense of Gratitude
- IX. Responsiveness
- X. Sense of Responsibility
 - Time
 - Talents
 - Possessions
 - Moral & Spiritual Integrity
- XI. Sacrificial Involvement
- X. Christlikeness

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *Revelation*

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New Testament Bethel Study Topics

The Messiah Comes

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| 1) Galatians 4:4-5 | - In the Fullness of Time |
| 2) John 1 | - The Word Became Flesh (Jesus as God) |

The Nature of Jesus

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| 3) The Gospels | - Jesus the Man |
| 4) The Gospels | - Jesus - Spokesman to Distortion |
| 5) The Gospels | - Jesus the Teacher |
| 6) The Gospels | - Jesus the Savior |

God's Plan Fulfilled

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| 7) The Gospels | - A Light in the Darkness |
| 8) The Gospels | - The Empty Tomb |

The Early Church

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| 9) Acts | - Christ the Lord |
| 10) Hebrews, Galatians, Romans | - Reversion |

Guidance for the Church

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| 11) Romans | - Justification |
| 12) Hebrews 11 | - Faith |
| 13) 1 & 2 Thessalonians | - 1 & 2 Thessalonians (Looking for Christ's Return) |
| 14) 1 & 2 Corinthians | - 1 & 2 Corinthians (Christian Life in an Immoral World) |
| 15) Ephesians | - The Church |
| 16) 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus | - 1 & 2 Timothy (Pastoral Letters) |
| 17) 1 Peter | - 1 Peter (Persecution on the Road to Life) |
| 18) Col, James, 2 P, 1&2 John, Jude | - False Teaching |
| 19) Matthew - Revelation | - Sanctification |

The Destiny Still Stands

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| 20) Revelation | - The Second Coming |
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