

*Renewing  
The Mind  
and Defining  
Discipleship*

**Slide Guide  
SFMI Seminar #2**

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# Renewing the Mind and Defining Discipleship

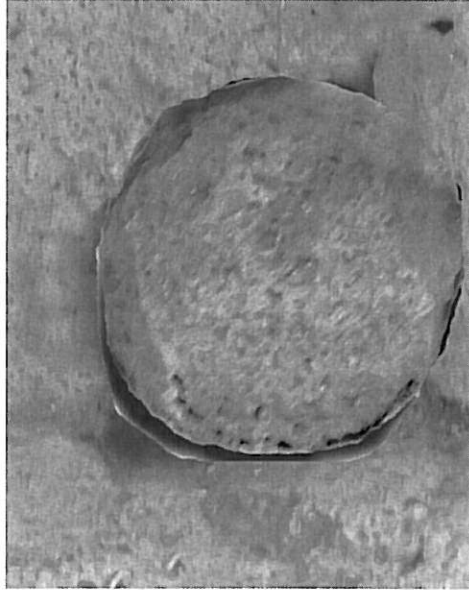
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## **The Need to Renew the Mind**

**Consider the Story of Lazarus and the Grave clothes.**

John.11: 43,44



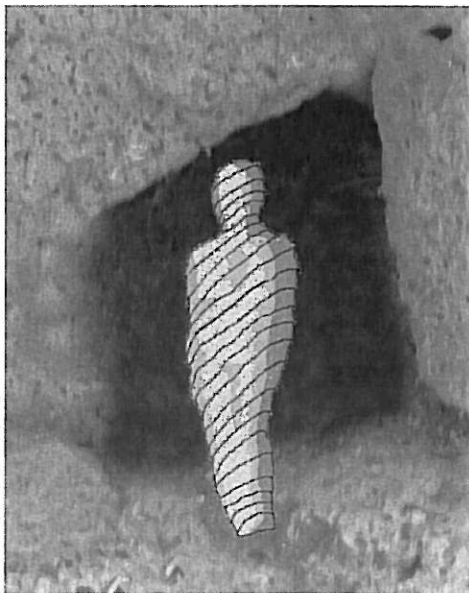
**Note the Jews burial customs**

John 19: 39,40

And there came also Nicodemus...and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

Jesus therefore again groaning within himself, cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it

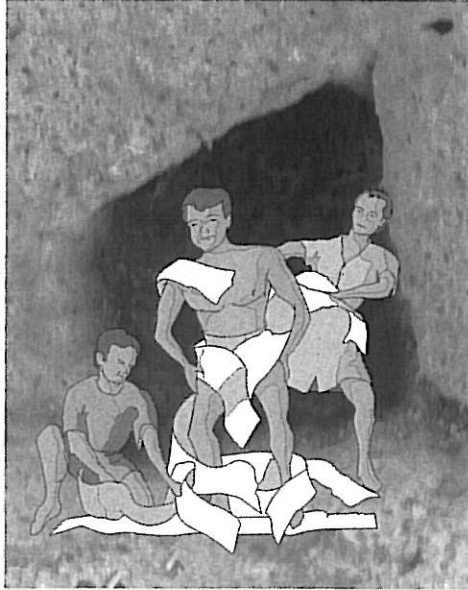
Jesus said, "Take ye away the stone."



And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin.

Jesus saith unto them, "Loose him and let him go."

These grave clothes are comparable to the philosophies of life we bring with us when we first believe.



**Now Lazarus needed to be made free**

So do we.

“And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall **make** you free.”

John 8: 32



Life was by grace; freedom came from an obedient response to God's word.

On the part of the subject and also his friends, family and fellows.



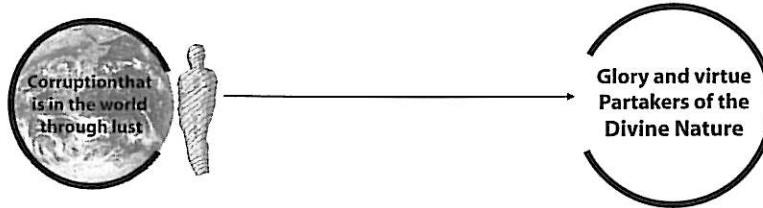
**Our calling is specific**

**2 Peter 1: 2-4**

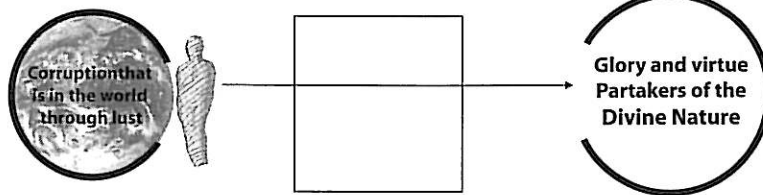
Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is the world through lust.



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He that hath called us to glory and virtue.

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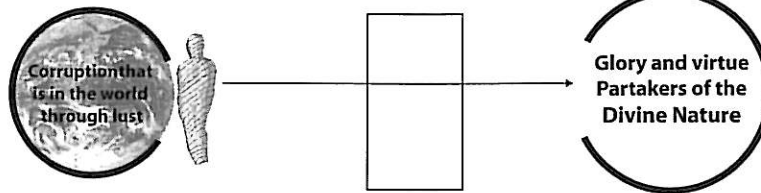
**2 Peter 1: 5-11**

And beside all this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises:

**that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,**

Doctrine misapplied, out of context or misdefined can impede our desire or our diligence to appropriate the promises of God.

Eternal security

Free Grace



## **Outward expression is governed by our mindset**

What are the different feelings this man is experiencing?



**Conclusion:** Frame of mind determines outward signs. The actions of our body are controlled by our mindset,

## **The future course of our life is affected by our present mindset.**

Who we marry depends on how we think today.

Where do we go? Who do we meet? What do we do?

The success of our future marriage is determined by our present thinking.

In my mind is divorce an option?

If so, my chances of a successful marriage are greatly reduced.

Whether we go to college or not.

**How many of you would make the same decisions at ages 16-23 if you had a second chance?**

**Satan does his work in the mind**

**Of sinners**

**2 Cor. 4:4**

"the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not.

**Of Saints**

**2 Cor. 11:3**

"I fear...as the serpent beguiled Eve...so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

**therefore**

**Prov. 4: 23**

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

**because**

**Prov. 23: 7**

As he thinketh in his heart, so is he.

**The Mind is the Battleground**

**There we faint or stand.**

**Heb. 12:3; 1 Pet. 4:1**

Heb. 12:3 "...consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be weary and faint *in your minds.*"

1 Pet. 4:1 "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, *arm yourselves likewise with the same mind:* for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin."

**Gird up the loins of your *mind.*** 1 Pet. 1:13

**Accomplishment is according to our frame of mind.  
Nehemiah's converting rubble into a wall in fifty-two days  
began in the mind.**

The wall: foundations and defences of the city. Neh. 1:3

The wall is broken down...the gates burned with fire

Consequence of their departure from God's truth. Neh. 2:13

I viewed the walls...which were broken down, and the  
gates were consumed with fire

Vision to rebuild was a godly response to God's revealed will.

Neh. 2: 17,18

Come, let us build up the wall...then I told them of the  
hand of my God that was good upon me...And they said,  
**"Let us rise up and build."** So they strengthened their  
hand for this good work

. The city lay in ruins for 70 years, and would have remained  
that way except for one man's vision. Neh. 6:15,16

So the wall was finished in 52 days. When our enemies  
heard thereof... they perceived that this work was wrought  
of our God

### **A Mind to Work.**

**Neh. 4:6**

So we built the wall;...for the people had a **mind** to work

God's testimony of man is that whatever he can imagine,  
he can do. Gen. 11:6

No wonder Satan tries so hard to capture the imagination  
and govern the philosophy of our responses. 2 Cor. 10:5

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that  
exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing  
into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

### **A willing Mind and a Perfect Heart**

what is required to accomplish the will of God. 1 Chron. 28:9,10

### **Wrong impressions lead to wrong preparation.**

Deceptive philosophies inspire wrong thinking, entice us  
with false targets and ungodly goals.

#### **Old Testament examples.**

Abraham with Abimelech, king of Gerar. Gen. 20:1-11

v. 11 "because I thought, Surely the fear of God is  
not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's  
sake."

**Result:** ungodly action, including:

deception                      irresponsibility to his wife.

**Naaman the leper, with Elisha. 2 Kings 5:1-15**

v. 11 "Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper."

**Result:** preconception, leading to rejection of God's word.

**Consequence:** Disappointment Anger at God  
Rejection of God's blessing

**Imagine what great or tragic influence a teacher or school system can have on the thought processes of children and youth and, as a consequence, on the future course of a whole nation.**

## **New Testament warnings**

**Beware** lest any man **spoil** you through philosophy. Col. 2:8

- Definition of spoil:***
1. *To impair or destroy the value, usefulness or beauty of*
  2. *To weaken or impair the character of*
  3. *To take property from by force; to seize by force*
  4. *To lose normal or useful qualities; especially to become tainted or decayed.*
  5. *To plunder; the act of pillaging.*



**Think not** that I am come to destroy the law. Mat. 5:17-19

“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. (see Romans 8:3,4)

3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be **fulfilled in us** who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. (see Exodus 20:3-17)

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven

**Result: misunderstanding the meaning of grace.**

**This is one of the ways by which Satan seeks to destroy the effect of righteousness in the church.**

**Think not** that I am come to send peace. Mat. 10:34

Result: Misunderstanding of peace.  
Dedication to wrong causes.  
Compromise with the world for the sake of peace.

This is the foundation stone of "liberation theology," which is the religious doctrine of the world-wide revolution.

### **Modern Humanistic Teaching**

**Provides misinformation about:**

Morality

Rejection of God's word as absolute.  
Therefore no moral authority.  
Oks sexual activity outside of marriage.  
Teaches alternate lifestyles.

Religion (World's religion is humanism)

No-fault lifestyles  
Self-realization/self-improvement  
Crossless Christianity (prosperity doctrine;  
visual manifestations equal power, etc.)  
Result, salt without savour.

## **Marriage**

Divorce is considered acceptable, when in fact Malachi equates divorce with treachery. Mal. 2:14

It destroys families

It creates bitterness and mistrust.

It marked the fall of previous empires.

## **Family**

Optional (contrary to Ps. 127, 128)

Abortion considered acceptable birth control.

Devalues human life  
will lead to euthanasia

## **Taught by natural men with carnal minds who:**

- are at enmity against God Rom. 8:7
- cannot please Him. Rom 8:8
- cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God 1 Cor. 2:14
- walk in the counsel of the ungodly. Ps. 1:1-3

**Hour 2**  
**Renewing the Mind**  
The Command

**A Command                      Rom. 12:2**

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

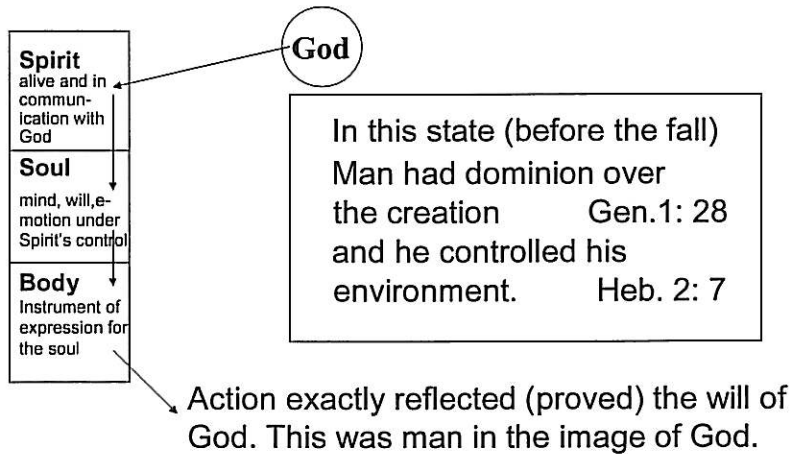
**What?** Be not conformed to this world...be transformed.

**How?** By the renewing of your mind.

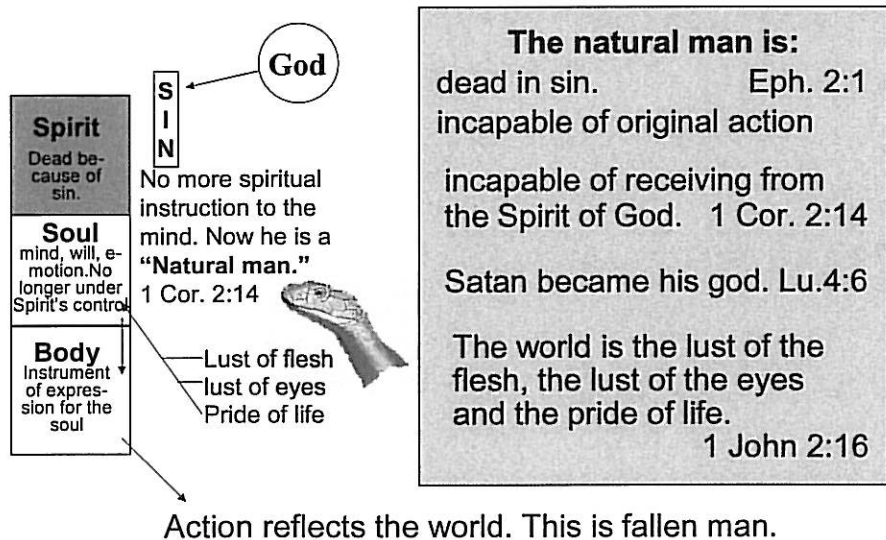
**Why?** That you may prove (demonstrate) the will of God.

## The History of Conformity

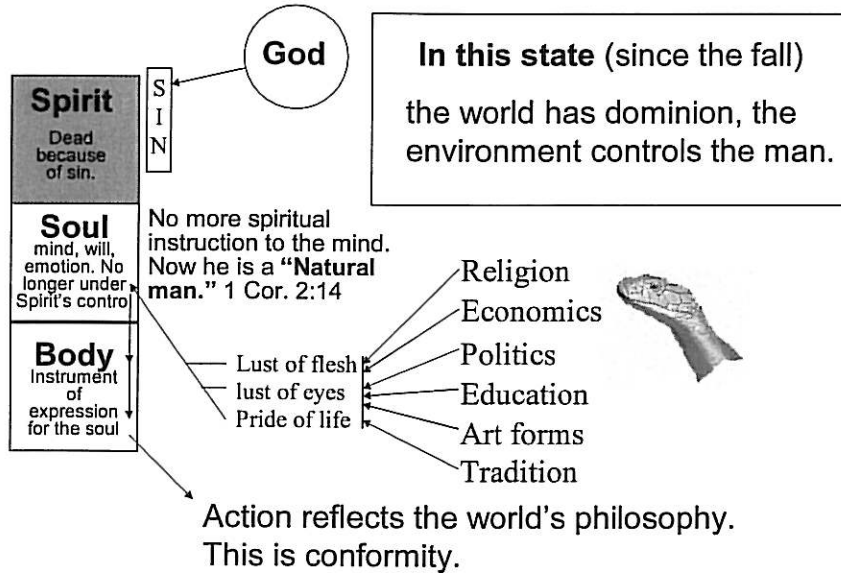
Adam's original condition: The image of God



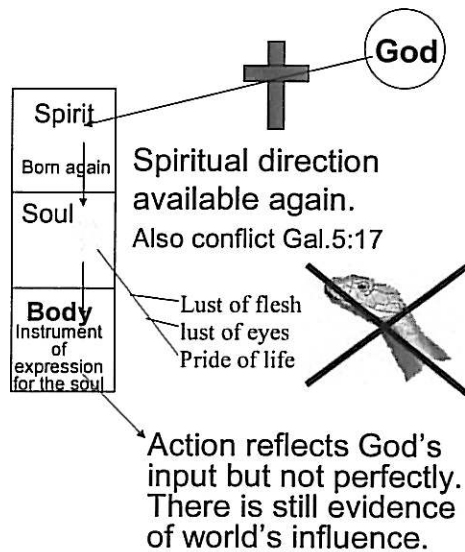
## Humanity falls in Adam and is Separated from God



Humanity, through the fall, is fully conformed to this world.



## Regeneration



Sin is condemned by Christ's sacrifice. Rom. 8:3,4

We now have options. We don't have to sin.

Rom. 6:12,13

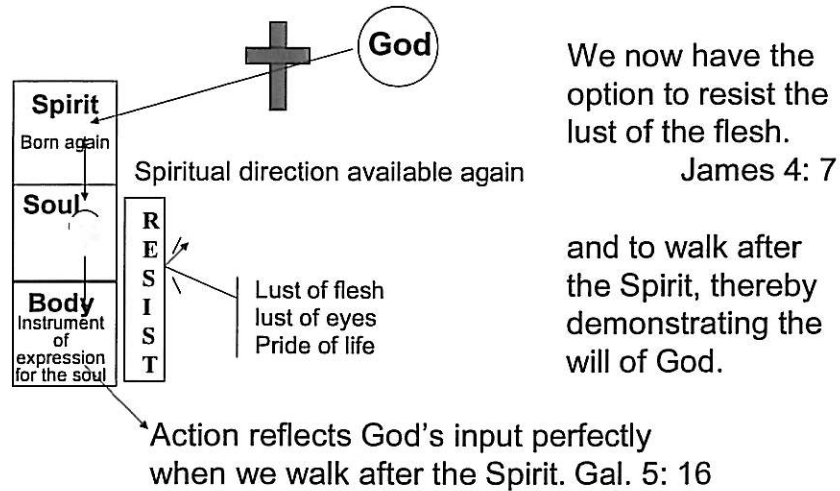
**Let not sin** therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should **obey** it in the lusts thereof. **Neither yield ye your members** as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but **yield yourselves unto God**, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God

The carnal mind is governed by the flesh. The spiritual mind is governed by the Spirit. Rom.8: 5-14

Transformation: Rom. 12: 2

**How?** By the renewing of the mind,

**Why?** That you might demonstrate the will of God.



Ephesians 4: 17-24

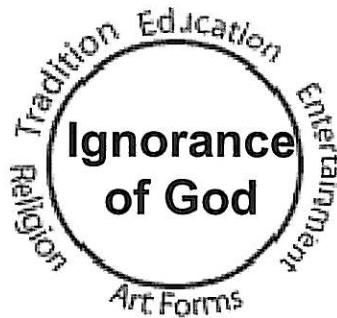
“...**put off** concerning the former conversation **the old man**, which is corrupt...

and be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

...**put on the new man**, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

## Put off the old man

**Development of the old man:**  
through influence of the world  
system.



**Values (world view) come to maturity through the influence of the world system**

### **Infant:**

blank mind waiting to be filled.

### **Child:**

foundations being laid every day.

### **Adolescent:**

impressionable, forming lasting opinions.

**Adult:** good and evil value system in place.

## **Good/Evil value system defines “good values.”**

Good entertainment	=	wholesomeness
Good family life	=	produces successful children
Good religious values	=	respectability
Good education	=	gains financial advantage
Marriage and divorce	=	happiness and convenience
Political values	=	personal gain, liberty, security
Christianity	=	doing our best, a philosophy
Evangelism	=	a corporate idea for social reasons
The Great commission	=	not even a factor



We have seen the conflict between the spirit and the flesh in the believer's life.

The flesh lusts against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh. They are contrary to one another. Gal. 5: 17

God's viewpoint is contrary to the world's.

When we were born again, we did not get amnesia, forgetting everything the world taught us. Nor did we receive an instant education, causing us to suddenly understand all about God and his kingdom.

We are born-again as spiritual babies, and must grow to maturity. 1 Peter 2: 1-3

## Put on the New man

**Development of the New Man:**  
through normal spiritual growth  
in the kingdom of God.



Good and evil value system giving way to the leading of the Spirit.

**Baby believer**  
waiting for  
spiritual input.

**Growing**  
spirit and flesh  
competing for  
control.

**Mature**  
knowledge of God,  
liberty of the spirit.

**Values change because the life is changed.**

All things become new

Entertainment	=	edification
Family life	=	nurture and admonition of Lord
Religious values	=	exalting preeminence of Christ
Education	=	preparation for God's calling
Marriage and divorce	=	permanence of marriage vows
Political values	=	seeking God's righteousness
Christianity	=	the life of Christ
Evangelism	=	personal transmission of Gospel
The great commission	=	the number one priority

## Hour 3

# The Cross

## in the believer's life

There is something to be put off, and something to be put on

### **Jesus points us to the Cross. Mk. 8:34**

And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples, he said unto them, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

### **Unworthy if we deny the cross. Mat. 10:38**

"And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me is not worthy of me."

### **What does it mean to take up the cross?**

**How do we actually do that?**

### **We gain understanding through historic truth.**

apply the principle that is demonstrated in the life of Jesus to your own life.

## What is the cross?

**A wooden device designed to kill.**

**Execution!**

not redirection, not counseling not rehabilitation.

**An eternal principle.**

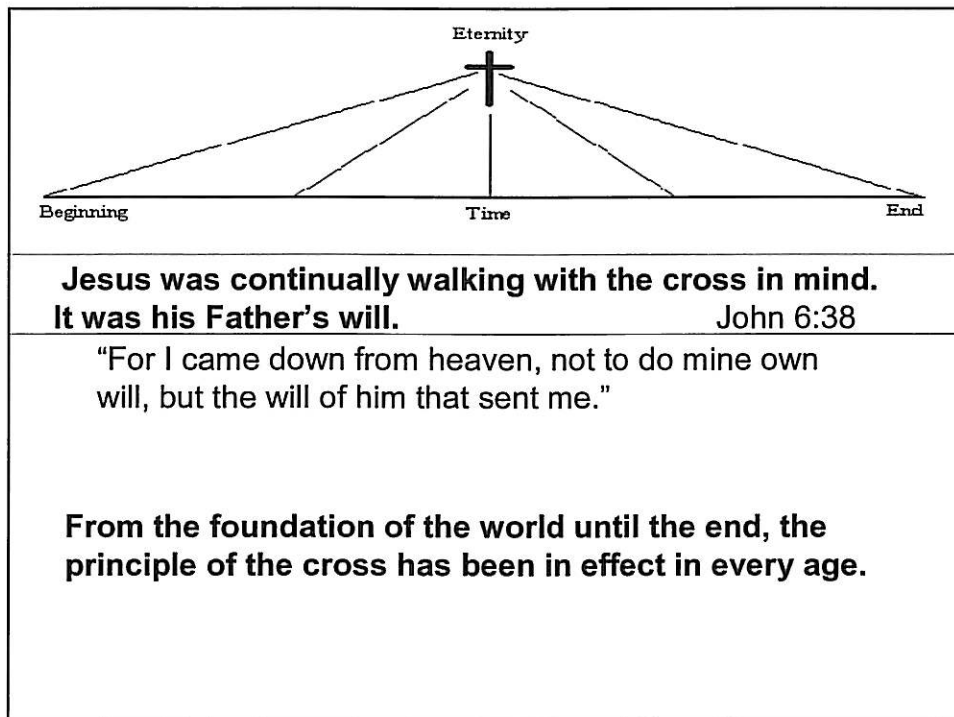
Before the foundation of the world.

The kingdom was planned Mat. 25:34

The works were finished Heb. 4:3

The Lamb was slain Rev. 13:8

The blood was shed 1 Pet. 1:18-20



## **The cross in the life of Jesus.**

Preplanned by the Father

The only means to accomplish God's purpose.

Jesus foreknew the Father's plan and willingly submitted to it. John 10:17,18

"Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself.

I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."

## **Cross defined in Gethsemane. Lu. 22:42**

"Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine be done."

Not my will, But thine be done.

Then he submitted and obeyed. (crucifixion)

And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should **accomplish** at Jerusalem. Lu 9: 30, 31

Cross demonstrated throughout Jesus' life.

Two-fold principle of Jesus' obedience. John 6:38  
"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me."

not to do my own will,

but to do the will of him that sent me.

Birth to death, Jesus maintained Father's perspective.

before his incarnation. Phil. 2:6,7

at his birth. Heb. 10:5-7

as a 12-year-old boy Luke 2:49

as a 30-year-old man John 4:34; 5:30

at the end of his life. Luke 22:42

**Calvary was the culmination of the cross, but the cross appeared in Jesus' life daily. We understand the cross in our lives by understanding it in his.**

## The Cross in my life.

As in Jesus' life, it was preplanned by God.

We accept it as the only means by which God can fulfill his purpose in us.

### **What Jesus' Cross does for me.**

pays the penalty for my sin. 1 Pet.2:24; Col.1:4

reconciles me to God. Col. 1:20; 2 Cor. 5:19; Rom.5:8-10

delivers me from the power of sin. Rom. 6:12-14; Gal.5:24

separates me from the world. Gal. 6:14

Joins me to Jesus in his resurrection. Rom. 6:3-5

## My Cross Defined.

Continually choosing death to self. 2 Cor. 4: 10,11

10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus,[In order] that the life also of Jesus might be manifest in our body.

11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake,[In order]that the life also of Jesus might be manifest in our mortal flesh.

**Jesus said it this way:**

**Luke 9:23**

If any man will come after me, let him

deny himself take up his cross follow me

Compare this with Jesus response to the Father's will.

Luke 22:42

not my will = deny himself

but thine be done = take up his cross

executed obedience = follow me

In order to demonstrate the principle of the cross in my life, according to Romans 12:2, it is required that I

Present my body,  
Resist conformity to this world  
and Renew my mind.

**The result: God's will and purpose are demonstrated in my life. Jesus' life is lived out through me because of the union I have with him in the cross.** (which I willingly embrace and voluntarily take up)

**Note:** The cross is designed to free us from our selves, our own will, so that his life, his will, his purpose might be manifest in us who, individually, are members of his body, and collectively are his body. This happens when we look, not at the things that are seen, but at the things that are not seen. 2 Cor. 4: 11,18



## The Cross and the Great Commission

The test of practical submission to the cross. Mark 8:35

“For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it.”

Losing our life. For what reason?

for Jesus’ sake

and for the Gospel’s.

Mark 8:38 “Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Ashamed of what?        of Jesus and of his words,

Note: The reproach associated with Jesus was because of the truth that he spoke, John 8:37.

**“I know that ye are Abraham’s seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word has no place in you.”**

So today, what offends the world is not only his name, but also his message.

**“The disciple is not greater than his master.” If we are not willing to bear his message, we have not yet identified with his cross.**

## Hour 4

# Defining Discipleship

### The Importance of Discipleship

Discipleship is God's strategy. Mat.28:18-20

All power = Divine authority

Go = as you are going

Teach = make disciples in all nations

Baptize them = identify with Jesus, separate from world

Teach them to observe...all that I have commanded you

**Conclusion:**

Every disciple becomes a disciple maker. 2 Tim. 2:2

## Compare these two strategies.

<p style="text-align: center;">1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass Evangelism, without discipling.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A professional evangelist <b>adding</b> one thousand souls <b>every day</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">19,178 years to win 7,000,000,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(approximate present world population.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discipling without mass evangelism.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Disciple-makers <b>multiplying once a year</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">34 years to win 8,596,334,592,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(more than the present world population.)</p>
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## **Jesus' call is to "Follow Me."**

Disciple (Gr. Matatheta) means "learner" or "follower."

**Note:** This can include those who followed for a while without conviction or cost.

### **Disciple in name only:**

- followed Jesus for the wrong motive          John 6:26
- called disciples but turned back                  John 6:66

**Disciples indeed:**    John 8:31

If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed

**Believing to obedience;                          John 14:21,23, 24**

21 He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him.

23 If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him.

24 He that loveth me not, keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Disciples Indeed: Jesus' definition.

**One that continues in his word.** **John 8:31-32**

Then said Jesus to those Jews that believed on him, "If ye **continue** in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall **make** you free."

Continue - remain, dwell, tarry.

illustration

Mark 4:10-12

10 When he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. 11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: 12 that seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

**Will know the Truth**

everything not truth is error

error is bondage.

Ps. 119: 128

Will "**make**" you free

positive response to God's word frees us from error.

Ps. 119: 45, 133

**Manifests Love to the Brethren. John 13:34,35**

34 A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

**Type of love:** "as I have loved you."

unconditional

not based on performance or agreement

**Demonstrated love:**

action, not just feeling (love to, not love for)

visible to the world (all men will know)

**Bears much fruit. John 15:8**

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples

Visible evidence of discipleship

not by words or works, but by their fruit Mat. 7:20

**Life of vine produces fruit.**

John 15:1-8

Father's life in Jesus, Jesus' life in us.

John 6:57; 14:10-12

**Three types of fruit .**

reproduction

Prov. 11:31; John 12:24

fruit of the Spirit

Gal. 5:22,23

edification in other saints

Eph. 4:16; Col. 2:9

**Some are disqualified:** They cannot be called  
“disciples indeed.”

**Does not put Christ first. Luke 14:26**

If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and  
mother, and wife, and children, and brethren and  
sisters, yea, and his own life also, **he cannot be my  
disciple**

**Does not bear his cross. Luke 14:27**

And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come  
after me, **cannot be my disciple**

**Does not forsake all that he has Luke 14:33**

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not  
all that he hath, **he cannot be my disciple**

Compare “deny self” with “forsake all.”

deny self = preferences of my flesh, human will  
forsake all = my possessions, ownership.

The meaning of “forsake” defined in the example of Levi  
Luke 5: 27,28

27 [Jesus] saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the  
receipt of custom: and he said unto him, “Follow me.”  
28 and he **left all, rose up, and followed** him.

**Note the order:**

- left all
- rose up
- followed Jesus

**Not**

- rose up
- left all
- followed Jesus

Conclusion: Forsaking all is not geographic. It is a  
condition of the heart. (see the example of Lot’s wife.)  
Gen. 19: 26

Hour 5

# The Lordship of Christ

**“Discipleship” is our response to Jesus because we recognize his “Lordship.”**

Every true believer desires to do the will of God. Understanding and acknowledging the Lordship of Christ is key to fulfilling that desire.

In the Bible “Lord” is mentioned 15,392 times.



## Response to Lordship is submission

Example: Jesus' submission to the Father Phil. 2:5-8

Let this mind be in you which  
was also in Christ Jesus

In the form of God  
and equal with God.

Who being in the form of  
God thought it not robbery to  
be equal with God

By his own volition he  
made himself of no  
reputation and took on  
him the form of a servant

But made himself of no  
reputation, and took upon him  
the form of a servant, and was  
made in the likeness of men.

humbled himself and  
became obedient unto  
death

And being found in fashion as  
a man, he humbled himself

and became obedient unto death,  
even the death of the cross.

Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the  
things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he  
became the author of eternal salvation unto all **them that  
obey him.**

Heb. 5:8,9

## Result of submission is **exaltation**

By the Father's volition

Phil. 2:9-11

**Wherefore** God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Highly exalted him (Jesus), Gave him a name above every name

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Every knee shall bow  
Every tongue shall confess him as **Lord**.

## The consequence of **submission** is **authority**

**"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth in heaven and earth."**

**Mat. 28:18**

**Conclusion:** 1 Peter 5:5,6; James 4:10

"...be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

## **The Principle**

Our humanity is the body in which God manifests himself to the world. Rom. 12: 1; Phil.2:12,13

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

**This is why we are called "The Body of Christ."**

Sin and self compete with the Spirit of God for the use of our body members.

When we submit, and Jesus is Lord, in a practical sense, we are victorious.

God's promise. 2 Cor. 6:16

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, **'I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.'**"

**This truth is the basis of successfully accomplishing the will of God**

## Jesus' Present Identity

Lord, name above all names	Phil. 2:11
Head over all things	Eph. 1:20-23
Lord and Christ	Acts 2:36
All power	Mat. 28:18
Judge of the whole earth	Acts 17:31

## Our Response

**Acknowledge His Lordship**                      **Rom. 10: 9,10**

If thou shalt confess with your mouth the **Lord Jesus**, and believe in thine heart that **God has raise him from the dead**, thou shalt be saved

**And his resurrection**                      **1 Cor. 12: 3; 15: 4**

**His Lordship is established in two ways**

**We were created by him and for him.**                      **Col. 1:16**

For by him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created **by him and for him.**

**And we were redeemed by him.**                      **1 Pet. 1:18,19**

## **A predetermination to exercise submission**

He is Lord of my body. 1 Cor. 6:15-20

fornication is unacceptable. Prov. 6:23-33

behavioral predetermination is essential.

propriety is important.

sex outside marriage brings judgment. Heb. 13:4

**Note: The Lordship of Christ must be the governing principle in our social and cultural life. The culture of our society, which is the world's culture, is not acceptable to God.**

## **He is Lord of my thoughts and attitudes.**

guard your heart. Prov. 4:23

guard your eyes. Job 31:1-4

guard your mind. Ps. 1:1-3; 1 Cor. 10:1-10

## **He is Lord of my words.**

Prov. 18:6-8

we sin with our words. James 3:2-10

they come from our heart. Mat. 12:34

we can control the content of our heart. Ps. 119:11

## **He is Lord of my time and money.**

It is God's will that we have a trade. Tit. 3:14

our earning is for those in need. Eph. 4:28

we work as unto the Lord. Eph. 6:5-8

## Jesus' Example

### His response to Father's authority.

He did **only** the will of his Father. John 6:38

He did **always** the will of his Father. John 8:28,29

He did **to completion** the will of his Father John 4:34

When his own will was contrary, **he denied himself** and did **the will of the Father.** Mat. 26:39

He **willingly suffered** to do the Father's will. Heb. 5:8,9

He recognized that **every circumstance was subject** to the will of his Father. John 19:11

## The Source of Authority

### The important factor

Doing what the Lord is doing. John 5:19

Authority is derived through submission to authority. Mat. 8:5-10

Ideal: To do **only** what he is doing, thereby being assured of consistent authority and constant victory in every endeavor.

### The object of this authority

Satan Heb. 2:14,15

Sin Rom. 6:6-12

Death 2 Tim. 1:10

## Conclusion

**The Gospel focuses on  
the Lordship of Christ. 2 Cor. 4:5; Col. 2:6**

“Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly,  
that God has made this same Jesus, whom ye have  
crucified, both **Lord** and Christ.” Acts 2:36

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the **Lord**  
Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised  
him from the dead, ye shall be saved.” Rom. 10:9,10

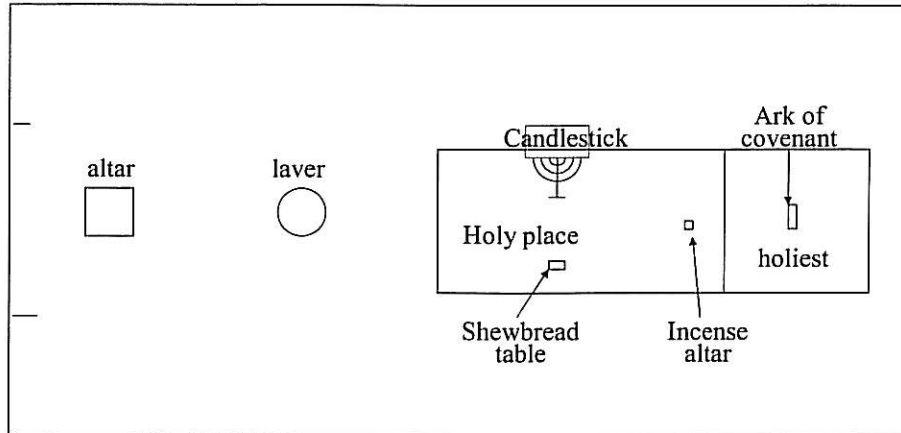
**Hour 6**  
**The Priesthood of  
Christ**

**The Priesthood of Christ**

An important topic because of our total dependence upon his intercession and upon his working in us to accomplish his ultimate goal for our lives and for his glory.



## Christ is revealed in the Old Testament



**The Tabernacle is a picture of Christ in his Church.**

## An Old Testament Type of Christ

**High Priest of the Law**

**Heb. 5:1-4**

**His work**

**verse 1**

Every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sin

**His qualifications**

**verses 2-4**

2 Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. 3 And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. 4 And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron

**His ordination****Heb. 8:3**

For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer

**His place of service****Heb. 9:6,7**

6 ...The priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. 7 But into the second went the high priest alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the sins of the people

**His offering****Heb. 10:3,4**

3 In those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sin.

**His sacrifices inadequate****Heb. 7:11,18,23****Could not take away sin****Heb. 10: 4****Could not make anyone perfect;**

[The tabernacle and its service] was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience. **Heb. 9:9**

For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God. **Heb. 7:19**

## The New Testament Fulfillment

### Compare Jesus, our High Priest Heb.9:11,12

11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle...

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us

#### His work

Heb. 9: 15

For this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that...they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

- **mediator**

1Tim. 2:5

For there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time

- **advocate**

1 John 2: 1

These things write I unto you that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

His qualifications Heb. 2: 17,18; Heb. 5: 5, 6

His ordination Heb. 7: 21

His place of service Heb. 6:19, 20

His offering Heb. 9: 27; 10: 9-13

His Sacrifice was Adequate Heb. 10: 14

His offering took away sin Heb. 10: 12-18

Perfects us, saves to the uttermost. Heb. 7: 25

He is now the doer of the work      Phil. 2:13

Our response to his grace      2 Cor. 3:18

**Beholding Him, we grow into his image**