



**CHAPEL OF REDEMPTION  
(UMCA)**



# **WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
2022 LESSONS**

January 9, 2022

**Focus:** AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST  
**Topic:** WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST  
**Text:** 2Corinthians 5:11-21  
**SONG:** Go tell it on the mountain ...

### **Introduction**

Generally speaking, ambassadors are a respected officials acting as representatives of their nations. Sent to foreign lands, the ambassadors' role is to reflect the official position of the sovereign body that gave them authority. Writing to the Corinthians, Paul likened his calling to that of an ambassador, and he urged all Christians to consider themselves ambassadors for Christ. The gospel of reconciliation was always at the heart of Paul's preaching: "For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel" (1 Corinthians 1:17).

Christians are God's ambassadors in that they have been "approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel" (1 Thessalonians 2:4). As we go through this world, we represent another Kingdom (John 18:36), and it is our responsibility to reflect the official position of Heaven. We are in this world, but not of it (John 17:16). God's ambassadors are to be "as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves" (Matthew 10:16). Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we must take the message of our King to the "ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8), imploring men and women everywhere to be reconciled to God.

**Lesson Aim:** To understand the believers' role as ambassadors for Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. In what way is the believer an ambassador for Christ? (2Corinthians 5:18-21)
2. Discuss the constraining factors of Christ's Ambassadors. (2Corinthians 5:11,14)
3. Discuss how to overcome these constraints to living as an ambassador for Christ?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20)*

January 16, 2022

**Focus:** AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST  
**Topic:** THE MARKS OF AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST  
**Text:** Galatians 6:17  
**SONG:** Follow follow I will follow Jesus ...

### **Introduction**

What is an ambassador? In 2 Corinthians 5:20, Paul said, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors..." An ambassador is one who represents another kingdom, nation or country. He is sent to a foreign country to represent the throne or the Government of his people. Now, this is true of ambassadors for Christ, representatives of the King of Heaven and of heaven itself in a foreign country, which is this world. His position is one of great responsibility, so think of this in its spiritual significance. Christ is our representative in heaven (Hebrews 9:24) and we are His representatives on the earth (2 Corinthians 5:20).

However, none of us can truly represent the Lord in our strength, but when He sends us out, we go with all the resources of heaven behind us. He is our sufficiency, and we go in His Name (Compare 2 Corinthians 6:1). Some characteristics are unique to an ambassador of Christ. Through them, the true ambassadors for Christ can be identified.

**Lesson Aim:** To identify the marks of an ambassador for Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Examine the marks of an ambassador of Christ. (1Peter 1:18-19, Philippians 2:15, 1Corinthians 15:31, John 12:24, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 6:18-20)
2. Discuss how ambassadors for Christ should relate among themselves. (John 13:35)
3. Do you have in your life the marks for an ambassador of Christ?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. (Galatians 6:17)*

January 23, 2022

**Focus:** AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST  
**Topic:** BECOMING AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST  
**Text:** John 3:5-8, 2Corinthians 3:6, 2Corinthians 5:20, John 20:21, Ephesians 6:21-20  
**SONG:** I will make you fishers of men ...

### **Introduction**

For early Christian readers, an ambassador was someone who represented one state or land to another. They were official representatives of the one who sent them and were, therefore, they were treated with the utmost respect. It was a well-known title, one that carried a great deal of respect and dignity, that warranted great decorum on the part of the ambassador, the sender, and the receiver. By “ambassadors for Christ,” Paul meant Christians should see themselves as representatives of God and were to behave accordingly. They had an important job to do, which is showcase Christ, and deliver His message so that others could know Him, too.

For anyone to become an ambassador for Christ, such a person must belong to the Kingdom of God. To belong to the Kingdom of God, the person must be born into the Kingdom. The person must be born again. This is a critical requirement to become an ambassador for Jesus Christ. There is no other way of becoming an ambassador except one is born again.

**Lesson Aim:** To understand how to become an ambassador for Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Explain how a person becomes an ambassador for Christ. (John 2:5-8)
2. Discuss what God has done to make the believer an ambassador for Christ. (2Corinthians 3:6, 2Corinthians 5:20, John 20:21, Ephesians 6:20)
3. Are you enrolled as an ambassador for Christ?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. (Ephesians 6:20)*

January 30, 2022

**Focus:** AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST  
**Topic:** THE ROLES OF THE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST  
**Text:** Job 33:23, Acts 26:17-18, Acts 13:47, 2Corinthians 5:19-20, Matthew 28:18-20  
**SONG:** This little light of mine ...

### **Introduction**

When you give your life to God through Jesus Christ, you become a member of the Kingdom of Heaven. So, for the rest of your time here on earth, you're not just here for your plans or interests, but you're representing Heaven to those around you. You're the only real sample of Heaven most people will ever see. What they'll know about God's working in peoples' lives, they'll get from watching your life.

All ambassadors have one thing in common: they believe in the mission, goals, and values of the countries, communities, and businesses they represent, and they're willing to share it with others. Believers are to be strangers in this world, not to blend in, but proudly represent and advocate Christ within their countries, communities, and businesses as well as they can. God has entrusted us to be ambassadors. To point people back to Jesus and how He works in the world, and walk as Jesus walked on this earth. God has given us this right and ability to do so; so, let us walk in it.

**Lesson Aim:** To understand the roles of an ambassador for Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the roles of the ambassadors for Christ. (Acts 26:17-18, Acts 13:47, 2Corinthians 5:19-, Job 33:23)
2. Examine the critical assignment given to the ambassadors for Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20)
3. Are you fulfilling your duties as an ambassador for Christ?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. (John 20:21)*

February 6, 2022

**Focus:** AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST  
**Topic:** FALSE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST  
**Text:** Matthew 24:4-24  
**SONG:** Arise O lord, let your enemies be scattered ...

### **Introduction**

God calls Christians of every era to be Christ's ambassadors. An ambassador is a personal envoy sent by the head of a state to a destination of his choice. Just as a head of state sends an ambassador on a diplomatic mission, Christ sends the believers on a mission to represent him in both words and actions. To go witnessing might only mean speaking words about God somewhere away from home, but to be a witness means living a life that shows God's love wherever we are.

However, some men have been sent from the kingdom of darkness to disguise as ambassadors for Christ to confuse and deceive believers and unbelievers alike. These are the false ambassadors for Christ. They are present in every land and even in churches and very many as prophesied by Jesus Christ. It is, therefore, imperative for the believers to understand the operations of these false ambassadors and be able to expose them or avoid their deception.

**Lesson Aim:** To identify and avoid false ambassadors for Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the nature, characteristics and operations of false ambassadors (Matthew 24:5,11,24, Acts 13:6-8, 2Peter 2:1-3, 2Corinthians 11:13)
2. How can the believer detect false ambassadors? (Matthew 24:4, Matthew 7:15, Acts, 13:9-12, Revelation 2:2, 1John 4:1, Ephesians 4:13-14)
3. Have you been a victim of false ambassadors for Christ?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. (Matthew 24:11)*

February 13, 2022

**Focus:** AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST  
**Topic:** CHALLENGES OF THE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST  
**Text:** 2Tim 3:12, John 16:33, John 15:18-25, Acts 9:16, Rev 2:8-11  
**SONG:** I have decided to follow Jesus ...

### **Introduction**

Becoming “an ambassador for Christ” is not something we are striving to attain. If you are a Christian, you are a missionary. This does not just mean being sent overseas or going on outreaches. This mission we are on comprises possessing a heart that loves Him in such a way that we want to see others come to know that love as well. An ambassador actually represents the Lord in life and character. They live according to the teachings, principles and life of the Kingdom within a worldly system that is opposed to the Kingdom of God.

The life of the ambassador of Christ and his mission puts him in opposition to the world system and the people of the world. He has to contend with the hostile environment of the world. He has to contend with several challenges while representing the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. The ambassador of Christ needs to understand that he has been called to suffer for Christ that he represents without compromising.

**Lesson Aim:** To prepare for the challenges that confronts the ambassadors for Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Examine the nature of the challenges that confront the ambassadors of Christ. (2Tim 3:12, John 16:33, John 15:18-25, Acts 9:16, Rev 2:8-11)
2. How should the ambassadors for Christ respond to these challenges? (Rev 2:8-11, James 1:2-4, Matthew 5:10-12)
3. How are you dealing with the challenges you are facing as an ambassador for Christ?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; (James 1:2)*

February 20, 2022

**Focus:** AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST  
**Topic:** GOD'S PROVISION FOR THE AMBASSADOR  
**Text:** Matthew 6:31-33  
**SONG:** Give me grace to follow ...

### **Introduction**

To follow Christ means to give up the kingdom of self and the kingdom of this world and pledge allegiance to the kingdom of God. It means our home is heaven, not earth. Our responsibility is to tell others the good news so they can join the kingdom of God as well. If we only had our strength to live such a life, it would truly be impossible. The Holy Spirit comes into the heart of every believer and empowers them to live a life worthy of their heavenly calling, a transformed life of goodness and love.

An ambassador knows that his home country will lavishly support him. Similarly, as God's ambassadors, we can expect provision from Him. This is not to say that there won't be times when our faith is stretched to receive this provision. Yet God's provision will be there, sometimes from the most unexpected places.

**Lesson Aim:** To learn to access the provisions of God for life and godliness.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss some of the provisions for the ambassador of Christ. (Hebrews 4:16, Philippians 4:6-7, 2Peter 1:3, Mark 16:17, John 14:26)
2. How does the ambassador for Christ access God's provision? (Matthew 7:7, Matthew 6:31-33)
3. Are you walking in the provisions of God for your life?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26)*



February 27, 2022

**Focus:** AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST  
**Topic:** THE EXCELLENT AMBASSADOR  
**Text:** Ecc 9:10, Proverbs 12:24, Eph 4:28, Matthew 5:13, 1Cor 15:10, Acts 20:34  
**SONG:** Excellent O Lord ...

### **Introduction**

We all benefit from excellence, whether in medicine, education, the arts, engineering, governance, communication, or other fields. None of us wants to be treated by a mediocre physician. The life of an ambassador for Christ is to be lived for the glory of God. He should perform all of his work with distinction and excellence. Mediocrity and sloppy workmanship never glorify God. Paul addressed the subject of excellence in Romans 12:6–8 and charged believers to discover their gifts and proceed to use them with excellence.

God does not promise to bless the lazy, but is pleased with the diligent (Proverbs 10:3–4; 13:4). Joseph is an example of a young man who did his best at everything they gave him to do. Even when Joseph was unjustly imprisoned, he was able to impress the prison warder with his excellent character and work ethic (Genesis 39:1–2, 20–23). Because of God’s hand upon him and his commitment to excellence, Joseph rose to power in a nation that had once enslaved him.

**Lesson Aim:** To display the excellent life of an ambassador for Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss what should be the attitude of believers towards their duties and vocations. (Ecc 9:10, Proverbs 12:24, Eph 4:28, Matthew 5:13, 1Cor 15:10, Acts 20:34)
2. Why was Joseph able to excel in all that he did? (Genesis 39:1–3, 20–23, 41:38)
3. How can the believers win souls for the Lord through excellence?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. (Genesis 39:3)*

March 6, 2022

**Focus:** THE OVERCOMER

**Topic:** OVERCOMING FEAR

**Text:** Heb 2:15, Luke 21:11, Matt 8:26, Isaiah 8:12-13, Rom 8:15, 2Tim 1:7, 2Chr 20:3, John 14:1, 1John 4:18

**SONG:** Because He lives...

### **Introduction**

Fear is a common denominator among men. While some fears are common to humans, some are personal to individuals. The world is a haven for fear. Fear of death is probably the most common fear among men. This fear has kept men in bondage all their lives. Satan is glad to see people live in fear because he is the spirit of fear. The devil has tormented human beings with the fear of failure, the unknown future, sickness or diseases, poverty or lack, danger or peril, torture etc.

Men have come up with all kinds of inventions, programmes, training, etc., to deal with fear. People may consider a person that has fear of being broke to be hardworking, but he is only being driven by the fear of lack of money. God has, however, made provision for His children to live above fear. The only fear He wants His children to have is the holy fear of Him. He therefore, keeps reminding His children saying "Do not fear" to help them in the journey of life.

**Lesson Aim:** To see and enjoy our victory over fear

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Why do people fear? (Hebrews 2:15, 2Chronicles 20:1-3, Luke 21:11, Matthew 8:23-26)
2. Examine God's solution to fear. (John 14:1, Romans 8:15, 2Timothy 1:7, Isaiah 8:12-13)
3. Are you still living in fear?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. (Hebrews 2:15)*

March 13, 2022

**Focus:** THE OVERCOMER  
**Topic:** OVERCOMING DELAY  
**Text:** Rev 6:10-11, 1Samuel 13:1-14, Habakkuk 2:3, Psalm 2:14, Ecc 3:11, Genesis 18:10  
**SONG:** God will make away ...

### **Introduction**

One doctrine that has crept unawares in the Body of Christ is the message of breaking the yoke of delay. When a believer expects something, and it seems to take time to arrive or come to pass, there is often a suggestion attributing the delay to some form of satanic operations. Therefore, several believers today seek 'men of God' who can help them break their yoke of delay.

Saul, also tired of waiting, performed a sacrifice he should not offer. Because of this error, Saul finally lost the Kingdom. Believers must know that God makes all things beautiful in His time. God is never too early or late. He is always on time. He also uses the waiting period to try the believer and infuse the life of Christ into him. All His children are having a divinely timed life and have their footsteps ordered by Him.

**Lesson Aim:** To learn to trust in and wait on God's timing

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Examine God's and Man's perspectives of timing. (Habakkuk 2:3, Psalm 2:14, Ecclesiastes 3:11, Genesis 18:10)
2. Discuss the lessons in the story of Saul. (1Samuel 13:1-14)
3. Are you confident in divine timing?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)*

March 20, 2022

**Focus:** THE OVERCOMER

**Topic:** OVERCOMING DEPRESSION

**Text:** 1Samuel 30:1-6, 2Timothy 1:7, Phil 4:6, Proverbs 3:5-7, 1Peter 5:7, Mark 13:25, Isaiah 61:3, Proverbs 12:25, 1Kings 19:1-18, Numbers 11:10-16

**SONG:** Lifted I am, lifted I am ...

### **Introduction**

Depression is a group of conditions associated with the elevation or lowering of a person's mood. It is a problem often categorised as medical or mental but most significantly, it refers to the predicament associated with being human. Persistent feelings of emptiness, low mood, loss of interest in normally enjoyed activities, withdrawal from others, restlessness, hopelessness and changing sleep patterns causing significant impairment in daily life are associated with depression. The response of Moses to the demand of the Israelites for flesh in Numbers 11:10-16 made him so sad that he desired to die rather than continue to live. Life took a different turn for Elijah as recorded in 1Kings 19:1-18 as he took to his heels to escape from Jezebel's threat to kill him. He hid himself in the case but God's intervention brought him out of his hopelessness.

There is enough provision in the Word of God to keep depression out of the lives of the children of God. Jesus Christ gave a pointer to this when He told His disciples not to panic when they see terrible events in the world, noting that he has told them about it ahead of time. Depression points at what a person does and so Christians should check themselves for the sins they refused to admit and confess, false guilt, ungodly fears, misplaced shame, expectations that are unbiblical, hatred, bitterness, bottled up anger, grieving without hope and unequal yoking with the ungodly. It is necessary for His followers to lay hold of the Word of life, which can keep them free from depression.

**Lesson Aim:** To walk in victory over depression according to the Word of God.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the reasons for depression. (1Samuel 30:1-6, Proverbs 13:12, Proverbs 12:25, Matthew 22:29, James 4:2-3, Isaiah 61:3)
2. What are God's antidotes to depression? (Psalm 119:130, 2Timothy 1:7, Philippians 4:6, 1Peter 5:7, Proverbs 3:5-7, Isaiah 61:3)
3. Are you still suffering from depression?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)*

March 27, 2022

**Focus:** THE OVERCOMER

**Topic:** OVERCOMING UNBELIEF

**Text:** Heb 3:17-19, Matthew 13:54-58, Mark 4:37-40, Heb 11:6, Rom 10:17, Col 3:16, Mark 9:23-24

**SONG:** RH 477 When we walk with the Lord

### **Introduction**

Unbelief is believing something other than what God has said about a situation. You can believe Jesus was raised from the dead, you can believe He is your Lord, you can believe He is coming soon, but if you don't do what He says, you are still operating in unbelief. You can believe in Him, but still not believe what He says. The Bible calls this an evil heart; a hardened heart (Hebrews 3:12). Unbelief simply means a lack of trust in God. It is God's expectation that all His children will have full trust in Him as Father to the young son and not choose what to and not believe.

Why is it important to believe? Because "If you can believe, all things are possible" (Mark 9:23). And that's how God wants us to live; in the realm of what is possible through Him and Him alone. That's what sets believers apart from a lost and dying world. Today, you may feel like the man with the demon-possessed child who had cried out to the Lord for help when he said, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24). A believing heart must be cultivated by all who follow the Lord and have made Him their Master.

**Lesson Aim:** To overcome unbelief and live by faith

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Examine the dangers of unbelief. (Heb 3:17-19, Revelation 21:8, Matthew 13:54-58, Mark 4:37-40)
2. Discuss the solution to unbelief. (Heb 11:6, Rom 10:17, 2Peter 3:18 Colossians 3:16, Luke 1:38, Matthew :24)
3. Are you walking in unbelief?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (Colossians 3:16)*

April 3, 2022

**Focus:** FALSE DOCTRINES  
**Topic:** DOCTRINE OF BALAAM  
**Text:** Rev 2:14, Joshua 13:22, 2Peter 2:15, Jude 1:11, Num 22:1-7, 23:23, 25:1-9  
**SONG:** I will never never go back to the world

### **Introduction**

In Revelation 2:14, the church of Pergamum was scolded for tolerating the “teaching of Balaam,” or the “doctrine of Balaam.” Balaam’s name is also invoked in 2Peter 2:15 and Jude 1:11, both in warnings about the conduct and message of false teachers. These are references to the Old Testament character of Balaam, who tried unsuccessfully to prophesy against the people of Israel (Numbers 22). He eventually advised King Balak of Moab, the enemy of Israel, to pursue a campaign of seduction against them (Numbers 31:8).

The doctrine of Balaam is every form of teaching that condones sin in the lives of the people and that doesn't address sin in God's children. It opens the door for the kingdom of darkness to oppress the children of God. It also sets the children of God against God Himself; whose eyes are too holy to behold iniquity.

**Lesson Aim:** To understand and avoid the doctrine of Balaam in the church.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Examine the doctrine of Balaam and the dangers it poses to the believers. (Revelation 2:14, Numbers 25:1-9, James 4:4)
2. Discuss the motive behind those who preach the doctrine of Balaam and the consequence upon such preachers. (Jude 1:11, 2Peters 2:15, Joshua 13:22)
3. Is your life free from the doctrine of Balaam?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. (Revelation 2:14)*

April 10, 2022

**Focus:** FALSE DOCTRINES  
**Topic:** DOCTRINES OF MEN  
**Text:** Mark 7:6-13, Colossians 2:18-23  
**SONG:** Give me that old time religion...

### **Introduction**

There are several doctrines of men. They are opposed to Christ and His doctrine. They gather not with Christ but scatter (Matthew.12:30). There are many appealing philosophies; human commands and human traditions; Jewish procedures and aesthetic practices that can deceive a believer into wrong thinking and cause them to adopt unbiblical ways, particularly regarding food and drink; customs like circumcision; a fascination with angels; visions and feelings or the requirement to adopt sabbath-day rules or the participation in feast days.

Paul warns that such rites, rules, rituals, and regulations are human commands; man-made doctrines and deceptive arguments, designed by the enemy to neutralise our faith; entice us away from the truth of the glorious gospel of grace; destroy our testimony and dishonour the Lord Jesus. They were simply a shadow of what was to come - a schoolmaster to point us to Jesus Christ, who is the substance of all things. The doctrine of Christ are observable in His life and teachings, which He expects His followers to live out.

**Lesson Aim:** To avoid the doctrine of men and hold on to the doctrine of Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the characteristics of the doctrines of men. (Mark 7:6-13, Colossians 2:18-23)
2. Examine the dangers of the doctrines of men. (Mark 7:6-13, Colossians 2:18-23)
3. Are you walking in the doctrine of Christ or in the doctrines of men?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. (Mark 7:7)*

April 17, 2022

**Focus:** FALSE DOCTRINES  
**Topic:** DOCTRINE OF JEZEBEL  
**Text:** Rev 2:18-29, 2Kings 9:22-37, Acts 16:16  
**SONG:** Emi o mo jesu Oyingbo

### **Introduction**

In Revelation 2:20, Jesus complained against the church in Thyatira that they tolerated a false prophetess named Jezebel. This dangerous woman was persuading members of the church to practice immorality and idolatry. She promoted certain pagan sexual practises. Also, she through her teachings, deceived some to eat food dedicated to idols. 2Kings 9:22 reveals the works of Jezebel, whose works some have secretly smuggled into the church.

The name Jezebel may have been her actual name or simply a pseudonym. In the Old Testament, Jezebel was the wife of King Ahab of Israel. She was a vicious and violent woman, who promoted the worship of Baal, the sun god, and killed many of God's prophets. She also sought unsuccessfully to kill the prophet Elijah (1Kings 16-22). The church in Thyatira failed in her responsibility to confront and stop false doctrines until it became cancer in the body of Christ.

**Lesson Aim:** To guard against the doctrine of Jezebel entering the church.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Identify and discuss the doctrine of Jezebel. (Rev 2:18-29, 2Kings 9:22-37, Acts 16:16)
2. Examine the consequences of her doctrine in a church. (Rev 2:18-29, 2Kings 9:22-37, Acts 16:16)
3. How can the church stop her the teaching of wrong doctrines today?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many? (2 Kings 9:22)*



April 24, 2022

**Focus:** FALSE DOCTRINES  
**Topic:** DOCTRINE OF DEVILS  
**Text:** Luke 4:9-12, 1Timothy 4:1-6, Col 2:18, 2Tim 3:13  
**SONG:** I have decided to follow Jesus...

### **Introduction**

The Bible warns believers about the doctrine of demons or devils. Demons would like people to engage in religious asceticism or self-denial. This would include such things as forbidding people to marry, and not to eat certain foods. By performing such ascetic acts, a person can have the false impression that they are pleasing God by this attitude of self-denial. These doctrines come quietly through the minds of men who cannot rightly divide the word of truth but accept the inspiration of demons as coming from the Holy Spirit.

Another instance of demonic doctrine is the departure from the historic faith. Rather than embracing the faith that has been once and for all revealed to believers, demonic influences would have people either add to or subtract from what God has revealed in His Word. This is what Paul warned Timothy about when he said people would depart from "the faith."

**Lesson Aim:** To guard against the doctrines of demons in our lives and assembly.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Identify and discuss the doctrine of demons. (Luke 4:9-12, 1Timothy 4:1-6, Col 2:18, 2Tim 3:13)
2. How does the doctrine of demon infiltrate the church? (2Tim 3:13, Luke 4:9-12)
3. How can the believer and the church be free from the doctrine of demons? (2Peter 1:17-21, Galatians 1:8, Luke 4:9-12)

### **Memory Scripture:**

*But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. (2 Timothy 3:13)*

May 1, 2022

**Focus:** FALSE DOCTRINES  
**Topic:** DOCTRINE OF NICOLAITANS  
**Text:** Rev 2:15-17, Proverbs 6:16-19, Malachi 2:16  
**SONG:** Called unto holiness...

### **Introduction**

Beside falling into the sins of Balaam (Revelation 2:14), some members of the church at Pergamum adhered to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. The church at Ephesus hated the works of the Nicolaitans (Revelation 2:6), but some in the church at Pergamum followed the Nicolaitans' teachings. Nicolaitans are persons who engaged in corrupt principles and practices and in a way similar to Balaam's practice, draw others to displease God. Although Scripture does not specifically say what the Nicolaitans believed, some interpreters hazard a guess based on the construction of their name. The word for "ruler" and the word for "people" comprise the name "Nicolaitans." Jesus didn't hate the Nicolaitans but the "deeds" of the Nicolaitans.

Our Lord Jesus Christ did not explain the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, but gave us an indication of what He wants the church to guard against. God's children must hate everything that He hates. Any doctrine that promotes or condones anything that God hates is a doctrine of the Nicolaitans. Believers must therefore be on guard in their personal lives and in the church against anything that God hates.

**Lesson Aim:** To learn to hate all that God hates.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Identify and discuss some of the things that God hates. (Proverbs 6:16-19, Malachi 2:16)
2. What is the way out of the doctrine of the Nicolaitans? (Revelation 2:16)
3. Do you hate everything that God hates?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.  
(Revelation 2:16)*

May 8, 2022

**Focus:** FALSE DOCTRINES  
**Topic:** STRANGE DOCTRINES  
**Text:** Hebrews 13:9, Ephesians 4:12-14, Gal 5:1-5, Romans 8:3-4  
**SONG:** Jesus Christ is made to me...

### **Introduction**

The book of Hebrews is of tremendous spiritual importance and has significant doctrinal value to all Church-age believers. However, much of its content was of special relevance to Jewish believers in the early Church who found difficulty in letting go of the long religious history of Judaism; which was deeply rooted in Mosaic Law in exchange for Christianity's post-Cross doctrine. The Christendom is today filled with strange and divers' teachings. This makes it imperative for believers to hold fast to the doctrine of Christ.

The Bible cautions us from being carried about with the doctrines of men, which are diverse and strange. Several believers today still struggle with Mosaic Laws and do not understand exactly how the laws are a shadow of the reality, which is Christ. They thus practice a mixture of the gospel and the law. We can regard any doctrine that is not emanating from Christ as a strange doctrine. Also, those who are not rooted in Christ Jesus are likely to fall for strange and diverse doctrines (Ephesians 4:14).

**Lesson Aim:** To guard against strange doctrines.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss some of the strange doctrines addressed in the Scripture and contemporary times. (Gal 5:1-5, Hebrews 13:9)
2. Examine the dangers and antidotes to strange doctrines. (Galatians 5:4, Ephesians 4:12-14, Romans 8:3-4)
3. Is your life free from strange doctrines?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. (Galatians 5:4)*

May 15, 2022

**Focus:** FALSE DOCTRINES  
**Topic:** DOCTRINES OF THE PHARISEES AND SADUCEES  
**Text:** Matthew 16:5-12, 23:13-28, Acts 23:8  
**SONG:** Follow follow I will follow Jesus ...

### **Introduction**

Pharisees taught the commandments and inventions of men, the traditions of the elders, free will, and justification by the works of the law. The doctrine of the Sadducees was that there is no resurrection of the dead, nor angels, nor spirits. They sought secretly and artfully to infuse their notions into the minds of men, and which, when imbibed, spread their infection, and made men sour, morose, rigid, and ill-natured, and swelled and puffed them up with pride and vanity.

Christ compared them to leavens and advised his disciples to look about them, watch, and be on their guard, lest it should infect them too. When Jesus Christ says to a man that he should take heed and beware of anything, it would be better for the man to give attention to the warning. If there was no danger in the doctrines of the Pharisees and Sadducees, He would not have warned His followers.

**Lesson Aim:** To guard against the doctrines of the Pharisee and Sadducee

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Identify some of the doctrines of the Pharisees and Sadducees. (Matthew 23:13-28, Acts 23:8)
2. Discuss how the believer can guard against the doctrines of the Pharisee and Sadducee. (Matthew 16:5-12, 1John 4:1, Galatians 1:6:10, Colossians 3:16, 2Corinthians 11:4)
3. Is your life free from the doctrines of the Pharisees and Sadducees?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. (Matthew 16:6)*

May 22, 2022

**Focus:** FALSE DOCTRINES

**Topic:** DOCTRINE OF THE LORD

**Text:** Matthew 28:20 Acts 13:12, Acts 2:42, Romans 16:17, 1Timothy 1:3, 10, 1Timothy 6:3, Titus 2:10, Ephesians 4:20-21

**SONG:** RH 114 Come, thou Almighty King ...

### **Introduction**

Having examined some forms of false doctrines, it is important to consider the true doctrine of Christ. The essence of studying false doctrines is to guard jealously the doctrine of Christ, which is the only true doctrine. Also, the reason the enemy is sponsoring all manners of wrong doctrines in the body of Christ is to beguile the believers and keep them away from the doctrine of Christ. When the believer is rooted and grounded in the doctrine of Christ, every wind of doctrine won't toss him here and there.

The doctrine of Christ refers to the teachings and life of Christ. It is the message of the Kingdom of God and the examples of Christ. This is referred to as the doctrines of the Apostles. On the eve of His departure, Jesus Christ commanded His disciples to teach everything He has taught them (Matthew 28:20). This is the true doctrine that the Lord calls His followers to preach.

**Lesson Aim:** To know and live by the doctrine of Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss what constitutes the doctrine of Christ. (Matthew 28:20 Acts 13:12, Acts 2:42, Romans 16:17, Ephesians 4:20-32)
2. How should the believer deal with false doctrines? (1Timothy 1:3, 1Thessalonians 5:21, 1John 4:1, 1Timothy 6:3-5, Revelation 2:2)
3. Are you rooted in the teachings of Christ?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:20)*

May 29, 2022

**Focus:** REASONABLE SERVICE

**Topic:** PROPHESYING

**Text:** Ezekiel 37:7-10, 2Peter 1:18-21, Psalm 138:2, Rev 19:10, Matthew 24:11, 1John 4:1

**SONG:** Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord

### **Introduction**

From a biblical standpoint, prophesying is simply man hearing and speaking the Word of God. It could be about a past, future, or present circumstance. Essentially, prophecy is the Word of God. This is the reason the Scripture is described as the "sure word of prophecy" (2Peter 1:19). No man by himself has the capacity or authority to prophecy when God has not spoken to such a man. Man does not have it in himself to prophesy of his own volition, nor does he have the power to bring any prophecy to pass.

Prophecy should not be confused with divination, which can also tell past, present, and future events. The fundamental difference is the source; prophecy is from God, while divination is from the devil. That someone predicts an event, and it comes to pass, does not mean it is from God (Deuteronomy 13:1-5). Believers must be watchful because false prophesying is a tool in the hands of the enemy to deceive the simple.

**Lesson Aim:** To learn to distinguish true prophecy from false and believe the truth.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the features of a true prophecy. (Ezekiel 37:7-10, Revelation 19:10, Hebrews 1:1-3)
2. Why should believers guard against false prophesying? (Matthew 24:11, 1John 4:1, Revelation 2:2, Deuteronomy 13:1-5)
3. Discuss the emphasis of God on the Word and the voice. (2Peter 1:18-21, John 12:28, Psalm 138:2)

### **Memory Scripture:**

*We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: (2 Peter 1:19)*

June 5, 2022

**Focus:** REASONABLE SERVICE  
**Topic:** WORD OF KNOWLEDGE  
**Text:** 1Cor 12:8, John 4:16-19, Acts 5:1-5, 2Kings 5:20-27, John 1:45-51, Acts 9:10-12, Acts 10:3-6,19  
**SONG:** RH 265 Thy word o Lord

### **Introduction**

In listing the spiritual gifts, the Bible speaks about the gift of the “word of knowledge.” It is the supernatural revelation of facts past, present, or future that were not learned through the efforts of the natural mind. It may be described as the Mind of Christ being manifested to the mind of the believer and is given when needed in a flash of time or moment. Like all gifts of the Spirit, the gift of the word of knowledge is conveyed as well as received by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Because of the prophetic nature of this gift and man's desire to know things beyond nature, false preachers have counterfeited it to deceive unsuspecting children of God. Men prefer to know the mind of God without having a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. Therefore, they seek this gift or whatever looks like it. We should note that no gift can replace the sure Word of God.

**Lesson Aim:** To understand the gift of the Word of Knowledge

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Examine the demonstration of the gift of the word of knowledge. (John 4:16-19, Acts 5:1-5, 2Kings 5:20-27, John 1:45-51, Acts 9:10-12, Acts 10:3-6,19)
2. Discuss ways by which a counterfeit of this gift is being used today to deceive people today.
3. Is your faith founded upon the Word of God?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; (1 Corinthians 12:8)*

June 12, 2022

**Focus:** REASONABLE SERVICE  
**Topic:** BABE IN CHRIST  
**Text:** Isaiah 28:9, Hebrews 5:11-14, Eph. 4:14, 1Cor 13:11, 1Tim 3:6  
**SONG:** Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart ...

### **Introduction**

When we became born again, we were born into God's family as newborns or babes in Christ. We were infants that needed to be cared for. The Lord then instructed us to drink milk so that we could grow out of infancy into adolescence, and then finally into adulthood. Sadly, however, some believers remain babes in Christ for all of their Christian journeys. *For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe (Heb. 5:13).*

Babes, therefore, are inexperienced at understanding deep spiritual truths and so cannot put God's Word to work effectively. For example, there are Christians who can only understand the message of repentance from sin because they still need to be reminded that sin is destructive. That is their level. If you teach them deeper truths about the mysteries of Christ, it may sound like fables to them. This is one sign of spiritual infancy.

**Lesson Aim:** To see the danger of remaining a babe in Christ and desire to mature.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Identify the Characteristics of a babe in Christ. (Hebrews 5:11-14, 1Corinthians 13:11)
2. Discuss the dangers and disadvantages of remaining a babe in Christ. (Ephesians 4:14, Isaiah 28:9, 1Timothy 3:6)
3. How can believers be maturing in Christ?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. (Hebrews 5:13)*



June 19, 2022

**Focus:** REASONABLE SERVICE

**Topic:** THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

**Text:** Matthew 24:14, 1Cor 1:23, Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 1:16, 15:19, 1Cor 1:17, Gal 1:6-12, 1Tim 1:11

**SONG:** He's coming back again ...

### **Introduction**

When the Gospel is not well understood, abuse and error are inevitable. Several believers struggle in their walk with God because of a faulty understanding of the Gospel. Some churches are built entirely on a faulty understanding of the true meaning and significance of the Gospel of the Kingdom. The word *gospel* means “good news,” so the gospel of Christ is the good news of His coming to forgive the sins of all who will believe (Colossians 1:14; Romans 10:9).

The Gospel of Christ is not merely a salvation message but the message of Christ and His Kingdom. Being saved is simply the entry into the Kingdom. In a nutshell, the Gospel is the message of how man was saved from his sinful nature, infused with the life of God, brought into the Kingdom of God to express the image and light of God on earth and have everlasting life.

**Lesson Aim:** To understand and believe the Gospel of Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Examine and discuss the scriptural meaning of the Gospel of Christ. (Matthew 28:19-20, Matthew 24:14, 1Corinthians 1:17, 1Corinthians 1:23, Romans 1:16, 1Timothy 1:11, Ephesians 6:15)
2. What are the possibilities and dangers of another gospel being preached in the church? (Galatians 1:6-12, 2Corinthians 11:4, Matthew 24:24, 1Timothy 4:1-3, Revelation 2:14-15)
3. Are you walking in the true Gospel of Christ?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. (Matthew 24:14)*

June 26, 2022

**Focus:** REASONABLE SERVICE  
**Topic:** REASONABLE SERVICE  
**Text:** Rom 12:1-2, John 6:28-29, 1Sam 15:22-23, John 21:15-17  
**SONG:** RH 582 Take my life and let it be

### **Introduction**

Man wants to serve God, but on his own terms and in his own way. This is, however, unacceptable to God. For any service to be acceptable to God, it must be on His own terms and in His own way. The attempt to depend on the strength of man is an abomination before God. God wants man to yield himself completely to Him through Jesus Christ, then He can do through man whatever He desires. It is the man that yields completely to God or through whom God can find a full expression that is truly serving Him.

Right from Genesis, God has shown that the way a man can serve Him is to bear the image and life of God. Serving God is not first a matter of running around for God, but being set apart for God. It is not about doing so much for God, but God doing so much through you. Any service not done in holiness is unacceptable to God.

**Lesson Aim:** To learn to serve God acceptably

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the requirements for acceptable service to God. (Rom 12:1-2, John 6:28-29, 1Sam 15:22-23, John 21:15-17)
2. Examine how God prepares man for acceptable service. (Ephesians 2:10, Matthew 4:18-20)
3. Are you serving God acceptably?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1)*

July 3, 2022

**Focus:** THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** SUFFERING AND COMFORT  
**Text:** 2CORINTHIANS 1  
**SONG:** RH 429 Onward Christian Soldiers

### **Introduction**

Second Corinthians is Paul's second biblical letter to the church he helped to establish in the Greek city of Corinth. Paul often begins his letters by expressing his thanks to God for his readers and God's work in their lives. This time, though, he begins by praising God for His comfort to those who experience afflictions. Those comforted by God can respond by comforting each other. Paul connects Christian suffering to Christ's suffering and connects comfort from God in that suffering to the comfort Christ received, as well.

Paul said that he delayed returning to Corinth most recently to spare them, likely meaning from the discipline he would have had to bring against them for their potential sinfulness. He and his co-workers did not want to lord their authority over the Corinthians. Instead, they preferred to be able to work with them for their joy and continued faithfulness (2 Corinthians 2:23-24).

**Lesson Aim:** To see the connection between suffering and comfort in Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the connection between suffering and consolation in Christ in relationship to the believers and Christ. (2Corinthians 1:3-7, 2Timothy 2:12, Romans 8:17)
2. Examine God's capacity to save from danger. (2Corinthians 1:8-10, 2Peter 2:9, Acts 14:19-23)
3. Are you comforting others with the comforts you have received?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:5)*

July 10, 2022

**Focus:** THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** DISCIPLINE AND LOVE  
**Text:** 2CORINTHIANS 2  
**SONG:** RH 412 O to be like thee

### **Introduction**

In this chapter, Paul explained the reason he delayed his return to Corinth from Macedonia. Paul did not know if the rest of the church would side with the man who had sinfully rejected his authority or would side with him and correct the man with some form of discipline. The Corinthians in fact, sided with Paul and against the man. Paul urged them now to end the punishment, to forgive and comfort the man, and to reaffirm their love for him.

Paul insisted that forgiveness must happen in each direction in order to keep them from being tricked by Satan (2 Corinthians 2:5–11). Paul insisted that only those who are truly Christians are sufficient to carry the aroma of Christ. He insisted he and his co-workers are not false apostles, but sincere and truthful men sent by God to deliver His message (2 Corinthians 2:14–17).

**Lesson Aim:** To learn to balance discipline and love in the church.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss how offenders should be treated in the church. (2Corinthians 2:6-11)
2. Examine the purposes of the grievous letter of Paul to the church in Corinth and how it relates to the church today. (2Corinthians 2:3,9, Revelation 3:19, Hebrews 12:6)
3. How do people corrupt the Word of God? (2Corinthians 2:17)

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him. (2 Corinthians 2:8)*

July 17, 2022

**Focus:** THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** NEW TESTAMENT MINISTERS  
**Text:** 2CORINTHIANS 3  
**SONG:** Am a new creature, am brand new man...

### **Introduction**

Eager for the Corinthians to understand that he was not promoting himself, Paul wanted them to look at themselves to validate his role as an apostle of Jesus Christ. Their own lives should serve as all the evidence they needed that Paul delivered not himself but Christ to them. After all, they have become living letters of recommendation for him and his co-workers. They were letters written by Christ with the Holy Spirit, instead of ink and printed on human hearts, instead of tablets (2 Corinthians 3:1-3).

The glory of the New Covenant of God's grace and forgiveness for sinners through faith in Christ far surpasses the glory revealed by the Old Covenant of the law. That old ministry of condemnation for sin was being brought to an end, while the ministry of righteousness received as a gift through Christ will go on forever. It reveals permanent glory (2 Corinthians 3:8-11).

**Lesson Aim:** To walk as ministers of the New Testament.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the characteristics of the Old and New testaments. (2Corinthians 3:6-15)
2. Why do people misinterpret the Old Testament? (2Corinthians 3:15-17, Colossians 2:16-17, Hebrews 10:1, Romans 8:1-4)
3. How are the believers changed into the likeness of Christ? (2Corinthians 3:18)

### **Memory Scripture:**

*But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Corinthians 3:18)*

July 24, 2022

**Focus:** THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** TREASURE IN US  
**Text:** 2CORINTHIANS 4  
**SONG:** I am fearfully made ...

### **Introduction**

The knowledge of Christ's glory as the image of God is a powerful treasure. Paul wrote that God has stored this priceless treasure in fragile jars, meaning himself and his friends. Paul wrote that they had been afflicted, perplexed, persecuted, and struck down, but they were not crushed, driven to despair, abandoned, or destroyed. They carried in themselves Christ's death in the sense that they suffered as He did and for His sake, but they also carried Christ's life as evidence that His power was at work in them (2 Corinthians 4:7-12).

Paul knew that God is the one who has given him the ministry of bringing the truth about Jesus to the world. It's not a position he deserved; it was his by God's mercy. Instead of manipulating God's Word, he and his partners stated it openly and invited others to openly evaluate their lives before God to see that they were acting with integrity (2 Corinthians 4:1-2).

**Lesson Aim:** To understand the great treasure the believer carries.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Explain the meaning of 'this treasure in earthen vessels'. (2Corinthians 4:1-7)
2. Examine the kind of challenges the believers are subject to and why it doesn't destroy them. (2Corinthians 4:8-17)
3. Are you looking at the things that are seen or unseen? (2Corinthians 4:18)

### **Memory Scripture:**

*For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. (2 Corinthians 4:5)*

July 31, 2022

**Focus:** THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** NEW CREATION IN CHRIST  
**Text:** 2CORINTHIANS 5  
**SONG:** Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

### **Introduction**

This passage began with Paul's honest description of the experience of life on this side of eternity. He calls our temporary bodies "tents." They are not meant to last forever and while we live in them, we groan in longing for our permanent home with God and eternal bodies. God has prepared eternal bodies for all who are in Christ and has given to them the Holy Spirit as a guarantee of what we will receive when this life is done (2 Corinthians 5:1-5).

Paul described his changed perspective. He now views every person as an eternal being and not merely "according to the flesh." That began when he learned Christ was more than just a man. Anyone who is in Christ becomes like Christ. That person is a new creation. The old version of who they were is gone, replaced by the new Christlike version (2 Corinthians 5:16-18). The old sinful life has been terminated and the new life of Christ is now in operation in such a life.

**Lesson Aim:** To have the New Creation perspective.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss how a believer is expected to live. (2Corinthians 5:14-16)
2. What is the ministry of reconciliation and in what ways should the believer go about it? (2Corinthians 5:17-21)
3. Discuss what it means to be groaning to be clothed with immortality? (2Corinthians 5:1-10)

### **Memory Scripture:**

*And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. (2 Corinthians 5:15)*

August 7, 2022

**Focus:** THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** THE TEMPLE OF GOD  
**Text:** 2CORINTHIANS 6  
**SONG:** He's coming back again ...

### **Introduction**

This chapter appealed to believers in Corinth not to receive God's grace in vain, insisting that the day of salvation has come. That "day," however, will not last forever. Eventually, Christ will return and the opportunity to receive God's gift will pass (2 Corinthians 6:1-2). Paul insisted that he and those who worked with him had not done or said anything that would have kept anyone from believing in Jesus. He commended their ministry to the Corinthians, giving them evidence to present to anyone who would accuse Paul of being false or having a hidden and self-serving agenda (2 Corinthians 6:3).

Paul commanded them not to be "unequally yoked" with unbelievers. He seemed to refer to contracted relationships that would bind a Christian to a non-Christian in some formal way. That certainly include marriage, as well as serious business or interpersonal ties. This doesn't forbid believers from ever associating with unbelievers (1 Corinthians 5:10), but from participating in relationships that would compel them to become same in outlook and behaviours as unbelievers, especially in areas involving idol worship.

**Lesson Aim:** To learn to walk worthy of the Lord.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Identify and discuss ways by which Paul demonstrated that he was a true minister of God. (2Corinthians 6:3-10)
2. What are the implications of being the Temple of God? (Corinthians 6:13-18)
3. What are the implications of being unequally yoked in any area of life?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? (2 Corinthians 6:14)*



August 14, 2022

**Focus:** THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** GODLY SORROW  
**Text:** 2CORINTHIANS 7  
**SONG:** Salvation to the Lord ...

### **Introduction**

Paul began the main theme of this chapter by returning to his plea with the Corinthians to make room in their hearts for him and his co-workers for the gospel. He declared again their innocence from any false accusations that they have wronged, corrupted, or taken advantage of those they minister to in Christ's name. Paul was quick to say, though, that he was not condemning the Corinthians. He had so much affection for them that he was ready to both die or live with them (2 Corinthians 7:2-3).

The reason for his abundant affection is that he had heard from Titus about their response to his letter of rebuke to them. That gave him great boldness to write to them in this way because he had been so comforted by Titus' report of his time with the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 7:4-9).

**Lesson Aim:** To differentiate Godly sorrow from worldly sorrow.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the testimony of Paul and his team. (2Corinthians 7:1-7)
2. Explain the difference between Godly sorrow and worldly sorrow. (2Corinthians 7:8-12)
3. Have you experienced the sorrow that leads to repentance?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus; (2 Corinthians 7:6)*

August 21, 2022

**Focus:** THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** SACRIFICING IN LOVE  
**Text:** 2CORINTHIANS 8  
**SONG:** Jesus shall be honoured ...

### **Introduction**

Having addressed the issue of his painful rebuke of the Corinthians and his joy at their repentance, Paul moves to a new topic: the collection of funds for suffering Christians in Jerusalem. The Corinthians had previously agreed to participate in contributing to this collection about a year earlier. Paul gave them instructions for how to do so in 1 Corinthians.

Paul pointed to the example of the churches in Macedonia. Though they were under the affliction of persecution and in extreme poverty, they begged Paul to be allowed to participate in the collection. Not only that, but they gave beyond their means to help the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem. They did this, Paul wrote, because they gave themselves to the Lord and then, by God's will, gave themselves to Paul's effort to raise these funds (2 Corinthians 8:1-6).

**Lesson Aim:** To learn vital lessons from the Macedonian churches.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What are the lessons the church today can take from the churches of Macedonia? (2Corinthians 8:1-5)
2. Discuss the principles of giving mentioned by Apostle Paul. (2Corinthians 8:11-12)
3. Are you honest in the sight of God and in the sight of men? (2Corinthians 8:21)

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. (2 Corinthians 8:21)*

August 28, 2022

**Focus:** THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** GIVING  
**Text:** 2CORINTHIANS 9  
**SONG:** Channels only

### **Introduction**

This chapter continued to urge Christians in the Corinthian church to follow through on their commitment. They had agreed to take part in a collection for suffering Christians in Jerusalem. Paul said he should not even need to write to them about the collection, which he called the "ministry for the saints" (2 Corinthians 9:1). Paul described why Christian giving matters both for believers and for the work of God. Christian giving is about the heart of the giver and brings spiritual gains that go far beyond the physical needs that might be met.

God wants Christians to do good works, and He will provide all that is needed to do so. God is the provider. He is the one who distributes freely to the poor. He provides both the seed and the bread. He uses generous believers to meet the needs of others, increasing the resources of those who give so that they can give more (2 Corinthians 9:10).

**Lesson Aim:** To learn the biblical principles for giving.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the principles of giving in the text. (2Corinthians 9:6-7)
2. Examine God's response to the giver. (2Corinthians 9:8-15)
3. Are you a generous giver?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (2 Corinthians 9:8)*

September 4, 2022

**Focus:** THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** SPIRITUAL WEAPONS  
**Text:** 2CORINTHIANS 10  
**SONG:** In the word of God, there is power...

### **Introduction**

Paul does not argue with the characterization that his letters were strong, compared to his conduct. Nor does he deny that he was not impressive in person. Instead, he began by pointing to the meekness and gentleness of Christ. In doing so, Paul suggested such traits should not be mistaken for weakness because Christ humbled himself to the point of death, but He was not weak. Along those lines, Paul begged the Corinthians not to make him show how bold he could be in person when he next comes to visit them. He was prepared to be brash with those who accused him of a lack of integrity (1 Corinthians 10:1-2).

Paul refused to join in a game of trading boasts with those who challenged him. Instead, he would boast in the Lord. The Corinthians, of all people, should know that Paul has the Lord's approval and that matters most of all (2 Corinthians 10:17).

**Lesson Aim:** To understand the mighty weapons available to the believers.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss what it means to war in the flesh. (2Chronicles 32:8, 2Corinthians 10:3)
2. Examine the weapons of the children of God. (Matthew 16:19, John 14:13-14, Romans 12:20, Luke 6:27-31)
3. What kind of weapon are you deploying in the battles of life?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (2 Corinthians 10:3)*

September 11, 2022

**Focus:** THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** LIGHT AFFLICTIONS  
**Text:** 2CORINTHIANS 11  
**SONG:** I have victory ...

### **Introduction**

Paul wondered if one reason the Corinthians were so easily led astray by the false "super-apostles" was that he refused to take money from them for his own needs. He did so to keep anyone from being able to accuse him of having false motives in serving them. They seemed to think that his working with his hands and taking money from others was an insult to them and diminished his status in their eyes (2 Corinthians 11:4–8).

In the end, Paul agreed he was boasting about all the things that showed his weakness, including his very first escape from a royal death sentence for declaring that Christ is the Son of God in a Damascus synagogue. As Paul would show in the following chapter, Christ's power is made perfect in the weakness of his servants (2 Corinthians 11:30–33).

**Lesson Aim:** To have heavenly perspective of our challenges.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Examine some of the problems and challenges that Paul called light affliction. (2Corinthians 11:23-33)
2. What does it mean to glory in infirmities and why does Paul glory only in his infirmities? (2Corinthians 11:30)
3. Are you getting discouraged because of the little challenges in your life?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. (2 Corinthians 11:15)*

September 18, 2022

**Focus:** THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** GLORYING IN INFIRMITIES  
**Text:** 2 CORINTHIANS 12  
**SONG:** Follow follow follow ...

### **Introduction**

This chapter continued with Paul refuting the attacks of false apostles, who were working to lead the Corinthians away from Christ. Judging by the context, these deceivers might have captivated their audience with tales of wild supernatural experiences. Instead of claiming to be better than the false apostles, he mostly just used the sarcasm of his suffering for Christ. Now Paul says he will "boast" about visions and revelations of the Lord.

Paul asked if they have any evidence at all that he or Titus or any of his messengers ever took advantage of them. Of course, they did not (2 Corinthians 12:16–18). Finally, Paul reminded them they were not his judge. Realistically, Paul was in a better position to judge them, as an apostle of Christ. He was concerned that when he would return to visit them, he would find some still taking part as ongoing and unrepentant sinners (2 Corinthians 12:19–21).

**Lesson Aim:** To learn to glory in infirmities.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss Paul's reason for glorying in infirmities. (2 Corinthians 12:1-10)
2. Examine Paul's attitude towards sin in the church. (2 Corinthians 12:21)
3. How should a child of God love? (2 Corinthians 12:15)

### **Memory Scripture:**

*And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved. (2 Corinthians 12:15)*

September 25, 2022

**Focus:** THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** DEALING WITH SIN  
**Text:** 2CORINTHIANS 13  
**SONG:** RH 113 Holy holy holy

### **Introduction**

The last chapter of 2Corinthians opens with an ominous warning from Paul. He warned them on his previous visit, and warns the Corinthians once more, that he won't be lenient with those found to be unrepentant sinners. Two categories of sin were named at the end of chapter 12: division and immorality. The congregation's desire for proof that Christ was speaking through Paul would be fully satisfied if he must exercise Christ's judgment on any of them for sin. They would see that, though Paul may be weak, Christ would be powerful among them through him (2 Corinthians 13:1-4).

Paul concluded the letter by urging the Corinthians to rejoice, strive for restoration, encourage each other, and live in peace. They were assured the God of love and peace would be with them. Paul also offered greetings from other believers. His final prayer for them was for specific blessings from each of the three members of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:11-14).

**Lesson Aim:** To examine ourselves and be in ready state before the Lord returns.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss Paul's charge to the church to examine themselves. (2Corinthians 13:1-5)
2. Examine Paul's final charge to the church in Corinth (2Corinthians 13:11-13)
3. Have you repented of your sins?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? (2 Corinthians 13:5)*

October 2, 2022

**Focus:** THE LIFE OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** HIS CHILDHOOD  
**Text:** Luke 2:39-52  
**SONG:** Sweet Jesus, sweet Jesus ...

### **Introduction**

Unlike the first Adam who came into being as an adult, Jesus Christ came into the world as a baby. The Lord God, being gracious, allowed us to have a glimpse of His childhood. We should note that God starts great things very small. God will allow everyone to grow into His purpose in life. Just like the parents of Jesus, many have become careless in life because they see the little things, and not the goal in the heart of the Father.

At twelve, Jesus Christ was far ahead of the doctors of the law of His time, yet the Father didn't launch Him into ministry but allowed Him to grow. God doesn't endanger anyone's life by a premature introduction to ministry. He allows His children to grow and mature before He introduces them into His work. Taking advantage of the gift of God in children to use them for ministry is not biblical. The child must be protected and allowed to grow before introduction to ministry work.

**Lesson Aim:** To learn from the childhood and growth process of Christ

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the pattern of growth in the life of Jesus in relation to how every child should grow. (Luke 2:40,52)
2. Examine the mistake of the parents of Jesus. (Luke 2:41-49)
3. Comment on the submissive life and growth of Christ. (Luke 2:51)

### **Memory Scripture:**

*And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? (Luke 2:49)*



October 9, 2022

**Focus:** THE LIFE OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** HIS HUMILITY  
**Text:** Matthew 26:47-50, Philippians 2:5-11, John 13:3-5  
**SONG:** It is good to serve the Lord ...

### **Introduction**

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the perfect example of humility. He made Himself humble from a height no one had ever reached nor would ever reach. We will never comprehend the humility of Christ because we do not know what it means for God to become a man. Though He is God, He walked among ordinary men and made them His friends. His mission to save man from sin became possible because of His humility. We should also note that Jesus humbled Himself; humility was not forced on Him.

Christ was so humble on the inside to the point that they could not identify Him among His disciples with any outward attire. There was the need for one of His disciples to help identify Him. One would have thought that Jesus Christ would have differentiated Himself from His disciples by wearing clothes that reveal who was the boss. However, Jesus was not in any way different outwardly from His disciples. Anyone who wants to follow Jesus Christ must receive the grace for such humility that comes from the inner life.

**Lesson Aim:** To learn and live in humility as Christ did.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Examine the deliberate humble decisions Jesus Christ made and what a child of God should learn from this. (Philippians 2:5-11)
2. Discuss the import of Jesus Christ washing the feet of disciples. (John 13:3-5)
3. Why did they need Judas to identify Jesus Christ? (Matthew 26:47-50)

### **Memory Scripture:**

*If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. (John 13:14)*

October 16, 2022

**Focus:** THE LIFE OF CHRIST

**Topic:** HIS MEAKNESS

**Text:** Matthew 11:29, Matthew 27:12-14, Matthew 26:51-54, Isaiah 53:7, 2Corinthians 10:1, 1Peter 2:23, Numbers 12:3

**SONG:** I put my hand in you o Lord ...

### **Introduction**

Meekness, which tends to simply be replaced with such words as gentleness or humility, has a much deeper meaning. It refers to actively and deliberately accepting undesirable circumstances because the individual sees them as part of a larger picture. The meek person seems to others as vulnerable because they patiently endure negative experiences with hope. It is a combination of righteousness, deep humility and high level of patience that becomes recognized when the meek person is vindicated and rewarded by God for their patient endurance. (Psalm 22:26, 37:11, Matthew 5:5, Zephaniah 2:3). It is not docility or tameness. Neither is it deficiency in courage nor weakness. Rather, it is an inner attribute that is deeply rooted. Jesus Christ said of Himself that He is meek and lowly (Matthew 11:29). Jesus had the power to defend Himself and call on a legion of angels to defend Him against the Pharisee and Roman oppression, but allowed God to defend Him His way and at His time.

Jesus Christ is the perfect example of meekness. He testified boldly to this and demonstrated it for everyone to see. He was not helpless when he was arrested. He had all it took to defend himself when false witnesses rose against Him. He was not powerless when he was tortured and killed by crucifixion. He refrained from using His power, but looked up to God to do whatever He pleases with His life.

**Lesson Aim:** To learn to walk in the meekness of Christ and walk in it.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Examine the attributes of meekness in the life of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 26:51-54, Matthew 27:12-14, 1Peter 2:23, Isaiah 53:7)
2. Why did Paul use the meekness of Christ to beg the church in Corinth? (2Corinthians 10:1)
3. Is your life reflecting the meekness of Christ?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you: (2 Corinthians 10:1)*

October 23, 2022

**Focus:** THE LIFE OF CHRIST

**Topic:** HIS LOWLINESS

**Text:** Matthew 11:29, Psalm 131:1, Zechariah 9:9, Acts 4:13, Matthew 19:13-15, Eph. 4:2, Phil. 2:3

**SONG:** Lord I want to be like Jesus ...

### **Introduction**

According to Matthew 11:29, Christ has the virtue of lowliness: "I am... lowly in heart." To be lowly means not to esteem oneself highly. It implies not to mind high things. The choice of His parents reveals the lowliness of the mind of the Lord. The circumstance of His birth is also a pointer to His lowliness. He was born in the most ordinary way to lowly parents. He did not grow up in the palace even though God could easily arrange a palace to raise him, but chose for Him a lowly environment. Jesus chose to identify with the common people, though he had in Him supreme royalty. A joint-heir with Jesus has this same choice to make just as their Master did.

He walked with ordinary unschooled men and was not ashamed to ride on a donkey when He could easily have used a chariot. From the time of His birth to the time of His death on the cross He was completely perfect, He was innocent of all wrong; He was sinless; and yet, He still willingly received the punishment of a sinner.

**Lesson Aim:** To learn to be lowly as Christ

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss what it means to be lowly. (Psalm 131:1, Zechariah 9:9, Acts 4:13, Matthew 19:13-15, Matthew 11:29 KJV)
2. Examine the instructions of the Scripture to believers with regards to lowliness. (Ephesians 4:2, Philippians 2:3, Psalm 138:6, Proverbs 3:34, Proverbs 16:19, Proverbs 11:2 KJV)
3. Are you walking in lowliness of heart?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (Matthew 11:29)*

October 30, 2022

**Focus:** THE LIFE OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** HIS LOVE  
**Text:** John 13:34, John 3:16, John 13:1, Ephesians 5:25-27  
**SONG:** Jesus loves me this I know ...

### **Introduction**

The phrase “love of Christ,” as opposed to “love for Christ,” refers to the love that He has toward mankind. We can briefly state his love as His willingness to act in our best interest, especially in meeting our greatest need, even though it cost Him everything and even though we were the least worthy of such love. Though Christ Jesus, being God in nature, existed from the beginning of time with God the Father (John 1:1) and the Holy Spirit, He willingly left His throne (John 1:1-14) to become a man, that He might pay the penalty for our sin so that we would not have to pay for it for all eternity in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15).

This love, which He demonstrated toward us on the cross is just the beginning. When we place our trust in Him as our Savior, He makes us God’s children, co-heirs with Himself! He comes to dwell within us through the Holy Spirit, promising that He will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5-6).

**Lesson Aim:** To understand the love of Christ towards us and walk in it.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Describe how Jesus Christ loves the world and the believer. (John 15:12-13, John 13:34, John 3:16, John 13:1, Ephesians 5:25-27)
2. Discuss the way the believers are expected to love. (John 15:12-13, Ephesians 5:25-28)
3. Are you walking in Christ kind of love?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)*

November 6, 2022

**Focus:** THE LIFE OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** HIS OBEDIENCE  
**Text:** Hebrews 5:8, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:39-42  
**SONG:** When we walk with the Lord ...

### **Introduction**

In taking on the mind of Christ, we are to follow His example of obedience to the will of the Father. Jesus chose to obey the Father. He was not compelled to be obedient, but he willingly submitted His will to the will of the Father. Every child of God must emulate the obedient life of Jesus Christ. Our Lord has set for us an example of how to wait in obedience.

Paul tells us to have the mind of Christ: the mind that sees obedience to God as of highest importance. Out of love, Jesus came to earth to be a servant and to obey the Father's plan, even to the point of death and separation from God. When sweat came out of Him like drops of blood in the garden and He prayed that the cup of death on the cross would pass from Him, He asked that the Father's will be done. And He followed through in obedience, trusting that God's plan was best.

**Lesson Aim:** To learn to walk in obedience like Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss how Christ walked in obedience. (Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:39-42)
2. How did Christ learn obedience? (Hebrews 5:8)
3. Are you walking in obedience to the Lord?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (Philippians 2:8)*

November 13, 2022

**Focus:** THE LIFE OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** HIS PRAYER LIFE  
**Text:** Mark 1:35, Luke 6:12, Matthew 26:36-44, John 17:1  
**SONG:** Prayer is the key...

### **Introduction**

Prayer was essential in Jesus' life. Through prayer, he achieved a unity of action and purpose with God. His longing to know the mind and feel the heart of God drove him to open his life to God through prayer. Luke's portrait of Jesus reveals one whose thoughts, words, and actions were born out of prayer. Jesus taught his disciples to pray and urged them to be persistent. Prayer, he taught them, was the way of the Kingdom of God.

The study of Jesus' prayer life and readiness to adopt it will deepen our own prayer practices. Jesus prayed because he believed God loved him and would hear Him. He found his identity in God. The more Jesus prayed, the more he understood God and himself. The study of Jesus' prayer life reveals to whom we pray, how to pray, when to pray, and what to expect from prayer.

**Lesson Aim:** To understand and emulate the prayer life of Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Examine and discuss the prayer life of Christ. (Mark 1:35, Luke 6:12, Matthew 26:36-44)
2. Highlight lessons for the believers in this prayer of Christ. (John 17)
3. Is your prayer life patterned after Christ? Take deliberate steps to attend to your deficiencies.

### **Memory Scripture:**

*And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. (Mark 1:35)*

November 20, 2022

**Focus:** THE LIFE OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** HIS MERCY  
**Text:** Luke 23:34, Matthew 9:13, Matthew 20:30-34  
**SONG:** The steadfast love of the Lord ...

### **Introduction**

Mercy is defined as a divine act of favour and benevolence that includes feelings and acts of sympathy, kindness, forgiveness, and love. The scriptures show that mercifulness is one of the Savior's supernal qualities. Jesus taught, "Blessed are the merciful" (Matthew 5:7), and "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36). Jesus Christ teaches nothing He doesn't do or personal. His entire mission to save humanity was a mission of mercy. If God had left humankind to perish, He would have been justified, but Christ, filled with mercy, died for sinners who do not deserve mercy.

Our capacity for mercy is often brought forth when we realize the unusual and distressing circumstances of others. Jesus Christ demonstrated an infinite capacity for mercy. While He walked among men, He did nothing for show but acted always in mercy. Even when He was brutally murdered, He was merciful to His killer.

**Lesson Aim:** To learn to be merciful as the Father in Heaven is merciful

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss how Christ demonstrated mercy towards the people that crucified Him. (Luke 23:34)
2. Explain how mercy played a key role in the opening of the eyes of the blind men. (Matthew 20:30-34)
3. How important is mercy to God? (Matthew 9:13)

### **Memory Scripture:**

*But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. (Matthew 9:13)*

November 27, 2022

**Focus:** THE LIFE OF CHRIST

**Topic:** HIS COMPASSION

**Text:** Matthew 9:35, Matthew 14:14, Matthew 15:32, Matthew 20:34, Mark 1:41, Luke 7:13

**SONG:** The steadfast love of the Lord ...

### **Introduction**

"He was moved with compassion" (Matthew 9:36). This is said of Christ Jesus several times in the New Testament. As God incarnate, Christ flawlessly reflected his Father's nature, not only the divine holiness but the divine heart. Surrounded as He was with a world in the grip of sin, the heart of Jesus went out in feeling of empathy and affection. When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd (Matthew 9:6). To this Mark 6:34 adds that he began to teach them many things.

Gently, without judgment, Jesus tried to strengthen the weak and ignite their faith. One Old Testament text he continued to emphasize was Hosea 6:6, where God said, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings". The controlling attitude and behaviour in this born-again society was to be compassionate, demonstrate love in action, and to provide caring concern for others, all of which were modelled by Jesus himself.

**Lesson Aim:** To imbibe the compassionate nature of God.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the response of Jesus when he sees a multitude vis a vis the ministers of our time. (Matthew 9:35, Matthew 14:14, Matthew 15:32)
2. What is the motive behind the healing and miracles of Christ? (Matthew 20:34, Mark 1:41, Luke 7:13)
3. Mention some of the wrong motives for healing, miracles or helping others.
4. What's the motive behind your act of kindness?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. (Matthew 14:14)*



December 4, 2022

**Focus:** THE LIFE OF CHRIST

**Topic:** HIS HONESTY

**Text:** Luke 18:18-24, Luke 13:1-5, John 3:1-5, John 5:30, Matthew 7:21, Matthew 12:46-50

**SONG:** Worthy worthy is the Lamb that was slain ...

### **Introduction**

The Scripture has rightly portrayed Jesus Christ as merciful. Yet, Jesus doesn't shy away from telling anyone the truth. He doesn't flatter as He confronts everyone with the truth about their lives. He is not so compassionate that He won't confront men with their sin and the judgment of God. When a crowd gathered to stone a woman caught in adultery to death, He simply asked anyone innocent among them to throw the first stone. He made merchants at the synagogue, Pharisees, Sadducees, rulers of the synagogue, people of Jerusalem and His disciples to the truth in His word with them all.

Jesus said that He chastises anyone He loves. His kind of love and mercy doesn't remove discipline. Christ is very honest and truthful to everyone seeking to have eternal life and reign with Him in His Kingdom. He meant everything He said and wasn't selective in speaking the truth. Believers must emulate Jesus in His disposition to love in honesty.

**Lesson Aim:** To learn to be honest as Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the honesty of Christ as shown in the following text. (Luke 18:18-24, Luke 13:1-5, John 3:1-5, Matthew 7:21, Matthew 12:46-50)
2. How can we balance love and honesty? (Mark 10:17-22, Ephesians 4:25)
3. Are you as honest as Christ?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. (Mark 10:21)*

December 11, 2022

**Focus:** THE LIFE OF CHRIST

**Topic:** HIS FRIENDLINESS

**Text:** John 15:15, Matthew 26:48-50, John 11:11, James 2:23, James 4:4, Luke 12:4, Proverbs 17:17, Proverbs 18:24, Proverbs 27:6

**SONG:** There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus

### **Introduction**

If Jesus was to be bossy, it would be His right. If He treated His disciples like slaves with no rights, it would still have been a great honour to be the slave of Christ. Jesus treated His disciples as friends. He was friendly rather than bossy. He revealed His ways to them and showed them all that He was doing. Jesus Christ is the perfect example of a genuine friend.

The authenticity of Christ's friendliness was demonstrated when Judas Iscariot was going to betray Him. Jesus Christ called Judas His friend. We are sure that Christ does not flatter. So calling Judas a friend is a genuine reflection of the heart of Christ. Even in the face of betrayal, Jesus maintained a genuine friendship with his betrayal. He never disgraced Judas Iscariot although he was stealing, he only gave repeated warnings to the person to betray Him.

**Lesson Aim:** To be as friendly as Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Examine the friendly attributes of Christ. (John 15:15, Matthew 26:48-50, John 11:11, Luke 12:4)
2. Discuss the attributes of a good friend. (Proverbs 17:17, Proverbs 18:24, Proverbs 27:6)
3. How can a man be a friend of God? (James 2:23, James 4:4)

### **Memory Scripture:**

*And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. (James 2:23)*

December 18, 2022

**Focus:** THE LIFE OF CHRIST  
**Topic:** HIS HONOUR  
**Text:** John 5:41-44, John 8:50, 54, John 12:26, John 4:44  
**SONG:** You are worthy Lord ...

### **Introduction**

There is no man more honourable than Jesus Christ among men who have walked or will ever walk this earth. Jesus Christ deserves all glory and honour. He is the only one qualified to be honoured and glorified, yet He did not seek to be honoured. Jesus never sought the honour of men. He only sought to please the Father and do the will of Him (God) that sent Him. It is humbling to know that Jesus never bothered about the honour of men but sought the honour that comes from God only.

A major problem among men is seeking to be honoured by men. Unfortunately, believers also fall into this temptation of seeking the honour of men. Some preachers even make it a doctrine, teaching that people can only have what they need in life if they honour such 'men of God'. Some of God's children cannot labour in His vineyard except men notice or mention them. Such mindset is not of Christ and must be renewed to reflect the mind of Christ.

**Lesson Aim:** To seek only the honour that comes from God.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the attitude of Christ to honour. (John 5:41-44, John 8:50, 54, John 12:26,)
2. What are the implications of a prophet not having honour in his own country? (John 4:44)
3. Are you seeking the honour of men or the honour that comes from God?

### **Memory Scripture:**

*How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? (John 5:44)*

December 25, 2022

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