



STUDY GUIDE

PART TWO: What Does it Mean to Have Faith?

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1. Can you think of something you believed 30 years ago, but no longer?

30 YEARS AFTER JESUS "LEFT", PETER _____
STILL BELIEVED

JESUS' MESSAGE WAS EXTREMELY _____
DISRUPTIVE

JESUS' NEW WORLDVIEW CAME WITH 3 DISRUPTIVE NARRATIVES

A. _____
IGNORED RELIGIOUS PROTOCOL

B. _____
CLAIMED TO HAVE THE POWER TO FORGIVE SIN

C. _____
UNCOMFORTABLY COMFORTABLE WITH UNREPENTANT SINNERS

JESUS REMOVED _____ TO GOD
3 OBSTACLES



Pastor Andy teaches that a few hundred years later, the church put them back in. This certainly should cause us some self-examination. Some great questions for us would be:

Do we always accept and follow religious protocol that has been passed to us or do we constantly seek clarity?

Do we fully accept that we are forgiven or still live in the shadow (carry the baggage) of something in our past?

How do we treat people who don't identify as Christian (or those who do, but have visible sin i.e. addiction, habits?)

PERFECT FAITH IS THIS:

_____ JESUS CAN, _____ THAT HE WILL
CONFIDENT HOPEFUL

MARK1:40-45 *A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed. Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.*

2. What is the significance that Jesus instructed the leper to follow Mosaic Law (go get cleansed), but did not follow the law Himself?

3. Religious teaching back then was that sin always results in sickness. How is this old belief still with us today?

PASTOR ANDY HAS GIVEN US A GREAT NAME FOR THE WORLDVIEW MANY OF US HAVE

IT'S CALLED A _____
GENESIS WORLDVIEW

GENESIS WORLDVIEW: *Bad events happen to everyone in life and are not the result of God zapping us one-on-one. Bad experiences are just the reality of living in this post-Genesis fallen world.*

4. Have you ever seen or known someone and "decided" that person would never be interested in Jesus? How does the story of Matthew's calling help us think better about people like that?

ANSWERS:

1. Personal answer. (Most of us change some of our beliefs as we grow older and wiser.)
2. We're witnessing His very purposeful transition from Old Testament Law to the New Covenant that Jesus brought.
3. How often do we hear "Karma" or "What goes around, comes around"? This idea is still very strong in our culture. It's not always connected to God, but even some believers who say they have a Genesis Worldview still lean toward this.
4. Matthew, so rich, highly educated, successful and seemingly calloused would seem to be unreachable. We never know and therefore should never count anyone out.