

Not I But Christ **Study Guide**

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Matthew 28:18-20
Galatians 2:20

Not I But Christ Study Guide – Lesson 1

A note from the developer of this Study Guide:

Before you begin this study, the first thing you should obviously do is read the book *Not I, But Christ*. The point of the book is not to complete a bible study. The point of the book is for the Holy Spirit to bring to your heart a revelation of Jesus Christ as your life. Simply going through the mechanics of completing a bible study may give you a sense of satisfaction in completing another bible study, but that in and of itself will never give you a revelation of Jesus Christ. I labor this point to stress the importance of allowing the Spirit of God to do His work in you. Please resist the temptation to make this just another bible study. Please take time to read the book prayerfully and thoughtfully, and then go back through and do the study, either individually or in a group. God bless you!

PART 1

Introduction and Overview

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11. Consider the following statements; "*living your life radically for Christ*" versus "*Christ Himself living in and through you.*" Which one of these concepts is actually foreign to the gospel?

You living for Christ [] foreign [] not foreign

Christ living in you [] foreign [] not foreign

Reflect on the enormous difference between these two concepts.

12. It is not about self-improvement it is about _____.

13. It is the _____ of one life and nature and its _____ with Another - the divine life and nature of Christ.

14. It is not about an *imitation* of His life, but rather an _____ of His life.

15. Read the following verses:

Galatians 2:20 and Romans 6:6. What happens to YOUR life in these verses?

Ephesians 3:19 and Galatians 4:19. Who is to fill us and be formed in us?

2Corinthians 5:17 and Ephesians 4:24. What is the key word describing us in these?

16. **Read John 6:63 and Romans 7:18.** Can our flesh become spiritual? _____

Read Isaiah 64:6. How does God view OUR righteous deeds? _____

If I discipline my flesh and it behaves very spiritual does it become spiritual? _____

17. **Read John 15:4 and Romans 7:4.** Think about a vine and its branches. The branch produces fruit because the branch is abiding in and joined to the vine? How is it that we produce fruit, is it because we work hard to produce fruit for God or because we are abiding in and joined to Christ? _____

Of course, we are not becoming Jesus! The branch does not become the vine. But it is grafted into a joyful participation with the life of the vine, so that THE ONE Life (Christ) can have expression in and through the many branches (us, His body).

Christianity is not about many people *imitating* one Life, it is about *manifesting* one Life through many. The gospel is then much more than me now having the power of the Holy Spirit to imitate the life and behavior of Jesus. The gospel is that the very life of Jesus is now formed in me and has become my life, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and that life of Jesus in me will be manifest through me and through the many others who are His body in the earth.

18. Read Colossians 2:23 and Galatians 4:19.

What is of no value against fleshly indulgence? _____

Who is it that Paul is praying be formed in the believer? _____

The gospel then is the good news that the cross has brought about an exchange of life, wherein *we can partake* of His life for salvation from sin and death, *but also abide in that life, walk in that life, live by that life*, and thereby *manifest* the glorious life of Jesus Christ—and not simply our own.

We all know that Christ lives in our heart. That's not a news-flash to any of us. It's generally one of the first things that we learn as Christians. But there is a huge difference between knowing He is there or even experiencing His presence there, and *walking by that life...abiding in that life...becoming an expression of that life*.

Yes, of course Christ lives in you if you're born again. And it's wonderful to feel Him there and experience His presence through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. But as the Lord begins to open our eyes, we begin to see that walking by that Life and expressing that Life is something altogether different. So as Paul says in **Galatians 5:25** "*if you live by the Spirit, so too let us walk by the Spirit*".

Think of it this way: I am completely forgiven through the cross, but the cross does not bring me life, it brings me to the *end of MY life*. It is through the resurrection that I am made alive, but the only way I can come to resurrection is to be crucified with Christ...to by faith give up my life that I may, in exchange, receive His.

19. According to **Galatians 5:25**, how do you live? _____

And if we live by the Spirit, we should also _____ by the Spirit.

Read the Farmer parable.

20. Who is the seed? _____. Who is the soil? _____

21. What are we called in **1Corinthians 3:9**? _____

22. Is the ground formed in the seed, or the seed formed in the ground?

23. Therefore, does the seed exist for the ground or does the ground exist for the seed?

24. What does the soil do apart from the seed? _____

25. How do we receive the spiritual seed? _____

26. Is it the soil working to make the seed grow? If not, what causes the seed to grow?

27. Who brings an increase of the seed, us and our hard work, or God's Holy Spirit power?

Read the Car Parable.

28. What is the Father after? _____

Other questions or comments from Lesson 1.

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Part 2: The Eternal Purpose

Now that we have a broad overview of our topic, let's dive a little deeper by looking at God's eternal purpose. If we are confused about God's ultimate purpose for creation, then we will inevitably be confused about our role in that purpose. In other words, if we begin with the wrong presuppositions, we will certainly come to the wrong conclusions.

1. **Read Romans 5:14.** What does this scripture say that Adam is? He is a _____ of Him to come.
2. Who is Adam a type of? _____
3. Define the word "type." _____

4. **Read Genesis 1:24-25.** According to the scripture God created each thing according to _____ . And God saw that it was _____.
5. **Read Genesis 2:18 and 20.** God's intention in creation was that everything on earth would bring an increase of its own kind. Why did God say it is not good that man should be alone? _____

6. **Read Genesis 2:21-24.** How did God solve the problem of man being alone?

7. If Adam is a type of Christ, who is Eve a type of? _____
8. **Read Ephesians 5:30-33.** Based on these scriptures in Ephesians and Genesis, what was God revealing to us through Adam and Eve and the relationship between husband and wife? _____

9. Consider how God made Eve, where Eve was formed from and whose life Eve came from and possessed. How does that foreshadow the church...where does the church

come from and whose life does the church possess? _____

*“All this points to God desiring to bring forth an increase of Christ—a greater manifestation and expression of His only begotten Son...And that is God’s plan for our life. That is His eternal purpose—that we would have Christ formed in us (**Galatians 4:19**)—that we “would attain to the full stature of Christ” (**Ephesians 4:13**). As we said in the first session, the Father is looking for a harvest of His Incorruptible Seed through us, the soil. (**1 Corinthians 3:9**)*

And so, in fulfillment of this type in the Garden of Eden, God takes His Son, pierces His side, puts Him to death, and takes His very life and imparts it into us. And He says “bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh”. And He calls us the body of Christ, just as He called both Eve and Adam by one name. He calls us one body with Christ. He calls us sons of God. He sees us together with Christ. He sees us joined to him in union. He calls us partakers of the divine nature. He calls us the wife of the Lamb.*

There are many today who talk about the Bride of Christ and how she is loved by the Bridegroom. That is great, but what is often missed is how that bride comes forth, and what is her kind. And if you fail to comprehend her kind—how she came forth, of what seed she is—you will miss the nature of the relationship, and you will miss the cross. Out of Adam, from his very life, came the partner. His life was used to make her. His life dwelled within her. She was his kind because she shared his life. The two were bone of bone and flesh of flesh. That is what this story shows us. The bride would partake of his life, and thereby bring forth the increase of his kind.”

10. Read Genesis 2:21-24 and Ephesians 5:30-32 again. Do these phrases from scripture; “bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh...members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones” take on new meaning and change the way you understand your own salvation? If so, how? _____

For me, these truths began to open my eyes to the reality of *Christ living in me* and through me instead of *me living for Christ*. There is a vast difference in the fact that I am born again from Christ and in Christ who is now literally my life, as opposed to me trying to live my life with Christ and for Christ, attempting to imitate His life through my own life. God does not want us to imitate the life of His Son, He wants to impart the life of His Son in us. He makes us ground that will possess, manifest, and multiply the life of His Son...for His life is the only life that is acceptable to the Father.

11. Read Ephesians 4:10. What is the purpose of Christ ascending...? _____

There is the goal of God—to give His life to a people, in order for that life to be formed in them and expressed through them—that Christ might fill all things, not that we might try to imitate Christ in all things.

12. Write the definition of imitation. _____

13. Discuss the difference between imitating Christ with our own life and Christ true life filling us and replacing our own life. _____

14. **Read Matthew 13:24-30, 36-42.** This is the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares. How does this parable relate to imitating the life of Christ versus actually possessing His life?

It is interesting to note that the tares were a grassy weed called darnel. Darnel is almost indistinguishable from wheat until it fully matures at time of harvest. It is by their fruit that the difference is made known.

15. **Read Matthew 7:15-20.** Jesus is using trees as an illustration.
What determines the kind of tree that will grow? _____
What determines the fruit? _____
How do you know a tree? _____

16. Let's think back to the Parable of the Farmer in Part 1. In that parable who is the seed? _____
_____. Who is the ground? _____

17. **According to Jesus in Matthew 7:15-20,** what determines the kind of fruit a tree will produce? _____
Can one kind of tree produce a fruit that is different than its own kind? _____
If you are born of the Seed who is Christ, what does the scripture promise you will produce in your life? _____

18. **Read John 12:23-26.** What is Jesus revealing to us by using the illustration of a single seed going into the ground to die? _____

Let's go verse by verse and look at what Jesus is revealing to us in John 12:23-26.

Verse 23: Read John 15:8 and compare how the Father and Jesus might share glory.

When we talk about ground, seed, and harvest it is all about the _____.

Verse 24: Through the death of the seed, is the kind of life that comes from that seed falling into the ground the same kind of life as that seed? _____

Verse 25: Read Mark 8:35. Like Jesus, what must we be willing to do? _____

Verse 26: When Jesus said; "*If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also*" what do you think He was speaking of? _____

He tells his disciples that this one Seed is going into the earth (death, burial) and it will die. But when it comes forth from the earth (resurrection), it will bring forth a harvest of the same kind - the one seed bringing forth many of the same kind - the one Seed coming forth into an even greater expression.

Other questions or comments from Lesson 2.

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The Fall of Man

In the previous section, we looked at God's eternal purpose for creation. Now I want to take a fresh look at the fall of man.

We are all aware that Adam and Eve sinned and that their transgression had great effects. But, before we go any further, it is essential for us to answer this question; did the fall of man change God's eternal purpose? _____.

1. **Read Revelation 13:8.** How does this verse describe Jesus the Lamb of God?

What does this description reveal about the eternal purpose of God? _____

Read Genesis 2:9 and 16-17 and Genesis 3:2-5.

2. What were the only trees named in the Genesis account of creation?

The tree of _____ and

The tree of the _____

3. What was the choice God was giving Adam and Eve in the garden; was it about food or was it about life? _____

4. Describe the way of life Adam and Eve chose as a result of eating from the forbidden tree. _____

5. In eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil whose life was Adam choosing to live from, his own or God's? _____.

Read Genesis 3:22-25.

6. Can we eat from the tree of life today? _____. (Remember those cherubim).

7. Do we have a choice of which tree we eat from today? _____.

8. In eating from the Tree of Life, whose life do we choose to live from? _____

9. When we try to live FOR God instead of simply abiding IN God's life, what tree are we living from? _____
10. When we are living from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we are trying to "be like God" and thus live _____ of God based on what we know to be good and evil.
11. All religion is simply an attempt to " _____ " through the modification our behavior. Even Christianity is dead religion without the _____ and _____ of Christ's life.

Read Genesis 1:26-27 and 5:1-3

12. In whose image was man created in the beginning? _____
13. In whose image was Adams' first child born? _____
14. What happened between Genesis 1:26 and Genesis 5:3 that caused man to be changed from God's image to man's own image? _____
15. Today when men are born into the world through natural birth, whose image and nature are they born with? _____

Read Romans 5:12-14

16. In explaining the doctrine of original sin, would you explain it as something I do, or something I am? _____
17. If all men did not sin according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, how is God fair in condemning all men as sinful under Adam? _____

18. Is our sinfulness based on our behavior or our nature? _____
19. When Adam reproduced, whose nature did he reproduce? _____

Read Genesis 3:4-7

20. What did Adam and Eve attempt to do after their sin? _____

21. What does man still attempt to cover his sinfulness with, though he is unsuccessful?

22. What do we call man's attempt to cover his sin with his own works? _____

23. What can man never cover up? _____

Read John 3:3-6 and 2Corinthians 5:16, 17, 21

24. What must be destroyed, what is it about man that requires he must be born again?

25. When we are born again, what happens to our old nature and what do we become?

Read Genesis 3:20-21

26. In Genesis 3:20 what is significant about Adam calling the woman Eve for the first time?

(Look up the meaning of the Hebrew word for Eve, what does it mean?) _____

27. Before the fall, who was man's Life Giver? _____

...after the fall, who became the *life giver*? _____

28. In Genesis 3:21 what does God do to "cover" Adam and his wife in their sin? _____

29. What does God's action here foreshadow? _____

From the time of Adam until Christ, the sin of the world was covered...by fig leaves, by animal sacrifice, by the works of the flesh, even by God's grace, but they were only covered. Read John 1:29

30. What changed in Christ, what does John say here about the sin of the world? _____

So God knew that Adam, the nature, had to be destroyed if He was ever going to bring forth an increase of His Son's kind. The seed of Adam could never be a habitation of God to bring forth a harvest of Christ. The sin of the world, of Adam, would have to be taken away in order for that to happen.

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Part 3 Understanding Abraham and Moses

God's Dealing With Abraham

As we move on, let's keep in mind the purpose of God for creation. As we saw in Adam and Eve, God desires that the life of His One Son be given, formed, and expressed through a people that would come to be "the wife of the Lamb." (Revelation 19:7) The creation of Eve in Genesis chapter 2 points to a true eternal "companion" that would be to show His glory and the increased expression of His Seed. God's eternal will has to do with a union whereby a people would be "built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." (Ephesians 2:22)

1. What is the real problem with the fall of man? _____

2. In our fallen state, God could not accomplish His desire to have an increase of _____, the Seed, through the giving of His _____.

*There could be no mixing of these seeds—the Seed of God (Christ) and the seed of Adam. **God could not be joined to something of a different kind—really of an opposite kind.** There could be no blending of the clean and the unclean, or as Paul would later say, "What fellowship does light have with darkness?" And if you'll remember from the garden story, after Adam's choice, that kind (Adam) was driven out from the presence of God, and a flaming sword (a type of the cross) guarded the way to the tree of life (Genesis 3:24).*

3. In Adam, humanity became hopelessly trapped in a condition called _____.

Sin became man's nature through the fall and now man was reproducing after his own kind, as like begets like, sinful seed reproducing after its own nature. Humanity desperately needed to get out of this situation. More importantly, God desired the removal of this cursed situation so that He could establish His ultimate intention for mankind...Christ in you the hope of glory.

4. Through the fall, man became dead _____ sin, but somehow needed to become dead _____ sin so that God's plan could be achieved.

For all appearances, the achieving of this plan was impossible. We (man) were simply the wrong kind. We were all Adam by nature, and we could only reproduce according to our kind.

So, very early on, God began to reveal to Abraham the "good news". God spoke to him about a Seed (Christ), a single descendent, that was coming—a Seed unlike the seed of Adam. And God demonstrated the gospel of this coming Seed to Abraham through type and shadow. God began to speak to Abraham, in types and shadows, about some incredible promises and blessings that would be fulfilled in Christ—the coming Seed.

The Gospel of the Seed Preached to Abraham

Note: In some translations of the Bible, the word “seed” has been translated to read “descendants.” This is not incorrect in thought, but the literal translation in the original text is the Hebrew word “*zera*” (Strong’s H2233) which literally translated is the word “seed.”

Why is this note important? So that you see the promise God was making, beyond literal descendants, to be fulfilled in the promised Seed.

Read Galatians 3:16. To Abraham and his Seed were the promises made...

5. Who is the Seed to who the promises were made? _____

Read the following scripture references and write down the promise made to the Seed.

6. **Genesis 22:18** _____

7. **Genesis 22:17** _____

...and your seed shall _____

8. **Genesis 17:7** _____

9. **Genesis 17:18-19.** In these scriptures notice Abraham’s plan (the work of the flesh) that produced Ishmael, and God’s plan (the work of the Spirit) that produced Isaac, through whom the Seed would come. _____

Read Genesis 17:16-19; Genesis 25:21; and Genesis 30:1, 22.

10. In the above scriptures we see Sarah, Rebecca, and Rachel. What do all three have in common? _____

11. What does the fact that God brought His Seed forth from barren ground reveal to us?

Read Genesis 22:1-18

12. In this account of Abraham offering Isaac to the Lord, list on the following page some of the types and shadows of Christ revealed in this story.

*These are only a few of the truths that God began to reveal to Abraham about His great promise. But it's enough to see that Abraham came to see the gospel of the Seed in type and shadow. He didn't understand the exact "manner or time period" (1 Peter 1:11) of these promises, but he understood something of their nature and substance. He understood something of the day of Christ's coming, His death, and His resurrection. Though incompletely, he saw these things from afar—and he believed. Jesus speaks with direct reference to this in **John 8:56**, saying, "**Abraham rejoiced to see my day, he saw it, and was glad**".*

13. So what was it that Abraham did? _____

14. What does it mean to see by faith, what kind of seeing is it and what is it in response to?

Read Genesis 15:6

15. What did God do in response to Abraham's faith? _____

Now here is something so important, yet so often missed. It is because Abraham saw something by faith, came to know it with certainty, and trusted what was revealed as more real than what could be seen that God credited to him something that was not of his kind.

16. As a result of Abraham's faith, what did God credit to him? _____

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The Purpose For The Law

1. Did the children of Israel have the law while they were living in Egypt? _____
2. If the children of Israel did not have the law up until this time, how were they to relate to God and what was that relationship based upon? _____

3. What was it that God had credited to Abraham that He wanted to credit to the children of Israel and by what was He able to credit it? _____

4. In the children of Israel's refusal to walk by faith God was not able to credit His righteousness to them so He _____ it from them.
5. What did God put the children of Israel under that demanded His righteousness from them? _____
6. Does the law make us righteous? _____ If not, what does the law make us? _____
7. If the law leads to our condemnation because our own righteousness is not sufficient, then what is God showing us that we need? _____

8. If God is showing me that I need a righteousness that is not my own, then who's righteousness do I need? _____
9. Read Romans 3:20. What does the scripture say about being justified by the deeds of the law? _____
10. Read 2 Corinthians 3:7 and 9. In these two verses, how is the law referred to? The ministry of _____ and the ministry of _____

The law was like God's description of His own nature. On the one hand, it established a testimony of the glory and righteousness to come in Christ, and on the other hand, it exposed the indisputable fact that man fell infinitely short of that righteousness. Thus, the Law condemns man's attempts to live as righteous before God. The Law exposes our need for a righteousness that is granted based on faith. It was divinely intended to condemn our efforts to live under it in the flesh, to live by the knowledge of good and evil. *Man could live according to what he thought was good and evil. But he could never live according to what God thought was good and evil – because what God thinks is good is Christ, and what is evil is Adam. The Law was given to prove that.*

11. Discuss the above statement. How has your view of the law been altered, if it has?

12. Read Romans 5:20. Why was the law added? _____

13. The law was never given to become a cause for boasting, but a cause for needing _____.

Galatians 3:19 *"Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator (Moses) UNTIL THE SEED WOULD COME TO WHOM THE PROMISE HAD BEEN MADE".*

Galatians 3:21-22 *"...For if a law had been given which was able to **impart life** then righteousness would indeed have been based on Law. But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe".*

Galatians 3:24 *"...Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ".*

Do you see it? The Law was added only because of the people's transgression. They did not receive the righteousness based on faith, and were themselves wicked by nature. So God used the Law to maintain His testimony in Israel and also demonstrate to them *their need for the righteousness of His seed*. He used the Law to "shut up everyone under sin" (Galatians 3:22) so that they would see their need for the promise to be received by faith.

14. How did the law become a tutor to lead us to Christ? _____

15. In Galatians 3:21 we see the eternal purpose of God revealed in what the law was not able to do...what is that purpose? _____

16. Read John 5:45. On what basis will Moses accuse them? _____

It has always been God's desire to have a body in the earth that would be the exhibition of His Son, an increase of His kind, a harvest of His Seed. And so He desired to impart His life in us for the purpose of union. That is all God has ever wanted from humanity—to dwell in their midst, to have a habitation, a new creation in which He could dwell. And we are that new creation.

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The Law Demonstrates The Need For Our Death

1. What is it that the Law can never bring? _____. Instead it is meant to bring _____.
2. What is it that God is showing us about our self...what need is He demonstrating through the Law? _____
3. Based on what you have learned so far in this study, what is man's fundamental problem, what is it of man that must be made new in order for him to be saved?

4. Read John 3:6-7 and 2Corinthians 5:16-17. Based on this scripture and what you have come to know about man's need concerning salvation, can you explain why Adam, the old nature, is not fixable or repairable...why Adam must pass away? _____

5. The Law judged every humans attempt to do what? _____

6. Read Genesis 4:1-4. Think about the offerings of Cain and Abel. What was the difference? _____

7. Does the fruit of man's labor make him righteous today, or does the life of another?

8. If you are living "in the flesh" as a Christian, the result will be one of two things, they are:
_____ and _____
or _____ and _____
9. What does Jesus tell us in Matthew 7:18? _____

10. What is the only thing acceptable to God? _____

11. What is the problem with Adam's fruit, regardless of how good or how evil it looks?

12. The gospel is that, by faith, we are grafted into the good tree who is _____

The gospel isn't about Adam (or you) living for Jesus. It is about Adam coming to an end, so that Christ can be formed and expressed in you. I know there is a lot of talk out there about "what would Jesus do" in this situation or that. But, this thing just is not about trying to make Adam **behave** like Jesus. It is an entirely different nature altogether. It is an entirely different life. When that life is formed in you, you don't have to try to figure out "what Jesus would do". You will simply manifest the One who has become your life in every situation. You become the fragrance of Christ in every place. (2 Corinthians 2:14)

13. Read Ezekiel 36:26. What did God prophesy that He would one day give man, and how did He come to give man what He promised? _____

14. In John 6:63, what does Jesus say about the flesh? _____

15. In Romans 7:18 what does Paul say? _____

16. Read Romans 3:10-20. Does this sound like people who are able to "live for" God, to do "good works" for His glory, to "do what Jesus would do" or does this sound like a people who are totally and hopelessly depraved and lost in their sin and in need of a righteousness that is not their own? _____

17. Read John 3:3. Do you now see why Jesus said what He said to Nicodemus...why is it that man must be born again? _____

The whole world of Adam needed to be destroyed, like the earth was destroyed in the days of Noah. There needed to be a wiping out and a starting over with one new man—one new family, beginning with the Firstborn from among the dead.

And so God has done it through Christ...*therefore if any one be in Christ they are a new creation, old things have passed away, behold all things have become new.* 2Corinthians 5:17

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The Otherness of Christ

1. Summarize the function of the Law. _____

2. If the law has really done its work in us, then what does it reveal? _____

3. What is meant by the term “otherness” of Christ? _____

4. *Until we truly come face to face with the reality that the Father is looking for something from us that we could never produce, we will always try to produce it, or imitate it in the flesh.* Discuss this statement. _____

5. Can the nature, life, and character of Christ be copied or imitated? _____
6. If man cannot copy the life, nature, or character of Christ what must happen? (Read Galatians 4:19) _____
7. Man is only a _____ but, never a _____ of this life.
8. Define spiritual growth. _____

9. Does the above definition differ from what you may have once believed about spiritual growth and maturity? Has your definition ever been based on the works of the flesh or has it always been based on an increase of Christ? Explain. _____

10. The issue is always a question of what? _____

11. Read the following quote from T. Austin Sparks.

*"We cannot produce from this nature anything acceptable to God. All that can ever come to God is in Christ alone, not in us. It never will, in this life, be in us as ours. It will always be the difference between Christ and ourselves. Though He be resident within us, He and He only is the object of the Divine good pleasure and satisfaction; and the one basic lesson you and I have to learn in this life, under the Holy Spirit's tuition and revelation and discipline is that He is other than we are.... **When you have come to your best, there is still a gulf between you and the beginnings of Christ that cannot be bridged**".*

What is the danger in not comprehending this? _____

12. When Adam believed the lie in the Garden, what did he mistakenly come to believe?

13. Do you think people still believe that lie today? _____

14. Read Matthew 5, the Sermon on the Mount. In the Sermon on the Mount did Jesus seem to lower or raise the standard set by the law? _____

15. Why do you think Jesus set the standard the way He did in this sermon? _____

16. Discuss the "Dog Analogy" that is given in the book. What is the barrier that prevents us from doing the things a dog is able to do? _____

17. How are the teachings of Christ and the expectations of the Father the same as the dog analogy? _____

18. What is the divine intent of the Law, the Sermon on the Mount, and the righteousness described in the Bible...to encourage us to try harder or to bring us to despair? _____

19. One of the Spirit's first works is to bring us to _____.

Again, listen to T. Austin Sparks:

“Have you not learned the lesson of despair yet? Is it necessary for the Holy Spirit to make you despair again? Why not have one good despair and get it all over? Why despair every few days? Only because you are still hunting around for something, somewhere, some rag of goodness in yourself that you can present to God that will please Him, satisfy Him, and answer to His requirements. You will never find it. Settle it today.”

20. I wonder how much of our pain and how many of our inward trials are the result of failing to learn this fundamental lesson? What do you think? _____

21. Read Galatians 3:24. Where is the lesson of the law trying to bring us? _____

22. Explain in your own words the importance, for you personally, of learning the lesson of the law? _____

Not I But Christ Study Guide – Lesson 8

Part 4 The Cross

1. What is the difference between the Cross and Christ's crucifixion? _____

2. When the Cross is being preached what does it refer to? _____

3. The Law demonstrated that we need more than just the forgiveness of sins. The Cross provided the forgiveness of our sin and more. What more does the Cross provide? ____

4. Discuss the comparison of Adam's nature with that of a tree, its fruit, and its root. If you want a tree to stop producing its fruit, what ultimately must you do? _____

5. Read Luke 3:7-9 and Matthew 21:18-19. Discuss how this scripture may take on a new meaning in light of what we have been learning. _____

6. Complete this statement; "We are not _____ because we sin, we sin because we are _____.
You are a sinner by nature, and so you brought forth the fruit of that nature. You were Adam by nature, so you brought forth the nature of Adam which is sin.
7. We need the _____ of our sins, but we also need _____ from the nature of sin that we were born with

8. Our death with Christ through the Cross becomes the destruction and putting away of the _____ together with the _____.
It is the judgment of the _____ together with the _____.
9. Discuss this statement; "I thought that through the cross God had forgiven me of my sin, and now it was up to me to go out and do good things for God."
10. Read Romans 7:14-8:2. How do we get out of Adam, out of the law of sin that works in me? _____

11. How does the Cross bring about what Jesus spoke of in John 3:3-6 and what Paul spoke of in Romans 7:24? _____

12. Read 2Peter 1:3-4. Through the Cross, what have we become partakers of? _____

13. Read and discuss the scriptures listed in your book.
14. You were not just forgiven by Christ's sacrifice. You were crucified with Christ. In fact, that's how you were forgiven. You were already dead *in* sin, but, through the cross of Christ, you became dead _____ sin so you could be alive in Him. Discuss this reality.
15. Can you be "dead to sin" and not have the revelation of that reality? _____ Discuss.
16. You see, in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, all that was in Adam, of Adam, and for Adam was gathered up and done away with. The cross was the ending of one kind, and the beginning of a new kind – those sharing Christ's resurrected life. **Read John 12:31-32.**

17. The Cross divides creation. It divided between the first creation - summed up in the man _____, and the new creation – summed up in the Man _____.

18. What happened to all of Adam when Christ died? _____

19. What does that mean for us? _____

20. Read Ephesians 2:11-22 and 2Corinthians 4:14-21. Discuss the “one new Man” and the “new creation” verses the “old man” and the “old” or first creation.

21. *“Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself”.* John 12:31-32
Use your book as a reference, go through and discuss these verses point for point.

The cross of Jesus Christ gathered up Adam and his creation and brought it into death. And this death was a permanent state of judgment and separation that both satisfied righteousness, but more than that, put death to death, so that those of faith could come forth in Christ’s resurrection. Those who would be born of His life could step out of a dead man and a dead world, and live in and by Christ’s resurrected life.

22. Read 1Corinthians 15:45-47. What are the two unique terms used in reference to Jesus in these verses? _____

23. What is the importance or implication of these two terms? _____

24. Read and discuss the following excerpt from the book:

That’s what adoption is, it’s being placed into Christ. Or Christ in you. It is, quite literally “Son placement”. You partake of His Sonship. You don’t have a separate Sonship of your own. You are being brought into His relationship with the Father. “I am in the Father, you are in Me, and I am in you.” (John 14:20)

And, in the resurrection, He stands as the Second Man. He is the fulfillment of all that Adam pointed to. And we are joined to Him in resurrection life. He is, in fact, our resurrection from among the dead.

That is why Christ is called “the firstborn of many brethren”. Or the “firstborn from among the dead”. He took one kind into the grave and brought forth from the grave, from the dead, a new race, a new Kind sharing His resurrected life. And these are called brethren because they partake of the one Son’s life, and therefore the one Son’s relationship with the Father. John tells us that “we have been given the right to be called sons of God.”

And so the cross is the cataclysmic division between these two kinds. It brings us out of one and into the other. As Watchman Nee says “we died in Him as the last Adam, we live in Him as the second Man. The Cross is thus the mighty act of God which translates us from Adam to Christ”.

25. Through the cross you were forgiven, but only in that you were _____. You were crucified with Christ so that you could walk in the _____ of His _____. Forgiveness through the death of the old and new life through sharing the life of the Son.

26. How did Adam receive his full punishment promised him by God? _____

27. The cross is the division between the _____ creation and the _____ creation in Jesus Christ.

28. Read Romans 8:9. You are not in the _____, but in the _____, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Galatians 5:25 tells us that “If we live in the Spirit, let us also _____ in the Spirit.”

29. Through the cross you have been delivered from Adam through death. Now, through faith in Christ, you have been taken out of Adam and placed into the Son and the power of His endless life. Now, rather than living under the Law in the power of the _____, you can abide in Christ, through the power of the _____, and bring forth the nature of the Lamb – the only life acceptable to the Father.

Not I But Christ Study Guide – Lesson 9

Christ In Us – The Fulfillment of the Law

1. Prior to the new birth, under the law, how were we hopelessly attempting to live?

2. Read Romans 7:12. How does this scripture describe the law? _____

3. Did the cross bring an end to the law and the righteous requirement of the law?

4. How has the cross ended the hopeless situation of being under the law in the flesh?

5. Read Romans 8:4 and Galatians 5:16. How do we fulfill the righteous requirement of the law? _____
6. Read Galatians 5:22. List the fruit of the Spirit. _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____,
and _____.
7. How are these produced? _____
8. Discuss the difference between “fruit of the Spirit” and the “fruit of trying to act like the Spirit.” _____

9. Is the fruit of the Spirit something “I” can produce or imitate? _____
10. The Adamic man was completely powerless to carry out the law, but now in Christ what can we do that the Adamic man could not? _____

11. Read Romans 7:1-4. Discuss Watchman Nee's analogy of the wife and Mr. Law.
12. Does the Law require any more from us than Christ does? Explain the difference.

13. Under the Law, who was required to fulfill it? _____
14. In Christ, who fulfills the requirement of the law? _____
15. Does freedom from the Law mean that we are no longer required to do God's will; that we are free to be ourselves? _____. What does it mean?

16. Read Romans 7:5-6 and Galatians 2:20. Romans declares that we have been set free from the law, having died to what we were held by...It is no longer _____ living in the flesh, struggling against my nature. It is now Christ living in _____, increasingly manifesting who and what He is by nature.
17. When we are joined with Christ, what immediately and actually changes? _____

18. As Christ is formed in us there is an _____

19. Galatians 2:20 declares; "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ live in me..." This verse communicates a foundational understanding that is absolutely key and at the very core of understanding the gospel and the Christian life, what is it? _____
20. Jesus did not come to earth 2000 year ago to drop off an instruction manual on how to live for God, He came to bring an end to Adam and bring about the creation of a new man. We were never meant to receive His life and continue to _____

21. The gospel is not a self improvement plan, but a _____ plan.

22. Read Romans 7:14. How does Paul define "I" in verse 14 of this passage?

23. Read Romans 7:14-24. What is the point Paul is trying to make in this passage?

24. What is Paul NOT saying in this passage? _____

25. What is the glorious work of the cross? _____

26. It is not the _____ of Christ in the flesh it is the
_____ of Christ in the Spirit.

27. The cross is the bridge, the _____ out of Adam, and into Christ.
The escape out of one humanity into Another, who is Christ.

28. Read Joshua 5:2-9. Once in the land what does God command Joshua to do?

29. According to verse 9 what did God do for the children of Israel when He brought
them into the land? _____

30. Read Hebrews 4:2. The generation that came out of Egypt was circumcised, why
did it not profit them? _____

31. What might God be showing us in that He did not let any of the former circumcised
generation, except Joshua and Caleb, enter in, but He let all who were not
circumcised into the land, and then once in the land they were circumcised?

32. In a word, why were Joshua and Caleb allowed to enter into the land?

33. Read Colossians 2:11. Where is our flesh cut away and our reproach taken away?

34. What is the Land we are to enter into and how do we enter it? _____

35. Read Ephesians 2:22. The first creation was a habitation for the first man, Adam.

The new creation is a habitation for the Second Man who is? _____

If the earth was the habitation of the first man, what is now the habitation of the

Second Man? _____

36. The cross has crucified and cut off one kind of life, and placed you into another. It may be that you haven't realized that yet, and so still walk in the flesh. But that doesn't change what's been accomplished. Our level of comprehension does not change _____.

37. Read Galatians 1:15. How does this verse speak of the work of the cross?

38. Read Galatians 6:14. According to Paul in this verse, the cross was a crucifixion to what? _____

39. The cross was the exodus out of the world of Adam and the way into a new _____, a new _____, a New _____.

Not I But Christ Study Guide – Lesson 10

Part 5 The New Covenant

1. What does it really mean to abide in Christ? _____

2. Read Ephesians 1:23. What is being declared in this verse? Relate it to the analogy of the apple tree. _____

3. What is it that allows the full expression of the head? _____
4. As the body of Christ, what is our purpose? _____

5. What is the wrong question to ask? _____

6. If this is not something that you do, if it is not your work, than what is it? _____

7. It is not the fruit of your _____ it is the fruit of _____ revealed as your life.

So we need to establish this right now. And we need to remind ourselves of the otherness of Christ. Adam cannot “do” Christ...any more than I can “do” dog. Adam cannot manifest the divine nature. That nature manifests itself as it grows with the “growth that comes from God”.

8. Righteousness is not _____.
Righteousness is _____.
9. What else is something that He is and not what we do? _____.

10. When a seed is planted in the dirt and watered, how is growth defined, it is the increase of what? _____. It is not what the dirt *does* it is what the seed *does* that determines growth. The dirt does not increase, the seed increases.

11. It does not have to do with how _____ do anything. It has to do with _____ lives in you.

12. If you have been crucified with Christ, who now lives? _____.
Who has become our life? _____.

13. Read John 11:25. Who is the resurrection? _____
We have not been resurrected, but Christ is our resurrection. It is no longer I who live, because I was crucified with Christ, it is Christ who now lives in me and the life I now live, I live by _____ in the Son of God...

You may think that I'm dealing with semantics or trying to be confusing, but nothing could be further from the truth. I'm not trying to be confusing, I'm actually trying to take us out of a state of carnal mind confusion into a place where we see what is true of us because of the cross. And the lack of seeing (spiritual comprehension) is exactly the problem. That lack of seeing reality translates into a lack of experiencing reality. A lack of comprehension of what is true, and who lives, and who does not. That lack of understanding is the downfall of the church. The failure to comprehend the New Covenant is our ever-present problem.

The Hand Analogy

14. Read the Hand analogy and discuss how you related to it.

15. What was wrong with the hand? _____

16. Our failure to operate according to covenant relationship is the result of what?

17. The hand was wanting to serve as _____
and not live as _____.

18. If we do not understand the cross and our union with Christ, we will not understand the

Not I But Christ Study Guide – Lesson 11

Old Covenant vs. New Covenant

1. What is a covenant? _____

2. What do the Old Covenant and the New Covenant have in common, what about them is the same? _____

3. What is different about the Old Covenant and the New Covenant? _____

4. The Old and New Covenants are radically different in _____
and _____, but have one very important thing in common.
5. What is the one very important thing that they have in common?
_____.
6. The way they relate to Christ is entirely _____.
7. In every way, the Old Covenant was a _____
of the _____ experienced in the New Covenant.
The New Covenant is the fulfillment and experience of all that was foreshadowed,
prophesied, and promised in the old.
8. The Old Covenant was filled with pictures of Christ that were experienced and fulfilled in the New Covenant, the first was pointing to the second. The first covenant was a relationship with God that _____ **to** the reality of being in Christ. The second covenant **is the actual** _____
with God IN the Son.
9. The New Covenant is the nature of a new relationship. What is that relationship?

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10. What kind of mindset is it that keeps trying to think of things one can do to get closer to God? _____
11. Read 1 Corinthians 6:17. In this new relationship in the New Covenant, what happens as we are joined to the Lord? _____
12. In the New Covenant, what is the only way to please the head? _____
13. The question in the Old Covenant was _____? The question in the New Covenant is _____?
14. In the Old Covenant acceptance was gained based on what was performed. In the New Covenant we are accepted because we have been joined to His life. Ephesians 1:6 declares; "He made us accepted _____.
15. The New Testament is not the New Covenant, the New Testament describes the New Covenant. The New Covenant is not written in a book, the reality of it is written where? _____
16. Where does the New Covenant become substance and reality? _____
17. Who writes the New Covenant on our hearts? _____.
18. Who teaches you the New Covenant? _____.
19. The covenant can be _____ by man, but it cannot be _____ by man.
20. Summarize the New Covenant. _____

21. The nature of that relationship is _____.
22. The understanding of the covenant is _____.

23. The place the covenant is described is the _____.

24. The place where the reality and substance of the covenant is written is _____

25. The way the covenant is learned, experienced, and walked in is when Christ, who is our life, is _____.

*Do you see? This is the nature of the New Covenant. This is the relationship with God that you have in this New Covenant. You are **in Christ**. You are abiding **in Him**. You are found **in Him**. You are walking **by His Spirit**. You are manifesting the fruit of **His Spirit**. You are striving according to **His power** working mightily in you. You are making manifest **His Life** through your mortal flesh. These are all extremely common New Covenant terms. In fact, the phrase "**in Christ**" occurs over 230 times in the New Testament. And the great proclamation of the New Testament apostles is this phrase ~ "**But now in Christ**".*

*That doesn't just mean "but now that you are a Christian," or "but now that you believe in the Messiah". No. **But now that you have died and Christ is your life**. Now that you have been translated out of a dead kind, and made to partake of His resurrected life. Now that you are in Him, and live in Him, and live by Him, and walk in Him, abide in Him, partake of Him, and manifest Him. "**But now in Christ**".*

***We are no longer serving shadows of Christ as one separate, but living in and by the very substance of His life.** It is a relationship of union where Christ has been made all things unto us. We are no longer serving a copy of those things out from ourselves, but are manifesting the reality of those things as out from Him. The New Covenant is a relationship of being in Christ and Christ in us. In a word "I am in the Father, you are in Me, and I am in you"*

The reality of the New Covenant** is learned and experience and walked in **as Christ**, who is our life, **is revealed in you by the Holy Spirit.

Not I But Christ Study Guide – Lesson 12

Part 6 Transformation

Now we come to the part of this series that has to do with transformation. We will spend a good deal of time dealing with transformation because this is where the rubber really meets the road in terms of our personal experience. This is where what is finished in Christ begins to become reality in us. This is where we really get into the reality of things like “being conformed to his likeness” or “being transformed by the renewing of the mind,” or “putting off the old man and putting on the new man”. All of that is wonderful and real and good, and everyone always wants to jump ahead to these subjects.

However, until you have truly seen the eternal purpose of God to bring an increase of Christ; until you have seen that the fall of man and the Adamic kind make that purpose impossible; until you have seen how the Law of Moses exposes that impossibility and magnifies the otherness of Christ; and until you have seen how the cross rectifies that entire situation by devastating one seed and planting another, you will never experience true transformation.

1. Transformation is by the _____ of your mind unto the _____ of what is _____ in Christ.
2. As Christians, our problem is not in trying to get something we do not have, the problem is _____

3. When we are born again into Christ, what do the following scriptures say happens?
1Corinthians 1:30 _____

2Corinthians 5:17 _____

1Peter 1:23 _____
4. When you were born again you received a full salvation, so where is the lack, what is the problem? _____

5. If we do not understand the salvation we have received, it could be that we are trying to understand and comprehend with our natural mind. What does 1Corinthians 2:14 say about this? _____

6. The fact that we have been born again and are now in Christ does not mean that it will always “feel” real or “seem” true. We lack the experience of the truth because we do not truly know the truth. The _____ of freedom came with the cross. The _____ of freedom comes with true knowing...The Son set you free, but it’s only in the true knowing of the Son that you experience that freedom.
7. What are the two kinds of knowing talked about in this lesson? _____

8. If we are trying to hear a beautiful sunset or see beautiful music, what is the problem?

9. When I am trying to understand spiritual things with my natural mind what is the problem? _____

10. If Christ is in you through new birth, how is He seen, experienced, and formed in you?

11. The word “revelation” is sometime misused and or taken out of its proper context. It is not some “mystical spiritual experience” or some Gnostic New Age concept it is simply *the objective truth, as it is in Jesus, being shown to your heart by the Holy Spirit so that you can see it and live in it.* Having said that, the fact remains that the natural mind, the natural eye, and the natural ear cannot know it, it must be _____.
12. Read 1Corinthians 2:1-16. Discuss verses 9 and 10. What is Paul speaking of here?

13. We can read about, talk about, and reason about these things, but Paul makes it clear that these things cannot be known to be the truth about you in Christ except by a revealing that comes from the _____.

14. Read Colossians 3:4. What does the word "revealed" mean here? _____

15. We have a new life and that new life is Christ, but you will never see it until it is revealed by _____. What part of you will never see the new life you have in Christ? _____

16. Why doesn't a new believer simply start walking immediately in the Spirit? _____

17. What is the only thing the carnal mind knows? _____

18. What does Romans 8:7 say about the carnal mind? _____

Here's the bottom line: you will never abide in, experience, or express what you cannot see or what you do not know. You cannot abide in theology. You must abide in Light

19. Read 2Corinthians 4:6. Who has shone in our hearts and why? _____

20. Read John 1:4-5. What is the life described as in this verse? _____

21. Why did the darkness not comprehend the light? _____

22. Read 1Corinthians 13:12. How shall we know? _____

23. What is the stumbling block that stands in our way keeping us from understanding the revelation of Jesus Christ and the renewing of our mind? _____

Not I But Christ Study Guide – Lesson 13

The Carnal Mind

1. How is the carnal mind a great enemy? _____

2. When the scripture speaks of the carnal mind, what is it referring to? _____

3. How is the carnal mind oriented? _____
4. How does it want to think, learn, and comprehend? _____

5. The carnal mind is not inherently _____ it is just completely _____.
6. How does the carnal mind affect our sense of reality? _____

7. How does our natural mind learn what is real? _____

8. How does the function of the natural mind interfere with knowing Christ? _____

9. Why must our mind be renewed? _____

10. How does our mind most often want things to make sense before we will trust God?

11. How is it we come to understand the things of God? _____

12. We have said the natural mind is a great enemy, but that is not its purpose. When our mind is doing what it is supposed to do what does it become? _____

13. What does it mean when the carnal mind is referred to as a gatekeeper? _____

14. What happens when the carnal mind is “running the show” dictating what is reality?

15. Read and discuss the three wrong responses to the words of Jesus in John 15, but first, answer this question; how does the natural mind see things? _____

16. Read John 8. Discuss the things that stand out to you in this chapter of John’s gospel that reinforce what is being discussed in this section of our study.
17. Read John 8:37 and 8:43. Why did the scribes and Pharisees not understand?

18. Discuss the difference between “asking questions” and “seeking the Truth.” _____

19. What will I never experience as long as I have two contrary minds? _____

20. Because of the carnal mind, I can be born of the Spirit, but still “walk” in the _____, I can receive Christ, but still see myself in _____,

Not I But Christ Study Guide – Lesson 14

Growth – The Discovery of a Finished Work

1. What is the New Covenant? _____

2. According to 1Corinthians 2:12, what have we received and why have we received it?

3. What was the problem Paul specifically identified in 1Corinthians 3:3?

4. In order for us to know and experience the true nature of our relationship with God through the New Covenant, what must take place, and how does it take place?

5. In 1Corinthians 2:12 what tense does Paul use in speaking about those things freely given to us by God and why is that significant? _____

6. What is the ministry of the Holy Spirit as described by Jesus in John 14-16?

7. Specifically, what is the Holy Spirit revealing or unveiling to us? _____

8. What did you receive when you were born again? _____

9. According to John 19:33, how else can we describe what we received when we were born again? _____

10. If we received the entire life and person of Jesus when we were born again, what is it that is taking place now? _____

11. What IS NOT growing and increasing in me and why? _____

12. How does the increased manifestation of Christ in you come about? _____

13. Read Ephesians 4:13-15; how does it describe what happens? _____

14. Read Isaiah 9:6-7 and Luke 17:20-21. How do these scriptures help us understand what is taking place and what is growing and increasing in us? _____

15. As baby Christians how do we act and how do we think we are supposed to live? _____

16. According to John 15, how is it we are to live? _____

17. Why is transformation through the renewing of our mind? _____

18. What is spiritual growth in the New Testament? _____

19. If I have all of Jesus right now, then why do I feel as though something is not right, where is the lack I feel sometimes? _____

20. What part of us must come in line with the reality of Christ in you? _____

21. How do you live it? _____

22. What does the knowing change and not change? _____

23. It is not how or what you do, it is freedom from all you NEVER could do...the how is over and we cannot add anything to it! What are we then left to do? _____

24. Jesus message in John 15:1-5 sums it up pretty neatly, what is His message as well as the message of the entire New Testament? _____

Not I But Christ Study Guide – Lesson 15

The House Analogy

1. In the house analogy what was it that kept the man from continuing indefinitely in the ignorance or lack of knowledge of what the Lord had done? _____

2. When the Holy Spirit began to make the man aware of his new surroundings how did the revelation of it come to him? _____

3. In reality for the believer, what does this analogy of the blindfolded man being carried out of a cave and into a house represent? _____

4. What does the blindfold represent in this analogy? _____

5. What kind of view is the Spirit of God now trying to give us of the finished House we have come to dwell in through Christ? _____

6. What does it mean when it declares “Christianity is not about forgiven people trying to build God a House...or a Kingdom? _____

7. Why do we push everything off into the future? _____

8. We often believe we will not know this reality until our body dies, why is this not true? _____

9. What was the burden of the Apostles in their prayers for the Church?
(Read Ephesians 1:15-21 and 3:14-19 as an example of their burden of prayer)

10. What was Paul's concern expressed in Galatians 3:3 and should we have the same concern today? _____

11. If Christ is our salvation that means our salvation is what? _____

12. What does the experience of our salvation come with? _____

13. What does it mean to be "ever learning, but never coming into a knowledge of the Truth?" _____

Not I But Christ Study Guide – Lesson 16

The Renewing of the Mind

1. Read Galatians 1:15-16. What is the first thing the Father desires to reveal to us when we are born again of the Spirit? _____

2. When does the journey of transformation really begin? _____

This is incredibly important to understand. We can sit in church week after week and read our Bibles, but unless the Spirit of God begins to open the eyes of our understanding and reveal Christ in us, then we are just learning true information, not beholding the true spiritual reality that brings an experience of Christ's life. Until Christ is revealed by the Spirit of God, all of the Bible remains theology to be studied rather than reality to be unveiled and experienced.

3. In Matthew 16:16 what happened to Peter? _____

4. Read John 3:3-7 and Galatians 1:15-16. When Paul refers to God "separating him from his mother's womb" what do you think it refers to in relation to the words of Jesus to Nicodemus in John 3? _____

5. Where does the severing from our first birth take place? _____

6. What begins to take place in us after the severing from our first birth takes place? _____

7. Why is Paul careful to make a distinction between Christ being revealed TO ME and Christ being revealed IN ME? _____

8. We need a work to be done in our mind (not our brain, but our spiritual understanding) that is equal to and corresponding with the reality of _____.
In other words, if we have been born of the Spirit, but our minds are not being renewed, how will we continue to walk? _____.
9. The scripture declares we are to be conformed to the image of the Son...describe the difference between "super-charged imitation" and "life impartation." _____

10. The moment you were born again what did you receive? _____

11. What is keeping me from comprehending that new spirit? _____

12. What is it I now need along with my new spirit? _____

13. According to Romans 12:1-2, how does transformation take place? _____

14. In Ephesians 4:22-24 what is important to realize about what we are being told to put on? (A clue is found in verse 24 and the timing of the new mans creation) _____

15. What happens as the Spirit unveils to us the reality of being in Christ? _____

16. In 2Corinthians 3:18 what is the veil spoken of that has been removed? _____

17. 2Corinthians 3:18 speaks of us seeing the unveiled Son, He is being revealed to us by the Spirit, we are beholding Him, but where are we seeing Him according to this verse? _____

18. What is happening as we behold His image in that mirror? _____

19. In Colossians 3:3-4 it uses the word “when” which is also the word “whenever.” Using the word “whenever” in this verse, how does it change what is being communicated here from what you may have traditionally thought this verse was saying? _____

20. The word “appears” is a word that means “revealed” or “manifest,” how does the revealing of Christ in Me change the way I am revealed with Him in glory? _____

21. Discuss this verse as a present reality in Christ, versus a future reality in heaven.

22. What does Paul say is happening in Colossians 3:9-10? _____

23. What does it take to have something really totally change in you? _____

24. What are our problems directly related to? _____

25. When Paul addressed wrong behavior in the Church, what did he see the problem to be? _____

26. What is reckoning? _____

27. What will “reckoning” never change, but always allow? _____

28. What must happen before we can reckon, before we can abide, before we can experience the reality of our great salvation? _____

29. How is it we come to know and comprehend in such a way that we can live in and by what we know? _____

30. What is faith? _____

31. From all we have been discussing and studying, what is it that brings about real and total transformation? _____

32. Why do you think Paul made the statement he made in Galatians 6:14? _____

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Water World Analogy

1. What is the one thing that true transformation boils down to? _____

2. If when we are born again the problem is never that we lack Jesus, than what is the problem? _____

3. What can never be the same as knowing the reality of being in Christ? _____

4. Discuss the Water World Analogy and any notes you may have made in your reading.

5. What does it mean when it talks of making the transition according to doctrine and theology instead of it being the actual reality of where we live, move, and have our being? _____

6. The reality is not in our words, the reality is in what? _____

7. How do we confuse concept with reality? Can you think of an example of this in your life? _____

8. Contrast the terms “another time” and “another realm” in how they relate to our understanding of what has become reality in Christ? _____

9. By what death do we gain entrance into this other realm, other life...etc? _____

10. When Paul speaks of the cross in his letters, what does that reality encompass for the believer? _____

11. What happens as we come to see the reality of the cross? _____

12. How is the reality of the cross worked into our hearts? _____

13. Contrast the objective and subjective aspect of the finished work? _____

14. How is what Paul declares in 1Corinthians 13:12 related to the objective and the subjective when it comes to the finished work of Christ. Also read 1John 4:17 and 2Corinthians 3:18. _____

15. Summarize the work of the cross. _____

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Frequently Asked Questions

Discuss these questions along with any of your own thoughts now that you have gone through this book and study.

Pray and meditate on the revelation the Holy Spirit has brought to you through this study and if you are in a group, share with the others participating with you.

Remember, this is not an end, this is a beginning. The revelation of Jesus Christ is not a single event that occurs in your life; it is the continual process of transformation that takes place as your mind is being renewed in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

This is the work of the Holy Spirit in you, to bring about transformation by making known Jesus Christ who is the finished work of God, and who is your very life by grace through faith.

May you continue to grow in the grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ.