

HOW DESPERATE ARE YOU?

LESSON 1 – OUTLINE

- I. The Lord has already blessed us, healed us, delivered us, and prospered us.
 - A. The only reason to be hopeless, helpless, and in despair is if we don't know who we are and what we have in Christ.
 - B. We need a full revelation of what Jesus has done for us!
 - C. That doesn't mean we won't ever have problems, but in the midst of them, we can say, "Father, You've already supplied this before I ever had the need. I know it's there, so I'm drawing near to You. Thank You for revealing it to me."
 - D. Christians should never be hopeless or full of despair.

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

JOHN 6:35

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

JOHN 4:14

- E. The Lord doesn't come to those who just passively seek Him—we must pursue Him wholeheartedly.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end...[13] And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

JEREMIAH 29:11 AND 13

- II. God has already given us everything.
 - A. There's a well of living water on the inside of every born-again believer.
 - B. It's not time to ask Him to come and touch us.
 - C. It's time for us to start taking, eating, and drinking of what He's already given.

- III. Through the revelation contained in this study, I've learned that God loves me infinitely more than I can ever comprehend or need.
 - A. There were times when depressing and discouraging feelings tempted me.
 - B. Although I've had these thoughts, I don't give in to them, because I also have this revelation that God loves me and has already provided everything I need.
 - C. So, instead of giving in to hunger, discouragement, and despair, I remind myself of God's Word.
 - D. I'll just separate myself and spend a day or so fasting, praying, and seeking God.
 - E. What I'm doing is mining what the Lord has already placed within me. Instead of asking Him to give me something new, I draw out the life that He's already given.
- IV. God has given me such joy inside that I can choose to rejoice at all times (Phil. 4:4).

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PSALM 34:1

- A. As I've drawn on the joy that God has already placed within my born-again spirit, I've lived a consistently victorious life.
 - B. In the midst of great adversity, I've experienced continual joy and peace.
 - C. It's not because I'm never tempted with the other, but because I know in my heart that God has already done His part.
 - D. I start focusing on the Lord and His Word and draw out His abundant life from within me.
- V. The Lord has already done everything.
 - A. However, if you're not seeing it manifest, it's not God who hasn't given—but you who haven't received!
 - B. Come with me as I take you on a journey that will teach you how to receive what God has already done for you.

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LESSON 1 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Who was speaking in John 6:35?
2. What did He say He is?
3. Those who come to Him shall never what?
4. Who shall never thirst?
5. Who was speaking in John 4:14?
6. Whosoever drinks of the water He gives shall never what?
7. Who gives this water?
8. What shall this water be in them?
9. Springing up into what?
10. According to Jeremiah 29:11 and 13, who is thinking toward us?
11. What is He thinking?
12. To give us what?
13. When shall we seek Him and find Him?
14. According to Galatians 5:22-23, what is the fruit of the Spirit?
15. Against such fruit, there is no what?
16. Philippians 4:4 commands us to what?
17. When?
18. According to Psalm 34:1, whom shall we bless?
19. When?
20. Where shall His praise be continually?

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GALATIANS 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

PSALM 34:1

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