Becoming a Godly Christian - Pt 2 (1st July 2026)

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So far, we have examined **8 important Biblical truths** that are essential for growth, maturity and for maintaining a healthy Christian life. Putting into practice those Biblical truths by becoming more like the Lord Jesus in our thinking and behaviour, is an investment in eternity. Therefore, it is worth recapping on what we have learnt so far.

Firstly, we looked at the importance of:

- **Salvation and the crucial changes Christ brings to your life** - when the Lord saved you, He took up occupancy in your life. You were born again into a new, vibrant life and that means big changes where it matters. We therefore considered the contrast between the old life filled with self-seeking **and** a new life filled with Christ. One direction, produces empty, meaningless lives, bringing that person into judgement and eternal destruction. The other path, following Jesus, brings true joy, peace, purpose and eternal life in all its fulness. One of the scriptures we examined were the words of the Lord Jesus in **John 4:14** *whosoever drinks 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*.

  The second session looked at:

- **The importance in developing a Christian Worldview** - in this, we examined the danger of accepting a secular worldview with its belief in billions of years. In this worldview, God is eliminated and man decides that he is responsible to **no one** but himself because He makes the rules and decides what is right and wrong. One of the terrible errors of secular thinking is that he believes that man is nothing more than highly developed pond scum with no ultimate purpose, and when you die, that is the end. No wonder many adults and young people have empty, meaningless lives, and some are choosing the fateful decision to end it one day.

- **In contrast**, the Christian, having been saved out of destructive thinking, makes decision that Jesus approves because the **Lord** is the one in charge of their life and He sets the right course of direction in this confusing world of moral and ethical corruption. One of the scriptures we examined was **Romans 12:2** which tells us that the Christian is '*not to conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind*.'

  The next session we considered was:

- **The difference between the Christian Worldview and Theistic Evolution worldview** - in this, we considered one of the main tricks that Satan uses to ensnare unwary Christians to get them to

compromise the Gospel and cast doubt in their thinking concerning the accuracy and reliability of Holy Scripture in the creation account.

- We also saw that this godless world uses various techniques and arguments that may sound convincing on the surface, but, when examined in the light of God's pure Word, totally rejects the God of the Bible and seeks to replace Holy Scripture with man's flawed opinions.

- Evolution insists that pain, suffering, disease, death and extinction are all **essential parts** of the evolutionary process whereby man is evolving into a higher intelligence. **In contrast**, the Christian understands the world that God created **through** the lens of Holy Scripture. We then considered the **serious mistake to believing that scientists can speak with more authority than Holy Scripture on the subject of origins, especially when man was not there to observe the beginning of Creation. Holy Scripture is God's own eyewitness account of what happened in the beginning. When it deals with the origin of the universe, all science can offer is flawed conjecture.**

- However, the intelligent Christian understands that the history of the Bible is a true and accurate account and that includes creation and the record of redemption. In God's plan, this will ultimately lead to a new heavens and earth where there will be no more pain, suffering, disease, death and extinction, all of which is the outcome of man's sin and rebellion and not by any evolutionary process. As you can see, both worldviews are diametrically opposed and cannot be reconciled.

  One of the scriptures we examined was **Isaiah 40:28** *"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard; that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, faints not, neither is weary?"*

- In a later session, I hope to look at the **'observable truth'** of **'adaptation'** and how created kinds can adapt to changing environments such as hot climates, snowy climates and desert environments etc. However, always keep in mind that, despite variation within created 'kinds', dogs remain dogs, cats remain cats, bears remain bears, snowy owls remain owls and finches remain finches etc, and they do not change into anything else.

  The next session we looked at was:

- **Standing and walking in the truth** - in this we considered that Holy Scripture is the basis of our faith and the unmoveable foundation that we can confidently build our life upon as we walk with the Lord. We saw that obeying the Lord has permanent and lasting consequences such as true peace, true joy, true purpose and meaning and a glorious future.

- In contrast to this, we reflected on the sad fact that our nation abandoned its Christian position when evolutionary philosophy flooded into the thinking of our country and its educational system about 150 years ago. Consequently, we now have a nation where many people are addicted to drugs, alcohol, pornography, gambling, crime and other vices. We have a country that now produces more and more

young people with broken, empty lives and who are trying to find real meaning and purpose with an evolutionary mindset! An impossibility.

We saw that the answer to this is Christ and the message of the Gospel that brings hope and life. We also saw that nothing is ever shallow about the life that Christ gives; there is nothing that is artificial or man-made. We can be really glad about this because our faith rests entirely upon the Lord, His redemptive work and His unchanging word. In the Lord there are no failed promises, no false hopes, no vague wishful thinking, no dreadful disappointments, no dead ends in our Christian path and no empty lives because He fills us with His goodness and mercy.

One of the scriptures we examined was **1 Peter 3:15** where we read, *"sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."* The Christian has the only answer to a dying world.

The next session we looked at was:

- **Knowing how to strengthen your Christian life** - we considered the importance of **2 Corinthians 4:6** *"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"*

Everything begins with Christ. He gave you new life, and with Christ at the centre of it, He empowers you and equips you to live that life by walking in the light of His Word. There is danger for the Christian, because this godless world wants to bring us back to how we lived before we were saved by removing God at the centre of our life and by developing in our thinking a secular culture and an evolutionary mindset.

This is Satan's master attack upon the Christian. God has transformed us, but Satan wants to conform us back to this world's habits that we practiced before we were saved. Satan wants to bring us back to the old lifestyle and thinking we had before we were born again.

But we saw that the Christian cannot return to the life he had before salvation. That old life is gone. It is dead and buried. God terminated our old life and gave us a new one through the risen Christ. We must remain loyal to our Saviour because He gives us strength to do so.

We were reminded that the Christian has received the free gift of new life in Christ. This means a totally new **direction** in life, with new **habits** and a new **focus** with new **priorities**. God's priorities become our priorities. As we grow in Christ, our hearts naturally desires to be the person God wants us to be. Therefore, it is essential for the Christian to walk that life, not alone, but in fellowship with the Lord.

One of the scriptures we examined was **Ephesians 5:8** where we read: *"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord: walk as children of light"*.

The next session we looked at was

- **Developing a Christian mindset and becoming a thinking Christian** - in this we considered the firm foundation of our faith. Christ is the solid bedrock for the Christian to build their life upon. He is the motivation to strengthen our faith and start to think as a Christian should think.

  Ephesians 2:20 says that we *"are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."* There is no surer foundation and cornerstone than Christ Himself. Upon Him we rest secure in His love, power and wisdom, and, most importantly, because Christ lives **'in'** us, He wants to live **'through'** us in our thinking and our behaviour. For in Him is 'absolute truth' not a variety of conflicting opinions. In Him there is no error but pure truth leading to eternal life, for **He is the Way, the Truth and the Life**.

  To develop into a thinking Christian that can negotiate through the difficulties and trials of this life, we need the empowering resources of the Holy Spirit, fellowship with our risen Lord and His divine Word to light our path. **The Christian is then empowered to life a sanctified life that is full of joy and purpose.**

  In 1 Corinthians 1:30 we read that *"you are in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption"*

  A thinking Christian does not suspend his ability to **think Biblically**. Neither must we hand over our thinking for someone else to do. Our **MIND**, our **THINKING** as well as our **BODIES** must be under the control of the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

  Now a crucial element for the thinking Christian is seen in **Colossians 3:2**, where we read: *"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."* We are to **set** our minds, we are to **fix** our gaze, we are to **focus** our attention on the realities of things above, for God has established heavenly matters as the priorities of our life and for all eternity.

  In contrast to this, we saw that the highly evolutionised educational system of our country teaches people **'what' to think** instead of **'how' to think**. One of the major symptoms of a Christian under the harmful influence of this evolutionised educational system is the naturalistic mindset it produces.

  Christians who are affected by this form of indoctrination, believe God's Word, but they make the decision that man's opinions must be used to fill-in all the details that God missed out in the creation account! The Christian then reads man's evolutionary philosophy into the Biblical text to explain how the universe started, how life began on earth and all the way up to the emergence of man himself.

  We saw that this person is **not** a thinking Christian. If he was, he would not decide to be a judge over God's Word and decide it is deficient in some way and then begin to correct this deficiency by adding man's corrupt and sinful theories to it.

The thinking Christian keeps to God unchanging Word and seeks illumination right there. That is why we should '**test**' and '**prove**' all things lest we be led astray.

When the Christian goes to Holy Scripture, he understands that God is a **God of order**, that He created the universe to demonstrate His divine mind, power, glory and wisdom, therefore the world we live in is logical, rational, understandable, explainable, predictable and under His divine control, exactly as detailed in His Word and observed by genuine science.

One of the scriptures we examined was **1 Corinthians 2: 4 & 5** Paul says that: *"my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."*

Thank you for listening.

Next time, we will pick up where we last left off on the session **'Becoming a Godly Christian'**

God has called us to full maturity in our understanding, wisdom and knowledge. God wants us to know certain things. He wants us to know the greatness of our redemption, the greatness of our position in Christ, the greatness of our inheritance, the greatness of the eternal riches that is already ours through His love and compassion, and the greatness of God's inheritance in you and me, and that is just the start!

Finally, if you have not yet looked at these past sessions, please do so to get a better understanding of how God works in our life so you can really grow and develop in a way that honours the Lord.

Thank you.

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