Lesson 2 -Who Am I As a Christian?

This life is not all there is. You were created to last for eternity. Where you spend eternity is up to you.

Isaiah 64:6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

1 John 1:8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Romans 6:23. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 7:18-19, 24 For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. **19**For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. . . What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God

John 3:16-17. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Romans 10:9-10 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10**For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Romans 10:13 “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

John 14:23-24 Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **24**Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching.

Romans 8:31-39. **31**What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32**He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? **33**Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. **34**Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. **35**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? **36**As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” **37**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38**For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39**neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. Describe how you generally feel about yourself. (Do you feel good, bad, valuable, worthless, loveable, not loveable etc.) According to the verses we read last week, do you think your feelings accurately reflect the way God feels about you? Why or why not?

2. Read the first 4 verses above, which describe who we were, according to God’s Word, before we knew Jesus. Summarize what they say.

3. Read Romans 7:18-19 & 24 above. Think back to the time before you gave your heart to Jesus. Can you relate to how Paul felt, as described in these verses? Write out how you felt before getting saved. What led up to your salvation?

4. Read Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:8, John 3:16-17 and 2 Corinthians 5:21. Jot down what each of these verses tells you about yourself, and what each verse tells you about God.

Romans 5:8:

Ephesians 2:8:

John 3:16-17:

2 Corinthians 5:21

5. According to Romans 10:9-10 and Romans 10:13, how is a person saved?

6. Romans 8:1 says there is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.” What does it mean to be “in Christ Jesus”? (Feel free to consult a Bible commentary.)

7. Read John 14:23-24. Fill in the blanks below, based on these verses.

I love Jesus so I will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Because I love and obey Jesus, God the Father \_\_\_\_\_ me and makes my heart his home. If I don’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus’ teaching, that means I don’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him.

8. Do the above verses convict you in any way? Explain. James 5:16 says “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” If you trust the people in your group and feel comfortable doing so, share how you want to change, to obey Jesus’ teaching, and ask for their prayer support. Please remember that anything of a personal nature that is shared in our small groups is strictly confidential and is not to be shared outside of your group. No gossip please!)

9. Read Romans 8:31-39. Jot down 3 or more declarations, based on these verses, that you can recite to yourself when you are suffering or being tempted or tested. The first one is given as an example.

God is for me, and no enemy or circumstance is stronger than God and His love for me!

10. Journal one of these verses or passages SOAP style.