

DYNAMIC

--- Basics ---

Session 2

A NEW LIFE IN VICTORY

Review 1 John 5:11, 12. _____ Check after quoting it correctly from memory.

You have begun a new life with Jesus Christ, a life with tremendous potential if lived as God intended. However, there is the danger of short circuiting our fellowship with God by sinning.

In this session we will discuss:

1. What sin is.
2. Why we sin.
3. That Jesus Christ is God's remedy for sin.
4. How we apply God's remedy for sin.

1. WHAT SIN IS

Sin is doing what I want as opposed to what God wants. Sin is an attitude of rebellion. Lying, cheating, etc. are the result or fruit of such rebellion.

Before you received Christ, sin prevented you from having a relationship with God. Read Ephesians 2: 1-5

What was your spiritual condition? (v.1) _____

Who controlled your life? (v.2) _____

What were you by nature? (v.3) _____

Now that you have received Christ, by God's mercy, what have you become? (v. 4, 5)

What are the results of sin in our lives? Read and discuss these verses:

Romans 6:23

Romans 2:8, 9

Psalm 66:18

John 8:34

2. WHY WE SIN

God has given us a free will to obey Him or to disobey Him. (Romans 6:12, 13). As Christians, sin inhibits fellowship with God. It takes time to grow and learn to think as God thinks. Our minds need to be renewed. (Romans 12:1, 2)

Temptation and sin are common to all of us.
What are three primary areas of temptation?

I John 2:15, 16 _____

Is temptation sin? Hebrews 4:15 _____

What can we do to keep temptation from leading to sin?

I Corinthians 10:13 _____

What is God doing in your life to provide a way of escape from temptation?

Philippians 2:13 _____

Read Romans 6:1, 2. As Christians why should we not continue to sin?

3. JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S REMEDY FOR SIN

The purpose of Christ's death was:

- a. to bring us to God
- b. to pay for our sins (1 Peter 3:18)

Read the following passage:

"You were dead in sin and your sinful desires were not yet cut away. Then He gave you a share in the very life of Christ, for He forgave all your sin, and blotted out

the charges proved against you, the list of His commandments which you had not obeyed. He took this list of sins and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross."

(Colossians 2:13, 14, Living Bible)

For how many of your sins did Christ die?

Colossians 2:13, 14 (above) _____

"All" means "All" - past, present and future sins. Now that you have received Christ you are completely forgiven. How will knowing that you are forgiven affect your life?

4. HOW TO APPLY GOD'S REMEDY FOR SIN

Remember, that you have been totally forgiven because of Jesus Christ's death on the cross for you, but to continue to experience fellowship with God daily, you need to confess any known sins.

If we confess our sins, what will Christ do?

1 John 1:9 _____

Confess means to agree with God about your sin.

- a. **Agree** that it is sin.
- b. **Thank God** that He has already provided forgiveness.
- c. **Change** your wrong attitudes. (Repentance)
- d. **Allow God** to empower you to change your actions.
- e. **Claim** your forgiveness as fact by faith and live a life free from guilt.

As you confess your sins and claim God's forgiveness, you will enjoy a life of victory over sin.

ON YOUR OWN

Take some time on your own to make a list of anything in your life that may be displeasing to God. Admit to God that it is sin. Write across your list 1 John 1:9. Thank God that He has forgiven you for all these sins. Now live in victory and freedom as one who is forgiven. Destroy your list since it is only between you and God.

1. Read Psalm 32
How did David deal with his sin?

How did he feel before he confessed?

How did he feel after he confessed?

2. Read Luke 15:11-32
How do these verses illustrate the way God deals with us?

3. Memorize the following verse:

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

How can I have power to live this new life?

Our next session is **A NEW LIFE WITH POWER.**

Time _____ Place _____ Date _____

Close in prayer.