

Exercise thyself unto Godliness

Part-1

Key Verse

**“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me”
-Galatians 3:20**

Discovery Questions:

1. What does it mean to be crucified with Christ? How do you see it?
2. How to understand “I no longer live, but Christ lives in me”? What is the message these words reveal?
3. How do you understand the words: “The life I live in the body I live by faith in the Son of God”?

Set-1 Carrying one’s own Cross to exercise Christ intended godliness and discipleship

Luke 14:25-27, 33;

Matthew 10:37-39

1. Who is a disciple of Christ? What should he do to become acceptable disciple of Christ?
2. What is the kind of discipleship/devotedness/integrity/godliness is taught in here by Lord Jesus Christ?
3. How to understand the above verses in the context of discipleship and Godliness? Do you get any insight?
4. What does Jesus mean when he says: ‘one should hate even his own life to become my disciple’?
5. “Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me he cannot be my disciple” why Jesus is saying these words? What exactly does he mean to carry one’s own cross?

Set-2 Identifying oneself in death, burial, resurrection, ascension, Reign and glory of Christ Jesus, the Son of God.

Romans 6:1-11;

Philippians 3:8-10;

Col 3:1;

2Timothy 2:12;

Rom 8:17

1. What does it mean to part take in Christ’s death?
2. How to understand and interpret the phrase “I am crucified with Christ”?
3. “I am baptized into Jesus’ death and buried with him” what message can we get from this statement?(Romans 6:1-11)

4. "I want to know Christ and become like him in his death" what does this statement actually communicate with us?(Philippians 3:10)
5. "I want to know Christ and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings" What exactly apostle Paul is trying to express here?(Philippians 3:10)
6. "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection" what do you understand from Paul's desire what it actually reveals to us? (Philippians 3:10)
7. "For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory" do you realize/ think this statement applies to your personal life at all?
8. "If we died with him, live with him" what do understand from this statement?
9. "If we endure we will also reign with him" what kind of promise and condition are associated here in this statement? What is the core message it conveys to us?

Set-3 Become slaves to God- the way to Godliness

I Corinthians 12:13

Galatians 3:26-29; John 14:20, 15:1-6, 17:21

Romans 6:19-23

1. What do you understand from the statement "I am baptized into Christ"?
2. "We are all baptized by /with /in one Spirit in to one body" (I Cor12:13) why?
3. "For all of you who are baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ" (Gal 3:27) Wow! What does it actually mean?
4. "I in You" and "You in Me" does it mean one and the same person? Or two different persons in perfect unity? Or what is your understanding about these words?
5. "Father in Jesus" and "Jesus in Father" does it mean one and the same person? Or two different persons in perfect unity? Or what is your understanding about these words?
6. "... become slaves to God" what does it mean ? And why?

Application Journal

Apply to your personal life through your obedience to what God has spoken to you while you finish this lesson for God intended transformation to take place in you.

Use the space below to record your SHARPening activity

Simple -a short activity that can easily be completed this week

Hands-on -an action that goes beyond personal reading and reflection

Additional - a new undertaking, one you are not already doing

Realistic - a commitment that fits into your other priorities

Purposeful -A response of loving obedience to God that reflects His concerns for people and that points them toward His goodness
