

Preparation for Bible Class

The 3 Greatest Issues in Life

#1- Salvation

Wow!



Jn 5:24

#2- The Spiritual Life

Wow!



Jn 7:38-39
Rom 8:16

#3 – Spiritual Maturity

Wow!



2 Cor 10:3-5 = adult
1 Pet 2:1-2 = baby

#1: Salvation



WOW!

Jn 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed (μεταβέβηκεν) out of death into life.

THE BARRIER The Problems:

~~SIN~~
Isa. 64:6b; Rom. 3:23

~~PENALTY OF SIN~~
Rom. 5:12; Mt 23a

~~PHYSICAL BIRTH~~
Gen. 2:17; cf., Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:1

~~RELATIVE
RIGHTEOUSNESS~~
Isa. 64:6a; Rom. 9:30-33

~~CHARACTER OF GOD~~
Isa. 46:9b; cf., 64:6b; Rom. 8:8

~~POSITION IN ADAM~~
1 Cor. 15:22a

WORK OF CHRIST The Solutions:

REDEMPTION
Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:18-19
UNLIMITED ATONEMENT
2 Cor. 5:14-15; 1 Tim. 4:10

EXPIATION
Col. 2:14

REGENERATION
John 3:1-18

IMPUTATION
1 Cor. 4:30; 2 Cor. 5:21

JUSTIFICATION
Rom. 7:1-5; Gal. 2:16

PROPITIATION
Rom. 3:22-26; 1 John 2:2

POSITION IN CHRIST
1 Cor. 15:22b; 2 Cor. 5:17

#2 – Spiritual Life



WOW!

- **John 7:38** "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
- **Romans 8:16** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are (ὅτι ἐσμὲν) children of God,

#3: Spiritual Growth into Maturity



- Newborn Baby: **1 Peter 2:1-2**, Therefore, putting aside all malice and all guile and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, ² like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

WOW!

- Mature believer: **2 Corinthians 10:3**, For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴ for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. ⁵ *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

David and Jonathan

TRUE/ἀρετὴ/POG FRIENDSHIP

Jonathan giving David
his Sword and Bow.

And Jonathan stripped
himself of the robe that was
upon him, and gave it to
David, and his garments,
even to his sword, and to
his bow, and to his girdle.

1 Sam. xviii. 4.



Reversionistic Saul & SG Jonathan

1 Samuel 20:30-42



Rev. Saul and SG Jonathan

1 Samuel 20:30-34

- **1 Samuel 20:30-34** Then Saul's anger burned against Jonathan and he said to him, "You son of a perverse rebellious woman! Do I not know that you are choosing the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother's nakedness?" ³¹ "For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Therefore now, send and bring him to me, for he must surely die." ³² But Jonathan answered Saul his father and said to him, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?" ³³ Then Saul hurled his spear at him to strike him down; so Jonathan knew that his father had decided to put David to death. ³⁴ Then Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did not eat food on the second day of the new moon, for he was grieved over David because his father had dishonored him.

SG Jonathan and Rev. David

1 Samuel 20:40-41

1 Samuel 20:40-42, Then Jonathan gave his weapons to his lad and said to him, "Go, bring *them* to the city." ⁴¹ When the lad was gone, David rose from the south side and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed three times. And they kissed each other and wept together, but David more. And Jonathan said to David, "Go in safety(לְשָׁלוֹם) inasmuch as we have sworn to each other in The name of the LORD (יְהוָה), saying, 'The LORD (יְהוָה) will be (יְהוָה) between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants forever.'" Then he rose and departed, while Jonathan went into the city.

- Jonathan is in SG, whereas David is moving into 2nd stage of reversionism.
- Note Jonathan's occupation with Yahweh/Pre-incarnate JC, and his recognition that the POG calls for Messiah to come from Judah.
- Jonathan will move into reversionism and will not recover, whereas David will recover from his rev. A chief reason Jonathan never recovered from reversionism is because of lack of biblical separation from his rev. father.
- A chief reason David will recover from reversionism is because of his grace orientation. Without grace orientation man gets hung upon his sins, and failures---as well as his own lack of righteousness or accomplishments.

Biblical Principles on Separation/Sanctification

1. The doctrine of separation/sanctification is mandated by Jesus Christ and is critical to any advancement in the SL.

1 Thess 4:2-5. For you know what commandments we gave you by *the authority of the Lord Jesus*. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification; *that is*, that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you know how to possess (κτᾶσθαι) his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵ not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

2. All biblical separation *must* be understood in light of sanctification.

3. Doctrines of separation and sanctification are all about staying connected with God and His plan for your life.

4. Separation means *not* allowing people, culture, or the OSHGEN to come between you and God/BD/POG---i.e. God's destiny for your life.

5. Separation is more about sanctification unto, staying connected to, the POG, the Holy Spirit, and God, than *simply* being against the evils in the world, the flesh, and the devil.

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6. Jesus Christ is our Perfect Exemplar regarding sanctification/separation.

a. Christ exemplifies the perfect non-compromising attitude regarding truth/POG in the midst of this earthly kingdom of darkness, Mt 11:19. There were enormous pressures on Him to compromise. He also demonstrates that one must fight for truth/God/POG--- against KD.

b. He demonstrates the need for fellowship/HS + the doctrinal weapons of the Word God for biblical sanctification. Fellowship=FHS gives us the relationship & power source and the WOG provides the doctrinal weapons to use in that relationship and power source.

Luke 4:1, 4 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led about by the Spirit in the wilderness. . . . it is written (Γέγραπται).



HS+WOG

Tests: Flesh/bread



HS+WOG

World/kingdoms



HS+WOG

Devil/avoid Cross

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8. Three key aspects of separation

- a. Separation “**unto**” God and His Plan as per progressive sanctification. Growth and advancement in the POG. Either growing or retrogressing spiritually, 2 Pet 3:16-18.
- b. **Mental separation from** things/people that come between you and God/POG---by negatively affecting your spiritual life/priorities (i.e. reversionism, distractions, MAS, compromise).
- c. **Physical separation from** things/people that come between you and God/POG---by negatively affecting your spiritual life/priorities (i.e. duress, reversionism, MAS).

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9. Every believer has three incessant enemies that attack his sanctification unto God and the POG.

a. Enemy #1: The world/kosmos

Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world (τῷ αἰῶνι τούτῳ, ἀλλὰ), but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove (τὸ δοκιμάζειν) what the will (τὸ θέλημα) of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

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b. Enemy #2: The flesh/OSHGEN, Rom 6-8.

1. Breaking power of OSHGEN by energy/power of Holy Spirit,

Galatians 5:16-17 But I say, walk by the Spirit (πνεύματι περιπατεῖτε), and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

2. Breaking power of OSHGEN by Bible Doctrine, Rom 6-8.

Romans 6:14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace.

#1, 6:6

knowing (γινώσκοντες)

#2, 6:11

consider/reckon (λογίζεσθε)

#3, 6:13

present (παραστήσατε)

Romans 6:6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;

Romans 6:11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- **Romans 6:13** and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

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c. Enemy #3: the devil/AC.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

10. Two aspects of divine power required for sanctification:

- a. Power to resist/overcome evil, Gal 5:16-17; 1 Cor 10:13; 1 Pt 5:9. To be weak in an evil world is to become evil.
- b. Power for divine good, Eph 3:14-20; Gal 5:22-23; Philip 2:13.

Philippians 2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

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11. Kosmos Diabolicus rejects God as the *summum bonum* of life and offers substitutes for God. Six propaganda messages to dupe the human race:

1 Jn 5:19: We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

a. Wealth is the summum bonum. The problem is not what money can buy; rather, the problem is what money *cannot* buy. Consider the richest vs. poorest nations of the world. Why is suicide rates higher in wealthiest nations?

b. Fame/honor is the summum bonum.

c. Power is the summum bonum.

d. Health is the summum bonum.

e. Happiness is the summum bonum.

f. Virtue is the summum bonum.

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- 12. In true sanctification/separation, God becomes the *summum bonum*, the ultimate meaning of life. Only when God becomes the summum bonum is the believer able to enjoy all of the creature comforts and blessings of life. When God is not first, then whatever is first becomes perverted/corrupted (cf. alcohol = alcoholic, loved ones = idols). Only God can fulfill our deepest needs. It is always a matter of priority!**

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13. God is more important than family,

- **Matthew 10:34** "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ "For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and a man's enemies will be the members of his household. ³⁷ "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸ "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.
- **Matthew 19:27-29** Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?" ²⁸ And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, shall receive many times as much, and shall inherit eternal life.

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14. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system,

2 Thessalonians 3:14 And if anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that man and do not associate [συναναμίγνυσθαι = get entangled] with him, so that he may be put to shame.

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14. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system,

2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?
¹⁵ Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

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1 Peter 4:4 And in *all* this, they are surprised that you do not run (μὴ συντρεχόντων) with *them* into the same excess of dissipation, and they malign (βλασφημοῦντες) *you*;

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2 Timothy 3:1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ² For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God (φιλήδονοι μᾶλλον ἢ φιλόθεοι); ⁵ holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and avoid (ἀποτρέπου) such men as these.

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14. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system,

1 Timothy 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; ⁴ He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, ⁵ Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

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2 John 1:10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into *your* house, and do not give him a greeting;

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Romans 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away (ἐκκλίνατε) from them. ¹⁸ For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

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14. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system,

- **2 Thessalonians 3:6** Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep aloof (στέλλεσθαι) from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us.

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- **Titus 3:9** But shun (περιίτασο) foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law; for they are unprofitable and worthless. ¹⁰ Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, ¹¹ knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

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14. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system,

- **Ephesians 5:11** And do not participate (συγκοινωνεῖτε) in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; ¹² for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

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14. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system,

- **1 Corinthians 5:9** I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; ¹⁰ I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world. ¹¹ But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler-- not even to eat with such a one.

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14. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system,

- **Matthew 7:6** "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

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15. We will become like those we “walk with.”

Proverbs 13:20 He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Psalms 1:1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.