

Toward Understanding Ourselves as a Christian

The Purpose of this Study

The Bible exhorts us to "take heed" to ourselves (Deuteronomy 2:4; 4:15,23; 11:16; Joshua 23:11; Luke 21:34); to "sanctify" ourselves (Lev 11:44; 20:7; Joshua 3:5; 7:13); to "examine" ourselves (II Corinthians 13:5); and to "keep" ourselves (Jude 20). We are also reminded that when we were born again and believed in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, we were given an "understanding" (I John 5:20). This "understanding" God desires to "open" (Ephesians 1:18), so we might be "filled" with "spiritual understanding," (Colossians 1:9)

This study is designed to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in majoring on the Biblical material relevant to "understanding ourselves" as a Christian – so we may more fully love, obey, and honor the True and Living God.

Recommendation

Please read and reread the material you will be given. Look up the Scripture passages and meditate on them. Take the time to pray for illumination about how the verses apply to you. Be honest. Accept the truth and obey God. Apply the material to specific details of your daily life. Trust God to change your life. He will do that if you invite Him into all the areas of your life, surrender yourself and your life to Him, and obey Him (Romans 12:1,2). Keep in mind that Christianity works. If you surrender to Him, seek to obey Him – and continue to have major difficulty in that area (the Christian life is never without some struggle) consider that you may be working on a symptom instead of the problem.

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Study Outline

Lesson # 1 -- Pattern and Authority for Our Study

Lesson # 2 -- The Perspective of Creation

Lesson # 3 -- The Perspective of the Fall

Lesson # 4 -- The Perspective of Divine Revelation

Lesson # 5 -- The Perspective of the Crucifixion

Lesson # 6 -- The Perspective of the Resurrection

Lesson # 7 -- The Perspective of the Ascension

Lesson # 8 -- The Perspective of the Day of Pentecost

Lesson # 9 -- The Perspective of the Response of Faith, Love, and Hope