

OUR HOLY SPIRIT SERIES

Brethren, it has been my pleasure to study and prepare the lessons we have considered this couple of months. I hope that it has been beneficial to all of you as well. I trust that there were some things that perhaps you had not considered before that were helpful and informative.

Our study series included the following subjects:

THE PERSON: HOLY SPIRIT ♦ THE SPIRIT IS DIVINE ♦ THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT ♦ WATER VS SPIRIT BAPTISM ♦ BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT ♦ WHAT ABOUT CORNELIUS? ♦ GIVE-RECEIVE-POUR-FALL ♦ GOD'S MEASURES ♦ BEING FILLED/FULL OF THE SPIRIT ♦ LED BY THE SPIRIT ♦ WHAT IS THE ANOINTING? ♦ GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT ♦ WHAT ABOUT "THAT WHICH IS PERFECT?" ♦ NOW AS THEN: MIRACULOUS *NEVER* RESULTED FROM WATER BAPTISM ♦ SPEAKING IN TONGUES ♦ WHAT ABOUT "UNKNOWN" TONGUES? ♦ WHAT ABOUT ROMANS 8.26,27?

Again, I do hope this study has been helpful. If you have any questions about these topics, let me know or put them in the question box for me to address on a 5th Sunday evening.

MORE ON MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

The question was asked (and this will be a paraphrase) "If A and B marry then divorce for unscriptural reasons, then C (who has never been married) marries B and they are thus committing adultery, but they in turn divorce, may C then marry without sin?" Generally, questions like this are framed in order to make a sticky situation seem even more unbelievable, thus causing some to retreat from taking a strong stand against sinful divorce and remarriage. This is not the reason for this question, however. Look around and you will see just such situations taking place far too often. People can really make a mess of their lives and seemingly make hash out of God's law for marriage.

Let us first review what the Lord taught regarding divorce and remarriage. One who divorces for reasons other than the **ONE** given by Scripture, and marries again commits sin. The one whom they marry commits sin also. The one from whom another has been divorced, being the "put away" party, is not free to marry, and any that marries that one also commits adultery. For every unscriptural divorce and the parties remarry, there are always FOUR people who are committing adultery. The only way to cease this sin of adultery is to get out of that marital situation. Let us also be cautious when using the phrase "in the eyes of God." This does not appear in any text dealing with this problem. Confusion thus arises as to "who is married to whom?" in these cases. Please note, in the texts dealing with this, Jesus **does** call the union a "marriage." This does not mean however that it is legitimate. It is sinful in that such "marriage" is unlawful.

Now, when A and B divorced for unbiblical grounds, they sinned. Paul taught that they ought to reconcile (I Corinthians 7). When B married C, the problem is compounded, but still manageable in that there is a solution. They must cease the adulterous sin by getting out of that marriage. As to the interloper (C), whether C was ignorant of the situation, ignorant of God's law or not, does not excuse him/her from sin. So long as C is married to one who is not a lawful mate, C sins. The only way to cease this sin is to get out of that situation. Let us say C learns the truth regarding this problem and divorces B. C is now in the same position he/she was **before** marrying B. Yes, C is free to marry lawfully now. Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Never try to justify an action by saying "Well, I really believed or did or did not know or (whatever), so I can keep this new mate." Be certain of the facts before making any decisions or judgments regarding others. Hope this helps.

JESUS OUR SAVIOR

"And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins. Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, And they shall call his name Immanuel; which is, being interpreted, God with us" (Matthew 1:21-23). From this simple prophecy which comes from the inspiration given Isaiah, chapter seven, we find several important facts concerning the Savior. We see in just these few words His name, purpose and plan.

There really is something in a name! When God said, "and thou shalt call His name Jesus...", He was showing that He had chosen His name to **mean** something. Jesus could have accomplished the work of God and be called Simon, but God wanted "Jesus." **JESUS** is actually the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew name "Yeshua" or what we would say, "Joshua" which means "Jehovah is our help" or "Jehovah is our salvation". How fitting it is for the savior to be called Jesus!

Isaiah also said, "a virgin shall...call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). Now truly we come to understand John when he wrote concerning "the Word" in John 1:1,2,14. Jesus shows us God in the flesh. He brings the Father's closeness (John 14:9), love (I John 4:8), wisdom and mercy (John 8:1-11), power (Matthew 8:23-27), holiness (Hebrews 4:15), judgment (II Corinthians 5:10) and forgiveness (Acts 4:12; Philippians 2:9).

His purpose is easy to see from this prophecy. He came to save His people. He came to save **all** the lost (Luke 19:10). He came to give us power from His life, death and resurrection (Romans 1:16; 6:3-7). And what of His plan? How can a purpose be accomplished without a plan? We see His plan in His commission (Matthew 28; Mark 16). **The plan?** The disciples to teach the gospel to the world; the hearer to be baptized for forgiveness of sins; the baptized to be taught all that Christ commanded.

Praise God for His indescribable gift, for His love that surpasses all understanding and for the incomparable blessings that we have in His Son!

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	WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY EVENING	WORSHIP	6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	BIBLE STUDY	7:30 P.M.
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Wednesday's Wisdom:

"Good deeds and benevolence are not to be broadcast. Do your good works humbly; God will see them and reward you!" Hubert Wiley

Melanie, Iain, and Abbey will be traveling home on Tuesday. Please pray for their safe travel and arrival.

Tonight is Question/Answer night. It is not too late to get questions to Robin for him to address.