

Discovering CHRIS-TI-AN-I-TY

[A Study through John and Romans]

Reading Programme

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Study 1

Who is Jesus?

The Word

[John 1:1-14]

In the _____ was the Word. The Word was _____ God. The Word _____ God.

_____ Things were made by Him [1:1-3]. The world was made by _____ [1:10]

The Word _____ [1:14]

The Son and Messiah

Jesus Christ is the _____ begotten _____ of God [1:18, 34, 2:16, 3:13-18, 35-36]

What did Jesus claim to be? _____ [4:25-26, 29]

The people also called Him the _____ [4:42]

The Light and the Lamb

The life of Jesus Christ is the _____ of men [1:4]. The darkness could not _____ the light [1:5].

Why do men love darkness instead of light? _____ [3:19-21]

Jesus Christ is the _____ of God and He takes away the _____ of the world [1:29, 36]

Equal

[John 5:17-30]

Jesus explains how He is equal with God.

1. Equal in _____ [v19] _____

2. Equal in _____ [v20] _____

3. Equal in _____ [v21, 25] _____

4. Equal in _____ [v22, 27] _____

5. Equal in _____ [v23] _____

6. Equal in _____ [v24] _____

7. Equal in _____ [v26] _____

Study 2

What is Sin?

No Excuse

There are 3 things in Romans 1-3 that prove God's existence and His anger toward sin:

_____ [1:18-20]

_____ [2:13-15]

_____ [2:17-23]

Why do men deny God? _____ [1:18]

Wrath

What is God's wrath against? _____ [1:18]

What are we worthy of because of sin? _____ [1:32]

Why has man not been punished yet? _____
[2:1-8]

Humanity

We did not give God the _____ He deserves and we were not _____ [1:21]

Our thoughts became _____ and our hearts became _____ [1:21]

We began to worship _____ instead of the Creator [1:23, 25]

We dishonored our _____ as our hearts were filled with _____ [1:24, 26]

How many humans are good? _____ [3:9-18]

The Law

[Romans 3:19-20]

The law of God (the 10 commandments) were given by God to man for a very important reason:

What does the law do? _____

What does the law not do? _____

Study 3

What is the Gospel?

The Bread, The Light and Freedom

[John 6-8]

How does Jesus picture Himself in 6:48 and 8:12?

_____ and _____

What does He promise in 6:47? _____

What does He promise in 8:12? _____

If I sin what am I? _____ [8:34]

What happens when we become a disciple? _____ [8:31-36]

What will happen if we do not believe? _____ [8:21, 24]

The Gospel

[Romans 3:21-5:21]

Redemption [to buy back] – Christ bought us back from slavery with His blood [3:24]

Justification [to declare righteous] – God pardons us because Christ took our guilt [3:24, 26, 28]

Propitiation [to appease wrath] – God's wrath against our sin has been dealt with [3:25]

Imputation [to settle debt] – Christ has taken our sin debt making us rich in holiness [4:6, 8, 22-24]

Reconciliation [to make peace] – Christ has made peace between God and sinful man [5:1, 10]

The Cost

What were we like when Christ died for us?

_____ [5:6, 8, 10]

What did it cost Christ to save us? _____ [3:25, 5:6-10]

What does it cost us? _____ [3:24, 5:15-18]

How do we not receive this gift? _____ [3:28, 4:1-6]

How do we receive this gift? _____ [3:28, 4:1-8, 5:1]

Study 4

What is Holiness?

Sanctification

The word sanctification means 'to be set apart'. The idea is that we are set apart **from** sin and set apart **for** Christ. There are actually three steps:

- **Positional Holiness** - set apart from the sinful world to become part of the family of God
- **Progressive Holiness** - continues to grow in holiness in partnership with the Holy Spirit
- **Perfect Holiness** - the believer enters heaven and his sin nature is eradicated

Dead and Free 1 [Romans 6]

When someone becomes a Christian what happens to them? _____ [v2-3, 6, 11]

What does this death free them from? _____ [v7, 18, 22]

What does this death set them free to? _____ [v4, 13, 18, 22]

There is a 3 step process here to defeating sin in our lives:

1. _____ [v3, 6, 16]
 - a. That we are _____ in Christ [v3]
 - b. That we body of sin is _____ [v6]
 - c. That we are _____ of either sin or obedience [v16]
2. _____ [v11] this means to accept as fact in your own life, to count it to be true
 - a. That we are _____ to sin [v11]
 - b. That we are _____ to Christ [v11]
3. _____ [v13, 16, 19] this means to surrender or give yourself
 - a. Your body as an _____ to God unto righteousness [v13]
 - b. Your body as a _____ to righteousness and holiness [v16, 19]

Dead and Free 2 [Romans 7]

What else has the believer died to and become free from? _____ [v4, 6]

This freedom allows us to serve in the _____ [v6]

As we do this we can bring forth _____ unto God [v4]

The key to becoming more like Jesus Christ is to discover Him as gloriously beautiful, to desire Him above all else, to draw nearer to Him daily. As we do this – He changes us into His image.

Study 5

What is Eternal Security?

The Shepherd's Hands

In John 10 Jesus Christ is the Door by which we enter into eternal life and our Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep.

Who are the sheep of Jesus? _____ [v9]

What does Jesus give His sheep? _____ [v28]

What can no man do to His sheep? _____ [v28]

What else can no man do? _____ [v29]

His Forever

[Romans 8]

What will Christians experience no more of? _____ [v1]

What has been fulfilled in us? _____ [v4]

Who dwells in us? _____ [v9-11]

What are Christians? _____ [v14-17]

What is the Holy Spirit doing for us right now? _____ [v27]

What is God conforming us into? _____ [v29]

Who is the only person that can charge us? _____ [v33]

Who is the only person that can condemn us? _____ [v34]

What is Christ doing for us right now? _____ [v34]

What can separate us from the love of Christ? _____ [v35-39]

Suffering

Christians are not promised an easy life, but there are some truths to consider here in Romans 8 regarding suffering:

As a child of God what two things do we share with Christ? _____ [v17]

What is greater than any suffering we may go through? _____ [v18]

What is creation experiencing right now? _____ [v22]

How are we helped in our suffering? _____ [v26]

What works for good to the child of God? _____ [v28]

What may happen to some Christians? _____ [v36]

What are we in all things we face? _____ [v37]

Study 6

What is the Old Testament?

The Jews and Jesus

[John 11-12]

What did the Jews seek to do to Jesus? _____ [11:8, 46-47, 53]

What did the Jews call Jesus? _____ [12:12-15]

What did Jesus do to fulfill prophecy here? _____ [12:14-15]

How did they respond to His claims? _____ [12:37]

The Nation of Israel

[Romans 9:1-5]

What did God give Israel?

_____ - _____

_____ - _____

_____ - _____

_____ - _____

_____ - _____

_____ - _____

_____ - _____

_____ - _____

_____ - _____

Were all Jews born again in the Old Testament? _____ [9:6-8]

The Stumbling of Israel

[Romans 9-11]

How did the Jews seek righteousness? _____ [9:30-33]

What did the Jews stumble over? _____ [9:30-33]

What did the Jews have? _____ [10:1-2]

What were they ignorant of? _____ [10:3-4]

What did God always have in the Old Testament? _____ [11:3-4]

What does God have now in this age? _____ [11:5]

Why has God allowed Israel as a nation to be blind? _____ [11:25]

What will God do in the future? _____ [11:26]

Study 7

What is My Purpose?

The Servant King

[John 13]

What did Jesus know? _____ [v3]

What did Jesus do? _____ [v4-5]

Why did He do this? _____ [v13-17]

Love and Hate

How does God love us? _____ [17:23]

How does Jesus love us? _____ [15:9]

How are we to love each other? _____ [13:34, 15:12]

Why should we love each other this way? _____ [13:35]

What will this love look like? _____ [15:13]

What does true love of Christ lead to? _____ [14:15, 21-24]

How did the world treat Christ? _____ [15:18-25]

How will they treat us? _____ [15:18-25, 16:2, 33, 17:14]

The Holy Spirit

What will the Comforter do?

_____ [14:16-17]

_____ [14:26, 16:13]

_____ [15:26, 16:13-14]

_____ [16:7-11]

A Branch

Where does our strength to serve come from? _____ [15:1-6]

Who dwells in us? _____ [14:16-17, 23]

What are we to be doing? _____ [15:1-8, 16]

What do we do with the Spirit? _____ [15:26-27]

Why do we stay here on earth? _____ [17:15-18]

Study 8

What about Daily Living?

Scripture

[Romans 12:1-2]

- What are we to do with our bodies? _____ [v1]
- What are we not to do? _____ [v2]
- How are we transformed? _____ [v2]
- What does Paul call scripture? _____ [3:2]
- What does scripture do? _____ [15:4]
- As we read scripture, what will we know? _____ [12:2]

Church

[Romans 12:4-13]

- How does Paul describe the church? _____ [v4-5]
- What does each Christian have? _____ [v6-8]
- Why do we have these? _____
- How are we to treat each other? _____ [v9-10]
- What are we to continue in? _____ [v12]
- What two things does v13 ask of us? _____

Society

[Romans 12-13]

- How are we to treat those who wrong us? _____ [12:14, 17]
- What are we to give to those who wrong us? _____ [12:20]
- What are we to strive to? _____ [12:18]
- Who places people in power? _____ [13:1]
- How should we view the government? _____ [13:2-4]
- How should we behave toward the government? _____ [13:5]
- What about tax? _____ [13:6-7]
- How are we to treat our neighbours? _____ [13:8-10]

Expectancy

[Romans 13:11-14]

- What is near? _____ [v11]
- What is at hand? _____ [v12]
- What should we do? _____ [v12-14]

Study 9

What is Liberty?

The Weak and the Strong

[Romans 14:1-15:7]

- What are the two types of believer here? _____ [14:1-2, 15:1]
- What were the two thoughts about eating meat? _____ [14:2]
- What were the two thoughts about special days? _____ [14:5]
- What was the strong believer to do? _____ [14:1, 15:1]
- What was every man to do? _____ [14:5]
- What is the weak believer not to do? _____ [14:3-4, 10-13]
- What was Paul convinced of? _____ [14:14]
- What did he ask the strong to do? _____ [14:13, 15, 21]
- What are we all to do? _____ [14:19, 15:2-3]
- Who is our Judge? _____ [14:4-12]
- What will each of us do one day? _____ [14:12]

Paul's Liberty

[Romans 15-16]

- What did Paul do with his freedom? _____ [15:19-20, 25]
- What did the Greeks do with their freedom? _____ [15:26-27]
- What did he urge the Romans to do with their freedom? _____ [15:30]
- What did Paul's friends do with their freedom?
- _____ [16:1-2]
- _____ [16:3-4]
- _____ [16:6]
- _____ [16:7]
- _____ [16:9, 12, 21]

False Teaching

[Romans 16:17-18]

- What two things are we to do with those who don't teach the truth? _____ [16:17]
- What/Who do these people serve? _____ [16:18]
- How do they deceive people? _____ [16:18]

Study 10

What a Saviour!

Christ's Arrest and Trial

[John 18:1-19:16]

What did the Jewish people accuse Christ of? _____ [18:28-40, 19:7]

What did Pilate find wrong with Him? _____ [18:38, 19:4, 6]

What did Pilate do to Him anyway? _____ [19:1-3]

Believing Christ to be innocent, what did Pilate do? _____ [19:12-16]

Christ's Death

[John 19:17-42]

What kept being fulfilled here? _____ [19:24, 28, 36-37]

What were the last words of Christ on the cross? _____ [19:30]

Christ's Resurrection and Commission

[John 20-21]

After the resurrection what did Christ tell His disciples? _____ [20:21]

Where did the Father send Christ? _____

Where does Christ send us? _____

What did the Father send Christ to do? _____

What does Christ send us to do? _____

Who did He give them? _____ [20:22]

Why? _____

What did Christ tell Thomas once he believed? _____ [20:29]

Why did John, who wrote the gospel, write these things? _____ [20:31]

How was Peter to demonstrate his love for Christ? _____ [21:15-17]

What did Christ promise Peter? _____ [21:18-19]

After explaining this what did Christ command from Peter? _____ [21:19]