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Whom The Lord Commands / II Cor. 10-13

10:7-18

Close Study on 1 & 2 Cor. Problems of worship, fellowship - living systematic giving -

Opposing Those False Leaders. His Enemies - rejected.

Claimed: Perverted & weakened the gospel to suit own will
Not spiritual enough - (Others had been there
(gifted eloquent speech & amazed the hearers)

Reply: used extremely sarcastic language -
"Sharp & bitter -

Paul had had connection with the church at Corinth & particular interest in it.

the view of Paul's connection with the church ->
is it strange that some of its members opposed him?
But so must in the church - yet leaders criticized him -
Some denied his apostleship - unethical measures against him.

I. ✓ Appearance - 7-11

Everyone wants to feel important. -

Recognition involves much human behavior -

Sensitive to public opinion -

Approval of Social Pressures - Professional Ambition -

Story: Newspaper - 2 men - arrested - Selling imitation perfume.
complaint - Customer paid \$250 for 13 bottles

analyzed - 38% worth of rubbing alcohol, little coloring & oil -
Fancy Bottle - Famous Labels - as real perfume.

√-7 How Much outward appearance counts with us?

To what degree are we prone to judge a person by appearance?

By what word do we characterize people who pretend to be more than they are?

(Hypocrite - actor - wore a mask)

To what extent is there a danger of simply play acting in our Christian lives?

Who does the hypocrite really fool?

Wesley once confided to an older minister that he didn't see how he could go on preaching faith when his own faith was so shaky. "If you go on preaching it long enough," the older man said, "you'll find that you acquire it." The prediction came true for Wesley!

Enimur said
Paul an impostor
1 Cor. 1:12

What is the worst kind of hypocrisy? ^{looking down} ~~our noses at others~~

appealing not to look on outward things -

look beneath the surface -

1. clearly at the facts before you -

verse against those who claimed to be better Christians than others - Take another look

Building ones self up by tearing others down -
(This is not of God.)

you claim to belong to Christ - Paul also made that claim -

No man any special claim on Christ -

Does a man ever get so high above sin

That he can point accusing finger at others?

1 Cor 1:12 - Christ can not be divided.

choice of King by Samuel ->

V. 8 Paul knew he was genuine - Superior in their position -
Refrained from Boasting - Apostle given him by Jesus ^{sinfully}
Authority granted to him to build up The Church -
Not destruction.

Y Boasting is proud on me, I can stand my ground -
not ashamed.

Do you think Paul enjoyed telling about himself?
(embarrassed by necessity of displaying status) ->

Name the source of Paul's Authority?

For what purpose had it been given him? ^{Lord} (edifying)

Paul needed their belief & confidence in him - trusted

V. 9 Reflects another accusation - That in his letters he sought
to terrify the church by his threats & language -
I will not use my authority lest it be

interpreted as terrifying the church -
He would not be accused of destroying the ch. by his actions
" was concerned to build up the church - "

V. 10 els These grounds for believing Paul was physically weak?
That he was not eloquent like Apollos!
Did not refute that charge.
(12:7) - Caused pain - His appearance - We do not know.

VII. Reply to their charge of cowardice -
Ans. in strong language " The man who thinks this way, had better think again "

✓ APPRAISAL 12-16

question of how to appraise or measure the worth of a life -
What standards were the enemies of Paul using
to judge their own lives?

V. 12 - Do you think we ever do this?
and what way?

(Judge - own standards - Group or community standards -
What mistakes do people make by self measurement)

Paul - Not be bold enough to compare himself
with those who thought themselves strong -
Refused to take that approach -

own ends - own standard he is a fool -

"Yardstick" - Kind used

1. Everyone is doing it.

2. I'm as good as my neighbor -

3. " " " " Church goes -

✓
V.13 What is the true measure of Christian stature?

- Rule or measure - length - yardstick of God -

No rule higher than God's standard -
compare life with Jesus!

✓
V.14 The church lay within the limits which God himself had set for Paul -

Paul had gone to Corinth under the compulsion of the gospel, and the church had come into existence because he proclaimed the gospel.

Hymn - "it gave my life for thee" -

✓
V.15 How does our increase of faith enlarge the spread of the gospel?

(Financial support - Miss.)

Not build on another man's work or foundation -
"steal another's labour" -

His own work — We find it easy to
reject the work of a true labourer & to
boast that our work is far superior.

Faith might grow & they might find room
for Paul in their hearts.

He would wait for their faith to grow —

V.16 What did he mean regions beyond?

Is there any sense in which we can labor
in the regions beyond?

Still opportunity — Personal Soul winning.

Not just glory in the work of others.

Spain — Rom 15:23-25

After growth they would be willing to support his work —

Approval 17-18

V.17 What should be the supreme goal of a Christian?

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Contrary attitudes: self glory & self approval.

How shall we express our glory in the Lord?

What are dangers in self praise?

Covetousness, riches, superiority — self confident — el
Push God out of sight. "

See my self Isaiah 6:5 woe is me —

Peter — I am sinful man Luke 5:8 —

meaningless to measure ourselves by the standards of the world around us. Exact standards are required — spiritual realm.

✓ V.18 How may we be sure of the Lord's commendation?

What kind of Christian will the Lord commend?

Man who commends himself has obtained no standing except before himself.

Real question is whether one wants man's approval or God's.

Man's approval can be had cheaply —

• Application.—Ask: What kind of a Christian will the Lord commend? Let the class suggest qualities of the dedicated Christian. Say: A Russian minister said recently: "In Russia, people who go to church are not indifferent or even warm Christians. They are the hot ones. . . . We do not have the in-between Christian—or the drifting Christian." Ask the class to discuss this comment. Ask: Why do we have so many indifferent Christians?

The Unchangeable Gospel ← Gal. 1:6-17

Tie: Whether One Wants Man's Approval or God's —

Problem: Enemies Within The Chr. & Outsiders attacking The Gospel

Enslaved: Continued to agitate in The Churches:

Had to be Circumcised & keep The Law:

Galatian Territory: Established Chrs. on 1st Miss. Journey. MAP

Temptation: Turn from Gospel to Judaism.

Christ vs. works of Law

Accusation: Paul Watered-down The Gospel —

Preached — $\frac{1}{2}$ of " "

" — Easy " "

Have you ever seen Father Divine? Or any person

who claimed to be God? Daddy Grace

Temple in Norfolk — life size Card Board Statue —

How would you know he was not Divine?

Why do you suppose many people claim to believe in him?

Cults — same — of our day.

Can Protestantism Be Saved? Losing Ground, not so

much in Number as in Spirit — Many Protestants

The gasoline in the tank is half water — you can't run a

car that way — you can't run a church that way —

Revolt - 6-9

V.1-5 Introduction

1. identification v.2. mention of others with him.

v.3-4 - His Prayer for Gal's. v.5. Praise to God -

Note Words of Certainty of his Apostleship -

V.6 How must Paul felt as he expressed his remonstrance?

He was stupefied - change had come so soon after
This conversion -

"Him that called you" refers to whom? God.

Where does the initiative in salvation originate?

"Called" - results of sal of grace of Christ calls us.

Process: revolting against God -
Alliance to God who called is being replaced
by " " to another message.

Is there more than one Gospel?

V.7 What is the only Gospel? (one they received of Paul) -
What did Paul call this departure or result from
The True Gospel? - (Perversion -

According to Paul's opponents, how is a person
saved?

(Faith & works)
What part did works play? Eph 2:8-10

Do we encounter any provisions of the Gospel Today? (doctrinal).

Paul denied The False Gospel - it unsettled The Christians of Galatia.

Judaizers

Jesus + his disciples were Jews - Marks of a Jew - Luke we think was a Gentile. Life moved on - married - Oral Law + The Tradition of The Elders.

More weight than actual Law of Moses as time passed.

Mk 7:3; Matt 5:20.

Jesus never down graded Law of Prophets But hit hard The Tradition of Elders Mark 1:22, Astonished Scribes cited Rabbi 50 & 50 in teaching.

Authority out of his being! The kind we need. Man ought to have a message & it is identified by what he is. Didn't have to quote 25 scholars.

Matt. 11:28-30 - Rest yoke symbol of taking on certain teaching. Pharisees had theirs & Jesus had his - yoke of Law instead of yoke of Grace.

Made it impossible of people to be righteous. What ever Jesus says or does is a window. Judaizers insisted on certain tradition.

v. 8 How did he insist on an unchangeable Gospel?

It did not matter who preached false gospel - any person -
Zealous for contents of true gospel.

Strong language; Accursed.
Truth is truth because it is true!

V.9 Does it make much difference what we believe
as long as we are sincere?
What is the final court of appeal to determine
the correctness of our Gospel? (Bible).

REVELATION 10-16

V.10 What accusation was being hurled at
him by his opponents?
Was it a popular thing to be known as a
servant of Christ?

Judgment: Paul was far fairer than this was cheap &
easy Gospel - pleasing men!

Note: No man trying to please men would talk of
pronouncing a curse on those who preach a
false gospel: No hesitation -

yet: In mind his position before his conversion.
In what sense did he please men then?

V.11 Defense - What was the source of his gospel?

Apostle ship - Direct Result of Divine initiative -

Human instrumentality not involved -

"Certify" What does that word mean to you?
(to make known - valid -

No demand for obedience to law -

"Affer Man" - according to man - human origin -

V.12 - What is meant by revelation?

II Timothy 3:16 . Are we at liberty to
adjust the gospel to suit our

As an example quote to the class
the recent words of a religious leader
who said concerning the virgin birth
of Christ: "I am inclined to believe it
is a myth." Ask: What grounds does
he have for such a viewpoint? To
stimulate the thinking of the class, of-
fer this quote from yet another reli-
gious leader: "Must God have a
sacrifice, the Lamb slain from the
foundation of the world, as the Book
says? No, no, I cannot think of it this
way. . . . It is my sin, I must atone."
Point out that these are quotes from
well-known religious leaders. What do
their words indicate about the pres-
ent danger of gospel perversion?

Qualification of an
apostle - Acts 1:21-22

Can you see why there were
those who denied the apostleship
of Paul?

How did Paul defend it?
Gal. 1:1

What is the responsibility of each succeeding
generation of Christians in reference to the
Gospel? (Pass on in purity) -

- Paul :
1. Not receive it of man.
 2. Not learn it.
 3. Derived from God.

Damascus Road Experience - Revealed

1 Cor. 15:3 -

V.13 What was Paul's manner of life before
he became a Christian.

Why do you suppose he told about his
Background at this point?

Persecution -

V.14 Boast of superior position among
Kisemen - Zeal -

How did he profit the Jews objection more
than others?

V.15 No opportunity for him to have received
his gospel from others - His
gospel a miracle of Grace.

"Phased God" - Not Human - God made
the happy decision to reveal his Son -

Separated - More than Birth -

Set apart for particular task -
Gods initiative Before he

was capable of responding - God extended the
call - provided the opportunity on the Road -
Man not a Robot - Man must respond -

V.16 - contents of the gospel -

"Flash" - Did Not turn to human sources for instruction or guidance in the proclamation of the gospel -

(Emphasize - weakness - sinfulness -

What became P. Chief Deane after Conversion?
(Revel Christ.)

Retreat 17 -

V.17 What was the purpose of his sojourn in Arabia? Map

How empty is it that people today have periods of retreat?

(Prayer time - spiritual - worship - Revival)

(Arabia - Period of Study -) - Acts 9:20 -

Some say to escape Governor - 2 Cor. 11:32

Message - Gospel free from legalism -

Danger - sub. man made message -

Time: Christian knew Pain Bible -

Conviction vs compromise -

Why did the Jews so doggedly follow after Paul and try to disprove his teachings?

What was and is the plan of propagating the gospel?

Wherein was the doctrine of the Judaizers at variance with the teachings of Christ and of Paul?

What are some of the forms of legalism and ceremonialism confronting Christianity today?

"Born To Make Men Free" Luke 2:8-14
Gal. 4:4-7

Reminiscence: Burdensome activities -

What Christmas customs in your family have you enjoyed most?

Do the customs vary in other parts of the country & world?

When the Christmas presents were opened, a wife exclaimed to her husband, "Oh, Darling, this is just what I needed to exchange for what I wanted."

Family get together - Christmas gifts - Feasting -

Are there any religious or legal requirements that we give gifts at Christmas time?

Why do we do it? (Custom - Expectation - Love)

Do we do more when love prompts or when it is expected?

Are there a difference between what we need & what we want?

Identify what some want?
What above all do we need?

DATE

V-1-2

Much can not understand. - Uncertainty
Not sure about the year - Herod Great King
in Judaea - Sometime prior to the year 4 B.C.

TIME

V-3-5

- December - Spring or Summer or Fall
Not sure -

What was the purpose of this Trip to Bethlehem?

Why this Town?

BIRTH

V. 6-7

Luke 1:35

Can you picture No Room for Jesus in Bethlehem?
V. 7 & 12 taken together later.

Shepherds

V. 8. What kind of men were these?

Humble, poor - some watched others slept -

Not Town officials, Rich - Despised by some -

Joseph brought father type (Shepherd) who asked
Their business is shepherds.

Main trade in Palestine -

Angel

9- Why were these men afraid?
Disciples at Transfiguration? Luke 9:34.
Brilliant Light -

Message v.10 -

10 What was the 1st word to the shepherds?
(Not come to condemn. (Fear not))

"Good Tidings" - Greek word Evangelize - Tronkots, Gospel

V-E Day - World War II - news caster said.

"This is probably the best news the world has ever heard."

Do you agree? Why is Gospel best news?

For whom is this good news intended?

What is the significance of the fact that the good news of Christ's birth was brought to the shepherds?

Was God more interested in getting this news to simple/peasant folk than to others?

How do you think this message was conveyed to the shepherds?

11 - Saviour → What comes to mind when
you think of a Saviour?

Full Revelation -

Heals: The people of this sinners

Redems: From sin & despair.

King: Provides, protects -

From What does Christ save us?

What is meant by "City of David"?

Emphasizes fact He was fulfillment of O.T.!

(Messiah) Christ The Anointed one - Chosen -

V.12

Sign

"Swoaddling clothes" clothes or bands wrapped
custom - after birth with his arms at his sides
to keep him from much movement during
early hours after birth.

Sign: of Humility.

Manger: What manger can you give
for a Manger instead of a cradle?

Suggested that many babies of Palestine spend
some of early days in manger which served for
feeding cattle under the same roof with the people -

Single Room divided into 2 levels - lower level for animals - upper: eating, cooking, sleeping. Manger, placed at dividing line - soft straw bed.

Not Palace of King - Humble house.

(Class Member - Been in Italy - Do - Animals housed under the house - not go out with cold soup + - Shepherd come along from 4 fold turn cow, or goats, out - follow to pasture P.M. - come in) - Multitude -

13 - Why was such joy expressed by the heavenly chorus at the announcement of the news of the birth of Christ's lowly manger for his Multitude of heaven announced the Birth -

How could we make Christmas a more joyous occasion for ourselves and our families and friends?

14 - "Glorify" same word as used in v. 9
"Manifestation of the true character of God - we could change world conditions by giving glory to God."

"Peace"

What is the requirement of Peace on Earth?

(Sufficient number of men of good will) —

Q. In what sense could Christ be called The "Prince of Peace"?

Spiritual sense. NOT cessation of War.
Peace Between man and God!

God's good pleasure to provide Sal. —
Peace available to all men —
God took the initiative.

Remarkable Song: pointing to total work
of Jesus Christ. life & death.

No ordinary child

"Fitness of Time"

Gal 4:

V. 4 — Was the coming of Christ planned?
What is meant by fulness of time?

According to God's plan his son entered history —

"made of woman" — real flesh — Blood —

affirmation that as man of human mother —
He was born as one under the law.

V. 5 — What was the purpose of the
law? (convict — mirror —)

could it come from sin?

Redeem: Signs of a Salve Court.
human beings were being sold - Buy
back from slavery - Sold on the block -

identified himself with man in man's
condemned situation - Purchase
Full Sonship - Rom 1:18 -

The Purpose of Christ Birth is shown here! Redem

adoption: more than formal - but by
The Work of Christ.

How did the Galatians receive this redemption?
(Faith)

1.6 - Preparation had been made for the Saviors -

How do we know that we are Christians?

(Spirit bears witness -

Guarantee of genuine Sonship -

Men work out their own (systems) for salvation -

Why did angels sing at the birth of Christ?

(Find the real significance of Christ Birth?)

An old Saxon king and his army set out to put down a rebellion in a distant province. When the army of rebels had been defeated, the king placed a lighted candle in the archway of the castle in which he had his headquarters. He sent out his herald to announce that any of the rebels who would come and take a loyalty oath while the candle burned, would be given clemency and mercy.

Point out that the Christmas story is a candle of hope for lost humanity.

What could we do to lift the level of our Christmas celebrations?

(From self centered - child centered)

How are you planning to share the blessings of Christ's coming with those who do not know about it?

God's gift was Christ - what should our gift be?

Dimensions of Freedom Gal. 5:13-26.

Freedom; Seek Definition of The Word -

Get your Personal Idea!

To Different Individuals Mean Different Things:

- Webster: 1- Quality of being or a state of being free.
Liberation from slavery - imprisonment - restraint -
Freedom of will -
Freedom of speech - frankness - outspoken.
Freedom of care - exemption.
Freedom of possession - as citizens.
- 2- Privilege - Franchise.
Liberty - independence - license

V.13 - a Baptist layman trying to explain the doctrine of grace to a friend - friend "if I believed as you do, I'd go out and do anything I wanted to." "I do", was the quiet reply, "only I don't do as much of it as I would like." His friend was willed. "The only thing I really like to do is work to please my Lord. Somehow, I just never get around to doing as much of that as I want to."

Freedom often misinterpreted to mean license from all restraint.

Problem: Christian Freedom vs Enslavement of law!

Paul is developing Freedom under Holy Spirit —
" Impossibility of returning to Circumcision
& The Law as means of Sal - Turning back
from Christ to save yourself.

They were not Slaves; Sons, heirs of God -

Flesh; The whole realm of existence -

Tempted to abandon themselves totally to leadership
of their own lusts -

Liberty - But a new form of Slavery!

Slavery to Jesus - Service to one another -

" means to be a slave to -

Matt. 22: 37-40

Have you heard Christians ask whether it is all
right for a Christian to do this or that?

Have you ever asked such a Question?

Religion is controlled not by rules but love!

Point is "Live your Rel."

A gas station attendant lifted the hood of a late model car to look at its steaming radiator. The driver, dressed in a black suit with clerical collar, asked, "How come it is steaming like that?"

"Well, sir, ever since you left Connecticut, you have been climbing up into these hills. . . . As you know, Reverend, it's always much more a strain to go up than it is to go down."

Which is easier, to be
good or to be Bad?

Ask: (Which is easier, to be good or to be bad? Say: We can drift into evil but have to strive to be good. Point out that this lesson is designed to help us in our upward climb.

Does this scripture teach that we can live any kind of a life? (Still be acceptable as a Christian) -

14 What is governing factor in the life of a Christian? (Love) -

Who is meant by neighbour?

Board (Liberty & love)

Do you know of other instances in the Bible where this is taught?

Lev 19:18; Matt. 19:19; 22:39

Mk. 12:31; Luke 10:27; Rom 13:9

James 2:8

Why is love the fulfillment of the law?

One Rule - I can not love my neighbor by deciding that I am going to love - only as Christ -

The true ideal of the Christian is not freedom, but unfettered service to the love of God and man, which annihilates self, and subordinates all selfish desires to the perfect love.

The Law of Love

Liberty has dimensions—length, breadth, and depth. One sometimes hears the remark, "This is a free country" as warrant for a reckless or selfish act. But no country is "free" in that sense. Freedom can never mean that one person can do as he pleases. Suppose he did. Then what of the other person? In the home, if one person subscribes to the idea that for him to be free he must have no regard for others, how much freedom can the others enjoy?

What then is the restriction on those who in Christ are free? It is not hard to see that it is love—the bondage of love. "Ye have been

15 In what way does this verse describe the world condition today?

Are men still controlled or governed by the law of the jungle?

In what ways do Christians still
"bite & devour one another"?

Gal. 6:1 → How do you talk to and
about people who are overtaken in
faults or sins?

Picture: Pack of wild beasts suddenly turn
on one another & destroy one another -
(rivalries in the Galatian Church)
Tensions - divisions - No evidence of Christian
Love → Liberty does not result in self-
destructive license → But controlled by Love!

CONTRAST: Spirit vs Flesh -

WALK IN SPIRIT

16 - What is meaning of walking in the Spirit?
Is this difficult?

Do we have the power within us to do this?

17 What is this conflict - warfare?

Man may yield to flesh & be carried away -

War - 2 Kingdoms - opposing forces - 2 camps -
Tension -

18 To Be led - Freedom -

(Record)

19-21

Two Columns on Board

works of flesh

Fruit of Spirit

- 1 Adultery
- 2 Fornication: immorality, sexual sin, infidelity to marriage vows -
- 3 Uncleanness: impurity as unclean house: Men Not fit to come into Gods house.
- 4 (Acquiescence): Ready for any pleasure his appetite suggests - Wantonness
- 5 Idolatry: worship of gods men have made with their hands.
- 6 Witchcraft: use of drugs -
- 7 Hatred - As much a sin as Adultery. Hostile to men -
- 8 Variance - ^{quarreling} kind of Divisions which sometimes exist in the Fellowship of the Church.
- 9 Emulations - Root idea Jealousy - Covet something belongs to others -
- 10 Wrath: uncontrolled temper - outburst of passion.
- 11 Strife: selfishness - seek office for selfish purposes -
- 12 (Seditions) - Church splits over personal matters - they split instead of together -
- 13 divisions - divisions created between men when self seeking enters the picture.
- 14 Heresies: party spirit - become bitter enemies.
- 15 Envyings: ^{desire for some one else's good} wanting some one to not have what he is entitled to -
- 16 Murders
- 17 Drunkenness: than as now
- 18 Revellings: Carousing - unrestrained - boisterous -
- 19 and such like -

Small 4 - Great sins gather force.

1 Cor. 6:9

Practice - Will do what?

Christ is characterized not by these sins but Fruit of Spirit.

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A prominent clubwoman in Texas used to tell, with a touch of amusement, how hard it was for her to remember which persons she should "be mad at" in her hometown. Her father for years was mayor of the small town. In later years, whenever she would return she would be reminded of "those who didn't vote for Father."

Person -

A Russian visitor to the United States pointed out recently how a distorted image of Americans is conveyed to foreign countries through our movies, magazines, and books. "Your writers make it appear that the United States is filled with people who are neurotic or oversexed or who suffer from infantile emotions."

"It is not at all like that, and it should make the decent people of your country very angry. I just can't understand why you permit this sort of thing to happen . . . why so much of your printed material, like your movies, should glorify the worst things about America and not your best."

Ask: To what degree is the "usual" writer's portrait of Americans unrealistic? What is wrong with the ideals of a people who insist on picturing themselves in such a vulgar fashion? Who will have to set the tone if the American way of life is elevated?

22-23

Fruit of Spirit - Produces Fruit - Harvest of 5-

- 1 Love: Agape (unconquerable love) fulfilled in v. 14 God's love for man
 - 2 Joy - in fellowship with God.
 - 3 Peace - in fellowship with each other - other members of the church
 - 4 Longsuffering - willingness to endure suffering rather than trying to retaliate
 - 5 Gentleness: warm - strong
 - 6 Goodness: Kindness - Pleasant -
 - 7 Faith - faithfulness both to God & fellowmen.
 - 8 Meekness - ^{led by spirit - mastering every situation -} emphasis on willingness - opposite: hardheaded - stubborn -
 - 9 Temperance - Total self-control - operating in the life of every Christian
- 10 athlete in training has conquered harmful desires.

Practice: No LAW - Always Legitimate
(do not need any police - jail, - etc -)

24 - What did Paul mean by Crucifying the Flesh?

Summarize the conflict -
Army Coach -

Illustration from the life of Paul Dietzel,
Army's young and talented coach.

Dietzel recently said, "Several years ago I became convinced that I could no longer talk to young men about being a Christian and then get myself involved in worldly affairs." He re-dedicated his life to Christ and now says, "I try to remove from my life all that is not beautiful to Christ."

Ask: Do you think this is what Paul meant in verse 25? Is it old-fashioned

25 - Distinction between living in Spirit & Walking in The Spirit!

We are crucified with Christ - Put into practice ⁱⁿ every area of living =
of truly Christian - abundant walk in the Spirit -
The Spirit should rule over us. Not The Flesh.

26 - What are some temptations we have every day to be less than Christian in our behavior and attitudes? (Vain glory)

Christians must (dare) to be different.

Feb. 8, 62 San Francisco Chronicle

Boy 11 child of old age

Senior Progeria" -

Sin wrinkled - Arteries hardened

Heart clogged - only 50

cases on record -

Transcend - Spiritual Realm

Provoking one another refers specifically to offering a challenge to other individuals by making accusations against them about their position or about their understanding of God's grace. "A man who sets himself up in judgment over other Christians is not one who is being led by the Spirit of God. Neither does he understand his true relationship to his brother as a burden-bearer."

Nicodemus - John 3:1-15

Reins: Mary - Andrew - Simon Peter -
Philip - Nathanael -

Coming: Zacchaeus - rich young man.

Name: Means Conqueror of The People.

Three Times IN N.T.

- ✓ 1. John 3:1-15 Came to Question Jesus.
- ✓ 2. John 7:32, 43, 50-52 - Nicodemus asked
The crowd of Jews. N Protested!
- ✓ 3. John 19:38-42 - Took spices to prepare the
Body of Jesus for burial. 70-100
lbs. of spices for embalming.
Joseph + N wealthy men.

Why Did John Tell This Story?

What is interpretation of why Jesus came into world -
NOT - just story of N to fill space - Historical facts

Symbol: of Jewish Nation as a whole - Blind to
God's truth in Jesus Christ →

N - Did Not state his purpose - He was led
to ask Q's -

V.L. What kind of a Man Was N → Just The Good
Characteristics of
N!

Pharisees - Miracles 2, 23 etc - Cursed Questions in his mind. - Their importance -

Who were → Best People in Palestine (6,000 in No.) - Held to O.T. Law.

Scribes - worked for them extracting laws to cover daily life. Sabbath Jer. 17:21 "Take heed - Burden. What was a burden? By. "food equal in weight to a dried fig - enough wine for mixing in a goblet - milk enough for one swallow - Honey enough to put upon a wound. - oil enough to anoint a small member - water enough to moisten an eye - Salve. Extremely rel. people in legalistic sense. say Political Leaders: opposed Sadducees. They sought purity - political independence - Earthly paradise.

Ruler: of the Jews.

What did N have? Everything / NOT man of great sin - low character, immoral habit, poor education, outcast - He is - cultural, loyal, high-generous, devoted, respected, powerful, wealth, dignified. Facts about N. Are they spiritual or earthly?

V:2 Was N cautious? Why did he come after dark? Could he have had other reasons for visiting at night?

empt. Thing is He came

Secret follower - Fear of Jews -

Jewish Rabbi: worked with their hands during Day -
Pursued Bible Study at Night -

Why Did N Come to Jesus: ^{> miracles - signs - wonders.}
Was Jesus sensitive to his need?

When you are in a group of friends which would you rather do: tell your problem or listen to their problem?

How Difficult is it to get the undivided attention of your friends?

Do you listen to them talk? Or when they take a breath do you persist in returning to your problem?

Jesus always listens !

V. 3 What does this statement by Jesus indicate?

What meaning can we deduct from the words "Born again"?

Words to describe " " - Sal. Saved - -

1. From above - 2. From above - 3. From the beginning.

What did Jesus say must happen to a person?

What is spiritual rebirth?

How is a person reborn?

Name the steps in rebirth → Repentance, ^{faith} forgiveness.

V.4 N. astonishment - Did N misunderstand the word rebirth?
contrast: spiritual & physical, 2 Peter 1:4

V.5 Water: Baptism of John - initiation rite.
preparad concerts for Bap. with the Spirit of God.
Physical Birth -

Spirit capitalized - Power of God - no
man can achieve this miracle.

V.6 Contrast: Man as flesh & God as Spirit?
Man: Situation, living either out of himself & own
resources or out of God & God's resources.
Universal Necessity - Rom 8:5
flesh: sinners, condemned Spirit: saints, saved.

V.7 Marvel Not - Human Predicament!

V.8 - How did Jesus illustrate The New Birth?
Can we Explain The New Birth?

Wind: Who knows its origin?

East - west - where does it halt? Shifts -
cross currents - Tornado - Calm -

Completely Dependent on what the Wind will
do for us - Hear -

What influence can we have on The New Birth?

V.9 How can these things happen? Secret

Mystery -

Electricity -

V.10 No Bulb - Transformer - Rod - etc - Best

I do not see it - No answer -

V.11 - A Witness to bear -

V.12 - Do we understand all the
Earthly things?

V.13-14 - Lifting up Son of God -
Story Brazen Serpent Num. 21:7-9
Jesus on Cross -

V.15 empt. words Believers = in Him =
Have Eternal life - (go on Having).

Can you give me substitutes that people
use for the New Birth? -

(Bog - children's paints - membership - gifts - morals -

What percentage of our ch. Members
have been born from above?
 $\frac{1}{4}$ non resident
 $\frac{1}{2}$ resident men attend church.

What are the ways He does not save?

1. Reformation - Turn over new leaf. (Tobacco)
2. Lord's Supperion -
3. joining a church - ^{Stalin's}
4. Ceremonies - Hitler had been christened before
12 mo. old.

How are we saved?

1. From above - ζ
one way experience -

Are there any exceptions to the New Birth?

Luke 13: 3

Matt 18: 3

" 5: 20

John 3: 3

What are the Evidences of New Birth?

Life - Obedience

Assurance - Christ abides in you -

Bear witness to -

What about These men hard?

Young Peoples Dept. - 17 yr - 9:30 Assembly Program -
Two Rich Men Mid Jourd - Mark 10:17-22; Lk. 19:1-10

World of Materialism + T.V. newspapers -

Attitude toward Money greatly affects Character -
love of " brings on a Multitude of Sins.
What Money can buy.

Standing in Society - imp't. to some.
Forced to Live beyond Means.

Gods Grace outweighs The results of Mans greed.

What is Most imp't. Thing in your life?
Family, Education, - -

video. Our Lesson - Frank Buck - Captured Monkeys

"Brink Em Back this" - Big game hunter, said
he drilled a hole in a coconut, drained the milk,
& put wheat inside. They would attach a chain to the
coconut & tied the chain to the tree & place
it on monkey trail - then M. came along
smelled - reached his hand inside to get
the wheat - doubled fist & could not get out
of hole - M just sat down with hand
full of wheat in coconut & wait for capture -

Have you known a man just as foolish?
Do you know of some ^{who} lost freedom like M?

V.17 - How does the Bible describe this man?

One = Represent any man with possessions.

Two = Not Miss Jesus or Anxiety!

Knelt = Homage

How does he address Jesus? Good Teacher - God Blessed -
Divine - Holy Teacher -

What was his initial attitude toward Jesus?

What was wrong with the rich young ruler's approach?

What is meant by "inherit eternal life"?

(For Nations or individuals)

What shall he do?

What must he do to induce God to give it to him?

V.18. Word "Good" - Goodness belongs to God as God!

V.19 - How many Comm. did Jesus quote here? (5)

What did he add? Deprand Mat. 19:13-4
Deut. 24:14

"Thou knowest" → replied the man back to own knowledge
Questioner needed to put self to test →

V. 20 What does this reply reveal about the young man?
(Moral - good - law -) -
Expected some new and startling directions -

V. 21. Note the interest of Jesus in this man?
Beholding - loved him - genuine -

"One Thing" - each - Contrast with V. 20 - "All These Things" -
one remaining step - (youth - yrs).
empt. of one thing = Car, Gas, / one Bolt - Plans Crashes -

What had he trusted in? goods - good things -

What was Jesus demanding? (absolute - surrender)

What Three Things did Jesus command?

1. Sell - Free him of himself -

2. Give

3. Take His Cross & Follow - only unconditional way of life.

~~How much does~~

V. 22 How did he react to the claims of Jesus?

What resulted from this meeting?

Do you think he was shocked at the claims of Jesus?
Saul = 1. Shocked - 2. Become gloomy.

What did this grief involve? horrible experience -
He was horrified - loved power & wealth -

What was his road block? richer. Danger of

II character Luke 19:1-10 -

V.1 Jericho = pass through, not outside city

V.2, Name Zacchaeus = Pure one - Righteous -

How would we describe this man?

1. Name -

2. Publican Tax collector - Chief - overseer - official -
District - Jew took on as unclean -

3. Rich - Money - wealth -

4. little of stature - short

- Ran -

Tree -

V.3 Little man - large crowd - (Parade) -
Had not seen Jesus before - close for a touch -

V.4 - What was his initial attitude toward Jesus?
Ran ahead -

Sycamore Tree: Fig or Mulberry - no relation
to American Sycamore.

V.5 The Decision is always Now with Jesus -
"Today" - not tomorrow, but now.

V.6 How did he receive Jesus? Joyfully.

V.7 Why did citizens object to Jesus being company
with Z.?

unholy - sinner - unfit -

(He had invited himself - This is way you might
help some sinner).

V.8 How did Z. react to the claims of Jesus?

How did Z. demonstrate the genuineness

of his repentance?

(1) $\frac{1}{2}$ to poor (scribes required only $\frac{1}{5}$)

(2) Restore if told if cheated - Lev. 6:1-5 stolen goods plus an additional $\frac{1}{5}$ total value.
(The scribes required $\frac{1}{4}$)

What does this show about Z? (New Man).

What did the other man lack?

V. 9 son of Abraham - Jesus is replying to v. 7 citizens grumbled - in spite of his work. he is a son of Abraham, belonged to the house of Israel, which Jesus came to save!

Jesus always deals with the Now! This Day

V. 10 - Jesus announced himself as promised Prophet.

How were these two men alike? rich - curiosity.

How did they react to the claims of Jesus?

What happened to these two men?

Did Jesus show more compassion for one than for the other?

Was it The rich Man's wealth that kept
him from Christ, or his love of wealth?

What effect does wealth have on a person's
being saved?

What are the chances of wealthy people
becoming Christians?

When can possessions bring joy?
" " " " sorrow?

What was evidence that Z was saved? v. 9.

How much does it cost to be a Christian?

What would it likely cost you?

Are you willing to pay the price?

WON TO NEW LIFE John 4: 7-14
28-9; 39-41

What are some of the reasons Christians give for
not witnessing? Don't know how - not my job - Don't know how -

One witnessing Lord - crowds, or one -

Setting: land of Israel - 120 mi. in length from N to S -

3 States: Galilee - N; Judah - S; Samaria - Middle -
From N to S - 3 Days | if cross Jordan east of Jericho &
(Short Route) head to Pella & cross above Samaria
6 Days

Jesus - short -

Midday - Fork in Road - Near Samaritan Town of Sychar -

V.5. Jacob's Well - That well still in use. Famous
watering place of the world. over 100' deep.

Need rope -

Just many women go early & late afternoons -

Two Readers: one Read the words of Jesus
one Read the words of the woman
(leave out John's explanations)

Have a Third person Time the reading (less than 3 min)

Witnessing needs to be woven in the fabric of life.

V.7. Woman - of Sychar - Samaritan.

(Rabbi) - "a man should not salute a woman
in a public place, not even his own wife"

Approach

How did Jesus approach this woman?

Why did Jesus make such a request?

Was he actually tired and thirsty?

Would this approach be suitable to any person? Why?

V.8 - Help tell the story - V.27

Food -

V.9 (Barriers): What Barriers stand between Jesus and the woman of Samaria?

What Barriers stand between Jesus & the lost here?

How can we break these Barriers?

What Helped Jesus most in his desire to win this woman? (Food - race) -

History of Jews & Samaritans

Let us examine the history of the problem between Jews and Samaritans so as to make this passage intelligible. In 722/21 B.C. Sargon II of Assyria (ruled 722-705) defeated the rebellious Northern Kingdom of Israel and in 721 B.C. carried 27,280 leading citizens into exile (cf. 2 Kings 17:6). The Assyrian conquerors replaced those deported by bringing into the district of Samaria people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sephar-vaim (2 Kings 17:24). The native Jews broke custom and married these "foreigners," thereby bringing upon themselves and their children the hatred of the Hebrew people.

Later the (Southern Kingdom) Judea, was captured and periodic emigrations occurred. In 538 B.C. Cyrus

permitted Jews from Persia to return to Jerusalem and its environs. In 520 B.C., under the leadership of Zerubbabel, the Jews rebuilt the Temple in Jerusalem. The offer of the Samaritans to aid in the rebuilding work was contemptuously rejected. Thus arose bitter hatred between the two groups.

Still later, a Samaritan named Sanballat (mentioned by Josephus in his *Antiquities*) built a temple of worship on Mount Gerizim (2,849 feet above sea level) only about two miles west of Jacob's Well. This temple, rival to that used by the Jews in Jerusalem, was destroyed about 110 B.C. by John Hyrcanus, the Jewish ruler.

The Jews refused to call the Samaritans by that name but referred to them as Cuthaeans (cf. 2 Kings 17:24). The attitude of a Jew toward a Samaritan is shown by one of the sayings of the rabbis: "Let no man eat of the bread of the Cuthaeans, for he who eats their bread is as he who eats swine's flesh." It is thus not difficult to understand why John would write: *For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.*

V.27 Disciples (not approve) of Jesus' conversation with woman -

looked at woman - What subject Thon? -

.. .. Jesus - Why Talked Thon with her? -

How is it possible for anyone who has become a follower of Jesus to have such a lack of interest in people? Explain - can you justify?

Feelings over 500 yrs old - Day - Race - Nationalism -

Disciple (not think) of Jesus. When considering spread of Gospel?

Preoccupied with Jesus - Begging food.

Church members preoccupied himself miss main task.

V.10 In what skillful way did Jesus apply the water?

H^2O - Living Water - Reveal Himself -

V.11 - Misunderstood - Seeking deeper meaning -

V.12 - She thought Jesus made light of Jacob's gift in digging this well -

V.13 - Never permanently quenched -

V.14 The Permanant Water Described.

V.15 - Magical water - did not understand
Not natural water -
Was her curiosity satisfied?

V.16 -19 (How) Did Jesus ascertain the
Woman's sin?

Exceptional Knowledge - Sin Problem -
Who knows the secrets - ^{god - spungson [mother how does]} he knows what goes on in our house
Jesus led her to confess her sin rather
Than accuse -

20-26 - (True Worship). Wonder of it -
Place - localities -

23 - Spirit - Now is -

25 - She did not recognize him as Messiah

26 - ^{but 18:18-19} What were the Jews looking for in
a Messiah?

27 - Principles Question -

Disturbed about Her Character . Oppurance -
Discouraging to Jesus -

V.28 - left -

V.29 ① The converted woman went to the people she knew!
wiser -

② She shared what she had experienced -
Face to face -

③ She invited them to come & find out -

she could tell - But each had to
respond to Christ himself.

can't trick or pressure people in kingdom.

(She could have said) "They know me too well"
There are others who can do it much better.

But rather ignorance or her past
injured her.

31-35 John tells of Missionary Harvest.

V. 39 her message was right - Many Behind.

41-42 - Tell what we have experienced -
not second hand.

Learn how to approach the lost —

A little over a year ago the 456-year-old portrait of Mona Lisa arrived in the United States in its waterproof and buoyant crate. For the journey, the temperature within the crate was kept at 70 degrees, and the humidity at 55 per cent. After an exhibition in Washington, it was

taken on a tour. Since no value could be placed on the priceless painting, the only insurance taken was \$5,000 for possible damages.

Think of the care and concern given to this portrait! But how ashamed we should be that we do not have the care and concern for a real live person such as was demonstrated by the Lord Jesus Christ. This person may be a daughter or granddaughter, a friend or neighbor. Let us use the Master's method to win another sinful person to life everlasting.

Trained And Tested Matt. 4:18-22

Several passages:

" 17:1-2

Mark 4:32-38

Acts 12:1-3

Do we have any Potential leaders in our class?

Do we realize how badly we are needed in our church?

Sketch

1. Peter: Petros in Gr.; Cephas ^{Gr. & The} ~~in~~ Aramaic

Named (Simon) at Birth Mark 1:16

(Fisherman) - Galilee sea - " 1:16

(Partner) of James & John Luke 5:10 (Trusted group of Jesus)

(Manned) Mark 1:21, 30; 1 Cor 9:5

New name at Call or Confession at Caesarea ^{Matt. 16:17} Mark 3:16

(After Resurrection) of Jesus - P. preached Jer., replaced by James ^{John 1:42}

Trip to Antioch (Disagreed) with Paul - Gal. 2

End of life unknown - J. 21 - Martyr's - 1 Pet. 5:13

Probably killed about same time as Paul by Nero.

2. James & John - sons of Zebedee

Fisherman - Mk 1:20 - Andrew, petrus Bro. also -

Mark 3:17 - Nicknamed "sons of Thunder".

Witnesses of Resurrection -

James (Martyrdom) by Herod Agrippa I; Acts 12:15

This fact speaks of his importance in Early Church.

Paul referred to him as a Pillar - Gal 2:9.

Special 1. They went with Jesus to Home of Peter & on Mk 1:29

2. They wanted to call down fire on Samaritan Village Lk. 9:55

3. Their (Mother) Requested Place of Honor - Matt. 20:20-28

Group Relationship 1. accompanied Jesus to home of James Mk. 5:37

2. Mt. of Transfiguration 3. Gethsemane (Followers who
Believed)

1. Called and Committed Matt. 4:18-22

V. 18 Ans. Hoover. Told reporter "no politician can qualify
for election to office unless he demonstrates he is a fisherman".

(25 million) persons buy license to fish each yr.
What was their business?

V. 19 How were they honored by the call of Jesus?

What changes would it make in their lives?

What sacrifices would they have to make?

If you had been living at that time would he
have called you? Why? Why not?

What did he call them to do?

How may some of the qualifications of a good
fisherman be useful to the fisher of men?

(Place - Bait - self out of sight - Tackle -

James in Galilee - by sea shore - 2 groups of Brothers.

No Ref. to their Birth - Education - or Bel. Belief -

They were fishers - invited them to fish - Lk 5:1-10

Follow me? leave your business & walk down road with me -

V. 20 What response did he get? How long did it take?

V. 21 - How did James & John react to the call?

V. 22 -

II. Fellowship in Glory Matt. 17:1-2

V.1 - Why were these men taken to the Mt. of Transfiguration?

V.2 - What did they learn from this experience?

Ex. 24:15-18 (1) Mt. on which a revelation of God was given.

(2) The cloud. (3) The voice from the cloud (4) The glory of God which transforms - (Symbolism).

(1) Moses - Law (2) Elijah - Prophets (3) Jesus - Grace

III. Fellowship in Sorrow Mark 14:32-38

V.32 - after Supper - crossed Kidron - to Gethsemane

V.33 - The small group - greatly distressed - troubled - Alone -

V.37 - What had happened to their great hour of opportunity?

Why did they fail? Do we fail in the church today in church attendance - lost opportunities.

V.38 - What reason was given for the failure?

Watch - conflict with demonic - keep alert - (Flesh) subject to tempt.

Spirit - dependent upon God

Did Peter redeem himself later for his failure?

IV. Fellowship in Suffering Acts 12:1-3

V.1 - Why would Herod concentrate on the leaders?

(1) How countries today where Political Officials
View the Church today?

V.2 Execution Ordered by the King
King Saul died on his sword - self inflicted -

V.3 What did he do with Peter?

(2) Death the only way we can suffer for Christ?
What attitude should we have toward suffering
for Christ if we are called upon to do it?

Called - Trained - Tested - Trusted.

Our Question:

How much am I willing to suffer
for Christ? —