



ANCHORED TO TRUTH

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH

LESSON 1: CREATION

Reading:

- ☐ Genesis 1
- ☐ Psalm 19:1
- ☐ John 1:1-3
- ☐ Romans 1:20
- ☐ Hebrews 1:2-3
- ☐ Hebrews 11:3

Anchor Verse: *Attempt to memorize the following verse.*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

Introductions:

Have you ever attempted to count the stars in the night sky? According to astronomers, there are approximately 200 billion trillion stars in our observable universe.

Have you ever noticed the number of different trees just in your neighborhood? It is estimated that there are 73,300 tree species on Earth.

Do you ever wonder if the sun will rise tomorrow or set in the evening? Have you ever thought about the changes in seasons and how they occur?

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Psalm 19:1

The reality is that there was a time when none of it existed. So did it come out of nothing all by itself or was it created by something self-existent and eternal? The doctrine of creation is foundational to the Christian faith.

God's Perfect Creation:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. John 1:1-3

The Bible places great significance on creation. Genesis 1 and John 1 both begin with the words "In the beginning." These words mean that the world we live in and humanity had an origin or beginning. They did not just always exist.

We also learn from these verses that in the beginning, God was there, which means He does not have an origin. He has always existed and is eternal. In Genesis 1, John 1:3 and several other verses in Scripture, we also see that God spoke everything into existence.



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LESSON 1: CREATION

Why is it important to believe that God created everything? Well, because Scripture says so. In addition, God as Creator is prominent in the Biblical presentation of God's character and nature. Not only do we have a historical account of what took place during creation (let's face it, no one else was there but God), but we also see God's power, love and very nature in the creative order. The more we learn about the complexity of the Earth, universe, and human body, the more evident it is that it was created by a Creator.

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. Romans 1:20

Much of the world does not support the view that a Creator God spoke everything into existence, but if Scripture is God's Word then we have to believe what it says. Also, when was the last time you looked up the probability of the alternative?

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. Hebrews 11:3

Jesus Sighting:

The triune God, one God, three persons - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit - were all present at creation. God used the words "us" and "our" in the creation story. When you read the story of creation found in Genesis 1, every reference to "God said" is Jesus, The Word of God. Genesis 1:2 says, And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. That is the Holy Spirit.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. John 1:1-3

[B]ut in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Hebrews 1:2-3

Reflection:

In your own words explain why it's important to believe that God created everything? Do you believe God's account of creation found in Genesis 1?

Next Lesson:

In light of this - who am I?



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LESSON 2: DESIGN

Reading:

- ☐ Genesis 2
- ☐ Psalm 139:14
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 12:13
- ☐ Romans 11:36
- ☐ Colossians 1:16-17
- ☐ Colossians 3:17

Anchor Verse: *Attempt to memorize the following verse.*

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 1:26

Introductions:

What do I want to do with my life? It's the question we begin to ponder as high school graduation grows near. We all have a desire to do something meaningful. To leave the world a better place than it was before we got here. To make a difference for good.

If you look to the world to define what is a man or woman and what is the purpose of life, it's hard to find an answer these days. There is one place that gives a definitive answer for these questions, and that's the Holy Bible.

Scripture tells us that we are different from any other being in the animal kingdom. We share a special relationship with God that is unique in all of creation because we bear His very image. The doctrine of creation is foundational to the Christian faith.

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God's Perfect Design:

Chapter 2 of Genesis gives us a closer view of God's design of creation. Everything else God spoke into existence, but He created man from the dust and breathed life into him. He planted a garden, Eden, and designed rivers to flow into and water the garden. He put man in the garden to work it and keep it. Then God made woman because it is not good that the man should be alone.



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LESSON 2: DESIGN

To believe that God created everything is to believe that God had purpose and order for His design of men and women and the world around us. To suggest that everything was created by chance would give no purpose or order to the world.

We are not just a clump of cells or material floating in the atmosphere as the world would have us believe. Our lives have value and worth to our Creator. We are given a purpose and responsibility - to know, love, and obey God. We live out our created purpose when we live in fellowship with God, are obedient to His Word, and love others as Scripture defines it. To not do so leaves us longing for fulfillment in all the wrong things.

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. Ecclesiastes 12:13

**What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
How does that influence our view of human worth?**

Scripture details God's design for man and woman, for the church, and for government for the purpose of God's glory. It is only when we choose to live under the authority of God, surrendering to His design, that we honor Him in whatever we do.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11:36

Jesus Sighting:

Scripture tells us that all things were created through and for Jesus.

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:16-17

Reflection:

Is there an area of God's design that you struggle to surrender to - gender, marriage, the church, government? If so, confess your struggle to God and ask Him to give you understanding.

Next Lesson:

Why do I struggle to live my created purpose?



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LESSON 3: SIN

Reading:

- ☐ Genesis 3
- ☐ Psalm 51:4
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 7:14
- ☐ Romans 5:12-14
- ☐ Ephesians 2:1-3
- ☐ James 1:14-15

Anchor Verse: *Attempt to memorize the following verse.*

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned. Romans 5:12

Introductions:

Have you ever experienced any of the following: broken relationships, injustice, abuse, violence, oppression, guilt, shame, or loss? Have you ever wondered why?

There are a lot of words in Scripture to describe sin: iniquities, transgressions, trespasses, wickedness, unrighteousness, lawlessness, rebellion, abomination, evil. Call it what you want, it's all sin and it has devastating eternal consequences.

Scripture tells us that we are all born under the curse of sin. We not only do sinful things, but our very thoughts and motives are sinful. Human beings are sinful by nature and live in a world that tempts and even encourages them to sin.

At some point in our lives we have all become aware of our tendency to sin. Sin is not just something we do, it's something we struggle to overcome, but why? The doctrine of original sin is foundational to the Christian faith.

Man's Greatest Problem:

A lot happened in the first three chapters of the Bible. God's perfect creation and design are on full display in the first two chapters, but now in chapter 3 we learn that man chose self sufficiency, disobedience, and death over communion with God and paradise.

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it **you shall surely die.**" Genesis 2:15-17*



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*Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “**Did God actually say**, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “**You will not surely die**. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:1-5*

In these verses we see Satan encourage Eve to question God’s Word. He even misquoted God by saying, “You **will not** surely die.” While death wasn’t immediate, the effects of sin were. Adam’s decision to be disobedient to God meant that he and every descendant after him would be cursed with sin and its effects. In a single action, Adam chose for himself, and every human after him, death - physical death, spiritual death, and eternal death.

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. Ephesians 2:1-3

Everyone born after Adam is born dead in their trespasses, disobedient, living the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and mind, and children of wrath. But God loves us enough to not allow us to stay that way.

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. Romans 5:12-14

Jesus Sighting:

God the Father first reveals His plan to pay our debt for sin through the person and work of Jesus Christ in Genesis 3.

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” Genesis 3:15

Reflection:

Is there unrepented sin in your life you need to confess to God?

Next Lesson:

Why does sin separate me from God?



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LESSON 4: THE LAW

Reading:

- ☐ Exodus 20:2-17
- ☐ Matthew 5:17-18
- ☐ Matthew 22:37-40
- ☐ Romans 3:19-20
- ☐ Romans 3:23
- ☐ Hebrews 10:1-18

Anchor Verse: *Attempt to memorize the following verse.*

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. Romans 3:20.

Introductions:

Have you ever done something you were not proud of and couldn't explain why you did it?
Have you ever found comfort in comparing yourself to others?

God's law reflects God's character and is often likened to a mirror. Just as we can look into a mirror and see the dirt that covers our face, looking at the law of God, found in the Old Testament, allows us to see the ever-present sin in our lives. It reflects God's holiness and our unholiness.

[F]or all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23

In a world where we often compare ourselves to others, God's law shows us that His standards are not measured against those around us but against God Himself. This realization is condemning and without intervention from God, we would be crushed under His law. The doctrine of God's law is foundational to the Christian faith.

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God's Perfect Law:

God gave the Ten Commandment (a covenant between God and His people) to Moses and the Israelites along with ceremonial laws, which included dietary laws, festivals, the Sabbath, and the sacrificial law. The ceremonial laws and the instructions given to the Israelites regarding sacrifices represented a deep connection to God's holiness and the reality of sin. When a person laid their hands on the animal prior to sacrifice, they were symbolically transferring their guilt and acknowledging the gravity of sin, which demands a price. This act of sacrifice was not just about the offering itself but about recognizing the need for reparation of our sins against God.



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LESSON 4: THE LAW

The idea of animal sacrifice may seem distant and even unsettling in today's world, yet it serves as a profound reminder of our inherent need for redemption. This historical practice beautifully foreshadows the ultimate sacrifice made by Jesus Christ, who offered Himself for our salvation.

And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrews 10:10

What commandment is the hardest to follow and why? Do you think any of the commandments are more important than any others?

The first half of the Ten Commandments instruct us how we love God, while the second half instruct us how we love others. In Matthew, Jesus implies this when He is asked what is the greatest commandment in the Law and answers, all of it.

Jesus replied: "‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus Sighting:

Jesus did not come to do away with the law. Jesus came to perfectly follow the law and to make it possible for us to seek to follow God's law.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished." Matthew 5:17-18

Reflection:

Read Psalm 119. How does God's Word challenge and/or influence how you view God's law?

Next Lesson:

What hope do I have?



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LESSON 5: JESUS

Reading:

- ☐ Isaiah 53:1-12
- ☐ Isaiah 64:6
- ☐ Romans 6:6
- ☐ 1 Corinthians 15:3-5
- ☐ Ephesians 1:3-6
- ☐ Ephesians 2:4-7
- ☐ Hebrews 10:4

Anchor Verse: *Attempt to memorize the following verse.*

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 1 Corinthians 15:3

Introductions:

Have you ever owed someone a debt you thought you could never repay?

The “prophetic perfect tense” is where the writer uses past tense verbs to predict things that will happen in the future. This is to show the certainty of these future events and God’s foreknowledge.

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

Isaiah was written 700 years before Christ. In this verse and others in chapter 53, Isaiah shares how the Messiah would bear the consequences of the sins of men, and he talks about it as if it has already happened.

If you read the entirety of the Holy Bible, you will see that God’s plan will surely come to pass, it’s unchangeable, and Jesus has always been God’s plan. The doctrine of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Christian faith.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

God’s Perfect Plan:

God’s design and His law all point to our sin and our desperate need for a Savior. We have a debt to pay. That debt could only be paid through a perfect sacrifice. Jesus Christ took our place and paid our debt, and we are now reconciled to God and restored to our created purpose and design.



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But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:4-5

Because of His love for us, God did not leave us in our sin. Jesus, who is God in human flesh, stepped into His creation and lived perfectly according to God's law and fulfilled God's design. He came to do for us what we could not do for ourselves. He paid the penalty for our sin - past, present and future - by His death on the cross and rose on the third day according to the Scriptures, defeating sin and death. This is the Good News! This is the Gospel!

For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Hebrews 10:4

The ceremonial laws of sacrifice in the Old Testament were never meant to take away the penalty of sin, but instead to make us aware of our sin.

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. Romans 6:6

God's perfect plan puts His glory on display. Our filthy rags of sin traded in for Christ's righteousness.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. Isaiah 64:6

Jesus Sighting:

God planned redemption through Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. Ephesians 1:3-6

Reflection:

Does your understanding of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus line up with Scripture? Do you believe Jesus has always been God's plan?

Next Lesson:

How can I be sure these things are true?



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LESSON 6: THE BIBLE

Reading:

- ☐ Psalm 119:1-176
- ☐ Matthew 4:4
- ☐ Matthew 24:35
- ☐ John 1:14
- ☐ 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- ☐ Hebrews 4:12-13
- ☐ Revelation 19:13

Anchor Verse: *Attempt to memorize the following verse.*

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Introductions:

At its core, inerrancy means that Scripture is incapable of being wrong. It is a beautiful affirmation that the Bible is fully truthful in all its teachings. When we selectively believe portions of Scripture, we unintentionally attempt to diminish the sovereignty of God. It can lead us to rely on our own understanding, allowing worldly views to shape our beliefs rather than anchoring ourselves in the unwavering truth of God's Word. The doctrine of the inerrancy of Scripture is foundational to the Christian faith.

How has your understanding of Scripture shaped your walk with Christ? Are there areas where you may have allowed the world's perspective to influence your faith?

God's Perfect Word:

God's Word is an incredible gift from a loving God. It provides us the wisdom and guidance we need to live out our created purpose - to live in fellowship with and bring glory to God. In embracing the inerrancy of God's Word, we find a steadfast foundation upon which to build our faith. While it's a beautiful collection of historic stories and teachings, it is also a reliable authority that instructs us in the ways of righteousness. As we study Scripture, its transformative power shapes our hearts and minds.

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LESSON 6: THE BIBLE

Too often we take God's Word for granted and neglect it, which can cause us to drift from truth. It's a lifelong journey as we seek to understand and live out God's commands in our daily lives. To do this we should seek to read God's Word in its entirety, and to hear, study, and read Scripture on a regular basis.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

How has Scripture guided you, corrected you, or trained you in righteousness?

It is also important that we understand Scripture translations and use ones that preserve the original message.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Matthew 24:35

The longest chapter of the Holy Bible is Psalm 119. It is an "acrostic" poem spanning 176 verses in 22 stanzas; one stanza for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It is located one chapter after the middle of the Holy Bible and it is all about the incredible gift of God's Word.

Jesus Sighting:

Scripture tells us that Jesus is the very Word of God, and Jesus tells us that every word He says is more essential than food for survival.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. Revelation 19:13

But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4

Reflection:

Do you believe the Holy Bible is the inerrant word of God? Why or why not?

Next Lesson:

How can I be made right with God?



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LESSON 7: JUSTIFICATION

Reading:

- ☐ Romans 3:21-25
- ☐ Romans 4:3-5
- ☐ Romans 4:23-25
- ☐ Romans 5:1-19
- ☐ 1 Corinthians 15:19-22
- ☐ Galatians 2:15-18

Anchor Verse: *Attempt to memorize the following verse.*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1

Introductions:

What's the most thoughtful and/or unusual gift you've ever received?

The Webster definition for the word *gift* is something given willingly to someone without payment; a present. Holidays, accomplishments, and special occasions are all usually marked with the giving of some sort of gift. We spend many hours and dollars trying to find the perfect gift that will show the recipient just how much we love and care for them.

The God of the Universe, who spoke everything into existence, demonstrated His great love for you when He gave His greatest gift to the world and all you need to do is receive it. The doctrine of justification is foundational to the Christian faith.

God's Call To Be Justified:

It can be intimidating to find out that we owe a great debt to a Holy God. Luckily, Scripture tells us that God is rich in mercy and grace, and He did not leave us dead in our trespasses. What was impossible for us to do for ourselves, He has made possible through Jesus Christ.

[A]nd are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. Romans 3:24-25

The word *justify* in the Bible means to be legally declared righteous. We are made righteous by nothing that we have done, but by the work of Jesus Christ. God the Father sent Jesus, God the Son, to live the perfect life according to the law and to live God's created design and purpose. Then God placed the sin of the world on Jesus, and He died a sinner's death. He paid the penalty we owed for our sin. Finally, He rose on the third day, defeating sin and death. Now all who believe receive Christ's righteousness and no longer owe a penalty for their sin.



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Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Romans 5:18-19

It is a beautiful thing to recognize your human depravity and absolute need for God, to cry out for Him to save you from your sin, and to trust Him for your salvation, knowing you can't save yourself.

But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. Romans 4:23-25

When received, God's justification is a once and for all free gift to all who believe. It is not something we work for, and it can't be taken away.

[Y]et we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

Galatians 2:16

Jesus Sighting:

Jesus is our justifier.

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness. Romans 4:3-5

Reflection:

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has paid the penalty for your past, present and future sin?
Have you received God's gift of justification?

Next Lesson:

What now?



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LESSON 8: SANCTIFICATION

Reading:

- ☐ John 15:1-17, 16:13
- ☐ Romans 6:17-19
- ☐ Galatians 2:19-21
- ☐ Ephesians 4:22-24
- ☐ Philippians 2:12-13
- ☐ Hebrews 5:12-14
- ☐ 1 Peter 1:2, 2:11

Anchor Verse: *Attempt to memorize the following verse.*

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

Introductions:

What's a life lesson you've learned that you're grateful for?

What's a goal you've achieved that made you proud?

If you had the chance to tell anything to your younger self, what would it be?

Just as humans and animals undergo a transformative journey from birth to adulthood, so too does our spiritual life flourish as we walk with Christ. And much like the gradual growth of a tree or plant, we understand that maturity doesn't happen overnight; it requires time, care, and the overcoming of obstacles.

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. Hebrews 5:12-14

The doctrine of sanctification is foundational to the Christian faith.

God's Call To Be Sanctified:

Holy means set apart for God. Sanctification is the action of making someone holy or set apart for God. The command to be holy brought condemnation under the Old Testament law, but those who have been justified through Christ are given The Holy Spirit, who empowers us to seek holiness.

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:19-20



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Those who are justified through Christ, are sanctified by the Holy Spirit. The process of sanctification means we hold everything before God with an open hand. We take off our old self in sin in order to put on our new self in Christ. This change affects every part of our lives: a change of heart, a change of mind, a change in perspective, and a change of will. We begin embracing truth, growing in faith, growing in repentance, surrendering to God's will, and finding Jesus increasingly wonderful and sin increasingly horrible.

[T]o put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24

The one thing that stands between us and maturity in Christ is sin. You were not saved from sin to continue living in sin. You cannot allow sin to reign where Jesus is supposed to be reigning. Sin keeps us from studying God's Word, building God's church, and following God's commands.

But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. Romans 6:17-19

Jesus Sighting:

The Holy Spirit applies the work of Christ to our lives.

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. John 16:13

Reflection:

What evidence of growth and change can you see in your life over the last year? What are you doing to mature in Christ? Is there any sin in your life or anything that you are not surrendering to God that is keeping you from growing in sanctification?

ANCHORED VERSES 1-4

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CREATION

In the beginning,
God created
the heavens
and the earth.

GENESIS 1:1

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DESIGN

Then God said, "Let us make man
in our image, after our likeness.
And let them have dominion
over the fish of the sea
and over the birds of the heavens
and over the livestock
and over all the earth
and over every creeping thing
that creeps on the earth."

GENESIS 1:26

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SIN

Therefore, just as sin
came into the world
through one man,
and death through sin,
and so death spread
to all men
because all sinned.

ROMANS 5:12

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THE LAW

For by works of the law
no human being
will be justified in his sight,
since through the law
comes knowledge of sin.

ROMANS 3:20.

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ANCHORED VERSES 5-8

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JESUS

For I delivered to you
as of first importance
what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the
Scriptures,

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3

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THE BIBLE

For the word of God is
living and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing to the division of soul
and of spirit, of joints
and of marrow,
and discerning the thoughts
and intentions of the heart.

HEBREWS 4:12

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JUSTIFICATION

Therefore, since we have
been justified by faith,
we have peace with God
through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 5:1

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SANCTIFICATION

I have been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live,
but Christ who lives in me.
And the life I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me
and gave himself for me.

GALATIANS 2:20

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