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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: We are the image of God Text: Genesis 1: 26-28, 31

Man was created in the image of God before whom he walked in holiness and purity.

He was good, righteous and holy.

Man was and still is the crown of God's creation, made a little lower than the angels.

Gen 1:26-27; Gen 1:31; Gen 2:7; Ps 139:14; Ps 8:5-9; Acts 17:28, Col 3:10, Heb 1:1-2.

But through disobedience and transgression he fell into sin.

As a result of this all mankind became sinners, sharpen in iniquity and utterly void of the holiness required by God in His word.

As a result everybody becomes evil, guilty without exception, thereby desiring the condemnation and judgment of a just and holy God.

CONCLUSION: God is willing and able to restore man back to his former glory at creation. But you must put off the old man, be renewed in the spirit of your mind and put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (Eph. 4: 22-24).

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: The fall of Man Text: Genesis 2: 15-17

Man was created sinless, but capable of sinning or transgressing the law.

Gen. 2:16-17, 1John 3:4. The Lord God commanded the man saying,

"Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat. But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat of it, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die".

What a simple commandment.

What a wonderful provision God made for man!

What a gracious God He is!

How ungrateful man is!

Satan tempted man through the serpent – 2Cor. 1:1-3.

God is not the author of sin. Sin came through the denial of the divine will and the elevation of the will of man over the will of God. *Deut.* 32:4, *Ps.* 92:5, *Job* 34:10, *James* 1:3.

CONCLUSION: God's word is sure. Truly the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our lord. Cease to be ungrateful. Repent and live.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: The purpose of man.

Purpose 1: Kinship—to be like God (1:26).

Purpose 2: Dominion and authority—to rule over God's creation (1:28)

Purpose 3: Worship (2:3)

Purpose 4: Fellowship and enjoyment (2:8)

Purpose 5: Service and work (2:15)

Purpose 6: Obedience and loyalty (2:16-17)

Purpose 7: Companionship (2:18-25).

- 1. There was the great incentive for man to choose life with God. Man was given every tree in the Garden except one. Man had everything:
 - A home in paradise
 - Perfection: he was sinless
 - All the trees and food of paradise
 - The tree of life, of immorality (Gen 2:9)
 - The love, presence, and fellowship of God.

Man had the attraction, the appeal, the pull of all this. Man had the attraction and the right to all the fruit in the Garden. There was only one fruit he could not touch—only one fruit among all the fruit. There was no excuse for man ever choosing any fruit—or anything—over God. Man had the greatest incentive in the entire world for choosing God. By choosing God, man had everything: every tree—all of the abundance and benefits of paradise itself.

- 2. There was the great choice—the great test—that had to be made
- 3. There had to be something for man to choose other than God.
- 4. God gave man a choice, a very simple and easy choice, God set only one restriction, and that restriction was only upon one tree. You must not, absolutely must not, eat of the tree.
- 5. God gave man this choice for a very specific reason: man is a spiritual being. Man was created with a need for God.
 - Obeying meant choosing life with God forever; disobeying meant choosing death, separation from God forever (Gen2:17).
 - Obeying meant choosing fellowship with God; disobeying meant separation oneself from God.
 - Obeying meant choosing to serve God; disobeying meant choosing to serve self and Satan.
 - Obeying meant choosing to acknowledge God; disobeying meant rebelling against and ignoring God.
 - Obeying meant choosing to honor God; disobeying meant dishonoring God.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Steps to the Fall Text: Genesis 3: 1-6

This is still repeated in the lives of the majority of people today.

The devil deceived many people to go against the rules and regulations of God.

The devil made it known to them that God is not wicked to throw man into Hell.

And that God is too good and merciful to destroy man.

These are the deceit of the devil so that we can sin against God. Truly, God is good and merciful but He hates sin.

Steps in the fall:

- 1. Eve listened to the lies of Satan Gen 3:4; John 8:44
- 2. She looked thoughtfully at the forbidden fruit, Gen 3:69, Prov. 31:30
- 3. She doubted God, Gen 3:6 Heb 6:18, Num 23:19
- 4. She desired what God has prohibited. Gen 2:16-17, Gen 3:6, 1John 2:15-16
- 5. She became a sinner and a temper. Gen 3:6.

CONCLUSION: The Bible says our God is a consuming fire. Please abstain from sin and the steps in the fall.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Consequence of the Fall – 1

Text: Romans 1: 18-32

As a result of the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, man becomes a sinner and fall short of the glory of God.

Man became separated from God – Isa 59:2,

Corrupt and deceitful in heart – Jer. 17:9; Mark 7:19-23,

Dominated by Satan – John 8:44; 1John 3:8,

Servant of sins, John 8:34; Rom 1:18-32; Rom 6:16-23,

Dead in sin, Ephesians 2:1-9

And doomed to eternal hell without God or hope, Eph 2:12; Rom 6:23, Ps 9:17; Matt 25:46; Rev 14:9-11; Rev 20:11-15 Death, Suffering, Worship, Sickness and all kinds of mischief follows. 1Cor 15:21-22; Rom 12:19; Isa 59:8; Rom 3:9-10; Rom 7:14-21.

CONCLUSION: All of us are guilty of sin. The only way to escape the wrath of God is to believe in the only begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ. John 3:18,36. Tell God to keep you from sin.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Consequence of the Fall - 2

Text: Genesis 3: 16-24

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The fall of man has done a great havoc in the history of man.

The man who was considered as the image of God came under severe judgment and curse as a result of willful disobedience to the commandment of God.

The consequences among others are:

- a) Adam and Eve were judged and driven out of God's presence. Gen 3:16-19, 22-24.
- b) The whole creation was brought under the curse, Gen 3:17-18; Rom 8:22.
- c) Satan was judged and curse, Gen 3:14-15, John 16:11; Matt 25:41.
- d) All men (in Adam) became sinners and captives, Gen 2:22-24, Gen 5:3; Gen 6:5; Job 25:4; Ps 51:5; Isa 64:6-9; Isa 53:6; Rom 3:23; Rom 7:14-21.

CONCLUSION: Dearly beloved brother and sister, beware of sin, sin will drive you from the presence of your creator.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Redemption in Christ - 1

Text: I Peter 1: 17-21

All have sinned, the human race has rebelled against God and broken His law, thereby incurring the death penalty.

Man begin under the sentence of death could not pay his own death penalty and also live again to enjoy freedom from sins and carry out the divine purpose fro which he was created.

Therefore God undertook redemption work for man by sending Jesus Christ to die for him. Ps 31:5; 111:9; 130:7; Isaiah 43:1; Luke 1:68; Eph 4:30; Rom 3:24; 1Cor 1:30, Gal 3:13; Heb 9:12; Pet 1:18,19; Rev 5:9.

- (a) The necessity for atonement for sin, Gen 4:4-5; Heb 1:4, 1 John 2:1-2
- (b) The divine provision of a substitute and sin bearer Gen 22:7-8, 14; 3:15; John 3:6.
- (c) Absolute protection from eternal punishment through the blood of the perfect, spotless Jesus Christ, Exod 12:13; Matt 26:28; Col 1:12-14; Heb 9:22.

CONCLUSION: What shall we say again but to give thanks unto God who had made us worthy to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Who had delivered us from the power of darkness and had brought us into the kingdom of His dear Son; in whom we have redemption through His blood and forgiveness of our sins.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Redemption in Christ - 2

Text: Isaiah 53: 4-8

The substitute for man must be perfect, spotless and without blemish, as we studied last week. This is because a sinner cannot die for another sinner, neither can a husband die for his wife, nor a wife dies for her husband, because both were sinners.

The only one qualified for this great assignment of redemption from curse and death is the Lord Jesus Christ, because of His virtue, quality of character; perfection and sinless manhood. Only Jesus was so perfect as to satisfy the holiness of God. Exodus 12:5; Lev 22:21. Exodus 12:13; Gal 3:13.

It is only in His blood that we have complete protection from the whole consequence and curse of the broken law of God. Exod. 12:13; Gal 3:13

- (a) Complete removal of guilt Isa. 53:4-8 John 1:29; Acts 8:32-35
- (b) Full redemption through the slain Lamb. 1Pet 1:18-21; 3:24

CONCLUSION: Now, we are redeemed, purchased and brought back again to be God's peculiar possession. We no longer belong to the devil; neither do we belong to the world. Praise the Lord.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: The Atonement

Text: 1 Timothy 2: 4-6; 4:10

Atonement means to cover, cancel; appease; cleanse; forgive; be merciful, pardon; reconcile.

The application of the blood of Jesus Christ by faith, transforms the most vile and sinful person into a clean child of God, when that person repents of all his or her sin and claims the saving grace of God. Rev 12:10-11, 1Pet 2:24.

In fact it is through the atonement of Christ, the shedding of innocent blood that we receive every blessing that comes from God:

- (i) Healing, 1Pet 2:24
- (ii) Sanctification, Heb 10:10
- (iii) Victory and every answer to prayers Rev 12:10-11.

There is no other atonement that can be made for sin except that which Christ has accomplished on the cross of Calvary for our sins. Isa. 55:1-3; Exod. 33:11; Matt 11:28-30; 1Pet 3:9; Heb 2:9; 1Tim 2:4-6; Rev 22:17.

CONCLUSION: There is no more sacrifice for sin except the blood of Jesus Christ. All mankind are to repent and believe. All sinners are universally condemned for not receiving pardon through Christ's blood.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Repentance - 1
Text: Ezekiel 33: 11-16

True repentance implies a turning from all known sin, change one's mind and change of purpose and action, John 13:8-10; Ezekiel 18:30; 14:6; Isaiah 55:7; 1Sam 7:3; turning to God from idols to serve the living and true God. 1Thess. 1:9; Acts 26:20.

Sorrow for sins is often associated with repentance, but it is that kind of sorrow that causes one to hate sin totally.

It leads the sinner to turn away from sin with all his or her heart. II Cor 7:9-10; James 4:8-9.

Repentance is required - forgiveness and precedes water baptism. Acts 2:38.

Example of repentance include:

- (i) **David** II Sam 24:10-17; Ps 51
- (ii) Ninevites Jonah 3; Lk 11:32
- (iii) **Prodigal son** Lk 15:17-21
- (iv) **Corinthians** II Cor 7:9-11;
- (v) **Peter** Luke 22:62.

CONCLUSION: It is God's command that all should repent. Please repent of your sins today and be converted and you shall obtain mercy.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Repentance - 2 Text: Romans 2:4

Three things lead to repentance:

- (i) The riches of the goodness of God. This is the virtue and beneficence of God whereby He leads sinners to repentance, Rom 2:4; 5:6-8;
- (ii) His forbearance, the self restraint of God whereby He tolerate sinners and permits them to live to be saved, Rom 2:4; 3:25; Nehemiah 9:30.
- (iii) His long suffering, the lenience and patience of God whereby God's mercy and goodness are extended to men to bring them to eternal reconciliation to Himself, Rom 2:4; I Pet 3:20; II Pet 3:9,15.

The results of true repentance are overwhelming. Among them are:

- (i) Pardon, Remission of sins and the blotting out of sin Acts 3:19
- (ii) Reconciliation of sinners and backsliders Acts 3:19-21; II Cor. 6:14-18; Acts 3:26; I Thess 1:9; Rev 2:4-5; 3:19-20.
- (iii) Quick answer to prayer II Chr.7: 14-16; II Chro. 6:27;I John 5:14-15.
- (iv) Joy in Heaven, Luke 15:7.
- (v) (v) A child of God, John 1:11-12; Gal 3:26; I John 5:13.

CONCLUSION: The goodness of forbearance and long suffering of God should not be taken for granted. Repent now, tomorrow may be too late.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Salvation - 1
Text: Ephesians 2:8-9

The holy Bible teaches that salvation of sinners is purely by grace, that we have no righteousness or goodness of our own to meet Divine favor and acceptance, Eph. 2:8-9.

Salvation means deliverance from and preservation from evil and sin and the consequence of the fall; Lk. 19:9-10; saved from enemies, Lk. 1:71; Rom. 10:9-10; deliverance from slavery, physical pains, suffering, infirmity and death. Acts 7:25; Acts 4:12; Acts 3:1-12; 16.

Salvation also means final and complete deliverance from all the curse including death, Rom. 13:11; Phil 1:19,28; Phil 2:12; 1 Thess. 5:8-9; 11 Tim. 2:10; Heb 2:3,10, Heb 9:28; Rev 12:10; Rev 19:1

Two things are necessary before salvation:

- (1) Confession of sin Rom 10:9-10; Jer. 3:13; and
- (2) Repentance Acts 3:19.

Seven benefit of salvation:

- (1) Deliverance from the enemies, Lk 1:7, 74; Jn 5:18
- (2) Mercy from God, Titus 3:4-5; Eph 2:4-9
- (3) Justification by faith, Gal 3:6-15
- (4) Peace with God, Rom 5:1-11; Eph 2:14-18
- (5) Holiness and righteousness, Lk. 1:75; Eph. 4:24; Titus 2:11-12
- (6) Reconciliation to God, 11 Cor 5:14-21. Col 1:20
- (7) Walking in the light and Divine guidance, 1Jn 1:7; John 16:7-14

CONCLUSION: Please make sure you are saved today. Now pray and ask Jesus to save your soul. Confess your sins to Him and repent NOW. Heaven is real.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Salvation - 2

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:12

Last week we studied what salvation is and two things that are necessary before salvation. But today, we shall consider what can keep us from falling from the grace.

It is not true that once saved one is saved forever.

There is possibility of falling from the grace, 1 Cor. 10:12.

Therefore take heed the following:

- (1) Maintain an honest and good heart
- (2) Keep the word of God in your heart and obey them
- (3) Do not fall away but be rooted and grounded in the truth, and
- (4) Bring forth fruit in perseverance.

CONCLUSION: "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall".

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Be Born Again - 1

Text: John 3:1-7

The believer in Jesus Christ is regarded as a new man who is raised from spiritual death, strengthened and renewed by the Holy Spirit, called by a new name and with a new song upon their lips, Ezek. 11:19.

The practical meaning of being born again is living Christ like life. Man fell and lost the original nature of God, which is holiness through disobedience.

Christ came to reconcile us back to God through disobedience. His sacrificial death, so that man can obtain the original nature of God earlier lost in the Garden of Eden.

Now that we have accepted the saving grace of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, God expected that we continue in the new life with Christ in:

- (1) Perfection- Matt 5:48; Col 27:28; Jam 1:4
- (2) Holiness Heb 12:14; Eph 5:25-27; 1Pet 1:15-16
- (3) Separation 11Cor 6:16-18; 11 Thess. 3:6
- (4) Avoid worldliness Rom 12:2; John 15:19; Eph 5:11-12; 1Jn 2:15-17

CONCLUSION: Examine your current behavior and daily life style. Are they which'' Jesus Christ will do?

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Be Born Again - 2
Text: 11 Corinthians 5:17-21

Every Christian is called unto holiness, and righteousness. The sanctifying grace and power of God is available to us.

We are now a new creature in Christ and old things are passed away. The old life of sin is gone. We automatically become His Ambassadors on earth and representative anywhere and everywhere, 11Cor. 5:20-21.

As an ambassador, we must be like Him in all things. The following must not be seen in our lives again as a new creature in Christ (Col 3:10, 12-13)

- (a) Fornication Eph 5:3-4; 1Cor 6:9-11; 1Thess 4:3-4; 1Cor 5:11
- (b) Adultery Exod 20:14; Rom 1:29-32
- (c) Lying Rev 21:8; Col 3:9; Prov 21:6; 12:22-23
- (d) Drunkenness 1 Cor 6:9-10; Isa 5:11, 22
- (e) Fraud 1Thess 4:6-7; Prov 20:17
- (f) Jesting Eph 5:4
- (g) Secret Cult Eph 5:8-13
- (h) Receiving or giving bribe Amos 5:12; Ps 26:9-11
- (i) Worldliness (lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life). 1Jn 2:15-17; Jam 1:27; 4:4; Rom12:1-2; 1Pet 2:11

CONCLUSION: They that are Christ's have crucified themselves with Him.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: A New Creature In Christ

Text: John 3:1-7

In order to become a new creature in Christ, the following things must be found in you:

- (1) The willingness to surrender to God totally Exod 35:5; Isa 1:19
- (2) Readiness to accept the truth John 8:32
- (3) Allow the Holy Spirit to dwell in you John 4:26

How to be a new creature in Christ:

- (1) By the Word of God Eph 5:26-27; Ps 119:11; John 17:17
- (2) By the Holy Ghost Jn 14:26; 16:7-10, 13-14
- (3) Through an intense desire to know more of Him Ps 42:1-2; 63:1;
- (4) Desire to know whole truth Jn 8:32; 7:17
- (5) By prayer Matt 26:41; 6:13; Rom 12:12; Ps 109:4
- (6) By supplication and consecration Eph 6:18; Jude 20-21
- (7) Make no provision for the flesh Rom 13:14; Gal 3:27; Eph 4:22-29

CONCLUSION: Except a man be born again he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Restitution Text: Luke 19:8

Restitution is an essential part of repentance. It means making right every wrong against others. Restitution or straightening up of the past is therefore very necessary, and God require, so far as it lies within your power, that you make right every wrong against others.

On the other hand, God wants you to restore back to the owner anything you have wrongfully taken from them. This includes forged certificates, man or woman wrongly married, library books, Devil's properties – magical art, charms, wealth, and of course sorrows must also be returned.

Also God's property stolen like His tithe, His glory must be duly returned. Acts 24:14; Gen 20:1-18.

Restitution requires wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Do not be rushed about it but seek divine counseling from the anointed men of God. Eccl 5:2; Prov. 29:20; Prov. 4:7; 11:14; 12:15.

CONCLUSION: Failure to restitute is like looking for the pleasure of the Lord and this is dangerous.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Justification - 1
Text: Romans 5:1-11

Many people confuse justification with forgiveness. They are two different things entirely. Justification means to declare righteousness.

The law and justice of God demand death as the penalty or sin. Ezekiel 18:4. But the mercy of God wants to rescue the sinner from death. Ezekiel 33:11-12.

Therefore God looked for a way to justify sinners without looking at their past sinful lives. The only available way is Jesus Christ, who volunteered to die a sinner's death, so that His righteousness could be given as a gift to anyone who believes in Him, Isa 53:11-12; 45:25.

Justification of believers is:

- (1) by His grace, Rom 3:24
- (2) by the blood of Jesus Christ, Rom 5:9
- (3) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Rom 4:25
- (4) by the faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Gal 2:16
- (5) through the mercy of God, Luke 8:13-14.

CONCLUSION: God is willing to destroy every record of your past sinful life and give you a new beginning. Cry unto Him for mercy

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Justification - 2
Text: Romans 8:1

The moment God declare you free from guilt of sin and you are accepted to Him, you will have peace with Him. Rom 5:16.

There are many evidence of justification. We shall mention few of them.

- (a) Peace with God. You will have peace with God, since your sins are forgiven and you are declared righteous by God Himself. There is no need to fear any further punishment from God. Rom 5:1-2; Eph 2:18-19; Rom 8:1-2.
- **(b)** Access to God. You will love access to God. Praying to and talking with God will become joyful instead of a boring task. Rom 5:2; Acts 13:38-39
- (c) Standing in grace, Rom 5:2
- (d) Joy and hope, Rom 5:2
- (e) Joy in tribulations, Rom 5:3-5
- (f) Love of God in the heart, Rom 5:5-8
- (g) Holy Ghost given to us, Rom 5:5; 8:9
- (h) Saved from wrath of God, Rom 5:9-10

CONCLUSION: These and other evidences of justification by faith in Jesus Christ had offered you another opportunity to examine your life. Are you justified?

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Adoption Ephesians 1:5

When a man is born again, he begins a new life in Jesus Christ. When he is justified, the memory of his past sins are wiped away and he is credited with righteousness of Christ.

Now adoption is the act of God whereby a repentant sinner is made a member of the family of God, as if he had been born in the family, the placement as a son with all the rights and privileges of a son.

In the new birth, the believer becomes a child of God automatically, in adoption the believer receives the position of an adult son, Rom 8:15, 23; 9:4; Gal 4:5.

The blessings of adoption includes:

- (1) God becomes your father, Rom 8:15
- (2) God will love you extra ordinarily, Jn 17:23
- (3) You will have fatherly care, Luke 12:27-28
- (4) Correction from God, Heb 12:5-11
- (5) Inheritance, 1Pet 1:3-4
- (6) Likeness, 11Cor 3:18
- (7) Spirit filled and spirit-led, Rom 8:14-16
- (8) Gifts and graces, Rom 12; 1Cor 12; Gal 5:22-23
- (9) Divine Supply. Matt 6:33; Philip 4:18
- (10) Divine Health, Matt 8:17; Jn 10:10; Rom 8:11
- (11) Heavenly Home, Jn 14:1-3; Rev 21

CONCLUSION: The only condition required to be qualified for the above is FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Consecration - 1
Text: Romans 12:1-2

Consecration simply means to devote, separate, dedicate or set apart for the service or glory of God. It is the soul wholly trusting in Jesus. It involves yielding our entire will to God and act of accepting our sacrifice unto Him. Ex. 28:3.

Those that are cleansed by the blood of Jesus can be consecrated. The believers or members of God's family are invited to consecrate themselves also. This is the mercy of God expressed in every believer. Rom 12:1. It must be noted that our consecration is not prompted by fear but love and mercy.

Consecration is voluntary.... beseeching you, Rom 12:1. it is personal...your bodies...and that means everything that we have. It is sacrificial-putting our lives at the altar as Abraham did. Gen 22:1-14.

CONCLUSION: As the truly redeemed of the Lord, it is only reasonable that we give our service unto God no matter how little.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Consecration - 2 Text: Romans 12:1-2

Last week, w learnt that consecration means to devote, separate, dedicate or set apart for the service or glory of God. The question is, what should we devote for the service or glory of God?

- (i) Our bodies strength, hands, feet, eyes, ears our all that they may be useful for Him, Rom 12:1
- (ii) **Our time** It belongs to Him and therefore he must be allowed to draw our daily programme. The days are evil, our time must therefore be redeemed, Eph 5:16.
- (iii) Our talents in singing, writing, vocations, leadership, etc

CONCLUSION: Consecration is a continuous process through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Therefore pray today for a daily consecration, so that you can remain all you life in the perfect will of God.

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Theme: Holy Spirit Romans 8:9

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead. He has been sent by the father and God the son to indwell and guide believers Jn. 16:26; Rom 8:14.

He is equal to God the father and God the son. The Holy Spirit is a living person for He can be approached or shunned, trusted or doubted, loved or hated, adored, insulted or grieved. The Bible constantly refers to Him as "He" not as "it" Jn 15:26; 16:8, 13, 14.

The Holy Spirit possesses certain characteristics, which confirm that he is a person. He has will power to radically change a man's life. He powerfully changed Peter-Jn 17,25,27; Act 2:14; Acts 3:1-9;

He can speak, Rev 2:7, and can cry out, Gal. 4:6. He commands men, Acts 16:6-7. He teaches, Jn 14:26.

CONCLUSION: Develop a friendship with the Holy Sspirit and you will never feel lonely again. He is the cure for a broken heart. Let the Holy Spirit dwell in you and He will give you comfort in place of sorrow. He will give you encouragement and power and you will never feel helpless again.