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LESSON STUDY: *Simplicity of the Gospel*
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THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Gospel Simplified: Jesus In, Satan Out

SCRIPTURE: John 16:7,8

“⁷I tell you the truth. It is better for you that I go away. If I don’t, the Holy Spirit can’t come to take my place. But when I go, I will ask Him to come and take over. ⁸And when He comes, He will convict people of their sins, urge them to accept the righteousness that is from above and tell them of judgment to come.”

Another work of the Holy Spirit is to convict us of our sins, so we may see our need of Christ’s righteousness, so we may be filled with the Spirit of God, His Holiness.

Was Adam & Eve convicted of their sin? Convicted doesn’t mean a person is converted. Converted means to be born again, healed spiritually so that you are a new creature.

1. Gen. 3:7,8: “⁷And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. ⁸And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.”

“Adam where art thou? Why are you hiding?” God is asking us this same question today.

2. Gen. 3:9,10: “⁹And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? ¹⁰And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

God not only convict us, but he is always trying to restore the relationship.

3. Gen. 3:11: “And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?”
4. Rom. 2:4: “Not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?”

Because of Adam’s choice, Jesus will now take our place on the cross and He will die our death.

5. Isa. 53:5: “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”
6. Rom. 6:23: “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
7. KJV Bible Gen. 3:15: “¹⁵And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” Clear Word Bible Gen. 3:15: “¹⁵Also, I will place a hatred of sin in the heart of the woman and her descendants. This hatred of sin will find its ultimate expression in one of her offspring. Satan, like a striking serpent, will try to kill Him, but as a man crushes the head of a poisonous snake with his bare heel to save his children – knowing he will die – so the savior will sacrifice his own life to save those who love him, he will utterly crush the serpent’s head.”

We have a part to play in this work of salvation.

8. John 1:12: “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”

9. Isa. 1: 19,20: “¹⁹ If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: ²⁰ But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.”
10. Eze. 36:26,27: “²⁶ A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.”

If we choose life, life starts all over again for us. We receive a new birth from above.

11. John 3:5-7: “⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”
12. Phil. 3:13,14: “¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

When we are born again, who do we become?

13. 2 Cor. 5:17,18: “¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. ¹⁸ And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;”
14. Col. 3:10: “And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:”
15. 2 Peter 1:2-4: “² Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, ³ According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: ⁴ Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”
16. Titus 2:11-14: “¹¹ For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, ¹² Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; ¹³ Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”; Titus 3:5: “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;”
17. Eph. 4:21-24: “²¹ If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; ²³ And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; ²⁴ And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

Cain was convicted but not converted. Everyone was wrong except him. He had the Laodicean Spirit.

18. Gen. 4:1-10: “¹ And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. ² And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. ³ And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. ⁴ And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: ⁵ But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. ⁶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? ⁷ If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. ⁸ And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose

up against Abel his brother, and slew him. ⁹ And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? ¹⁰ And he said, What hast thou done?"

What must happen to the old rebellious man? It must be crucified; the cross of Jesus is our only hope.

19. Gal. 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."
20. Rom. 6:6,7: "⁶ Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. ⁷ For he that is dead is freed from sin."

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21. Col. 3:1-4: "¹If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. ²Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. ³For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."