

NEW BELIEVER'S SERIES MORNING REVIVAL

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WEEK 1—DAY 1

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household.

Knowing That You Are Saved

Among today's Christians there are many different views concerning salvation. Some people consider that it is impossible to know today that we are saved, while others think that after we are saved we may still perish. The Bible shows us, however, that our salvation is not a matter of speculation nor is it a matter of uncertainty. Rather, it is something which can be confirmed with assurance and which we may know with full confidence.

A simple prayer to pray:

"Lord thank You for Your salvation. I can know with certainty that I have been saved. Thank You that I can never perish."

This week tell someone in your family, your friends, and your classmates about your experience of receiving the Lord.

WEEK 1—DAY 2

Romans 10:10 For with the heart there is believing unto righteousness, and with the mouth there is confession unto salvation.

Receiving Salvation at the Moment of Believing

Many people consider that believing is a present matter and that receiving salvation is a future matter, that is, that a man believes today and will be saved in the future. However, the Bible tells us clearly and definitely that at the moment a man believes, he is saved (Acts 16:31; Rom. 10:10). It is not that he will be saved in the future, but that he is already saved today. He is saved at the very time that he believes. Salvation immediately follows believing, for there is no space of time between the two.

A simple prayer to pray:

"Lord, thank You that Your salvation is for me today. Thank you that I don't have to wait until the future. Your word—the Bible says that the moment I believe I am saved. Lord Jesus, I believe in You. Thank You I am saved. Lord Jesus I love You."

Memorize the verse for today. This is a very good verse to know.

WEEK 1—DAY 3

Acts 10:43 To this One all the prophets testify that through His name everyone who believes into Him will receive forgiveness of sins.

Being Redeemed

When a person believes, he is saved. The Bible clearly reveals that when a person believes, he is forgiven of his sins (Acts 10:43; 1 John 2:12), freed (John 3:18; Gal. 3:13), washed (1 Cor. 6:11; Acts 15:9), sanctified (1 Cor. 6:11; Acts 26:18), justified (Rom. 5:1; 3:28, 30; Gal. 3:8, 24; Acts 18:39), and reconciled to God (Rom. 5:10). Therefore, when we believe, we are redeemed and we are saved.

A simple prayer to pray:

"Lord Jesus thank You that You have forgiven me of ALL my sins. Thank You."

Practice during the day to memorize today's Bible verse. Can you remember yesterday's?

WEEK 1—DAY 4

John 1:12-13 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name, Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Being Regenerated

When a person believes, he is not only redeemed but also regenerated. John 1:12-13 clearly points out that anyone who believes in the Lord is born of God and becomes a child of God. Hence, as long as a man believes into the Lord Jesus, he is regenerated, he has God's eternal life, and he will not perish forever (John 3:15-16); that is, he is saved.

A simple prayer to pray:

"Thank You Lord, that I am not just a child of my parents, I am now Your child. Thank You I have been born of You. Thank You that I have Your eternal life. Thank You, I will never perish."

Practice during the day to memorize today's Bible verse. Can you remember yesterday's?

When the Lord fed thousands, it was a little boy's lunch that the Lord used to feed the people. What little bit we have, we should offer to the Lord. Our experience of the Lord is small but we should tell others. Who have you spoke to about the Lord this week?

WEEK 1—DAY 5

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that every one who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.

John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, He who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life, and does not come into judgment but has passed out of death into life.

Passing out of Death into Life

When a person believes, he passes out of death into life. John 3:16 and 5:24 tell us that he who believes has eternal life, and he will not be judged nor will he perish; he has passed out of death into life. Hence, as long as we believe, we have eternal life, and we are no longer condemned or judged; we have passed out of death into life.

There...three points [on the previous days] clearly prove that we need only to believe, and we are saved immediately.

A simple prayer to pray:

"Thank You Lord that I have You—I have eternal life. Thank You that I have passed out of death and into life. Thank You that I will never perish."

What are the three points that have been covered so far that prove clearly that we need only to believe and we are saved immediately? Look back at the previous days.

Do you know the two verses for this day? If not, these are very good verses from the Bible that are worthwhile to memorize.

WEEK 1—DAY 6

1 John 5:13 I have written these things to you that you may know that you have eternal life, to you who believe into the name of the Son of God.

The Assurance of Salvation

If you recently have had the experience of receiving Christ, you may have had times when you doubted the reality of that experience; that is, you may have questioned whether you were really saved. Without the real assurance of salvation as a solid foundation, it is difficult for a new Christian to grow and experience the deeper things of the Christian life. Nevertheless, the Bible says it is possible to *know* absolutely, unreservedly, that you are a saved person. How can this be? Let us read 1 John 5:13: "I have written these things to you that you may know that you have eternal life, to you who believe into the name of the Son of God." "Brothers! The Bible does not say, "I give these happy feelings to you that you may know that you have eternal life, to you who believe into the name of the Son of God." If the Bible were written in this way, one would not be saved if he did not feel anything. But the Bible says, "I have written these things to you that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). It is not, "that you may think" not, "that you may hope," but "that you may know." We do not need to wait until we die to find out; this assurance is for us to enjoy today.

A simple prayer:

"Lord, thank You that I can know that I am saved. Thank You that it is not a matter of feelings but what the Bible says. Thank You that I can enjoy this assurance today!"

What verses did you learn this week? Try to repeat them.

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WEEK 2 -DAY 1 ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

1 John 5:13 I have written these things to you that you may know that you have eternal life, to you who believe into the name of the Son of God.

Hebrews 6:18 In order that by two unchangeable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

Assurance By the Word of God (1)

How can we have the assurance of salvation? There are three means: Our first means of assurance of salvation is God's Word. While man's word may be untrustworthy, God's Word remains sure and steadfast. It is impossible for God to lie (Heb. 6:18; Num. 23:19). Whatever God says stands firm forever (Psa. 119:89).

What God has said is not a matter of conjecture. His Word is neither vague nor intangible. It comes to us today in written form, the Bible. The Bible is God's very Word, inspired by Him (2 Tim. 3:16). We can take this Word, believe this Word, and trust this Word.'

Practice to sing this song everyday this week:

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine.
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine.
Perfect submission, perfect delight.
Visions of rapture now burst into sight.

This is my story, this is my song.
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

WEEK 2 -DAY 2 ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Romans 10:9-10 That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; For with the heart there is believing unto righteousness, and with the mouth there is confession unto salvation.

Assurance By the Word of God (2)

Man acquires an inheritance by a testament [a will]. The written words of the covenant in the Bible were left to us by the Lord as a testament (Heb. 9:15-16), by which we may inherit the blessings of His salvation. What then does God say about salvation? He says that the way of salvation is a person, Jesus Christ (John 3:16; 14:6; Acts 10:43; 16:31). He says that whoever believes that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and confesses with his mouth that Jesus is Lord is saved. He says that whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Rom. 10:9-13). Have you done this? Have you believed in Christ and confessed openly that He is your Lord? Have you called on His name? If so, you are really saved. God says so. That settles it.

What friends and relatives do you want to pray for that don't know the Lord?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Spend a minute to ask the Lord to save them.

WEEK 2 -DAY 3 ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

1 John 5:10 He who believes into the Son of God has the testimony in himself
Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

Assurance By the Spirit's Witnessing with Our Spirit

[Second], what the Bible speaks to us from without, the Spirit confirms within. First John 5:10 says, "He who believes into the Son of God has the testimony [witness] in himself." The assurance of our salvation is based on the Spirit's witnessing with our spirit (Rom. 8:16)... Everyone who believes in the Lord enjoys addressing God as "Abba, Father.". Moreover, every time we call Him "Abba, Father," we feel sweet and comfortable within. This is because we are children begotten of God, we have God's life, and the Spirit of God's Son has entered into us. Concerning our father in the flesh, it is spontaneous and sweet for us to call him "Father." Therefore, since we enjoy calling God "Abba, Father," and do it spontaneously, even with a sweet and comfortable sensation, this proves that we have God's life and are children begotten of God. Hence, by the Spirit's inner witnessing with our spirit we can know with certainty that we are God's children and that we are saved.

A simple prayer:

"Lord, thank You that Your Spirit is in me witnessing with my spirit that I am one of Your children. Thank You are now my Father. Thank You Father."

Practice to sing the song from Day 1 of this week.

WEEK 2 -DAY 4 ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed out of death into life because we love the brothers. He who does not love abides in death.

1 John 5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten of God, and everyone who loves Him who has begotten loves him also who has been begotten of Him.

Assurance By Our Loving the Brothers

[Third], the assurance of salvation is based on the fact that we love the brothers. First John 3:14 says, "We know that we have passed out of death into life because we love the brothers." Since God is love (1 John 4:16) and since we have His life, we surely have the divine love. Furthermore, since we have been begotten of God, we certainly love those who have been begotten of Him (1 John 5:1). When a saved one sees a brother in the Lord, he has an affection for him and even loves him in such a manner that is incomprehensible to himself. Therefore, our love toward the brothers in the Lord is a proof by which we know that we have been saved. This is a proof of our experience of life, which we may call the proof of love. By our believing-believing in the Lord-we have life and have passed out of death into life; by our loving-loving the brothers-we know that we have life and that we have passed out of death into life. Therefore, by the clear words of the Bible, by the sensation in our spirit, and by the experience of love, we can know with certainty that we are saved.

Practice to SPEAK the song from Day 1 of this week to others.

WEEK 2 -DAY 5 SECURITY OF SALVATION

James 1:17 The Father of lights, with whom is no variation or shadow cast by turning.

Romans 11:29 For the gracious gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

The Security of Salvation

Our salvation not only can be proved with assurance, but it is also secure. [Once we have it, we have it eternally. It can never be shaken or changed.] According to the revelation of the Bible, the security of salvation is demonstrated by the following twelve items:

By the invariable God and His Unchanging Will

First, our salvation is secured by the invariable God. James 1:17 says that with the Father there is "no variation or shadow cast by turning.".. He is not like the heavenly bodies, which turn and whose shadows also change, as seen in the waxing and waning of the moon while it revolves around the earth and in the eclipsing of the sun by the moon. God is secure; He is not variable, not changeable. Therefore, since He has saved us, our salvation can never be changed, and we shall never perish.

Our salvation is secured by God's unchanging will. Hebrews 6:17 speaks of "the unchangeableness of His [God's] counsel." Since God's counsel, that is, God's will, is unchangeable, the fact that He chose us and predestinated us before the foundation of the world that we might receive His salvation (Eph. 1:4-5, 11) is also unchangeable. Since He chose and predestinated us in eternity past that we might receive sonship and become His inheritance, He will carry it out and will not fail.

By God's Inseparable Love

Our salvation is also secured by God's inseparable love. First John 4:10 says, "Herein is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins." If we are saved because we love God, then our salvation is not reliable. However, we are saved because God loved us; that is, our salvation is of God's love. Since God is unchanging, His love is also unalterable. Moreover, His love toward us is an inseparable love (Rom. 8:39).... Because of God's inseparable love, His salvation within us will never fail; it is forever secure and unchanging.

WEEK 2 -DAY6 SECURITY OF SALVATION

1 John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins.

Romans 8:33 Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who justifies.

John 10:29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand.

By God's Irrevocable Calling

Romans 11:29 says that the calling of God is irrevocable. Since God's calling comes out of His invariable being and is according to His unchanging will, it is irrevocable and unalterable... Therefore, according to God's calling, our salvation is eternally secure.

By God's Unchallengeable Justification

After the Lord Jesus was judged on the cross by God's righteousness on our behalf and thereby satisfied God's righteous requirement, we who believe in Him are justified according to God's righteousness to show forth God's righteousness (Rom. 3:26)....[Moreover], since the Lord Jesus has satisfied God's righteous requirement on our behalf, God can-and He must-forgive us and justify us according to His righteousness; otherwise, He would make Himself unrighteous....Romans 8:33 says, "Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen ones? Shall God, who justifies?" (RcV, margin). Since God is bound by His righteousness, He must justify us; He cannot accuse us or condemn us any longer.... Hence, our salvation is eternally secure.

By God's Almighty Hand

In John 10:29 the Lord said, "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand." Because God is greater than all, He is more powerful than anything. No one can snatch us out of His almighty hand. Hence, as far as God's almighty hand is concerned, our salvation is secure.

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WEEK 3 -DAY 1 BAPTISM

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be condemned.

The Importance of Baptism (1)

The first thing God did in the beginning of the New Testament dispensation was to send John the Baptist to preach the baptism of repentance (Acts 10:37; Luke 3:3). This indicates the importance of baptism in God's New Testament plan and arrangement. We may say that baptism opens the New Testament dispensation. Just as the truth of baptism was God's initiation of the New Testament dispensation, so the practice of baptism marks the beginning of our enjoyment of the New Testament blessings.

In the New Testament, the verb form of the word *baptizo* in Greek is *baptizo*, meaning to immerse or dip in water; to cover with water, or to put into water. Many verses in the New Testament speak of the necessity and importance of baptism. In Mark 16:16 the Lord Jesus said to the disciples, "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be condemned." Here the verse does not say, "He who does not believe and is not baptized." This indicates that condemnation is related only to not believing; it is not related to not being baptized. Believing, by itself, is sufficient in order to receive salvation from condemnation; yet for the completion of one's inward salvation, believing needs baptism as an outward affirmation. To believe is to receive Christ not only for forgiveness of sins (Acts 10:42) but also for regeneration (1 Pet. 1:21, 23), so that those who believe may become the children of God (John 1:12-13) and the members of Christ (Eph. 5:30) in an organic union with the Triune God (Matt. 28:19). To be baptized is to affirm this by being buried to terminate the old creation through the death of Christ and by being raised to be the new creation of God through Christ's resurrection.

To believe and to be so baptized are two parts of one complete step for receiving the full salvation of God. To be baptized without believing is merely an empty ritual; to believe without being baptized is to be saved only inwardly without an outward affirmation of the inward salvation.

WEEK 3 -DAY 2 BAPTISM

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Acts 8:36 And as they were going along the road, they came upon some water, and the eunuch said, Look, water. What prevents me from being baptized?

The Importance of Baptism (2)

Baptism has two aspects: the visible aspect is the baptism in water; the invisible aspect, the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5; 10:47; 9:17-18; John 3:5). Water is the symbol of baptism, and the Holy Spirit is the reality of baptism. The visible aspect is the expression, the testimony, of the invisible aspect, whereas the invisible aspect is the reality of the visible aspect. Without the invisible aspect by the Spirit, the visible aspect by the water is vain; and without the visible aspect by water, the invisible aspect by the Spirit is abstract and impractical, without an expression. Both are needed.

In the case of Philip preaching the gospel to the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-39) water baptism was particularly emphasized, but no mention was made of Spirit baptism. This should give us strong instruction that we must pay attention to water baptism, which signifies the believers' identification with Christ's death and resurrection (Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12), as well as to Spirit baptism [1 Cor. 12:13]. Spirit baptism produces the reality of the believers' union with Christ in life essentially and in power economically, whereas water baptism is the believers' affirmation of the Spirit's reality. All believers in Christ should properly have both, just as the children of Israel were baptized in the cloud (signifying the Spirit) and in the sea (signifying water)-1 Cor. 10:2.

In the sight of God there is only one baptism with two aspects: the aspect of water and the aspect of Spirit.... Whenever we baptize others, we baptize them in water and in the Spirit at the same time.

WEEK 3 - DAY 3 BAPTISM

Matt. 28:19-20 Go therefore and disciple all the nations baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor. 12:13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and all were given to drink one Spirit.

The Significance of Baptism

To be baptized is to be baptized into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19). To baptize people into the name of the Triune God is to bring the into spiritual and mystical union with Him. The name the sum total of the Divine Being, equivalent to His person. To baptize someone into the name of the Triune God is immerse him into all that the Triune God is. [Further more], baptism practiced in a proper, genuine, and living way puts the believers into... Christ, a living person (Gal 3:27); into the death of Christ, an effective death (Rom. 6:3) and into the Body of Christ, a living organism (1 Cor. 12:13) that the believers may enter into an organic union not only with Christ but also with His Body Positively, we have been baptized into the Triune God and into Christ; negatively, we have been baptized into the death of Christ. This negative aspect of baptism clears away such negative things as sin, the flesh, the self, and the old creation. The ultimate issue of baptism is that we are put into the Body. We praise the Lord that we have been baptized into the organic entity of the Body of Christ for His expression.

WEEK 3 - DAY 4 BAPTISM

1 Pet. 3:20 While the ark was being prepared; enter into which, a few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through by water.

Baptism Typified by the Water through Which Noah and His Family Passed

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Peter told us that Noah's household of eight passing through the flood in the ark was a type of baptism [1 Pet. 3:20-21]. The waters of the flood separated those who were in the ark from the world in which they once were, that they might be delivered from that corrupted age. This signifies that the water of baptism separates those of us who are in Christ from the world in which we formerly lived, that we may be delivered from this crooked and perverted generation. Therefore, just as Noah and his family were saved through the flood and delivered from that corrupted generation, so we also are saved through the water of baptism and delivered from this crooked generation. On the one hand, they entered the ark by faith and were saved through the ark, thus escaping God's judgment by the flood. On the other hand, they passed through the flood in the ark and were saved through the flood; that is, they were saved out of the former world and were brought into a renewed world.

G Em C D
Dearest Lord, You've called us here, and opened up Your heart.
G Em C D
O the joy to hear Your call and enter in the Ark.
G Em C D
Saving us from day to day, O Lord, this is Your way.
G Em C D G7
In Yourself we stay afloat Above this wicked age today.
C D G Em
Thank you, Lord, in Your eyes we find grace.
C D G-G7
And with open hearts we come to You.
C D G Em
Regardless what our friends might say to us or do
C D G
Oh, Lord Jesus, we love You!

WEEK 3 - DAY 5 BAPTISM

1 Pet. 3:21 Which water also now saves you, that is, baptism, no putting away of the filth of the flesh but the appeal of a good conscience unto God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Reality of Baptism Being Christ in Resurrection as the Life-giving Spirit

Baptism itself does not and cannot put away the filth of our flesh [1 Pet. 3:21]-the dirt of our fallen nature and the defilement of fleshly lust. The erroneous teaching concerning baptismal salvation, a teaching based on this verse and Mark 16:16 and Acts 22:16, is corrected here. Baptism is only a figure; its reality is Christ in resurrection as the life-giving Spirit, who applies to us all that Christ passed through in His crucifixion and resurrection, making these things real in our daily life.

EXTRA READING PORTION *BEING FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS*

"His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things." (Matthew 25:23)

As those who are waiting for the Lord's coming back, we must have a proper living without being snared by anything. Our heart is on nothing but the Lord Jesus. However, this does not mean that we do not study...and take care of daily chores, such as cleaning. Do not say, "Why must I keep my clothes neat and clean? It is a waste of time and money to do the laundry. The Lord doesn't care for the flesh. He only cares for my spirit. As long as my spirit is clean, everything is fine." I have the assurance that many young people still have this attitude. They do not even make their beds in the morning, considering it to be a waste of their time. As long as they have a place to lie down, they are satisfied, thinking that they can spend their time reading the Bible or spiritual books. They do not know why they must work to keep their room neat, clean, and orderly. Their sloppiness may delay the Lord's coming back. The Lord may tell them, "You must learn to make your bed early in the morning, comb your hair, and shine your shoes. Then you must arrange all your books in a good order. Don't put the New Testament before the Old Testament." (*Life-study of Revelation*, pp. 344-345)

WEEK 3 - DAY 6 BAPTISM

1 Pet. 3:21 Which water also now saves you, that is, baptism, no putting away of the filth of the flesh but the appeal of a good conscience unto God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Rom. 6:3-4 Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death. We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

Baptism Being an Appeal to God

Baptism is the appeal to God of the baptized ones for a good conscience unto God (1 Pet. 3:21). When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ to be identified with His death, burial, and resurrection [Rom. 6:3-4]; hence, through baptism we were able to obtain a good conscience. All our sins, offenses, transgressions, and trespasses have been forgiven, and all the problems that estranged our life and our being have been buried in the water...Because of this clearance, we can have a good and pure conscience.

If you have been baptized write in the date when you were:

If you haven't been baptized work out a time to do it.
(Write in the date when you are going to do it: _____)

Write in how many days you had morning revival this week: _____
(One of the secrets of getting up in the morning to a have a time with the Lord is to not to stay up late the night before. When we stay up late we will find it hard to get up in the morning.)

Write in the name of the book in the Bible you are reading

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WEEK 4—DAY 1 Morning Revival (1)

Genesis 19:27 And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the Lord.

Lamentations 3:22-23 It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, For His compassions do not fail; they are new every morning.

These many verses tell us that God's servants had the habit of dealing with God early in the morning. Every one of them had the habit of waking early in the morning and fellowshiping with God early in the morning....Although there is no commandment in the Bible that tells us to get up early, there are sufficient examples in the Bible to show us that all faithful servants of God rise up early.¹

Patterns in the Old Testament

Abraham: "And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the Lord" (Gen. 19:27). If you want God to speak to you, you have to go early in the morning to the place where Jehovah speaks to you.²

Jacob: "And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place Bethel" (Gen. 28:18-19). Those who desire fellowship with God must rise up early.²

Moses: "And the Lord said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh...and say unto him..." (Exo. 8:20). Those who want to obey the Lord's command and those who want to testify for Jehovah must rise up early.²

Joshua: "And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of Jehovah" (Josh. 6:12). All those who want to overcome their enemies must rise up early.²

Job (Job 1:5); Jeremiah (Lam. 3:22-23); Gideon: (Judg. 6:38); Samuel (1 Sam. 15:12); David (1 Sam. 17:20).

WEEK 4—DAY 2 Morning Revival (1)

Mark 1:35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still night, He (the Lord Jesus) went out and went away to a deserted place, and there He prayed.

John 20:1 Now on the first day of the week, Mary the Magdalene came early, to the tomb while it was yet dark and saw the stone taken away from the tomb.

Patterns in the New Testament and in church history

The Lord Jesus: Our Lord rose up early. This was His habit. As far as His divinity is concerned, He did not need to pray. In Himself, there was not that much need for prayer. But for our sake, and to leave us a good pattern, He rose up early to pray.²

Mary Magdalene: Those women came early in the morning to seek after our Lord. Although others did not find Him, Mary found Him²....Mary's seeing the Lord was the best morning watch. In this morning watch, she met the Lord and the Lord met her; she prayed to the Lord and the Lord spoke to her; she fellowshiped with the Lord and the Lord gave His word and His revelation to her.... The Lord revealed to her that, from then on, the disciples were His brothers...We must first seek the Lord before we can discover His resurrection, and we must seek the Lord even more before we can experience His resurrection.³

The Apostles: "...they [the Apostles] entered into the temple about daybreak..." (Acts 5:21).

Watchman Nee: But I have to give you my own testimony, and I must say a strong word to you in this matter. Please do not be offended by my frankness. A Christian who rises up late cannot make any progress at all. I am not saying this hastily. I know what I am saying. All those who have some experience know what I am saying. Which do you love more, your bed or the Lord? Brothers and sisters, do you not realize that our bed is the place of our failure?²

Question: What friends or classmates are you praying for?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

WEEK 4—DAY 3 Morning Revival (1)

THE PURPOSE AND BENEFITS OF MORNING REVIVAL (1)

Song of Songs 7:12 Let us rise up early for the vineyards...There

I will give you my love.

Song of Songs 1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth:
for your love is better than wine.

The best time to receive the Lord's love and to love Him

How much a person loves the Lord can be judged primarily by the way he chooses between his bed and the Lord. Do you love your bed or the Lord more? If you love your bed more, you sleep a little longer. If you love the Lord more, you will rise up a little earlier. A man has to choose between the bed and the Lord. If you love your bed more, you sleep a little longer. If you love the Lord more, you rise up a little earlier.¹

The best time to meet the Lord, draw near to him and to offer Him our best time

Mr. [George] Muller also benefited greatly during his life by rising up early. Once he traveled to another place and lived in a brother's home. He rose at six o'clock, but the other brother rose earlier than he did. He wondered and asked why the other brother would rise so early. The brother answered, "The book of Leviticus says that one cannot offer the dung of the sacrifices on the altar. I cannot offer my dung-hour to God." From that day, Mr. Muller prayed to have the strength to do the same. He agreed that if a young Christian does not rise early in the morning, he cannot grow.²

Some say that early rising is for reading the Bible. Others say that it is for praying. I do not mean that we do not need to read the Bible or pray when we rise up early. I simply mean that the purpose of early rising is not for these matters, but for drawing near to God.²

WEEK 4—DAY 4 Morning Revival (1)

THE PURPOSE AND BENEFITS OF MORNING REVIVAL (2)

Philippians 3:13-14 Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I pursue toward the goal for the prize.

Ezekiel 24:18 And in the morning the word of Jehovah came unto me.

We can have a new beginning, a new start, each day

The life that God gives us contains page after page. Every page is blank on one side; it is a new and fresh beginning. Many times, night is a time of blessing. But it is also a time of curse. When we are tired, we can rest at night. We may fall, become weak, and dirty a page. But thank the Lord that there is a night in which to turn the page, so that we can start a new page. Do not think that rising up early every morning is an insignificant thing. Every morning when we rise up, we turn a new page, and we have a new beginning.²

Time for the best prayer, the best Bible study, and sweetest communion with the Lord

Those who rise up early in the morning reap much spiritual benefit. Their prayers at other times of the day cannot be compared with their prayers in the early morning. Their Bible reading at other times of the day cannot be compared with their reading in the early morning. Their fellowship with the Lord at other times cannot be compared with their fellowship in the early morning. The early morning is the best time of the day. We should spend the best time of the day—the early morning—before the Lord, rather than in other things.¹

Song:

A new day has dawned,
The saints are going on.

The glory of the Lord is coming out.

All around us we can see,

There are signs of victory.

Hallelujah, a new day has dawned.

WEEK 4—DAY 5 Morning Revival (1)

THE PURPOSE AND BENEFITS OF MORNING REVIVAL (3)

Lamentations 3:22 It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, for His compassions do not fail, they are new every morning.

Exodus 16:21 And they gathered (the manna) morning by morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

Time to receive the Lord's lovingkindness and compassions/ new mercies every morning

When you were just saved, you felt good and excited, but after two months, perhaps you started feeling old. It was not the dawn anymore; but, instead, you were at your sunset. In these times you should know that there is still a dawn waiting for you. In this dawn there are God's mercies. The mercies of God are new every morning. This newness indicates that we who love God and seek after Him should have a new beginning every morning to enjoy the Lord as our rich breakfast.⁴

Time to be nourished with spiritual food

Manna is gathered before the sun rises (Exo. 16:14-21). Anyone who wants to eat God's food should rise up early. When the sun waxes hot, manna melts and is gone. Every young believer needs to know that to receive spiritual nourishment before God, to obtain spiritual food, to be spiritually uplifted and to enjoy spiritual communion, he has to rise up a little earlier. If he rises too late, he will lose his food.¹

The early morning is the good time when God dispenses His spiritual food and holy fellowship to His children. Whoever is late will not gather anything. Many children of God have no lack in consecration, zeal, or love, but they cannot live a normal Christians life because they rise up too late.... All those who know God rise early. They rise up early as a rule to fellowship with Him.¹

WEEK 4—DAY 6 Morning Revival (1)

THE HARMFUL CONSEQUENCES OF GETTING UP LATE

Proverbs 24:33-34 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and your poverty will come upon you as a robber, and your want, like an armed man.

Proverbs 20:13 Do not love sleep, or else you will come to poverty, open your eyes [and] be satisfied with bread.

Getting up late results in a weak, sickly, and staggering Christian walk that ends in spiritual death

Many brothers and sisters are weak and unable to take the wilderness journey. We need to ask them, "Have you eaten anything?" They cannot walk because they have not eaten enough. Manna is gathered in the early morning. This is why we need to rise up a little earlier. We will not have any manna if we are late. We have to rise up early in the morning to labor in God's Word.¹

If we get up late we will make no progress in our spiritual life, we will be spiritually poor and will have hard days

A Christian who rises up late cannot make any progress at all.² If we do not rise early enough, we no doubt will become exceedingly poor spiritually.²

Many Christians find themselves weak during the day because their mornings are ill spent.¹

If you do not rise up early in the morning, you will live in spiritual poverty. Late rising brings in great loss. Many spiritual things are lost through late rising.³

Early rising should be a believer's first habit among all habits.¹

1. *Collected Works of Watchman Nee*, Volume 48, chapter 11
2. *Collected Works of Watchman Nee*, Volume 21, pp. 75-86
3. *Life-study of John*, pp. 543-544

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WEEK 5—DAY 1 MORNING REVIVAL (2)

Proverbs 20:13 Do not love sleep, or else you will come to poverty, open your eyes and be satisfied with bread.

Proverbs 6:9-11 How long, sluggard, will you lie there? When will you arise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and your poverty comes upon you like a robber and your want, as an armed man.

We should go to bed early to rise early

All early risers must have the habit of going to bed early. No one can stay up late and rise up early. This is like burning a candle at both ends.¹ In order to rise up early, one must go to bed early. If you cannot overcome the habit of going to bed late, you cannot rise up early. If you go to bed late and rise up early, your health will be affected; you will be tired all the day, like one floating in the clouds. Therefore, all those who desire to rise up early must overcome human affairs and attachments and go to bed early at all cost. One can set the time for going to bed at nine or ten o'clock. But the matter of rising up early should begin tomorrow. Do not wait until next week to begin. If you wait until next week, you will never begin.²

We should not have an unreasonably high standard

Some people want to rise up at three or four o'clock in the morning. When they find out that they cannot make it, they quit after a few days. It is better to take a moderate course....If one tries to get up too early, his practice may not last long. An unreasonably high standard will only result in a condemned conscience. We do not advocate extremes. Before the Lord you should consider carefully the proper time for you to rise up. You should take into consideration your physical limitations as well as the environment. Set your standard accordingly and keep it.¹

SONG: Now the Lord is the Spirit—that's how

He can get inside of you right now.

It's so easy to be filled with Him.

He's made it really simple.

One, two, three—

That's how easy it can be.

WEEK 5—DAY 2 MORNING REVIVAL (2)

Ephesians 5:15-16 Look therefore carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Psalms 5:3 O Jehovah, in the morning You will hear my voice; in the morning I will set forth my words in order to You, and I will watch.

We should get out of bed immediately

Every morning when we wake up, we have to get out of our bed immediately. We should not wait five minutes before getting out of bed. If we do, we will not be able to get out. Proverbs 6:9-11 says, "How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet, a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: so shall thy poverty come as one that travelth, and your want as an armed man."²

We should speak to the Lord first and call on His name

In the morning when I wake up, I do not speak to man first. Rather, I first speak to God. I would not open my mouth to any man before I open my mouth to God. I would say, "O Lord, I love You! Lord Jesus, I am coming to You!" Every morning, all I do are these two things: calling on the name of the Lord and praying His word. These two things are the morning exercises for a Christian. If you would exercise yourself in these two things every morning, surely you will be revived.³

We should contact the Lord in the Word before the affairs of the day

As soon as you wake up, the first thing to do is to go to the Word. This will make a great difference. Take ten minutes to eat a few verses. Do not eat too much. Do not read the Bible in a haphazard way. Ask the Lord what book you should read. If it is Romans, read it through consecutively, a few verses a day. Do not skip over what does not appeal to you. You may not like the last part of chapter one, but read it anyway. It will preserve and inoculate you. After you have gone through Romans, the Lord may constrain you to read through 1 Corinthians.⁴

WEEK 5—DAY 3 MORNING REVIVAL (2)

Psalms 63:1 (Darby) O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee.

Psalms 78:34 (Darby) And returned and sought early after God.

Psalms 59:16 But I will sing of Your strength; And I will sing aloud of Your lovingkindness in the morning.

The morning is the best time to sing praise unto God

The early morning is the best time to sing praises unto God. When we offer our highest praise to God, our spirit rises to the highest peak.¹

Four things to practice before the Lord in the mornings

Every believer should do these four things conscientiously before the Lord early in the morning: fellowship with Him, praise Him, read the Bible, and pray to Him. Whether or not a person has done these four things in the morning is manifested in his walk during the day. George Muller confessed that the degree to which he was fed by the Lord in the morning determined his spiritual condition throughout the whole day. His spiritual condition for the day depended on his feeding before the Lord in the morning. Many Christians find themselves weak during the day because their mornings are ill spent.¹

We should cultivate the habit of rising early

Perhaps you are used to getting up late, and your mind has been used to getting up late. But if you rise up early a few times your mind will gradually adjust to getting up early. After you do this for a few days, you will not want to go back to sleep even if your mind is telling you to do so. In the beginning you will need to force yourself a little in order to rise up early. Before a habit is built up, you need to ask God for grace. Continue to ask until this habit is built up.¹

SONG

1. I've been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb (3x)
Filled with the Holy Spirit I am.
All my sins are washed away;
I've been redeemed.

WEEK 5—DAY 4 MORNING REVIVAL (2)

Proverbs 26:14 As the door turns upon its hinges, so does the sluggard upon his bed.

Psalms 139:23 (ASV) Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts; And see if there be any harmful way in me, And lead me on the eternal way.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from every sin.

We should deal with our laziness

Many people cannot part with their bed. They love their bed as they turn from one side to the other. When they turn left, they are on their bed. When they turn right, they are still on their bed. They love to sleep and cannot part with their bed. Many people just want to sleep a little longer; they cannot get out of their bed. If one wants to learn to serve God and be a good Christian, he has to rise up early in the morning every day.¹

We should be examined, enlightened and exposed

During this time, you should go to the Lord and pray...to contact the Lord, asking Him to examine you, to enlighten you, and to expose your situation in His light. As the Lord enlightens you, you will need to confess one item after another. When we do not come to the light, we do not see the uncleanness, especially the offenses on our conscience. But when we are enlightened, we are aware of all the dirt. We need to confess everything exposed by the Lord's light....To confess is the best way to contact the Lord in prayer for the genuine growth in life. The more we are dealt with by the Lord, the more He will be wrought into our being. This is what it means to grow.⁴

1. *Collected Works of Watchman Nee, Volume 48, chapter 11*
2. *Collected Works of Watchman Nee, Volume 21, pp. 75-86*
3. *Organic Practice of the New Way, p. 51*
4. *Life-Messages, Volume 1, pp. 363, 21-23, 80, 116*
5. *Vision of the Divine Dispensing, p. 24*
6. *Our Human Spirit, p. 37*
7. *Life-study of James, p. 31*

WEEK 5—DAY 5 MORNING REVIVAL (2)

Exodus 16:21 And they gathered (the manna) morning by morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

James 1:21 Receive in meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Personal contact with the Lord is basic

We need to remember that in the things pertaining to life there are always two aspects...there is the individual side and the corporate side, and neither can replace the other. We must have both. Furthermore, these two sides should be evenly balanced.⁴

I am concerned that many, especially the young people...do not have a private time to pray. They have only corporate prayer. I admit that no private time of prayer can replace the corporate time.⁴

If you do not go to the Lord directly and privately by yourself, your dealing with the Lord will not be very practical or detailed.⁴

Daily we can have morning revival on the phone

We should start having a morning revival time...the next morning [after our salvation and baptism]. We should...get up fifteen minutes earlier than usual and make an appointment to have morning revival...over the phone....We should have morning revival over the telephone every day.⁵

Spiritual manna comes daily and in the morning

The children of Israel ate manna everyday, but there was no oldness. Every day there was the newness of manna, the freshness of manna (Exo. 16:13-15, 21-22)...God didn't give manna once a week....God sent the manna day by day, early in the morning....If you love your bed, you miss the manna.⁶

Being nourished to be strengthened

If we would resist temptation, we need to be nourished through receiving the implanted word....Once our spirit has been strengthened, it will sustain our soul. As a result, our soul will have the strength to withstand suffering and to resist temptation.⁷

WEEK 5—DAY 6 MORNING REVIVAL (2)

Ephesians 5:16 Redeeming the time because the days are evil.

I have a hard time getting up early in the morning.

The best thing is to instruct....someone else to wake you up in the morning. You may also spend a dollar or two to buy an alarm clock and put it beside your bed. You can also pray that the Lord would wake you up at the assigned hour. Mr. [Georgel] Muller said, "Every day I ask God to wake me up at a certain hour, and I always find myself waking up at that very hour."²

The first day an athlete exercises, he may feel sore. The second day he exercises, he still may feel sore. But after a week, he will not feel sore anymore. The same is true with rising up early. As long as we develop this habit, we will not find it difficult anymore.²

I have my morning revival in the evening. Isn't the Lord available all the time? What difference does it make what time I have it?

Any brother or sister who wants to follow the Lord must never think that there is little difference in rising up an hour early. You must realize that your Bible reading becomes ineffective if you rise up an hour late. Likewise, your prayer becomes ineffective if you rise up an hour late.¹

I'm waiting until I am moved by the Spirit before I get up

Do not wait until you are moved by the Spirit to contact the Lord. It may be a long time before any inspiration comes.⁴

I don't feel like I am getting anything from the Bible and I cannot seem to touch the Lord

Let me warn you to beware of excitement when you contact the Lord. Don't go the way of feelings. Whether you feel high or low, just come to contact your Lord for ten minutes every morning. Do not allow yourself to be played upon, directed, and even fooled, by your untrustworthy feelings.⁴

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WEEK 6—DAY 1 THE MINGLED SPIRIT (1)

Genesis 1:27 And God created man in His own image...
Job 32:8 But there is a spirit in man...

God Created Man in His Image as a Vessel to Contain Him

The first crucial and striking point concerning God's creation of man is that God created man in His image and according to His likeness (Gen. 1:26a). Who is God's image? The Bible tells us that Christ is the image of God (2 Cor. 4:4b; Col. 1:15). Romans 9:21 tells us that God created us and chose us that we might be vessels to contain Him. Hence, we were not only created according to the image of Christ, but we were also created as vessels instead of instruments.... God did not create us as instruments to work for Him; instead, He created us as vessels to contain Him.

God Created Man with a Spirit (1)

The second striking point in the creation of man is that God created man with a spirit... Genesis 2:7 says that God formed man of the dust of the ground. No doubt this refers to man's body as the framework of man's being... After God formed a body for man, God breathed the breath of life into man's nostrils. Dust does not have any life, but the breath of God has life... In Genesis 2:7 the word for *breath* in Hebrew is *neshanial*. It is used also in Proverbs 20:27, which says, "The spirit of man is the lamp of Jehovah." This indicates that the very breath of life breathed into man's body became man's spirit. This is confirmed by Job 32:8, which says, "But there is a spirit in man, / And the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding." In this verse *a spirit in man* and *the breath of the Almighty* are in apposition, indicating that the spirit of man and the breath of God are one.

WEEK 6—DAY 2 THE MINGLED SPIRIT (1)

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God Created Man with a Spirit (2)

The spirit of man is the breath of God, and the breath of God is man's spirit. [Furthermore], man's body and man's spirit came together to produce a living soul (Gen.2:7)... A human being is a soul with two organs. The outward organ is the body; the inward organ is our spirit, which is the breath of life. Thus, in 1 Thessalonians 5:23 we are told that a whole man is composed of spirit, soul, and body.

The tripartite man was created with a spirit to be the receiver and container of the divine life (Gen. 2:7; Prov. 20:27). A radio has a receiver within it so that it can receive, contain, and express the radio waves from the air. The outward box of the radio is not good enough. It needs an inner recipient, an inner receiver. Within us there is also a receiver, and this receiver is our spirit.

SONG:

Now the Lord is the Spirit—that's how
He can get inside of you right now.
It's so easy to be filled with Him.
He's made it really simple.
One, two, three—
That's how easy it can be.

O Lord! Amen!
That's the way to let Him in.
Hallelujah! I love to hear it.
He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

WEEK 6—DAY 3 THE MINGLED SPIRIT (1)

Zechariah 12:1 The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

God Created Man with a Spirit (3)

Zechariah 12:1... ranks the spirit of man with the heavens and the earth. It says that the Lord is the One who stretched forth the heavens, laid the foundation of the earth, and formed the spirit of man within him.... This shows that only these three things are important and vital in this universe. The heavens are for the earth, the earth is for man, and man has a spirit for God. Here you have the purpose of the universe, the meaning of the universe. The heavens with all the stars and planets are for the earth. The earth is not for the heavens but for man. Without the earth, man could not exist. The earth is just right for us to live to fulfill our purpose. Man is not for education, for clothing, for food, for housing, or for entertainment. Man is good only for God. Man is a God-bottle, a vessel to contain God. As God-bottles, we need a God-receiver. God is Spirit (**John 4:24**). Since God is Spirit, we need a spirit to receive Him. Only our spirit can receive the Spirit. Only our spirit can touch the Spirit. Only our spirit can contain the Spirit.

If we did not have a spirit, we would become meaningless. Also, if there were no God in the universe, the whole universe would become empty... Without God being the Spirit and without us having a spirit to contact God, [to contain God], to be one with God, the whole universe is empty and we are nothing. By this we can see the importance of our spirit.

Memorize **John 4:24**.

Now say this verse without looking.

WEEK 6—DAY 4 MINGLED SPIRIT (1)

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Regenerated in Our Spirit

When a sinner repents, confesses his sins, believes in the Lord Jesus, and calls on His name, at that very moment Christ as the life-giving Spirit enters into his spirit to enliven his dead spirit, that is, to regenerate him in his spirit. Immediately such a person becomes alive, happy, and joyful. A great change has taken place in his life. This sinner has been saved. He has been regenerated, and he is now a Christian.

The Divine Spirit and the Human Spirit

In order for us to experience the Christian life, we surely need to know God, the Lord, Christ, as the Spirit. Also, we have to know that for us to enjoy this Spirit, we have a spirit within us. [Hence], the foundation of the Christian life is the Spirit with our spirit.

In the New Testament three verses that speak of both the human spirit and the divine Spirit [are: **John 3:6**; **4:24**, and **Romans 8:16**]. **John 3:6** says, "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit." The first spirit in this verse is God's Spirit, and the second is our spirit. This means that our spirit is born of God the Spirit... The birth of the spirit in **John 3:6** is not the first birth, the natural birth; it is the second birth, the spiritual birth. All the saved ones have been born twice.... The first birth, from our parents, is the birth in the flesh; the second birth, from God, is the birth in our spirit... Hallelujah for the second birth! We are the second-birth people. Never forget the two spirits in **John 3:6**—the human spirit and the divine Spirit.

Memorize **John 3:6**.

Say it without looking. Now say **John 4:24** and **John 3:6** together.

WEEK 6 DAY 5 MINGLED SPIRIT (1)

John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

Another precious verse about these two spirits is John 4:24. This verse says, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness." Here again we see that God is a Spirit and that we have a spirit.

If we would worship God, we must worship Him in our spirit. As human beings, we have many organs: eyes for seeing, ears for hearing, a mouth for speaking and eating, a nose for smelling and breathing, hands for working, and feet for walking. We also have our various inward organs, including a stomach for retaining and digesting food. In addition to all these organs, we have a spirit with which to worship God.

Man was made by God and for God. He was made to worship God, to contact God, to receive God, to retain God, and even to digest God. Your religious mentality may be offended at the thought of digesting God. Yes, we must digest God. The Lord Jesus said that He was the bread of life and that we must eat Him (John 6:35, 54-57). Jesus is edible! If we eat Him, we must also digest Him. The function of the organ of our spirit is to worship, contact, receive, retain, and digest God. We may call this organ our spiritual stomach.... This is the organ for digesting God. We need to receive God into this part of our being.

Memorize John 4:24.

MATCH THE ORGANS WITH WHAT THEY DO:

Mouth	Smelling
Ear	Tasting
Eyes	Working
Feet	Breathing
Nose	Receiving God
Human spirit	Hearing
Hands	Seeing

WEEK 6—DAY 6 MINGLED SPIRIT (1)

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

The third verse concerning the two spirits is Romans 8:16. This verse says, "The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God." Here we see that the divine Spirit witnesses with our human spirit. Many times these two spirits talk to each other. Our spirit may say, "God is my Father;" and the divine Spirit will say, "Amen." The divine Spirit may say, "You are a child of God," and our spirit will say, "Hallelujah!"

We all need to become thoroughly familiar with these three verses on the two spirits. Remember, in John 3:6 our spirit is born of the Spirit; in John 4:24, our spirit worships the Spirit; and in Romans 8:16, the Spirit witnesses with our spirit. These three verses are virtually all-inclusive. In John 3:6 we are reborn, in John 4:24 we digest God and enjoy Him, and in Romans 8:16 we walk with God, live by God, and are one with God in our being. This is the Christian life, the Christian living.

Practice to say the three verses on the two spirits without looking: John 3:6, John 4:24 and Romans 8:16.

Practice to speak the following:

"This week I learned three verses that show the two spirits. God is spirit and man has a spirit. I have a spirit! God is the bread of life and our spirit is our spiritual stomach. Because we have a spirit we can eat God as our spiritual food."

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**WEEK 7—DAY 1 THE MINGLED SPIRIT (2) AND
CALLING ON THE LORD (1)**

1 Corinthians 15:45 The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
1 Corinthians 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.
2 Timothy 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit.

The Lord Spirit Being One with Our Spirit

We all need to see that our believing in Jesus and our being baptized into Him means that He comes into us and we are put into Him so that He and we become one. He is in us, and we are in Him. This is possible only because of the two spirits. He is the divine Spirit, and we have a human spirit. The divine Spirit is in our human spirit. Therefore, in our spirit we are one spirit with Him.

First Corinthians 15:45b tells us that the last Adam, the Lord Jesus our Savior, became a life-giving Spirit. This Spirit has come into our spirit. Therefore, 1 Corinthians 6:17 says that we have become one spirit with the Lord. Within us there truly is the fact that the two spirits are mingled as one spirit.... In 2 Timothy 4:22 Paul says, "The Lord be with your spirit." This implies that the Lord is Spirit; otherwise, He could not be able to enter our spirit and be with our spirit. This again proves that the Lord Spirit has become one spirit with our spirit.

Practice today to memorize these three short verses. They are some of the most important verses in the Bible.

**WEEK 7—DAY 2 THE MINGLED SPIRIT (2) AND
CALLING ON THE LORD (1)**

1 Corinthians 15:45 The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
1 Corinthians 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.
1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Practicing Being One Spirit with the Lord

The highest Christian life is a life of the two spirits becoming one spirit. This surpasses ethics and morality. Today you and I do not merely have a conscience, the innate knowledge of good and the innate ability to do good,... nor do we only have a created spirit. Within our created spirit we also have the Spirit of God, who is our Redeemer and who became the life-giving Spirit. Today I want to help everyone to practice living by this mingled spirit, that is, to practice being one spirit with the Lord. Your being saved is not just a matter of your sins being forgiven, your being cleansed by the blood, or your being redeemed and regenerated. More than that, the Lord as the Spirit has entered your regenerated spirit and mingled with your regenerated spirit to become one spirit. This is the most precious point. Christ has become the life-giving Spirit as the life and life supply in our spirit. Therefore, we must live in our spirit to experience the salvation and the bountiful supply of the Spirit. Man has a three-layer constitution: the outermost layer is the body; within the body is the second layer, which is the soul; and within the soul is the third layer, which is the spirit. Today Christ is the Spirit, and within us we also have a spirit; therefore, we can experience Him. The two spirits—the Lord's Spirit and our spirit—are mingled and have fellowship with one another. This may be compared to metal conducting electricity. If we sin, an insulation comes between us and the Lord and then the "electricity" cannot pass through. At such a time we need to open up to Him in our spirit to repent and confess our sins. In this way the barrier of sin is removed; immediately we can have fellowship with the Lord Spirit and once again experience His salvation within us. Then the Lord Jesus is no longer a doctrine to us but a reality. As the Spirit, He now indwells our spirit so that we can daily experience Him as our salvation.

**WEEK 7—DAY 3 THE MINGLED SPIRIT (2) AND
CALLING ON THE LORD (1)**

John 4:24 God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

1 Corinthians 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

Stopping Our Outward Activities to Call on the Lord Jesus

In order to contact God in spirit, sometimes we have to stop the activities of our body and our soul, and then we have to cry out to God and call on the Lord Jesus from our deepest part. If we do this, immediately there will be light within us. Whenever we stop the activities of our body and our soul, allow the Spirit to work in us, and call from our spirit, "O God! O Lord Jesus!" then, instead of being in our outward activities, we remain in our spirit, the innermost part of our being.

The Secret of Being So Active and So Energetic

Many times I have been asked how I, as an elderly man, could be so active and so energetic. My secret is that I am one spirit with the Lord. Today, many toys are made to operate by electricity. It is electricity which makes them so active. Because we are one spirit with Christ, we have the heavenly, divine electricity energizing us continually.

When we got saved the divine electricity got installed into our spirit. But we need to switch on everyday by calling on the Lord to be energized with the divine electricity. You don't wait until you feel good to turn on the physical lights in your bedroom. You don't have to wait until you feel good to call on the Lord and turn on the divine electricity. Most of the time in the morning we don't feel like calling on the Lord. We shouldn't let our feeling cheat us—we don't have to wait, we can call on the Lord and turn on the divine electricity.

**WEEK 7—DAY 4 THE MINGLED SPIRIT (2) AND
CALLING ON THE LORD (1)**

Isaiah 12:4 Give thanks to Jehovah; call upon His name!
Rom 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is *Lord* of all and rich to all who call upon Him.

Calling On the Name of the Lord

Beginning the Day by Calling On the Name of the Lord

After rising up in the morning, we should do everything by our spirit. We must begin our day by living and walking in our spirit. If we rise up in a loose way, we will spoil the whole day. The best thing to do after rising up is to call on the name of the Lord. When we call "O Lord Jesus," we are in the spirit (1 Cor. 12:3). Calling in this way brings us back from everything to our spirit.

The Meaning of Calling On the Name of the Lord

What is the meaning of calling on the name of the Lord? Some Christians think that calling on the Lord is the same as praying to Him. Yes, calling is a kind of prayer, but it is not merely praying. The Hebrew word for *call* means to call out to, to cry unto, to cry out. The Greek word for *call* means to invoke a person, to call a person by name. In other words, it is to call a person by naming him audibly. Although prayer may be silent, calling must be audible.

During the summer school break we should not become loose about having morning revival or calling on the Lord. Sluggards love to sleep and love to sleep late. Don't be a sluggard. Don't take a vacation from the Lord. Ask the Lord to become so attractive to you. "O Lord Jesus, Thank You for another day. I love You. Become so attractive to me. I want to love You first and best."

WEEK 7—DAY 5 THE MINGLED SPIRIT (2) AND CALLING ON THE LORD (1)

Lamentations 3:55-56 I called upon Your name, / O Jehovah, / From the lowest pit. / You have heard my voice; do not hide / Your ear at my breathing, at my / cry.
Isaiah 12:3-6 Therefore you will draw water with rejoicing / From the springs of salvation, / And you will say in that day, / Give thanks to Jehovah; call upon His name!... / Sing psalms to Jehovah.... / Cry out and give a ringing shout....

Two Old Testament prophets help us to see what is meant by calling on the Lord. Jeremiah tells us that to call on the Lord means to cry to Him and to experience spiritual breathing. "I called upon Your name, O Jehovah, / From the lowest pit/ You have heard my voice; do not hide / Your ear at my breathing, at my cry" (Lam. 3:55-56). Isaiah also tells us that our calling on the Lord is our crying to Him. "God is now my salvation; / I will trust and not dread; / For Jah Jehovah is my strength and song, / And He has become my salvation. Therefore you will draw water with rejoicing / From the springs of salvation, / And you will say in that day, / Give thanks to Jehovah; call upon His name!... / Sing to Jehovah.... / Cry out and give a ringing shout, / O inhabitant of Zion, / For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel" (Isa. 12:2-6). How may God become our salvation, our strength, and our song? How can we draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation? The way is to call on His name, to praise the Lord, to sing a hymn, and to cry out and shout. All of these match the calling mentioned in verse 4!

Calling on the Lord began in the third generation of the human race with Enosh, the son of Seth (Gen. 4:26). The history of calling on the Lord's name continued throughout the Bible with Abraham (Gen. 12:8), Isaac (Gen. 26:25), Moses (Deut. 4:7), Job (Job 12:4), Jabez (1 Chron. 4:10), Samson (Judg. 16:28), Samuel (1 Sam. 12:18), David (2 Sam. 22:4), Jonah (Jonah 1:6), Elijah (1 Kings 18:24), and Jeremiah (Lam. 3:55). Not only did the Old Testament saints call on the Lord; they even prophesied that others would call on His name (Joel 2:32; Zeph. 3:9; Zech. 13:9).

WEEK 7—DAY 6 THE MINGLED SPIRIT (2) AND CALLING ON THE LORD (1)

Romans 10:12-13 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, For the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him; for whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
1 Corinthians 1:2 With all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, it is theirs and ours.

Calling on the name of the Lord was practiced by the New Testament believers [Acts 9:14; 22:16; 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Tim. 2:22] beginning on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:21). While Stephen was being stoned to death, he was calling on the name of the Lord (Acts 7:59).... Saul of Tarsus received authority from the chief priests to bind all that called on the name of the Lord (Acts 9:14). This indicates that all the early saints were Jesus-callers. Their calling on the name of the Lord was a sign, a mark, that they were Christians.

Paul the apostle stressed the matter of calling when he wrote the book of Romans. He said, "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him; for whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:12-13). Paul also spoke of calling on the Lord in 1 Corinthians when he wrote the words, "With all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, who is theirs and ours" (1 Cor. 1:2). Furthermore, in 2 Timothy he told Timothy to pursue spiritual things with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart (2:22).... Today the Lord wants to recover calling on His name and to have us practice it so that we may enjoy the riches of His life.

Practice today to call on the Lord. When you are by yourself call on the Lord for at least 2 or 3 minutes. Find a place where you can call on the Lord loudly!

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WEEK 8—DAY 1 CALLING ON THE LORD (2)

Romans 10:13 Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Psalms 116:13 I will take up the cup of salvation / And call upon the name of Jehovah.

Why We Need to Call On the Name of the Lord (1)

Why do we need to call on the name of the Lord? Men need to call on the name of the Lord in order to be saved (Rom. 10:13). The way of praying quietly does help people to be saved, but not so richly. The way of calling loudly helps people to be saved in a richer and more thorough way. Thus, we need to encourage people to open themselves and to call on the name of the Lord Jesus. Psalm 116 tells us that we may partake of the Lord's salvation by calling on Him: "I will take up the cup of salvation / And call upon the name of Jehovah" (v.13). In this one psalm, calling on the Lord is mentioned four times (vv. 2, 4, 13, 17). As we have seen earlier, the way to draw water from the springs of salvation is to call upon the name of the Lord (Isa. 12:2-4). Many Christians have never called upon the Lord. If you have never called, even shouted before the Lord, it is doubtful that you have enjoyed the Lord in a rich way. "Call upon His name!... Cry out and give a ringing shout" (Isa. 12:4, 6). Try shouting before Him. If you have never shouted about what the Lord is to you, try it. The more you shout, "O Lord Jesus, You are so good to me!" the more you will be released from your self and filled with the Lord. Thousands of saints have been released and enriched through calling on the name of the Lord.

Today make a time to call on the Lord aloud several times strongly and even shout before Him. We should practice to call on the Lord.

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WEEK 8—DAY 2 CALLING ON THE LORD (2)

Isaiah 55:1 Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters, / And you who have no money; / Come, buy and eat; / Yes, come, buy wine and milk / Without money and without price.
Isaiah 55:6 Seek Jehovah while He may be found; / Call upon Him while He is near.

Why We Need to Call On the Name of the Lord (2)

Another reason for calling on the Lord is to be rescued from distress (Psa. 18:6; 118:5), from trouble (50:15; 86:7 81:7), and from sorrow and pain (116:3-4). People who have argued against calling on the Lord have found themselves calling on Him when they were subject to a certain trouble or illness. When our lives are free from trouble, we may argue against calling on the Lord. However, when trouble comes, no one will need to tell us to call on Him; we will call spontaneously. Also, the way for us to participate in the Lord's plenteous mercy is to call upon Him... (Psa. 86:5). Another reason for calling on the Lord is to receive the Spirit (Acts 2:17a, 21). The best and easiest way to be filled with the Holy Spirit is to call on the name of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit has already been poured out. We simply need to receive Him by calling on the Lord.

Isaiah 55:1 says, "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters, / And you who have no money; / Come, buy and eat; / Yes, come, buy wine and milk / Without money and without price." What is the way to eat and drink the Lord? Isaiah gives us the way in verse 6 of the same chapter:

"Seek Jehovah while He may be found; / Call upon Him while He is near." Thus, the way to eat the spiritual food for our satisfaction is to seek the Lord and to call upon His name.

Write down some times and places that you called on the Lord strongly yesterday:

1. Time: _____ Place: _____
 2. Time: _____ Place: _____
 3. Time: _____ Place: _____
- If you didn't practice yesterday begin to practice today to call on the Lord strongly.

WEEK 8—DAY 3 CALLING ON THE LORD (2)

Romans 10:12 For the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him.

Isaiah 64:7 And there is no one who calls upon Your name, / Who stirs himself up to lay hold of You.

Why We Need to Call On the Name of the Lord (3)

Romans 10:12 says that the Lord of all is rich to all who call upon Him. The way to enjoy the riches of the Lord is to call upon Him. The Lord is not only rich, but also near and available, because He is the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b). As the Spirit, He is omnipresent.... When we call on Him, He comes to us as the Spirit, and we enjoy His riches.

If I call a person's name, and if he is real, living, and present, that person will come to me. The Lord Jesus is real, living, and present! He is always available. Whenever we call on Him, He comes. Do you want to enjoy the Lord's presence with all His riches? The best way to experience His presence with all His riches is to call on His name. Call on Him while you are [riding to school]...or while you are at...[school]. Anywhere and anytime you may call.

Also, by calling on the name of the Lord, we can stir ourselves up. Isaiah 64:7 says, "And there is no one who calls upon Your name, / Who stirs himself up to lay hold of You." When we feel that we are down or low, we can lift and stir ourselves up by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus.

How is your practicing of calling on the Lord? Talk with one another about when each of you called on the Lord yesterday.

Do you ever feel down, low or discouraged? We can lift ourselves up by calling on the name of the Lord. We don't have to wait, we can call on Him at any time and at any place.

WEEK 8—DAY 4 CALLING ON THE LORD (2)

Second Timothy 2:22 But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Psalms 116:2 Therefore I will call upon Him all my days." As long as we live, we should call on the name of the Lord.

Out of a Pure Heart Calling On the Lord Corporately, Daily, and as Long as We Live

How should we call on the Lord? We must call on Him out of a pure heart (2 Tim. 2:22). Our heart, which is the source of our calling, must be pure, seeking nothing except the Lord Himself. Also, we must call with [purified lips] (Zeph. 3:9 [NASB]). We need to watch our speech, for nothing contaminates our lips more than loose talk. If our lips are impure due to loose talk, it will be difficult for us to call on the Lord.. Furthermore, we need to call on the Lord corporately. Second Timothy 2:22 says, "But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart." We need to come together for the purpose of calling on the name of the Lord. Psalm 88:9 says, "I have called out to You, O Jehovah, every day." Hence, we should call daily upon His name. Furthermore, Psalm 116:2 says, "Therefore I will call upon Him all my days." As long as we live, we should call on the name of the Lord.

Because we belong to the Lord we should give our lips to Him.

Here is a simple prayer..."Lord thank You for dying for me. You paid the price for me. Today I give myself to You. Today I give my lips to You. Take my lips and may they speak things that build up others. May my mouth call on Your name. Lord attract me...I want to love You more, I want to call on You with a pure heart. Thank You Lord."

WEEK 8—DAY 5 CALLING ON THE LORD (2)

Lamentations 3:55-56 I called upon Your name, O Jehovah, /
From the lowest pit. / You have heard my voice; do not hide /
Your ear at my breathing, at my cry.

Enjoying and Breathing and Drinking the Lord (1)

To call on the Lord is to enjoy the Lord, to breathe the Lord in. Calling is just breathing. Jeremiah was designated the "weeping prophet." After the book of Jeremiah, he felt he was not finished, so he wrote Lamentations as a weeping book. In this weeping book there are two wonderful, joyful verses: "I called upon Your name, O Jehovah, / From the lowest pit. / You have heard my voice; do not hide / Your ear at my breathing, at my cry" (3:55-56). Our calling is our breathing... Sometimes... [our parents or our brothers and sisters] put us into "the lowest pit." Whenever you get into "the lowest pit," do not murmur or complain. Simply call, "O Lord Jesus," and you will be in the third heaven. To call on the Lord is just to breathe Him in. Verse 56 says, "Do not hide / Your ear at my breathing, at my cry." The Lord turns His ear to our breathing. This spiritual breathing is our calling, "O Lord Jesus, O Lord Jesus."

Sometimes others put us into the "lowest pit." Maybe what they said or did made us unhappy or discouraged. Jeremiah was an Old Testament prophet who spoke for God. In his environment there was NOTHING encouraging—but he learned the secret—Calling on the Lord.

When we call on the Lord we can be saved from complaining and inwardly we will be far above those things and persons around us.

Practice today to call on the Lord when you get into a "pit" when you begin to complain.

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WEEK 8—DAY 6 CALLING ON THE LORD (2)

1 Corinthians 12:13 For also in one Spirit, we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks and were all given to drink one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:3 No one can say, Jesus is Lord! except in the Holy Spirit."

Enjoying, Breathing, and Drinking the Lord (2)

The secret to enjoying the Spirit is found in 1 Corinthians 12:13. We all must believe that we have experienced the first half of 1 Corinthians 12:13. In one Spirit, that is, in the Spirit, we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks. The Spirit and the Body are connected. We must believe that we believers of the Lord were in that one Spirit baptized into one Body... Since you believe that you are in the Body, then you must also believe that you are in the Spirit. We have all been baptized into the Spirit, and now we need to drink this Spirit."

The way to drink is in verse 3 of the same chapter: "No one can say, Jesus is Lord! except in the Holy Spirit." This is similar to saying, "No one can breathe except that the air gets into him." Can we say that we are breathing, but the air never comes in? When we breathe, the air comes in... If we say, "O Lord Jesus!" we are in the Spirit. This is drinking. The way we drink of the Spirit is by saying, "O Lord Jesus."

Hymn #73 in *Hymns* was written by Miss M. E. Barber, an older sister who helped Brother Watchman Nee very much. Stanza 2 says, "Blessed Jesus! Mighty Savior! / In Thy Name is all I need; / Just to breathe the Name of Jesus, / Is to drink of Life indeed."... To call on the name of the Lord is to breathe Him, and to breathe Him is to drink Him. The way to drink of the one Spirit is to call, "O Lord Jesus!"... If you are thirsty, call on the Lord. At any time or any place, even while we are [riding in the car], we may be thirsty. Then we may call on the Lord and receive the living water. Try it; it always works... This is very simple, and this is our Christian life. Our Christian life must be a calling life.

Practice again today to call on the Lord—to drink and breath Him.