

Beyond Belief Session 2: Getting the Gospel Right ...but first, a few reminders

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Who You Are

An _____ spiritual being with an _____ destiny in God's great universe.

- Ephesians 2:4-7
- Ephesians 3:10
- Revelation 22:5

We can begin to know the strength of God that we will live by ... as we're training to reign with Jesus.

Why Are You Here?

... to develop the _____ to live in God's world and to _____ with him forever and ever.

The life that comes in Jesus Christ is the way to a character that will be _____ in God's world and will feel right at home letting _____ be God.

C.S. Lewis ~

"There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations, these are mortal. And their life is to ours as is the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry and exploit. Immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. Next to the blessed sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses."

Recognizing the Soul Under God

We recognize the _____ of the soul under God, and we stand in awe of it. This eliminates gossiping, mean-spirited judgement, criticism, meanness.

See in yourself that same being - learn to respect and love yourself. And one thing you'll stop doing is making yourself miserable over how you failed in all the work you didn't get done.

The Body...

We've been given a body, God gave it to us as an integral part of our personality and it's a wonderful, good thing. The problem is the body is _____ by sin.

Galatians 5:16

- Our actions are ready to go immediately, as designed, but the problem is that the body is _____ in the wrong way.
- Before you can think about it, you've done what you didn't want to do!
- Stop, confess, find out why you did it, learn how we can come to act immediately in other ways. (More on this in session 4)

Matthew 26:41 'The spirit is willing (the heart, the inside, the mind) but the flesh is weak'

What does it mean the flesh is weak? It simply means that we are still in our embodied condition, ready to do what is _____ (e.g. disciples, Peter) That is the problem.

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A New Life

We are not destined to keep repenting of our sins over and over....we can learn to do differently and by the grace of God put that into action in such a way so that the readiness to do _____ is replaced by the readiness to do _____.

Proverbs 31:26

The law of kindness is in her _____. That's where you want it! In her tongue, not in her head, her mind, her spirit...you want it in her tongue. Now, she is a kind person.

When we are not permeated by the law of kindness, no matter how much we want to be kind, we will be mean.

All of the wonderful things that we read in the Scripture are for us. We can become that kind of person! 1 Corinthians 13, Matthew 5

Futility of Life Apart from God

Our society is permeated by hopelessness and futility. The hopelessness of life lived with just the individual person the center of focus.

Next Up: **Session 2B ~ Getting the Gospel Right** ~ the gospel that Jesus preached, that naturally leads to transformation of character and life.