

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Covenant. Christ Jesus. Entering In. Abiding In. Priesthood.



CRITICAL BIBLICAL THINKING | LESSON 5

Read Acts 10:1-6 :	
What is important about who Cornelius is?	
The angel of the Lord was VERY specific about where Cornelius's men were to go: Do you think God can be and is still THAT specific? That He still communicates with believers?	
Read Acts 10:13-15 : Isn't it amazing that Peter is EXACTLY where the angel said he would be.	
What is Peter experiencing?	
Why did Peter go with them?	
Read Acts 10:28	
Why was it "wrong" for Peter to go to Cornilius's house?	
Yet, why DID Peter go?	
Do you realize that up till this point in History (10 years) that the "Church" was only Jews that had come to a believing faith in Christ Jesus?	
Read Acts 10:44-48	
When did the Gentile's have the Holy Spirit poured out upon them?	
How did they know that the Gentiles had been Baptized with (en) Holy Spirit?	
Regarding Water Baptism/Birth – what is important to understand about NOT refusing these Gentiles water?	
Also, what did Peter order them to do?	
Utilizing BibleHub.com again (instructions on previous lesson) what is the Greek word for "commanded" and what does it mean?	
Why would a Gentile not be familiar with Old Covenant terms of ceremonial washing [i.e. water cleansing/baptism]?	
ONGOING ASSIGNMENT: As you begin to read the letters that are in the New Testament after the book of Acts, begin asking yourself these things: What things are the recipients of the letters getting correct and what are the things that Paul is trying to get people to understand on a deeper level and live out?	
Read Romans 4:13	
What does it say about "through the righteousness of faith"?	
Utilizing BibleHub.com: Look up righteousness. Look up faith.	
Read Genesis 15:6 ,	
Read 1 Corinthians 1:30 : for those who are "in Christ Jesus" what did He become to us?	
Read Romans 4:16	
What do you think it means when it says "by faith"? Go to BibleHub.com and look at the Greek word for "by" – it should be "ek" – what does the Help Words Study say?	
How is faith in accordance with grace? Go to BibleHub.com and look at the Greek word for "in accordance". Look up "mercy".	
What makes someone an heir with Christ?	
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Ponder this: Faith believes before. Grace comes when our belief is proven THROUGH our actions. Faith and grace bring promises. Mercy is God’s loyalty to His covenant. Faith says I believe it will happen and I’m going to do what I am commanded to do – and yes, action almost always comes BEFORE understanding.	
Did you know that anointing with oil is a direct correlation to the Holy Spirit?	
Read Luke 4:18	
Jesus quotes: “ THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME ” and then directly correlates it to “ HE ANOINTED ME ”	
Jesus demonstrated in His 100% humanity the need for the anointing of the Holy Spirit for what purpose? To preach what? To proclaim release to who? Recovery of what? To set free who?	
Read Acts 10:38	
When did God anoint Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power? Read the accounts of Jesus’s water baptism: you will find a documentation in all 4 Gospels.	
Read Acts 1:4-5	
What promise are they waiting for?	
Read Acts 1:8	
What did Jesus say they would receive?	
Do you understand that if we don’t recognize the truth of “covenant” – that we will also miss the terms that Jesus set?	
If Jesus said in John 3 that it is a requirement to be born again [literally from above] to even “see” the Kingdom of God – and Jesus wasn’t talking about a “physical” seeing – isn’t it logical to accept the truth of the simplicity of these words: you must be born again?	
If Jesus further defined being “born again” as having two aspects: water birth and Spirit birth as the requirement of entering the Kingdom of God – then isn’t it imperative that we understand what SCRIPTURE defines as a water birth and a Spirit birth and NOT what we have been told?	
Go to BibleHub.com and type in 795 it should propagate the Greek word astocheo. What does it mean?	
Do you think that it is possible for someone to “miss the mark” and NOT enter the Kingdom of God?	
What two things do you think Satan had to distort to make someone “miss the mark”?	
Do you think that Satan cares how much someone “professes to love Jesus”? Do you think that Satan cares how often someone “quotes Scripture”? Do you think that Satan cares that someone “volunteers at church”?	
Based on YOUR history: when were you told that the Holy Spirit was in you? At belief? At water baptism? Were you even instructed about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? Did you just think “that’s for those charismatic’s”? Or even that it was “only for the apostles” and when John died – it stopped being needed?	
Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5	
What did Paul say about the last days? In other words: what was coming?	
In verse 5, we know that Paul is speaking about the church because only “professing believers” would pretend “godliness” and yet deny it’s power.	
Where does the Bible say our “power” comes from? Hint: Acts 1:8	
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What does Paul say about association with “professing believers” who deny the power?	
ONGOING ASSIGNMENT: Investigate that what Jesus taught in Acts 1 is consistently documented throughout Acts as separate and different from water baptism/birth.	
Read Luke 11:13	
What does it say about those who ask for the Holy Spirit?	
Jesus is still on earth, so He hasn’t yet sent the Holy Spirit to come upon a believer and be within/EN them and yet He teaches to ask for the Holy Spirit. Why? Do you think that maybe Jesus knew that people would try to discredit, distort and ever destroy understanding of the Holy Spirit’s role in a believer’s life?	
Read Mark 3:29 (and read starting at verse 20 what is documented BEFORE Jesus says this)	
Read Luke 12:10 (and read starting in verse 4 what is documented BEFORE Jesus says this)	
Isn’t it interesting that one can say every bad and evil thing against Christ Jesus and it’s forgiven.	
Isn’t it also interesting that blasphemy of the Holy Spirit means NEVER having forgiveness and being guilty of an eternal sin.	
In Marks documentation: what had Jesus done that THEY called Him possessed?	
In Luke’s documentation: who (in verse 5) does Jesus say to fear?	
Read John 3:8	
What picture does Jesus give to confirm being born of the Spirit?	
Read Acts 2:1-4	
What is the documentation that directly correlates to John 3:8?	
Is there still a need for witnesses?	
Has the Gospel gone to the remotest part of the earth? [read Acts 1:8, Matthew 24:14]	
Has the end come?	
Has the LORD stopped “calling people to Himself”?	
IF, you know that there is still a need for witnesses. IF, you know that the end has not come [because] the LORD has not stopped calling people	
THEN, isn’t it logical and biblical to understand that we MUST have the baptism of the Holy Spirit and that He MUST be IN US – so that we ARE the temple of God?	
Wouldn’t you want to know the TRUTH about the baptism of the Holy Spirit?	
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