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LIVE IN HARMONY WITH YOURSELF

Word For you

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LESSON 1

Repentance: A dynamic salvation and spiritual break through.

Bible text: Psalm 51

Central Truth: Repentance is necessary to experience spiritual break through.

Have you repented? Break through or growth without repentance is meaningless. Many believers compromise their commitments to God. They choose worldly values over biblical values. Many fail to fulfill their God-given responsibilities in marriage and family relationship. Sadly, churches today are filled with people who lack the kind of commitment to God that impacts and shapes all areas of their lives. Could this be true of you? This lesson will help you recapture, or discover for the first time a 'first cheerier' faith that will impact all areas of your life. The lesson is designed to help you to realize your sins, accept responsibility for there and repent of those sins.

READ PSALM 51/1-6 (NIV)

David sinned grievously. He committed the sin of adultery with Bathsheba and had her husband murdered in an attempt to cover up his sin (2 Sam 11,12). It shows how one sin often leads to another. PSALM 51 is David's psalm of confession for these sinful acts. He experienced a spiritual break-through repentance, "Blessed is to he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered" (Ps 32/1). David appealed to God for mercy, based on His 'unfailing love' and 'great compassion' (Ps 51/1). The word for 'unfailing

love' is from the Hebrew word 'shored', means to bend or bow one-left of to incline one-self, that is it is an act of kindness, love or merry shown to someone. The word for 'compassion' comes from a root-meaning womb. As a young mother tenderly cares for the unborn babe in her womb, so God tenderly care fore His people. David knows unfailing love and great compassion are parts of God's nature. So he was emboldened to plead for God's undeserved merry. For us to make any spiritual progress, any break through in our spiritual lives, we must ready and willing to confess all sins in our lives.

Whether of omission or commission, repent of them and forsake them, asking God to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness as he promised to do (I John 1:7,

Eph 1:6-7) such repentance, forgiveness and cleansing is the way to spiritual growth and maturity.

How long has it been since you confessed any sin or spiritual weakness to the Lord? Can you think of sins right now that you need to confess and of which you need to repent? May God give you the grace to dig and to keep on doing it when He brings anything to your attention. No sin can be excused. Continuous repentance is needed to stay in constant touch with he Lord.

Questions

1. Comment about continuous repentance
2. In repentance what we must be willing to do? (EZK 33:15)
3. If we confess our sin, what will God do? (1 John 1:9, ISA 1:18, 20)
4. If we open our hearts to receive Jesus, what Is His promise has?(REV 3:20)

Memory text psalm 51:10,11,12 (NIV)

Create in me a pure heart, o God and renew steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.



LESSON 2

The Holy Spirit –an ever-present source of power

Bible texts: 1 Cor 3:16; 6:14; 2 Cor 6:16

Central Truth: every spirit filled believer has within him all the power he will ever need to put him over in this life.

The New Testament gives us three relations that God sustains towards man.

1. God for us, 2. God with us, 3. God in us

To have God for us guarantees success: If God for us, who can be against us? (Rom 8:31).

If God is on our side, we are sure to win. If God is for us-and we know He is for us we become utterly fearless in life. No matter how dark the clouds may hang upon the horizon of our life. We are calmly assured that we must win. There can be no defeat if the Lord is for us.

We can also have that assurance that God is with us. No matter what the circumstances may be our Lord is with us. The knowledge of the word of God along this line should certainly cause our heart to leap within us for joy and our spirits up in faith and confidence. In New Testament we have a better covenant, which was established upon better promise (Heb 8:6)

Under the covenant in OT, God was for Israel and was with Israel but he was not in them.

God is for us today and with us today but we also have something better, God is in us. God is actually making His home in our bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:19 (KJV) What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you which ye have of God and ye are not your own?

1 Corinthians 3:16 (KJV) know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?



Holy Spirit is a pledge or an engagement ring of promise. It is given to us as a promise from God that he will redeem us completely body soul and spirit.

It is a promise of full redemption in order that we might be a holy and perfect dwelling place for God in the spirit so that we might be transformed in to the very image of Jesus

Baptism of Holy Spirit is the gateway into a life filled with fellowship and communion with the father. It is the turning point from being enslaved to the devil's spirit in this age and our fleshly desires to being under the power of God's spirit. Through the spirit's power we may press on in God towards the fullness of resurrection of life.

If we were conscious of the greater one in us we would have no fear of the devil because he who is in us is greater than he who is in the world. If we are conscious of the

greater one who indwells us and we believe what the word of God says about this presence, no matter what or whom we face, we will have no fear. We have the source of all power dwelling in us.



As the Holy Spirit dwell within us according to Christ's promise, we will walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. We don't have to be defeated by the circumstances of life. We can rise above our physical limitations through the power of His Spirit.

Questions

1. What does Peter say that the Holy Spirit is? (Act 2:38)
2. What are the 3 types of relations that God sustains towards man?
3. Explain baptism of Holy Spirit as a turning point?
4. What are nine gifts resident in the Holy Spirit that are available to us? (1 Cor 12:8-10)

Memory text (1 Jn 4:4)

..... Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.



LESSON 3

The atonement (1) gods provision for men's sin

Bible text: Genesis 2,3

Central Truth: God set mankind to select a choice of whether to obey God love him and live or to disobey him, not love him and die.

When God created man, it was his desire to have a family of men and women in his likeness and in his image, with which he could fellowship, share his life and love.

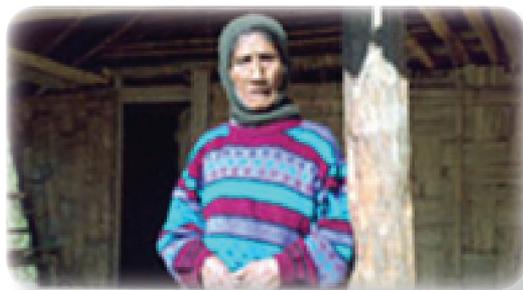
Before that he spent the first five days, for preparing a wonderful home for mankind.

God created the earth and all the things in it for the enjoyment of mankind. Then God placed man and woman in Eden.

Genesis 2: 15-17 (Living Bible)

15. The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden as its gardener, to tend and care for it.

16,17. But the lord God gave the man his warning. "You may eat any fruit in the garden except fruit from the tree of conscience- for its fruit will open your eyes to make you aware of right and wrong; good and bad. If you eat this fruit; you will be doomed to die".



Notice that here Adam and eve chose not to obey God. The lord God has never forced man to love him and obey or serve him. He never told to any one to worship him. But He created human beings for worship, love and to obey the Lord God.

When the God of heaven and earth came to Eden to fellowship and to share his heart with them, finding only that they had broken his commandment. They chose to rebel against God and disobey Him.

By disobedience, man lost the caring of God and came under the yoke of satan. They were cast out from the fellowship with lord God.

Genesis 3:23-24 (Living Bible)

23. So Lord God banished him forever from the Garden of Eden and sent him out to farm the ground from which he had been taken.

24. Thus God expelled him and placed mighty angles at the east of the Garden of Eden, with a flaming sword to guard the entrance to the tree of life.

Before they ate the fruit, by the temptation of satan they convinced that, the fruit was so lovely and fresh looking. And Eve thought it would make her so wise. The lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life are the main three features causes to all sin in this world.

Genesis 3:6 (The New American Bible)

The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it, and she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.



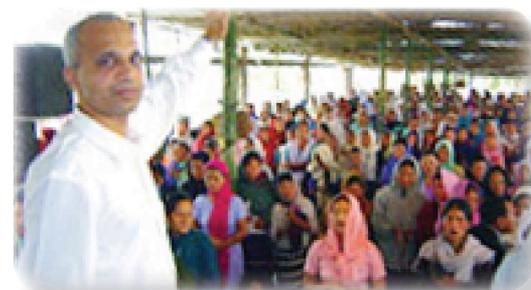
Questions

1. What did Adam and Eve choose to do? (Gen 3/3-6)
2. What do we find God doing in the garden and what was the desire of his heart? (Gen 3:8-9)
3. What are the main three things causes to all sin in this world? (Gen 3:6, 1 John 2:16)
4. Why man and woman rebel against God? (Gen 3:5)

Memory Text

Genesis 1:28 (KJV)

And God blessed them and God said unto them be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it.



LESSON 4

The atonement - Covering by Blood

Bible Texts: ISA 53:1-9; Heb 9:13-14; Jn 19:1-42

Central Truth: When God sees his son's blood, then He did not see sin.

Imagine if you can the scene at Calvary. No artist has ever pictured the Calvary scene as it really was. It is doubtful that the Romans left Jesus even the courtesy of a loincloth. He became as the first Adam in the garden that he might cover his own nakedness with his own precious blood not even a linen cloth to spoil the type. In turn we may cover our nakedness with his precious blood a perfect Atonement or covering indeed.



We cannot even offer a convenient loincloth or fig tree leaf to hide our sins, we must divest ourselves of everything and appear destitute to all covering in his presence. He will give us his own blessed robe of righteousness after we have accepted the cleansing of his precious blood. Indeed this is a glorious truth.



God instituted the blood sacrifice as the atonement for sin from the beginning time. Under old covenant (Lev 17:11) the blood is the only one substance that can make an atonement or covering for our souls. The sinner, therefore, on accepting a substitute, (in OT, it was a clean animal) beholds the substitute dying in his place. In this way blood covering is provided for the sinner.

Leviticus 17:12 (Living Bible)

For the life of the flesh is in the blood and I have given you the blood to sprinkle upon alter as atonement for your souls. It is the blood that makes atonement. Because the

life, which is in the blood.

Galatians 3:13,14 (LB)

13. But Christ has bought us from the doom of that impossible system by taking the curse for our wrongdoing upon him. For it is written in the scripture, "any one who is hanged on a tree is cursed, as Jesus was hung upon a wooden cross."

14 Now God can bless the Gentiles too with this same blessing he promised to Abraham and all of us as Christians can have the promised Holy Spirit through faith



since Jesus was bearing the guilt of our sins in his own body. It was not possible of the father to look upon him until Jesus had covered his own body with his own blood. Because it is written that God cannot look upon sin (Habakkuk 1:13). Only then could the father turn and look upon his only begotten son. He had been obedient unto death even the death of the cross, and now sins were atoned for, or covered under this own precious blood. After it was accomplished the father then looked not on our sin, but on his sons blood. That was enough His Son had offered his life (in his blood) for all man-

kind. The father had respect unto the offering and our redemption was made complete.

Questions

1. What did Jesus come to do? (Mat 1:20-23. | Jn 3:5)
2. Is the blood of Jesus, a better sacrifice than the blood of animals? Why ? (Heb 9: 13-14)
3. What did Jesus actually do for us on the cross? (I pet 2:24, Gal 3:13, Rm 6:67)
4. Explain the word Atonement? How Jesus atoned our sin?

Memory Text: ISAIAH 53:5 (Living Bible)

But he was wounded and bruised for our sins. He was chastised that we might have peace, he was lashed and we were healed.



LESSON 5

Baptism in the Holy Spirit-An experience subsequent to salvation

Bible text: Acts 8:12-19

Central Truth: There is an experience following salvation of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:12, 13 LB

But now they believed Philip's message that Jesus was the messiah, and his word concerning the kingdom of God and many men and women were baptized. Then Simon himself believed and baptized and began fellowship Philip wherever he went, and was amazed by the miracles he did.



Philip's ministry in Samaria was abundantly blessed of God. Mighty miracles constantly were being performed. Many were saved and healed according to act 8:7,8. Samaritans believed Philip's sermons concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus and they were baptized in water.



Jesus had said "God ye into all the word and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall saved Mk 16:15. KJV

These Samaritans both believed and were baptized. They were saved according to Mk 16:15. Yet none of them have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The experience following the salvation is called receiving the Holy Spirit or being filled with the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 8:14-17 LB

When the Apostles came back in Jerusalem, they heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God's message. So they sent down peter and John. As soon as they arrived, they began praying for the new Christians to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet He had not come upon of them. For they have only baptized in Jesus name. Then peter and John laid their hands upon the believers and they received the Holy Spirit.

There is no record that any upon whom peter and John laid hands failed to receive. The Bible simply states, Act 8:17, then they laid... hands... people received the Holy Spirit.



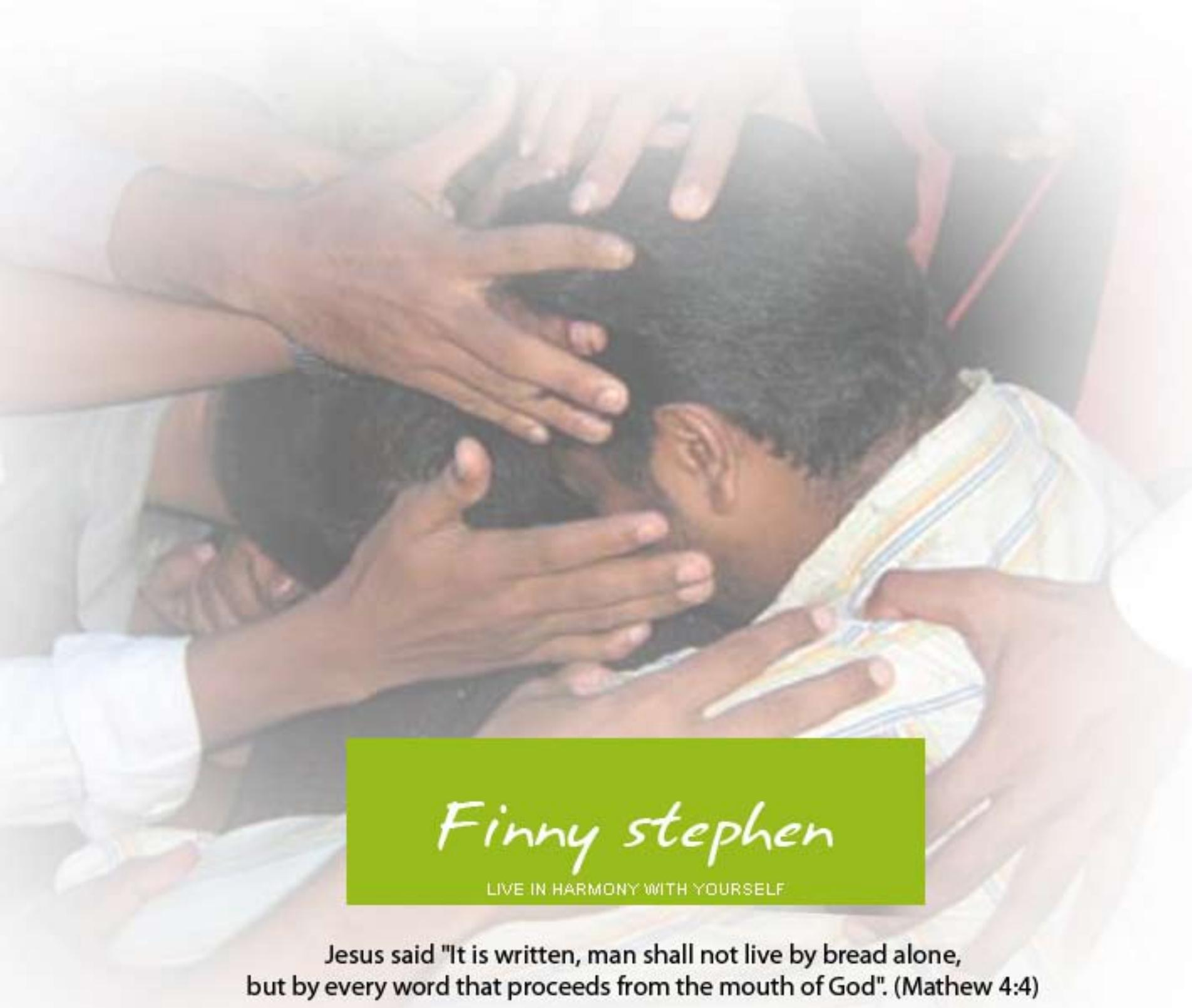
Notice something else, in Acts 8. Peter and John did not pray that God would give the Samaritans the Holy Spirit. They prayed that the Samaritans would RECEIVE the Holy Spirit. God already has purchased salvation and gave Holy Spirit for each man. However it is not going to us any good until we accept it. We should pray that, scripturally, people receive the gift of eternal life that is offered to them. But for the infilling of the Holy Spirit they should RECEIVE.

Questions

1. How did the believers at Samaria receive the holy spirit (Act 8:17)
2. What are the 2 other names of Holy Spirit (Mt 10:20, Gal 4:6)

Memory text: Act 1:8

But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power to testify about me with great effect, to the people in Jerusalem, through out Judea, in Samaria and to the end of the earth about my death and resurrection.



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