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Answers: Lesson Two: CLI Leadership Bible Study

Lesson 2: Triple Love Poured Out (**Day One**) *Love, Approval and Tough Times*

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."
Matthew 3:17

1. After Jesus was baptized in Matthew 3:17, God the Father said, "This is my ___**Son**___ whom I ___**love**___: with him ___**I**___ ___**am**___ well ___**pleased**___."

2. How do *you* think God's love and approval affected Jesus' life and the choices He made?

Personal Answer but because of God's love, Jesus could lead others in love. Also God's approval gave Jesus confidence to make difficult but holy & right choices. God's love and approval gave Jesus the desire and power to trust and serve God.

3. How will being confident of God's love and approval affect how you live and lead others?

Personal Answer but similar to above. Also leading for God's will and purpose and not for the praise of men. Gives confidence and boldness in making right decision and standing firm.

4. Do you view times of testing, struggles or pain as a sign of God's love and confidence in you?
Y N (Circle One) Explain you answer. **Personal Answer**

Read Proverbs 3:11-12 and Galatians 3:26-29 and answer questions 5-7:

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke,¹² because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. Proverbs 3:11-12

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:26-29

5. Whether male or female, how do you become a son of God the Father in whom He delights?

Through faith in Christ Jesus; believing that He died for my sins and following Him in all I do.

6. Why should we accept the LORD's correction and not become resentful or discouraged?

Because Scripture tells us that the LORD disciplines and corrects those He loves and accepts as a son, just like an earthly father does the same for his son.

7. Have you experienced God's correction, rebuke or punishment and how did you handle it?

Personal Answer

because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.
Hebrews 12:6

8. According to Hebrews 12:6, the Lord _____ disciplines _____ those he _____ loves _____ and he _____ punishes _____ everyone he _____ accepts _____ as a _____ son _____.

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. Romans 5:5

9. Read Romans 5:5. How are we able to love God and love others?

We are able to love because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit

Personal Application:

Are you going through a rough or difficult season now? Y N (Circle One) If yes, please share how we might pray for you.

Personal Answer

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 2 Corinthians 4:17

Suggestion: Study Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and memorize verses from these books to keep your focus on Jesus our Lord.

Lesson 2: Triple Love Poured Out (**Day Two**) *A New Creation*

Read 1 Corinthians 15:21 and answer questions 1-3:

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

1. What did Adam bring into the perfect world that God created? **Death**
2. In Adam all **die**, so in **Christ** all will be made **alive**.
3. Why do you think this is important for you to know as a Christian leader?

We must know how sin entered into the perfect world that God created. We must be able to share how sin is removed in Christ. By definition a Christian leader is a Christ follower. Must know who and why we are following our Savior and why others should do the same.

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." Genesis 2:16-17

4. Read Genesis 2:16-17. What would you say to someone who said it wasn't fair that mankind had to inherit Adam and Eve's sin and pay the price of living in a fallen world?

Jesus Christ proved that God is not only honorable but extremely fair and just to all mankind. Jesus paid the price on the cross for our inherited sin and all the evil things that we have done since we were born. God proved His love for us by sending His Son to die for us (John 3:16).

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
2 Corinthians 5:17

5. According to 2 Corinthians 5:17, are you a new creation? Why or why not?

Personal Answer but hopefully will say yes, because they are in Christ. If not, there may be an issue with their salvation or their assurance of salvation. "Bible Minister" – please make sure you address any concerns or problems here. Ask CLI office for information to help.

6. Why do you, I and other Christians still sin after trusting Jesus as Lord and Savior?

This is the explanation that was in this Lesson and a summary or a few lines indicating an understanding is all that is necessary for an answer:

After we are born again in Christ we are a new creation. Our sins are forgiven and we have God's Spirit to lead us in all righteousness. We clearly have the ability to do what is right (Romans 6:11-14) but we continue to sin (1 John 1:8).

God doesn't take away our human nature and our ability to choose good from evil (Romans 6:19). We still have free will and we still have Satan and his followers who prowl around looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8). In our natural body we will always be tempted to put ourselves, our comfort, and our own satisfaction above others. Plus we still live in a fallen and corrupted world which can cause a multitude of problems.

7. Are you cooperating with Jesus and His Spirit in the process of your sanctification?

Yes No Sometimes (Circle One) **Personal Answer**

8. How are you helping others in their process of being sanctified? **Personal Answer**

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. John 3:6

9. Read John 3:6. Who gives birth to your spirit? **The Spirit, Holy Spirit**

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:44

10. Read John 6:44. Jesus says that no one can come to Him (believe & trust in Him) unless the **Father** draws (attracts, pulls) him.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. John 6:51

11. In John 6:51 Jesus says that He is the “ **living** bread that came down from heaven.

If anyone **eats** of this **bread**, he will **live** forever. This **bread** is my **flesh**, which I will **give** for the **life** of the world.”

12. What are some ways that you are a new creation since becoming a Christian? In other words, what kinds of things do you do and think now that you didn't do and think before?

Personal Answer

13. What other kinds of things would you like to see developed in your new heart?

Personal Answer

Lesson 2: Triple Love Poured Out (**Day Three**) *The Love of the Father*

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness. Jeremiah 31:3

1. In Jeremiah 31:3, the LORD was speaking to Israel but it applies to His people today. The LORD says: “ I have _____ **loved** _____ you with and an _____ **everlasting** _____ love; I have _____ **drawn** _____ you with _____ **loving** _____ - _____ **kindness** _____.”

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. 1 John 4:16a

2. 1 John 4:16a tell us that “we _____ **know** _____ and _____ **rely** _____ on the _____ **love** God has for _____ **us** _____. God is _____ **love** _____.”

3. Why do you think a leader needs to know and rely on God’s love?

Personal Answer such as to lead and work with the right motivation – caring and loving others. We can only love others because God loves us.

4. Have you considered how much your Heavenly Father loves you? Yes No (Circle One)

Personal Answer

Read 1 John 3:1 and answer questions 5-6:

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 1 John 3:1

5. How do we know that God the Father loves us? **In Christ, we are His children.**

6. Why would God the Father want us in His famous and unparalleled (supreme) family?

Personal Answer but looking for something like - because He loves us.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

7. Read John 3:16. What is the greatest proof (evidence) of God’s love for you?

Jesus came to earth and died on a cross for our sins.

The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17

8. Read Zephaniah 3:17. Who takes great delight in you, calms all your fears, and sings celebration songs over you? **The LORD our God**

9. Is God with you sometimes, most of the time, or always? (Circle One) **Personal Answer**

But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever. Psalm 52:8

10. According to Psalm 52:8, how long will God love you? For ___ever___ and ___ever___.

11. Will God's love fall short, be incomplete, or fail you in some way? Yes **No** (Circle one)

Personal Application: As you read and meditate (reflect) on the following scriptures, ask God to give you a message of His love. Please write and share what God revealed to you.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27

Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned. Song of Solomon 8:7

The LORD said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes." Hosea 3:1

Personal Answer

Lesson 2: Triple Love Poured Out (**Day Four**) *The Love of Christ*

1. Have you considered how much Christ Jesus loves you? Yes No (Circle one)

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! Philippians 2:6-8

2. Read Philippians 2:6-8. Have you ever given up your rights for someone else? If so describe what you did. Has anyone ever given up their rights for you? If so describe what he/she did.

Personal Answer

3. Could you or anyone you know possibly take as deep a plunge (fall) in position as Jesus?

Yes **No** (Circle One) Why or Why not? **Jesus plunged from sovereign ruler, Creator and controller of all with no limitation in time, matter or anything else - to being confined in human form. We are human and no matter how treated we remain human. We don't become a lesser life form.**

4. What are your thoughts when you consider how Jesus gave of Himself for you?

Personal Answer

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

5. Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so. How does John 15:13 tell you that Jesus loves you? **He laid down His life for us**

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

6. Paul tells us in Romans 8:38 that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. Romans 8:28-29

7. According to Romans 8:28-29 what result is God looking for as He works for your good?

Conformed to the likeness of His Son; God wants us to look and act like Jesus

Personal Application:

Memorize John 17:24 and 1 Peter 5:7. Write your two verses below without looking at them and in this way your Bible Minister will know that you completed your assignment.

"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. John 17:24

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Lesson 2: Triple Love Poured Out (Day Five) *The Love of the Holy Spirit*

1. Have you considered how much the Holy Spirit loves you? Yes No (Circle one)

Personal Answer

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. Romans 5:5

2. Read Romans 5:5. How has God poured out His love into our hearts? **By the Holy Spirit**

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. John 6:63

3. According to John 6:63, who is a major Partner in giving you eternal life? **The Spirit**

Read Romans 8:15 and answer questions 4-5:

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Romans 8:15

4. By Whom are we enabled to cry out to God as "Abba Father"? **The Spirit**

5. Who testifies with your spirit that you are a child of God? **The Spirit**

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. Romans 8:26

6. Read Romans 8:26. Who helps you to pray, intercedes and pleads for you? **The Spirit**

7. Do you truly believe that God loves and cares for you? Totally Sometimes Never (Circle One)

Personal Answer

8. If you answered sometimes or never above, why do you think you are insecure in God's love for you? **Personal Answer**

9. How can we pray for you so that you may rest in God's unfailing love? **Personal Request**

"Bible Minister" – please make a note of this "Learner's" request and pray for him or her. Thank you.

Next Lesson 3: Fruit and Leadership

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