

Lesson 60 Answers and Comments

Saved	wise	destruction
Come	rejoicing	all
Knowledge	enlightenment	scripture
Truth	fine	profitable
Truth	gold	spiritual
Word	study	acknowledge
Truth	weariness	I
Law	flesh	commandments
Perfect	study	nations
Testimony	workman	obedience
Sure	ashamed	
Wise	rightly	
Simple	dividing	
Statues	silversmith	
Right	labor	
Rejoicing	word	
Commandment	doctrine	
Pure	rightly	
Enlightening	dividing	
Judgments	Paul	
True	wisdom	
Righteous	epistles	
Desired	hard	
Gold	understood	
Much	unlearned	
Gold	unstable	
Honey	wrest	
Convert	scriptures	

Rightly dividing (cutting straight) the scriptures dispels confusion and brings the entire Word of God into harmony. Studying the Bible this way is important because:

1. God instructs us to.
2. We can know and follow the instructions God has given to us.

I think of what the wisest man who ever lived said after seeking after everything imaginable in the world.

Ecc. 12:13 “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

What a privilege to study and know God’s commandments for the age in which we live.

Lesson 61 Life's Hurricanes

Col. 3:1-4 “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Vs. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Vs. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Vs. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye appear with him in glory.”

In the face of the devastating hurricane that hit our gulf shore region I thought that these verses would be an encouragement to all of us and especially those who have suffered so much loss.

These verses are written to believers. Col. 1:2 “To the _____ and faithful _____ in _____ which are at Colosse...”

Paul refers to the believers at Colosse as _____. Saints, of course, are all those who are “in Christ”. through faith in His blood shed for them. Saints are not determined by any church, group of men, or any works that they have done.

When Paul says in vs. 1 of chapter 3 “_____ ye then be risen with Christ...” he is not suggesting that perhaps these saints weren't risen with Christ. Otherwise they would not be saints. But Paul is using the “if” as a challenge to live in the reality of this spiritual truth. Sometimes it is easy to know things but not to let them have any impact on our lives.

Paul uses this same idea in Col. 2:20-23 “Wherefore _____ ye be _____ with Christ from the rudiments of the world, _____, as though living in the world, are ye _____ to _____,”

These saints at Colosse knew they had died with Christ from the rudiments of the world, yet in practice, daily living, they were going back to things from the past. Things no longer in operation. Too many believers exchange the reality of “life in Christ,” for the shadows. The ceremonial rites, observances, days, the legalism of the law was being substituted for the liberty that was there's in Christ.

Gal. 5:1 “Stand fast therefore in the _____ wherewith Christ hath made us _____, and be _____ entangled again with the _____ of _____.” These truths of “being dead” and “being risen” are not to be just spiritual ideas but living realities in the lives of the saints!

Col. 3:1 “If ye be risen with Christ”, then what should the living reality be in our life??

Col 3:1 “..._____ those things which are _____...”

Eph. 2:6 “And hath _____ us up together, and made us _____ together in _____ places in Christ Jesus:”

God views His saints as seated in heavenly places already! He wants us to live here with that clearly at the forefront of our minds.

Lesson 61 Continued

Our home is in heaven.

II Cor. 5:8 “absent from the body and to _____ with the _____.”

Phil. 3:20 “Our _____ is in _____,”

II Cor. 5:1 “Our _____ (body) is eternal in the _____”

Col. 1:5 Our _____ is laid up in _____.

Our home, our conversation, house (body), our hope, are all in the heavenly realm. And we're earthly minded?? The things of this earth are described in II Cor. 4:18 as “...for the things which are seen are _____...”. Temporal means limited by time, limited existence. The opposite of temporal is _____ according to II Cor. 4:18. Everything about us that matters is eternal! Our home, hope, life, house (body) etc!! Seek, hotly pursue, after those things that pertain to that heavenly realm.

We can only follow after the things that pertain to one world or another. As saints who have been raised with Christ we should have a heavenly perspective in this life.

The hurricanes of this life can be viewed from heavens vantage point. They are temporary, they are immaterial to my position in the heavenlies.

Col. 3:2 “_____ your _____ on things _____, not on things on the _____.”

Do you find that the things that we fill our minds with determine pretty much everything else? Our mood, our actions, our emotions? Phil. 4:8 tells us what to think about. Things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, virtuous and praiseworthy. All of these have heavenly origins. Think about the things that are above. Let each of us stop for a minute and evaluate how many of our thoughts are focused on earthly things as compared to those focused on heavenly things.

But we say “I've got school, family, job, money, illness, etc to think about!! Of course we do! But do we think about them from our lofty position as those saints seated in heavenly places??

How much stress reduction we would have. How much peace we would have. How much joy we would have. How much hope we would have. How much glory we could bring to our God.

II Thess. 1:12 “That the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ may be _____
in _____...”

Are the hurricanes in your life destroying you? Living in our heavenly reality, we can actually let the hurricanes _____ for us according to Rom. 5:3. The things in time should only cause us to focus more intently on the things that are eternal. The heavenly things are really the only reality for the saint!!