

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1300: I'm a New Christian! Now What?

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1. What is the first of Christianity's "Fundamental Truths" discussed in the podcast?
 - a) What are we listening for? How do we recognize if we are being drawn to God? How do we access God as our Father? (John 6:41-44, James 4:8, John 14:6)
 - b) What is the depth of commitment in being a true disciple of Jesus? Why might churches de-emphasize this aspect of Christianity? How do we "count the cost?" (Luke 9:20-23, 14:25-32)
 - c) What is the next step? Explain Galatians 3:27-29. What are some of the blessings of this walk with God? (Matthew 11:27-30, 2 Corinthians 5:17-18)
2. What is the second of Christianity's "Fundamental Truths"?
 - a) What is prayer's gift? Do you feel this in your life? Why is Jesus uniquely qualified to help us? (Hebrews 4:14-16)
 - b) What questions should we ask ourselves in laying our foundation? What are two aspects needed to build this foundation? (1 Peter 2:1-5, John 8:31-32)
 - c) What are we looking for in self-examination? What is necessary in order to change? (Romans 8:5-10)
 - d) What is next required? What must we do when we make mistakes? Do you do this? (1 Corinthians 9:24-27, 3:1-4)
3. What is the third of Christianity's "Fundamental Truths"? What is the opposite of transformation?
 - a) What is transformation? We need prayer for strength, and what else? Why is this important? (Colossians 4:2-4)
 - b) Why should 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 be comforting? Do you find it so? How do we leave behind our past sins?
 - c) What is your "spiritual service of worship"? Explain conforming and transforming in Romans 12:1-2.
 - d) How does our transformation affect our interactions with others? (Colossians 4:5-6)
 - e) What should our focus be? Is this your focus? How can you achieve this? (Philippians 3:12-14, Revelation 2:10)
 - f) How are we "a peculiar people"? What causes this peculiarity? To whom are we examples? (1 Peter 2:9-12)
4. What is the fourth of Christianity's "Fundamental Truths"? Why did Jesus read only the first part of Isaiah 61:1-4 in the synagogue? What is promised in the part he did not read aloud? Why is this important to us? (Luke 4:16-21)
5. A devoted Christian life fits into the following tenets – how are you doing with these?
 - a) Based on prayer: What are we promised when we pray? Do you receive these when you pray? (Philippians 4:4-7)
 - b) Keeping earthly desires behind us: What are you replacing them with? Why is it best to do this now? What does to "be on the right side of history" mean in this situation? (1 John 2:15-17)
 - c) Replacing human reactions and practices: What are the aspects of a godly character? (Galatians 5:19-24)
 - d) Pours out itself in love: How can we show our love towards our brethren? (Romans 12:9-16)
 - e) Finding joy, inspiration and rest in things worthy: List the worthy things in these scriptures. (Philippians 4:8-9)
6. Are you living in a way that is recognizably different? How does your life reflect that God has called you by His grace through Christ? How are you working every day on changing to reconcile to God's will through Christ? What successes (even small ones) are you taking in the right direction? How do you feel the love of your Father and of His son, Jesus?