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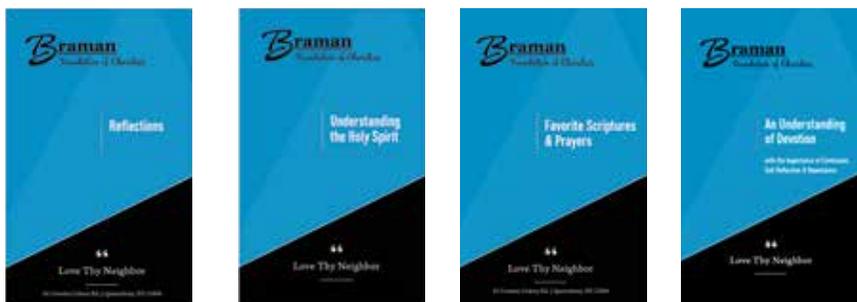
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In today's busy life it is more important than ever to grow in devotion, in your private prayer closet. This body of work will provide many suggestions for your study of God's word.

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Welcome!

Welcome to Biblical Studies. This is a bi-monthly study produced through the power of the Holy Spirit for you.

At BFC we firmly believe in studying the Lord's word. Therefore BFC will offer a topic to be studied in its resources.

In this issue of Biblical Studies we are studying the topics of Holiness, Righteousness, and Humility.

Let's dive right into the work. In [1 Peter 1:13-16](#) *"Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy one who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written 'You shall be Holy, for I am Holy.'"*

You are called to live a Holy life. As you grow in your progressive sanctification, know you are being set apart from the world to practice Holiness.

It is through His blood that you are set apart and your effort along these lines is God's will your life.

Many actions, much thinking, your search that was once acceptable to you in your walk with Christ is no longer okay! You are troubled deeply, by the world in which we live and even more troubled that you would find sin acceptable in your daily walk. This is because you are set apart and living in Holiness.

So question and examine your life: Am I really living in God's will and set apart? Do I find it okay and acceptable to watch certain shows, movies in my home? What about my wine and alcohol consumption? Do I use alcoholic beverages to "unwind" at the end of the day? And language. How am I speaking and what is my conversation? My friend, examine your life and if you come up short then repent, change course, and seek forgiveness through Christ.

By the way, how are you doing in your walk with Jesus?

Let us examine Paul's writing in [1 Corinthians 3:16-17](#). Paul writes, *"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwells in you? If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is Holy and that is what you are."*

It is vital to remember that what you view with your eyes, what you say in speech and how you think that either edifies your spirit within or squelches it. Do you not understand that God dwells in all? In His image you were formed and you must know to edify all believers. The idea that God is only in heaven or here or there must stop. God is in YOU, not your ego self, but deep in your divine nature. Realize this truth — Learn to differentiate ego vs divine nature.

And so this is why He is calling us to a life of Holiness. You know He yearns to bless His children. Go beyond self reliance, beyond this world, and go deeper to the God in you.

And as you do this remember the God that is in you is the same God that is in the most difficult person you know and are struggling with. In fact, this is why you are with this soul, to awaken him or her to the truth. Friend, grow in Holiness and know God. Practice His presence and grow in the truth of His understanding!

Amen!

Righteousness

Romans 1:17 — Romans 3:21 -22

[Romans 1:16-17](#)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith as it is written, but the righteous man shall live by faith."

To live by faith is to move forward in hope that you will

better serve the Lord without rotting in knowledge of the unseen future. Friend as you move forward are you moving forward in the Lord, in serving the Lord and in His presence.

Trusting and believing, as Christ did, in His death on the cross was His final act of Righteousness of God is the final authority. The act of obedience to move forward in ministry in the face of persecution is His greatest act of obedience. What are you yielding to? Do you listen to the voice of reason, the voice of self? Do you sell all and follow Him? Or are you like most, fearful and hold until what is not real, your life? When will you surrender and move in the realm of the righteous of Jesus?

What is the message of the Gospel? That Christ was born as a man, died, and rose from the dead as the final authority of all. Do you trust and believe? If so then serve! Do you love me? Or do you love the things of your life?

Romans 3:21-22

“But now apart from the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

All of us, fallen short and have sinned are declared righteous through the exercise of our faith in the redeemed one, Jesus Christ. Only Christ is declared perfected. All of us are redeemed by His blood. It is the righteousness of God that is manifested upon us through our faith in Jesus. In this righteousness is the responsibility, the freedom, and the manifestation of His Grace. In that, we are declared and made righteous through our faith and therefore we are responsible to declare this truth to others. Christ yearns for you to speak of this righteousness before others. Additionally, you are given the freedom and choice to decide this righteousness or to hide in shallowness this tremendous freedom. You are free to add call upon Christ, to bring others to Christ, and to speak your freedom. Finally rest in the knowledge that this freedom comes only through the manifestation of grace, meaning unmerited faith. You do not deserve this nor can you earn this righteousness. You are declared this through your faith in blessed Christ.

Let us explore *Proverbs 15:19*, *“The way of the sluggard is a hedge of thorns, but the path of the righteous is a highway.”*

And so when a man’s ways are pleasing to the Lord he

makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. Friend, the spiritual highway is your way, is declared your way because you are declared righteous through your faith in Christ Jesus. The righteous is the goodness of the purity of the Godhead. There can be no others. In this you are pleasing to the Lord. Go in this understanding always knowing this can not be earned. Friend, learn to grow in this truth. Declare this before the foot of His Grace. Go to your knees and declare your righteousness through His unending Grace. Do not yield, in other words, do not stop but move forward knowing that God is on the move in your life. Go therefore, and declare this truth— Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ is born again. This is the result of the righteousness in God. Go to the Lord!

Humility

Romans 12:3, Philippians 2:5-8, Psalm 25:9

Romans 12:3

“For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment as God has allotted to each measure of faith.”

And so humility is born through the understanding that God is the judge, God is the do-er and we, His servants. You are never in control as this is not your world. “How can the spirit of a mortal be proud” Abraham Lincoln’s favorite poem. For in your life you are here, but for a time and you move on. Therefore, do not live in this idea that you are in control. For it is God’s charge. You are but a servant. And so humility can be described as a servant’s heart. And how can you be proud for on your life, you are but a flower— here today and gone tomorrow.

Let us examine this concept this way, “Name your great-great-grandfather. Talk about what he accomplished in his life.”

Nothing most do not have a clue who was behind them in the family tree even two or three generations ago. What is the point? As important as you may believe your life to be, you will not be remembered when you leave here. Therefore, think of what your focus ought to be here before your demise. You were in the spirit realm prior to your earth sojourn and soon you will return to a realm of the spirit, heaven.

So humility is an understanding that you are here to serve others in whatever capacity Christ has chosen for you. Grow in this understanding.

Again God is the do-er, you are His servant and as a disciple you are a servant of all. Therefore, put God before you and all others.

Philippians 2:5-8

“Adopt the same attitude as that of Jesus Christ, who existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when He had come as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even to death on a cross.”

So if Christ humbled Himself, do you not agree you should take on the same attitude, that of a humble servant? Servitude is the purest form of ego deflation and cleansing of the soul. Always consider others as more important than you. Give credence to others regardless how you may feel.

So brothers, sisters can you put your enemies before you knowing, resting in the knowledge that God loves the sinner equally as the saint. That God reigns on the unjust as well as the just. All are made in His Divinity. Therefore, put others in front of you, go to the back of the line and sit at the foot of the cross.

Dependence of the Lord

Psalms 25:8-9

“The Lord is good and upright; therefore he shows sinners the way. He leads the humble in what is right and teaches them His way.”

Here we come to understand that the Lord is pleased with those that serve, live as a servant, and admit their sin and character flaws. In fact, the Lord approves of those that, time after time and day after day put others before themselves. Be therefore engaged in this state of consciousness. Be a servant! Possess a servant’s heart! In this He will lead you, He will teach you His way. The Lord stated, “the humble”, in what is right and just. And so grow in this understanding to really make a difference in your world. Learn to depend upon the Holy Spirit to “lend you a hand.” He will show you

a way as long as you play the role of a do-er of His word and servant to all. Humility is knowing that God is the do-er, you are the servant, and all others needs come before your own. Humility comes to those whose heart is born in the peace of the Lord, purified by trials and tested through faith. Put others’ needs before yours and come into a relationship with them in love.

Those that are humble are led by the Lord in what is good and upright. He shows you the way. He favors those that are humble. Therefore yield to the Spirit of the Lord.

Holiness, Righteousness, and Humility are topics difficult to unite in from one who comes from an ego driven background. Today’s society needs more of these characteristics. Grow in these, pray, and seek His ways in all you do.

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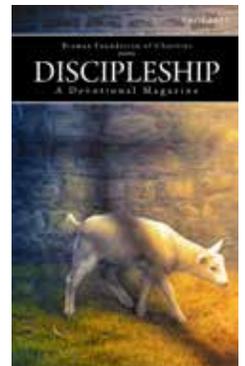
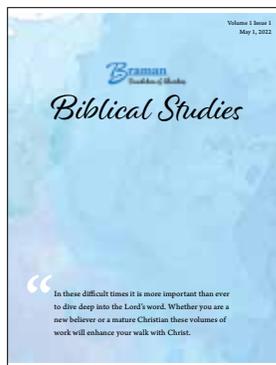
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Throughout the old testament we read about God’s people as they lack in obedience are not rewarded in kind from the Lord. And so, when we become worldly and allow worldliness to creep in our lives and in our church communities. One must remember we live in this world and are not of this world.

And so let us learn to grow in our devotions, to open our hearts, and be in love with Jesus. To grow in relationship with Jesus and not yearn so much for the gifts of God, but grow in Holiness.

It is time to commit and recommit yourselves to His commands.

“To love the Lord with all your heart, your mind, and your soul. And to ‘Love Thy Neighbor’ as thyself. Upon these two commands rest all the laws and the Prophets.”

Jesus Christ: Matt 22:36-39



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