Spiritual Life & Formation



Session 01 Foundations



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## Goals

This 14-session course will focus at the Definition of "Christian Spirituality"; a gospel-driven Spirituality; Christ – the goal of our spirituality; the role of the Holy Spirit in our spiritual formation; 4 aspects of God the Father that are cornerstones in spiritual formation: sovereignty, holiness, love, pleasures of God.

### Sessions Overview

- 1. Foundations
- 2. Christ as the Foundation
- 3. The Holy Spirit-Introduction
- 4. The Holy Spirit and New Birth
- 5. The Holy Spirit and Control of Body
- 6. The Holy Spirit and Impressions
- 7. The Holy Spirit and Help
- 8. God's Sovereignty
- 9. God' Holiness
- 10. God's Love
- 11. Character Development
- 12. God's Pleasures
- 13. Gospel Driven-Part 1
- 14. Gospel Driven-Part 2

### Session Summary

Christian spiritual formation requires self-examination and God-examination. In this session, we will begin to unfold what Christian spiritual formation is, and discover ways to become intentional in our own spiritual formation.



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# Fill in the Blanks

1.	What does it mean to be in Christ? Why does God take our sinful human nature into		
	himself?		
2.	Can you think of an example of when God liberated you from your "meenslavement"? (10:30)		
3.	What are the implications of living only with outward formation, and not inward formation in Matthew 7:22?		
4.	What does it mean that our emotions are in God? How do we begin to heal our emotions? (17:50)		

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Can you think of a time in your life when you felt a good emotion, but you felt it wrongly?			
In your case what does Colotions 5 say shout the avidence of snightful			
In your own words, what does Galatians 5 say about the evidence of spiritual transformation in our lives?			
How can the cultures we are immersed in influence how we express our emotions			
According to Dr. Beck, we all need psychological healing. What are some ways ye can start your psychological healing to bring dynamism to your inner Christian spiritual transformation?			
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