



Session 02
Christ as the Foundation

INSTRUCTOR



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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
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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

In this session, we look at Christ as the foundation of our Christian spirituality and how the entirety of our Christian spirituality hinges on the resurrection of Jesus.

Fill in the Blanks

1. According to Dr. Beck, how do we not fall away from the faith?

2. Describe Jesus' active obedience, passive obedience, and resurrection. Why are these three essential in Christian Spirituality.

3. Why does Christianity rely on the resurrection?

4. Look into the evidence of the resurrection. Share your findings with a friend.

5. What does the resurrection power enable us to do?

6. What is the goal of our Christian Spirituality?

7. According to John in the book of Revelation, how do we always remain passionate?
Do you feel passionate about Christ in the way Dr. Beck is describing?

8. Memorize Philippians 1:21, Galatians 2:20, and Hebrews 3:1. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you who to share these verses with.
