



Session 14
Gospel Driven Part 2

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
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
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Session Summary

Christian spiritual formation requires self-examination and God-examination. In this session, we continue looking at living a Gospel-driven life. Dr. Beck shows us the difference between living as an orphan or child of God, and the results of living from a self-righteous motivation.

Fill in the Blanks

1. What is the fourth meaning Dr. Beck gives us for the word Gospel?

2. When we are dressed in the righteousness of Christ, what happens to us in the eyes of God the father?

3. God said to Jesus as he was baptized, "this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." How do you feel that God thinks this about you? Does it feel true?

4. Do you feel that you are living in your heart like an orphan or a child of God?

5. Dr. Beck brought out that our motivation behind what we do is so important. Think about some actions you have taken recently and analyze what your motivation was. Was it done out of an orphan or child of God mentality?

6. Which of the two characters who were cleaning the church in Dr. Beck’s analogy do you relate to more? Why?

7. When we live like an orphan, we’re trying to prove our significance and gain security. Though pursuing them wrongly, do you think significance and security are valid motivations? How do we gain these in the right way?

8. Spend some time reading scripture about who God says you are. Who can you encourage with the scripture you find?

9. How can living Gospel-driven affect how we respond to criticism from others?
