

Christian Principles: Unit #2

Exam Review Guide

Week #1

Be able to explain the key differences in the three phases of salvation (justification, sanctification & glorification). Be able to explain the three major aspects of spiritual maturity (doctrinal, moral, & biblical love).

Phil. 1:6* - speaks of three stages of salvation, and emphasizes God's faithfulness in each of these stages

Jn. 15:7-12** - speaks of all three aspects of spiritual maturity

Week #2

Be able to define biblical faith ("A willingness to act according to God's truth with dependence on him to perform it through you."). Be able to define "indicative" and "imperative," and explain the relationships between them in the New Testament: What God commands us to do (*imperative*) is based upon what he has done, is doing or will do (*indicative*). Be able to explain the other relationship we discussed in class: In many cases, our experience of God's blessing is dependent upon our willingness to do the imperatives by faith.

Phil. 2:12,13* - exemplifies Relationship #1: We are to work out (bring forth) God's new life because he is at work in us to motivate & empower us to do his will.

Jn. 13:17* - exemplifies Relationship #2: If we serve others sacrificially, we will experience fulfillment.

Jas. 1:22-25** - exemplifies Relationship #2: If we are "doers" of God's Word, we will be blessed.

Exam Review Guide - Week #3

1. Be able to explain both aspects of our union with Christ (indwelling of Holy Spirit & new identity in Christ).
2. Know why new identity is so important for sanctification (Because identity precedes and affects behavior: What I do will tend to flow from who I perceive myself to be.).
3. Be familiar with the main aspects of your new identity, and what basic needs they meet (CHART).
4. Be able to explain KNOW, CONSIDER & PRESENT from Rom. 6.

Eph. 1:3-14** - key new identity passage

Col. 3:1-3* - importance of knowing & setting mental focus on new ID for sanctification (context)

Rom. 6:6,11,13* - KNOW, CONSIDER, PRESENT

Exam Review Guide - Week #4

Be able to distinguish between "old self" (old identity now destroyed) from "body of sin" or "flesh" (sin-nature which still exists). Be able to define the sin-nature (The deeply ingrained drive to

rule our own lives, rebel against God, protect and exalt ourselves, and meet our own needs our own way apart from God.). Be able to define “besetting sin” – special areas of vulnerability to sin or deeply ingrained sin-habits. Know the definition of temperament. Be familiar with two different areas which reveal our sin-nature (temperamental sins; personal relationships), and give examples of each.

Gal. 5:17* - struggle between flesh and spirit is normal and a sign of vitality for Christians

2 Tim. 2:19-22** - our fruitfulness in ministry is connected to our willingness to be sanctified

Week #5

Be familiar with the three classifications of the Old Testament law (civil; ceremonial; moral) and the present status of each. Be able to explain how the Law is our tutor both in justification and sanctification, and in what sense we are no longer under *moral* law (don't have to earn God's acceptance; don't have to serve God by our own power). Be familiar with what it looks like to live under law versus under grace. Be familiar with the different kinds of legalism.

Gal. 3:24* - The purpose of the Law is to lead us to faith in Christ

Rom. 7:6* - There are two ways to serve God for the Christian: "in the oldness of the letter" (self-effort) and "in the newness of the Spirit" (dependence on the Holy Spirit)

Rom. 6:14* - Simply trying to keep God's law by our own power makes us slaves to sin

Rom. 7:7-25** - Paul's example of struggling with his own sin-nature as a Christian

Week #6

Be able to identify the three main causes of suffering (fallen world; wrong choices; as a result of following Christ)--and give examples of each. Be familiar with the ways God wants us to respond to suffering.

Heb. 12:11* - God's discipline is painful now, but rewarding later *if* you submit to its training

2 Cor. 4:7-12** - main ways that we suffer due to our commitment to Christ

Jas. 1:2-4* - rejoice during trials because of their beneficial results

1 Pet. 5:10* - the blessings that result after faithfulness through suffering

Week #7

Be able to explain the key differences in the activity of the Holy Spirit under the Old Covenant and under the New Covenant (with/in; temporary/permanent; selective/universal), and the main reason for these differences (Christ's payment for our sins). Be familiar with the ministries of the Holy Spirit in the non-Christian's life, at conversion, and in the Christian's life. Be able to describe at least one ministry of the Holy Spirit which has particular impact on you and cite a biblical reference for it.

1 Cor. 12:13* - All Christians have received the baptism and indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Eph. 1:13,14* - Christians receive the baptism and indwelling of the Holy Spirit when they believe the gospel.

Week #8

Be able to explain the three different elements involved in walking by the Spirit (Set your mind on the things of the Spirit; Keep in step with the Spirit; Sow to the Spirit). Be able to identify each of the means of growth. Be familiar with the different "fruits of the Spirit."

Romans 8:4-14** & Galatians 5:16-25** - parallel passages which teach how to walk by the Spirit and the results of doing or not doing this

Acts 2:42* - new Christians were consistently involved in the active means of growth

Week #9

Be able to describe the 3 hermeneutical problems of restorationism. Be able to explain why the miracles described in the gospels and Acts are not necessarily a description of the normal Christian life. Be able to explain the role of speaking in tongues in acts.

Acts 2,8,10,19** - narrates incidences of tongues to demonstrate transition from Old to New Covenant and inclusion of non-Jewish believers into the church

2 Cor. 12:12* - the apostles were uniquely authorized to perform signs and wonders and miracles

Week #10

Be familiar with some of the dangers of restorationism.

Be familiar with the following practices and the Bible's perspective on each: "slaying in the spirit", "speaking in tongues", "prophecy", and "physical healing".

1 Cor. 14** - explains the primary purpose of the gift of tongues and provides regulations for its use in Christian meetings.