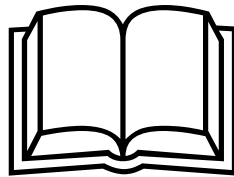


HOLINESS

*Its Nature, Hindrances,
Difficulties, and Roots*

Part Two

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Study Guide

Course HO2

“Be ye holy, as I am holy.”

1 Peter 1:16

Instructions for this course

(detailed instructions in Appendix One)

The *reading material* for this course consists of the paperback book: *Holiness - Part 2*, by J. C. Ryle.

Before each lesson: pray for God to give a teachable heart and understanding.
Begin the lesson by reading the related chapter in the book provided.



Answer the questions for the corresponding lesson in this study guide.
Use the required answer sheet format, putting your name and course information on each sheet (*sample after the Table of Contents*). Use any standard note paper (or the answer booklets if provided).
Try to be as clear and concise as possible.
Please do not rush! Meditate on what God wants you to learn.
Don't go to the next question until completing the current one.

If, and only if, you are taking the course as correspondence study (with written feedback from others):
After completing lessons 1 to 5, send the completed answer sheets to your course coordinator. Send again when finished with lessons 6 to 10.
Only mail your answer sheets, not other materials.
All sent answers are handled confidentially.
Label the envelope's lower left with: student, course, and lesson numbers.



Continue taking the course until all lessons are completed.
Four months are allotted for course completion. Extensions may be granted upon request.



Your answer sheets are returned to you after review.
Keep all materials and returned answers together for future reference.

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This Study Guide is based on the paperback book *Holiness - Part 2*, by J. C. Ryle.

Please answer the questions below from the information given in the paperback text. Each chapter in the paperback corresponds to a lesson you are doing. For example, the information you need to answer the questions from the first part of *lesson one* in this Study Guide is found in *chapter one* in the paperback. Before you begin the questions, be sure and read the paperback's chapter for the lesson you are taking.

Please read slowly enough so you understand what you read. It is also always good to pray before each lesson, asking the LORD for wisdom to apply what you learn to your life—and to enable you to love Him with all your mind, heart, soul, and strength... for this is the first commandment (Mark 12:30).

***Response** questions are intended to support a basic understanding of the content of the book. These questions are required as the core part of the study.*

***Reflection** questions go much deeper to ask you to evaluate and integrate the information from the Scriptures with your own views. These questions are important: please make your best effort to answer them, but also realize there are no right or wrong answers. We are looking only for your best effort.*

***Making It Personal** questions bring the biblical principles into practical application. The goal here is change in your own life toward godliness. Again, there are no right or wrong answers; we are looking only for your honesty with yourself in personal commitments.*

Very Important Note: We ask you to always use your own words in your answers. The answers to the Response questions are found in the textbook, but please do not merely quote the book for your answer. Rather, read what the text says, think about the meaning of what it says, and summarize its meaning in your own words for your answer. In this way, you will learn much more than simply a “search/find/quote” method for answering the questions.

Lesson 1 Christ’s Greatest Trophy

First please read chapter 11 in the book.

Response

Christ’s power and willingness to save sinners (I)

1. What is the main doctrine to be gathered from the history of the penitent thief? Include Scripture reference and key point.
2. The thief made a dramatic change in his attitude. Describe what happened.
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 - a. How did Jesus reply to the thief?
 - b. Name some of the wonderful implications of this reply.
4. The text sets out four questions (“Have I not a right to say...”), each followed by a specific statement of encouragement.
 - a. What are these four statements?
 - b. What conclusion is made based on these?
5. This section concludes with three more questions (in bold). Please write for each:
 - 1) what the author exhorts you to do, and
 - 2) what is your own personal response to the exhortation.
 - a. Are your sins forgiven?
 - b. Are you a true believer?
 - c. Do you ever try to do good to others?

Some are saved in the very hour of death – others are not (II)

6. How was the second thief different from the first one? Compare them.
7. Some people may uphold the idea that they can turn to God in their own time, even on their deathbed. Is this true? Explain your answer.
8. Ryle expresses specific caution regarding delaying to seek Christ while He may be found. Describe this caution.

The Spirit always leads saved souls in one way (III)

9. The Holy Spirit “always leads saved souls in one way.” And in the penitent thief, as a saved man, the Holy Spirit leaves evidences of His work. For each of the three evidences, list 1) the evidence itself, and 2) how the penitent thief demonstrated it.
10. Summarize what does the text say about deathbed experiences?

Believers in Christ are with the Lord when they die

11. What is the biblical basis for the statements in this heading? Include Scripture references and key points.

Note: whenever a question asks you to write the Scripture reference and key point, it means not to write out the whole Scripture text. Rather, read the Scripture and seek to understand what it means in context. Then write only the Scripture reference and a paraphrase in your own words of the key point of the meaning of the verse (as it relates to the question). Example:

“Gal. 2:20 – when we are Christ’s, we identify with His death and resurrection, so that we no longer live for ourselves, but instead He lives His new life through us.”

12. *Making It Personal:* What is your own personal response to this truth?

The eternal portion of every man’s soul is close to him (V)

13. What other Scripture confirms what Christ said to the first thief, “Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise”?

Conclusion

14. In closing, Ryle addresses five different kinds of people. List each one along with the encouragement that is offered.

Making It Personal

15. In this lesson, Ryle asks the question, “What kind of evidence will you leave behind as to the state of your soul”? Will your faith, your right sense of sin, and your brotherly love,

in fact be left behind as a testimony of your scriptural Christianity? Please write your thoughts.

Lesson 2 The Ruler of the Waves

First please read chapter 12 in the book

Response

1. What is “one secret of eminent holiness”?

Following Christ will not prevent earthly sorrows (I)

2. a. “If you are a believer,” what kinds of experiences are you likely to have?
b. Why is this so?
3. How do trials reveal true vs. selfish motives?

The Lord Jesus Christ is truly man (II)

4. What evidence is brought out “in a very striking way” regarding the true humanity of Jesus?
5. Contrast the two natures in the person of Christ.

Acquainted with human nature

6. Is Christ acquainted with your human feelings and experiences? Explain using the five points provided.

Weakness even in a true Christian (III)

7. a. Explain the conduct of the disciples when the waves broke over their ship.
b. Do believers today experience these things?
8. Ryle says that the best and brightest of God’s saints is a “poor mixed-up being.” What does he mean?
9. What counsel does the author give:
 - a. to young believers?
 - b. with respect to other believers?

The power of the Lord Jesus Christ (IV)

10. Why is it “good for all men to have clear views of Jesus Christ’s power”?
11. What can the believer study to understand Jesus Christ’s power? Include Scripture references and key points.

The Lord Jesus deals tenderly with weak believers (V)

12. a. What was Christ's response to His disciples "when the wind ceased and there was a calm"?
- b. How could Christ have responded to the disciples?
13. What "do you see in our Lord's behavior towards these disciples all through His ministry"? List key points.
14. What does the text say about the Lord Jesus Christ's tender mercies?

Practical application

15. Please list the five key points of the lesson.
16. a. What does the text say to those "who know nothing of Christ Himself"?
- b. What is said to those who know Him and want to love Him more?
17. What plea does this lesson begin and end with?

Reflection

18. The author says that many of God's children get on very well as long as they don't have trials. How do you respond when difficulties arise? Is there room for improvement? Reflect upon this, and then consider how you might want to respond to these events in the future.

Perhaps Philippians 1:21 will remind you that, when you call upon Him, Christ will be there beside you in your difficult moments.

Making It Personal

19. Will you take heed to Ryle's pleas to read the four *Gospels* more frequently? If so, make a schedule to do so and set that before you.

Lesson 3 The Church Christ Builds

First please read chapter 13 in the book.

Response

The building (I)

1. Explain what is meant by "the building."

2. Does any visible church or denomination have the right to say they are the only true church? Why?

The Builder (II)

3. a. Who builds the Church?
b. What part does each Person in the Trinity have in “the plan of salvation revealed in the Bible”?
4. Jesus Christ has several duties on behalf of His Church. Please list all eight and include Scripture references.
5. What tasks does the Holy Spirit fulfill?
6. In the work of building His Church, Christ manifests three specific characteristics. What are these three characteristics? Include a *brief* explanation of each.

The foundation (III)

7. What did the Lord Jesus Christ mean when he spoke of “this rock” as the foundation of His Church?
8. Who is joined to this foundation?

The implied trials of the Church (IV)

9. Why do true believers experience significant trials?
10. What four exhortations are given to the Church? Provide Scripture references and key points, if included.
11. What “if you are never persecuted for religion’s sake”?

The security of the true Church of Christ (V)

12. What does Christ, the Builder, say about the security of the Church? Include Scripture references and key points.

Making It Personal

Practical applications

13. a. What three issues/exhortations does Ryle present?
b. What is your own personal response to those that apply to you?
14. Is your soul “upon the Rock”?

*Think very seriously and carefully about this matter.
Without salvation in Christ, all else is nothing.*

Lesson 4 Visible Churches Warned

First please read chapter 14 in the book and Revelation 1:4 - 3:22 in your Bible.

Response

1. In seven different letters to the churches, the Lord concludes each letter by saying, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” Why did He write this?

Matters of doctrine, practice, warning, and promise (I)

2. The text points out that in the epistles to the churches there are instructions, directions, and rebukes pertaining to certain behaviors and attitudes. But what function of the church is *not* mentioned, and why?
3. Why does the clergy *not* preach about things like church officials, prayer books, and ordinances?
4. What is said about “church membership and church privileges”? Why?
5. Two different systems, having to do with religion, are discussed.
 - a. What are they?
 - b. Summarize the point Ryle makes about each of these two systems.

“I know thy works” (II)

6. Where does the phrase, “I know thy works” appear?
7. Why are works so important?
8. What are the three ways the Lord Jesus will respond to men’s works? Include the group each is addressed to, and the Scripture references and key points.
9. Why is this such an important warning:
 - a. to “worldly and hypocritical professors of religion”?
 - b. to “every honest and true-hearted believer”?

Promise to the man that overcomes (III)

10. a. In the epistles to the churches, Jesus Christ gives the churches special promises. What is the common thread in each promise?
 - b. What role does Christ give to every professing Christian?

- c. What is the professing Christian expected to wear? Include Scripture references and key points.
11. What is “the only satisfactory evidence that you have a saving religion”? Why is this so?
 12. a. Please list the six battles (which “the saints of old have trodden in”) that confront the Christian soldier.
b. *Making It Personal:* How is your battle going in these areas? Which one is the biggest struggle for you?
 13. What is the secret of the victory experienced by many of God’s saints? Explain.
 14. What are the exhortations which the text offers:
 - a. to professing Christians?
 - b. to young men and women?
 - c. to believers?

Practical application

15. a. What are the five warnings proclaimed in the closing paragraphs?
b. *Making It Personal:* Which of these applies most to you? What changes will you make?

Reflection

16. Ryle points out an enormous encouragement for every true-hearted believer. When you are discouraged with your own short-comings and feel you are unsuccessful, Jesus sees some beauty in everything you do from a conscious desire to please Him. Sit quietly for a while and let these thoughts pour over your heart. Then record any thoughts you may have.

Lesson 5 “Lovest Thou Me”?

First please read chapter 15 in the book.

Response

A true Christian loves Christ (I)

1. a. What is told about “members of the visible church”?
b. What are the evidences that a true Christian’s religion is “in his heart and life”?

2. What does Paul, in 1 Corinthians, tell us about loving Christ? Please include Scripture reference.
3. What does the Lord Jesus Christ say to the Jews in John 8:42? What does this mean?
4.
 - a. What is the “point on which a man’s Christianity hinges”?
 - b. Why is this so?
5.
 - a. What is “all Christ *has done*” for the true Christian? (Briefly summarize in your own words.)
 - b. What is Christ *still doing* for the true Christian? (Briefly summarize in your own words.)
6. The text lists five aspects of love to Christ. What are these five aspects? Include Scripture references and key points, when provided.

How love to Christ is revealed (II)

7. In discussing the peculiar marks by which love to Christ makes itself known, Ryle presents eight evidences that show how true affection is revealed.
 - a. *Briefly* describe each of these eight marks of love.
 - b. Compare the love between people with the love of the true Christian toward Christ.
8. Ryle asks “can you honestly say that you love Christ”? Please respond.
9. “If you do not love Christ, let me tell you plainly what is the reason.”
 - a. What is the reason?
 - b. What is the remedy?
10. What are the author’s parting words regarding comfort and counsel?

Reflection

11. Read again the writing of John Bunyan that is included in this chapter. If you know Christ as your Lord and Savior, what thoughts do you have about seeing Christ face-to-face?

Making It Personal

12. Do you have a deeper sense of love toward the Lord Jesus Christ as a result of this lesson? Please explain.

Lesson 6 “Without Christ”

First please read chapter 16 in the book.

Response

When a man is “without Christ” (I)

1. What are the three possible meanings of being “without Christ”? Include Scripture references and key points, where provided.
2. Describe briefly each of the following groups:
 - a. the ignorant
 - b. the self-righteous
 - c. the ungodly.

The actual condition of a man “without Christ” (II)

3. Please describe the four resulting conditions of a man “without Christ.” Include Scripture references and key points, if provided.
4. What is the “grand secret of inward peace”?
5. What is “the one hope that has roots...”? Why?

Are you “without Christ”? (III)

6. *Making It Personal:* The author invites you to consider three closing exhortations. Please write your personal response to each:
 - a. examine yourself to find out your own precise condition;
 - b. if “without Christ,” change your course;
 - c. if a friend of Christ, be thankful.
7. In the last three paragraphs of the lesson, Ryle encourages the reader to specific action regarding relatives and friends who are without Christ. In your own words, summarize what he says.

Reflection

8. If you know and love Christ, take a few minutes to consider what it would be like to be “without Him.” Record your thoughts. Close your time in prayer and thanksgiving for the magnificent gift and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ in your life.

Making It Personal

9. Do you have friends and/or relatives who are without Christ? Spend some time in prayer asking the Lord to lay upon your

heart a sincere concern for them. Then, as you are led to do, make a list of these individuals. Be ready to respond to their needs as they arise, and pray for them in the meantime.

Lesson 7 Thirst Relieved

First please read chapter 17 in the book.

Response

1. a. Write out John 7:37-38.
- b. Identify the place, occasion, and time when this verse was given.
- c. What did Jesus read in the hearts of the crowd that caused Him to speak these words?

The problem (I)

2. What is this “thirst of soul”?
3. What was the question asked when thirsty:
 - a. by the Jews at Pentecost?
 - b. by the Philippian jailor?
4. What do most people thirst for instead of God?
5. “It is not when we feel *good*, but when we feel *bad*, that we take the first step toward heaven.” Why is this so?

The remedy (II)

6. “How can man have peace with God”? In response to this, please list the seven “golden sayings of your Lord” (and include the Scripture references).
7. What did Jesus Christ do to provide for our spiritual need?
8. “The best prescription of the best physician is useless” if it is not followed. What are the three cautions offered about finding relief from spiritual thirst?
9. “Faith” is described as a “hand” and a “hinge.” What is the function of faith referred to in this way? Include Scripture references and key points.

The promise (III)

10. a. What is the promise God has given regarding spiritual thirst?
- b. How do the promises of man and of God differ?

Spiritual thirst

11. a. How do the “rivers of living water” provide for the believer “the relief of his own soul’s wants”?
- b. The “rivers of living water” become a “source of blessing to the souls of others.” No man is converted only for himself; it always leads on to the conversion of others. List the four points used to illustrate this position.

Practical applications

12. What questions are presented regarding spiritual thirst?

Reflection

13. Refer to the above section, entitled “Practical Applications.” Read this section again, thinking carefully about each question. Write your response.

Making It Personal

14. In the section, “The Remedy,” seven verses are emphasized. Write all seven on 3 x 5 cards and memorize these. Ryle says to “rivet them down in your mind and never let them go.” Overall, what do these verses mean to you?

Lesson 8 “Unsearchable Riches”

First please read chapter 18 in the book.

Response

What Paul says of himself (I)

1. In addition to Paul’s writing in Ephesians 3:8, four other Scriptures are provided where Paul expressed his own heart-felt opinion about himself. Please list those Scripture references along with the self-descriptive phrases used.
2. What characteristic is the “leading evidence of all the most eminent saints of God in every age”? Why?
3. What are the “first steps toward heaven” for the person who desires to be saved?

Paul’s ministerial office (II)

4. What is the “chief business of a minister of the New Testament” to be?
5. What three characteristics of the ministerial office are mentioned?

6. a. What is the “earnest request” made by the author to “all who pray”?
- b. Why is this so important?

Christ: The subject of Paul’s preaching (III)

7. What did the Apostle mean when he spoke of the “unsearchable riches of Christ”? Briefly summarize each point:
 - a. Christ’s person,
 - b. the work which Christ accomplished for us,
 - c. the offices which Christ at this moment fills,
 - d. the names which are applied to Christ,
 - e. the qualities, attributes, dispositions, and intentions of Christ’s mind towards man.

Practical application

8. List the three areas of practical application presented.
9. a. What is the “sore disease at the heart of mankind”?
- b. Why are all efforts to improve man “useless”?

Reflection

10. Read again the last paragraph in this lesson (before the closing poem). Meditate on the truths presented here and then write your thoughts.
11. What does it mean, or would it mean, to you personally to have “unsearchable riches”?

Making It Personal

12. Study each of the three questions that are included under “Practical Application.” Give this careful thought, and then write your own personal answer to each of these questions.
 - a. Do you see “your own unspeakable defectiveness and corruptions”? To what degree?
 - b. How do you respond to ministers who honestly expose your sin and prick your conscience?
 - c. Is Christ great or little in your eyes? Why?

Lesson 9 Wants of the Times

First please read chapter 19 in the book.

Response

1. What does the text say in the second paragraph about what God would have the believer do?

The truth of Christianity and the divine authority of the Bible (I)

2. How are Christian beliefs under attack?
3. Is this “plague of unbelief” new? Please explain, including Scripture references and key points.
4. What are the three great facts that the skeptics cannot explain? Include a brief explanation of each point.
5. What are we to do when challenged by skeptics, or “alarmed at the progress of infidelity”?

Christian doctrine (II)

6. a. What is the condition of many of today’s professing Christians?
b. Why does this condition exist?
7. What does “the natural heart in most men” hate? Why?
8. If you want to “do good” in these times, what must you do?

The unscriptural character of Romanism (III)

9. Why is there a need for an awakened and livelier sense of discernment regarding error in fundamental doctrines?

Personal holiness and practical religion in daily life (IV)

10. What is meant by “so much profession of religion without practice”?
11. What are the three remedies for developing a higher standard of personal holiness?

Perseverance in the old ways (V)

12. What are the dangers of *public* religion?
13. What is *private* religion?
14. What are the three recommendations for more attention to private religion?

Practical application

15. What are the first two points for personal application?
16. How do you respond personally to each of these:

- a. “Beware of practical infidelity under the specious name of free thought,”
[i.e., beware of unfaithfulness to the truth of God under the doubtful guise of selfish freedom to think your own ideas].
- b. “It is more blessed to give [in witnessing to others] than to receive.”

Reflection

17. Spend some quiet time looking over this lesson and then notice if you sense any personal conviction or concern in response to the material covered. Record your thoughts, and then pray for the Lord’s guidance and discernment.

Making It Personal

18. Ryle points out that one of the pathways to a high standard of holiness is through greater study of the Ten Commandments. Will you commit to reading Exodus 20:1-17 at least weekly, until you can recite each Commandment from memory?

Lesson 10 “Christ Is All”

First please read chapter 20 in the book.

Response

“Christ is all” as concerning man (I)

1. Where was Christ before the earth existed? Provide Scripture references and key points.
2. Where was Christ when the earth was formed and man was created? Record Scripture references and key points.
3. Where was Christ when sin entered the world?
4. After 4,000 years, when the earth was steeped in ignorance and greed, what did Christ do and provide then?
5. When sin is cast out from the world:
 - a. what will Christ be?
 - b. what will He do?
 - c. what will occur?
6. In the time when all men shall be judged:
 - a. what will Christ be?

- b. where will He be?

“Christ is all” in the Bible (II)

- 7. a. What truths “are the light we must bring to bear on any book of Scripture”?
 - b. Why do some “not understand the Bible”?
- 8. List the eleven examples of Christ as the meaning of the Bible.

“Christ is all” in the religion of all true Christians (III)

- 9. List the ways in which “Christ is all” in the Christian faith.

Christ will be all in heaven (IV)

- 10. Describe *briefly* how Christ will be “all” in heaven. Include Scripture references and key points where provided.

Other ways “Christ is all”

- 11. List and briefly describe the three other ways “Christ is all.”

Practical conclusions

- 12. a. (1) What are the basic ingredients of a Christless religion?
 - b. *Making It Personal:* How is this similar to your religion?
- 13. a. (2) How do people add their good works to Christ as a basis of their salvation?
 - b. Why is this an “offense to God”?
 - c. *Making It Personal:* Have you added anything to Christ’s work on the cross, in your own hope of being accepted by God? In what ways? How have you changed your mind on this point?
- 14. a. (3) Why do some “never fairly lay hold on Christ for their own souls,” even though they “acknowledge that Jesus alone can deliver from hell”?
 - b. What is the solution to this?
- 15. (4) “Beware of allowing yourself to mingle anything of your own with Christ.” *Making It Personal:*
 - a. Have you done this? How?
 - b. What should you do instead?

Reflection

- 16. Ryle exhorts the believer to keep the mind dwelling on Christ. Do you afford yourself quiet moments to reflect upon Christ: who He is, what He has done, and the hope you have in Him? Think about how you can devote specific time on a regular basis to sit quietly in His presence. Write your thoughts.

Making It Personal

17. Is Christ your “all in all”? Why or why not?
18. This lesson opened with mention of two “rich” Scriptures:
 “To me, to live is Christ.” (Phi 1:21)
 “I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.” (Gal 2:20)
Memorize these two short verses. Then, let them serve as daily
 (and even hourly) reminders to look to Christ in all things,
 to trust Him in all things, and to lean on Him in all things.
Can you say them from memory?
19. Please read chapter 21 in the book, “Extracts from Old Writers.” These two men are among the best-known and well-respected Puritans of the late 17th century. [If you have never read the Puritans before, this is a very good introduction. We highly encourage you to read more of them.]
- a. What stood out to you in the writing of Robert Traill (1696)?
 - b. What stood out to you in the writing of Thomas Brooks (1662)?
20. Take some time to review all the lessons of this study in *Holiness*. How has your understanding of holiness changed? What new understandings have you gained about the most Holy God, His Word, and your own walk of holiness?

*Thank you for taking this course.
May you be encouraged to continue
your studies of God’s Word.
(Please write for your next study now!)*

Appendix One: Spurgeon on Holiness

“Straightway they forsook their nets, and followed Him.”

– Mark 1:18

When they heard the call of Jesus, Simon and Andrew obeyed at once without demur. If we would always, punctually and with resolute zeal, put in practice what we hear upon the spot, or at the first fit occasion, our attendance at the means of grace, and our reading of good books, could not fail to enrich us spiritually. He will not lose his loaf who has taken care at once to eat it, neither can he be deprived of the benefit of the doctrine who has already acted upon it.

Most readers and hearers become moved so far as to purpose to amend; but, alas! the proposal is a blossom which has not been knit, and therefore no fruit comes of it; they wait, they waver, and then they forget, till, like the ponds in nights of frost, when the sun shines by day, they are only thawed in time to be frozen again. That fatal tomorrow is blood-red with the murder of fair resolutions; it is the slaughter-house of the innocents.

We are very concerned that our little book of “Evening Readings” should not be fruitless, and therefore we pray that readers may not be readers only, but doers, of the Word. The *practice* of truth is the most profitable reading of it. Should the reader be impressed with any duty while perusing these pages, let him hasten to fulfill it before the holy glow has departed from his soul, and let him leave his nets, and all that he has, sooner—than be found rebellious to the Master’s call. Do not give place to the devil by delay! Haste while opportunity and quickening are in happy conjunction.

Do not be caught in your own nets, but break the meshes of worldliness, and away where glory calls you. Happy is the writer who shall meet with readers resolved to carry out his teachings: his harvest shall be a hundredfold, and his Master shall have great honor. Would to God that such might be our reward upon these brief meditations and hurried hints. Grant it, O Lord, unto thy servant!

*(Taken from the evening reading for June 20,
in “Morning and Evening” by C. H. Spurgeon.)*

“Having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

– 2 Peter 1:4

Vanish for ever all thought of indulging the flesh if you would live in the power of your risen Lord. It were ill that a man who is alive in Christ should dwell in the corruption of sin. “Why seek ye the living among the dead”? said the angel to Magdalene. Should the living dwell in the sepulchre? Should divine life be immured in the charnel house of fleshly lust? How can we partake of the cup of the Lord and yet drink the cup of Belial?

Surely, believer, from open lusts and sins you are delivered: have you also escaped from the more secret and delusive lime-twigs of the Satanic fowler? Have you come forth from the lust of pride? Have you escaped from slothfulness? Have you clean escaped from carnal security? Are you seeking day by day to live above worldliness, the pride of life, and the ensnaring vice of avarice? Remember, it is for this that you have been enriched with the treasures of God.

If you be indeed the chosen of God, and beloved by Him, do not suffer all the lavish treasure of grace to be wasted upon you. Follow after holiness; it is the Christian’s crown and glory. An unholy church! it is useless to the world, and of no esteem among men. It is an abomination, hell’s laughter, heaven’s abhorrence. The worst evils which have ever come upon the world have been brought upon her by an unholy church. O Christian, the vows of God are upon you. You are God’s priest: act as such. You are God’s king: reign over your lusts.

You are God’s chosen: do not associate with Belial. Heaven is your portion: live like a heavenly spirit, so shall you prove that you have true faith in Jesus, for there cannot be faith in the heart unless there be holiness in the life.

*“Lord, I desire to live as one Who bears a blood-bought name,
As one who fears but grieving Thee, And knows no other shame.”*

*(Taken from the evening reading for June 26,
in “Morning and Evening” by C. H. Spurgeon.)*

Appendix Two: Detailed Course Instructions

If more detail is helpful, please read the following instructions before you begin. These will explain the method of study and guidelines to use toward the completion of this course. Please follow these instructions carefully.

If you have any questions that the instructions do not answer, please contact your local coordinator (or Mount Zion Bible Institute).

1. Procedure for Taking the Course

- a. The reading material for this course consists of the book provided with this study guide.
- b. Before you begin a lesson, please read completely the corresponding chapter in the related book.
- c. After reading the appropriate chapter, answer the related questions for that lesson in this study guide. The lessons in this course are “open book” exercises. This method of study often enhances learning by removing unnecessary pressure.
In addition, some questions ask for a *personal response*, where the answer will not be found in the reading material. In this case, we ask only for your honesty and best effort.
- d. The questions are designed to be carefully thought through. Several of the questions are sensitive; they have to do with your heart relationship with God. So please don’t rush through the answers or you will be defeating the purpose of the course! Answer all of the questions as candidly and honestly as you can. The answers are confidential.
- e. Don’t go to the next question until you have answered the previous one.

2. Answer pages

Try to be concise and as clear as possible in your answers. Please write or type your answers on regular 8.5 x 11 inch (A4 metric) paper, or on the preprinted answer sheets if provided. Please write clearly and neatly, and if possible print. After completion, please store your answer sheets with these booklets for your future reference.

3. Supplies

Paper, pen, and Bible are needed to complete your assignments. The King James Version is quoted, but you may use another version if you like.

4. *Spiritual Preparation*

Before you begin, it is important that you ask God to reveal the truths that are taught in the lesson. Since you are studying spiritual principles, you need the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you understand and obey what you learn (1Co 2:10-14).

5. *Completion of Assignments*

- a. If you are taking this course with a local coordinator, please follow their instructions.
- b. If you are taking this course as **individual independent study** (non-graded), we recommend that you save your answer sheets for future reference. *(Please skip the below instructions numbered 6 and 7).*

6. *Only if Correspondent Study*

- a. Four months are allotted for the completion of this course. You may be granted an extension by contacting your course coordinator.
- b. Mail your answer sheets to your course coordinator: once after completing lessons 1 to 5, and again after lessons 6 to 10. Your lessons will be reviewed and returned as soon as possible. Only mail the answer sheets, not the questions. They will be graded and returned to you by regular mail. *Please make sure you write your **name, student ID, course title, and lesson number** on each answer sheet. Please see the sample page after the Table of Contents at front. Headings should be in the following format:*

Your name student ID course HO2 lesson number

7. *Written Feedback (only if correspondent study)*

Spiritual success is not measured by obtaining a high grade point average, but by growth in grace, a holy life, obedience, and Christ-likeness to the glory of God alone. Therefore, the prime motivation in taking this course is to please God alone, by the actual change for good produced in one's life. There are no letter or number grades such as "A" or "100" to be earned. The grader will offer comments, suggestions, or direction from Scripture in response to the answers. Some answers will have no comments because the answer is correct or is of a personal nature and therefore has no "right" or "wrong" answer.