

SECTION 2 JESUS FILM TRAINING MANUAL

Topic 2: God's Love and Forgiveness

(The Christ-Centred Life)

Purpose:

The purpose of this session is to enable you to understand and appropriate God's Love and Forgiveness.

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify the three kinds of people discussed in I Corinthians 2:14-3:3.
2. Explain the three aspects of confession.
3. State the importance of making a list of unconfessed sin.

A. AN EXCITING ADVENTURE

Knowing Jesus Christ personally is the greatest adventure anyone can experience.

- * Jesus of Nazareth is the most remarkable, powerful, attractive personality of all time.
- * Jesus meant for the Christian life to be an exciting, abundant adventure.

John 10:10 —

John 14:12-14 —

B. A SAD TRUTH

Most Christians live a life of defeat and seldom experience a life of joy and victory.

Rom 5:3 —

1 Thes 5:18 —

John 15:8 —

- The average Christian is not fruitful.
- There is a vast difference between the Christianity of the new testament and the Christianity evidenced in the lives of many believers today.

Psalm 51:4,5,12,14,15 —



C. THE PROBLEM

The world is filled with distress (anxiety, fear and frustration).

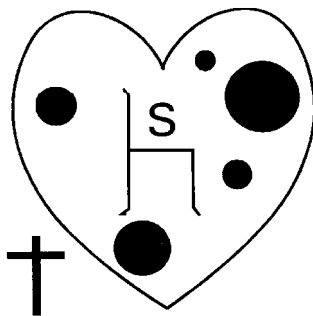
- Never before in recorded history has there been such an ideal opportunity for presenting the claims of Christ
- Christians are often more part of the problem than part of the solution.

D. THREE KINDS OF PEOPLE (1 Cor 2:14 - 3:3)

1. Someone Who is **No Christian**.

(The person who doesn't have the Spirit of God.) (1 Cor 2:14)

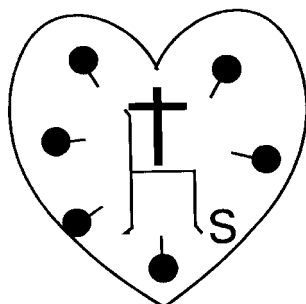
- * The natural man is part of the **problem**. [Indwelt ✗; Filled ✗]



- * He depends solely upon his own resources.
- * Spiritually, he is dead to God--separated from God because of sin.

2. Someone Who is **a Christian** and Who Has the Spirit of God. (Controlled and empowered by the Holy Spirit of God.) (1 Cor 2:15,16)

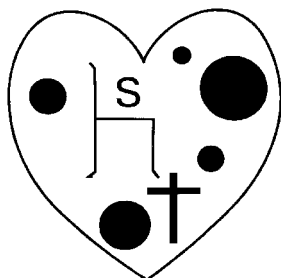
- * The spiritual man is part of the **solution**. [Indwelt ✓; Filled ✓]



- * He draws continually upon the unlimited resources of God's love and power.
- * Spiritually, he is alive to God, for the Son of God is living in and through him.
- * He brings glory to God because of his fruitful life.

3. Someone who is a **Christian**, but who is a **child** in the faith.
(Trying to live the Christian life in his own strength.) (1 Cor 3:1 - 3)

* The fleshly man is part of the **problem**. [Indwelt ✓; Filled ✗]



- * He is a defeated and fruitless Christian.
- * He never allows the Holy Spirit to mold him into the kind of person God created him to be.
- * He lives in endless frustration.
- * Sadly, he is often a person who does not realize that he is in the carnal category.
- * He lives in slavery to sin. Rom 7:14-20.

E. THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD'S SOLUTION FOR THE CARNAL CHRISTIAN

1. ***Faith is the key to God's resurrection power and life through us.***

Heb 11:6 —

Eph 1:18 - 23 —

Faith → Trust ✚ Faith is found in God and His Word.

2. ***The carnal man can appropriate God's solution and become a spiritual Christian by practising "spiritual breathing".***

- **Exhale:** Confess our sins, (according to God's promise in I John 1:9).
- **Inhale:** Ask the Holy Spirit to take control of your life again.

3. ***Why do we Confess our sin?***

— *Only Christ's sacrifice makes us free* —

Heb. 10:10,14 —

4. ***The reason for confessing of sins.***

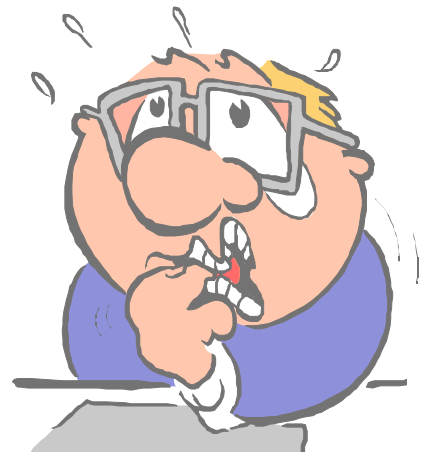
1 John 1:7 —

F. APPLICATION

1. Pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal every sin in your life.
2. Write each sin which He reveals to you on a sheet of paper.
3. Confess your sins one by one: (Exhale)
 - Acknowledge (agree) that you have sinned and that your sins were wrong.
 - Acknowledge (agree) that God has already forgiven you. (Accept forgiveness.) [1 John 1:9]
 - Repent. (Turn away.)
4. Ask the Holy Spirit to take control of your life again. (Inhale)
5. Make restitution where appropriate - in areas where you have wronged someone.
6. Handle guilt.

— Guilt is from Satan, not from God —

Ps 103:12 —



Assignments:

Make confession of your sins a way of living for the rest of your life!
(Like breathing)

