

THE CHURCH IN MADISON - WORSHIP & MINISTRY MEETING  
FALL 2023

## Basic Lessons on Life

### A Vessel of God

9/10/2023

#### I. With a spirit as the receptacle to receive God:

**Rom. 9:21** Or does not the potter have authority over the clay to make out of the same lump one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor?

**Rom. 9:23** In order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory,

**2 Cor. 4:7** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.

##### A. The human spirit being very close to God the Spirit.

**Gen. 2:7** Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

**John 20:22** And when He had said this, He breathed into [them] and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

##### B. The human spirit being able to contact God and to be one with Him—John 4:24; Rom. 8:16.

**John 4:24** God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

**Rom. 8:16** The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

#### II. With a mind to understand God—Luke 24:45; Rom. 12:2.

**Luke 24:45** Then He opened their mind to understand the Scriptures;

**Rom. 12:2** And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

#### III. With an emotion to love God—Matt. 22:37.

**Matt. 22:37** And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

#### IV. With a will to choose God:

##### A. Two trees, indicating two wills, two sources, and two possibilities for man to choose.

**Gen. 2:8** And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed.

**Gen. 2:9** And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

**Gen. 2:15** And Jehovah God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and to keep it.

##### B. Being charged to eat the right tree, indicating that God created for man a free will and that God wanted man to exercise his free will to choose Him.

**Gen. 2:16** And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may eat freely,

**Gen. 2:17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, of it you shall not eat; for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

**V. God's prohibiting man from eating the tree of knowledge indicating that God wanted man to receive Him as life by enjoying Him—John 1:11-12; Col. 2:6.**

*John 1:11* He came to His own, yet those who were His own did not receive Him.

*John 1:12* But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,

*Col. 2:6* As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

**VI. Man needing to be God's vessel to contain Him—Eph. 3:17a.**

*Eph. 3:17* That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

## Christian Students at UW-Madison

Weekly opportunities for fellowship and Christian community

- Mon. and Thurs. Dorm Bible Studies: The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
  - Mon. 7pm @ Ogg
  - Thurs. 7pm @ Dejope
- Wed. night Revive (Students' Large Group Meeting) - 7:30pm @ 1900 University
- Friday night - Home meetings in the community
- Lord's Day - Worship & Ministry Meeting of the church in Madison

Resources

- Coming this week: Christian Students at UW-Madison App! (csatuw)
- Bible Reading Challenge - Starting Wed., 9/13
  - Work together to read the Bible consistently and consecutively for a prize at the end of the semester
  - Follow a premade schedule, or create your own

Fall 2023 Events

- Fall College Conference with U of M!
  - Oct. 21-22, Arrowhead Bible Camp (North of Eau Claire)
- Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner and Gospel Meeting
  - Weekend before Thanksgiving. Details TBA

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