

## Lesson # 4 – Sunday – July 9, 2017

### The 12 Step program in Comparison to Scripture

- # 1. We admitted we were powerless over (Something sinful) - that our lives had become unmanageable.
- # 2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- # 3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
- # 4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.**
- # 5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
- # 6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- # 7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
- # 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
- # 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
- # 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
- # 11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
- # 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to (Those in need), and to practice these principles in all our affairs (our life).

#### For this Lesson we will be looking at Step # 4:

#### # 4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

For this Lesson we will be asking ourselves:

WHO AM I based upon Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_

God created Adam & Eve on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Creation. God created Mankind without sin. Adam and Eve were not created to die.

**Genesis 1:27** – So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created Him; male and female He created them.

**Genesis 1:31** – God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning the 6<sup>th</sup> day.”

Before the fall into sin, Adam and Eve felt no shame.

**Genesis 2:25** – The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Unfortunately after Adam and Eve fell into sin, they died spiritually and they would one day die physically and deserved to spend eternity in hell. They lost the image of God.

**Genesis 3:8** – Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

**Genesis 3:11** – And God said, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?

This sinfulness of Adam and Eve is passed on from generation to generation, and we inherit sin from the moment we are conceived.

**Psalm 51:5** – Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Even our good deeds are sinful filthy rags.

**Isaiah 64:6-9** – “All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on Your Name or strives to lay hold of you; for You have hidden Your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins. Yet, O Lord, You are our Father. We are the clay, You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, O Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people.”

**Romans 7:24-25** – <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God’s law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

**Romans 8:6-8** – The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; **7 - the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.** **8 – Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.”**

**Ephesians 2:1-2** - As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

Even though we are sinners from the moment we are conceived; through the waters of baptism we are made children of God and heirs of eternal life in heaven.

**Galatians 3:26-27** – You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**I John 3:1** – “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.”

**Titus 3:1-7** - “At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared. He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, Whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”