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Year 1 – Winter Semester

Course – GROWING UP SPIRITUALLY

Session 1

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Note: **These are the only notes for sessions 1-4**

Review:

The Development of Man

John 3:16-

Definition: Begotten-

John 1:1- 4

Definition: Word-

Life-

Light-

Explanation: Every area in our lives that are under developed is a result of the lack of the Life of God in that particular area.

God wants to develop us out of a walk dominated by our flesh and into a life dominated by our spirit.

1 Peter 1:23

Definition: Seed-

Explanation:

-What was the corruptible seed? It was the seed you received from your father that was contaminated by sin.

-When Adam and Eve rebelled against God in the Garden they receive within themselves the nature of Satan

-Because of the law of Genesis every person born through procreation inherited the polluted spiritual gene

-The first birth: an unequal process

- We are born-again of incorruptible seed

- The incorruptible seed we received was the monogene

- Second birth levels the playing field...

Ephesians 4:14-15

Definition: Children- ...tossed to and fro

Ephesians 6:1

Definition: Children-

Technical aspect of development-

Romans 8:14

Definition: Son-

If you are led by the Spirit of God than you will mature to a Son of God

- Nipion denotes immaturity; a babe; an infant; unskilled and untaught

- Teknon stage of maturity is where you are developing a spiritual walk through repetition. (can be a dangerous area if you stop here because this is the stage where religion is born)

- Huios/Son denotes full maturity.

-From the moment that you are born-again, the nature of God in you, which contains the Life of God, uses the word (logos-blueprint) to lead you into full development; which is a life dominated by your born-again spirit.

-Sin, sickness and disease cannot have dominion of a fully developed Son of God!

Hebrews 12:5-8

Explanation

-The Lord develops us by chastening us.

-If you endure Gods chastening then He deals with you as a Huios

-Even if you are not fully developed into a son, if you endure His correction He deals with you like you are fully developed!

-How does God chase us?

How should we respond to His chastisement?

2Timothy 2:24-26

-The thing that the Life (zoe) of God in you needs to lead you into a life dominated by your spirit is for you to first acknowledge the truth.

-The truth of what? The truth of Gods word

- Even if you cannot do the truth at this time it is important for you to acknowledge the truth and endure the chastening.

-When you justify sin and make excuses you strip the Life (zoe) of God of what he needs to develop your spirit.

We are not perfect but we can allow the life of God to be perfect in us!

The Goal: Gal 4:19

The goal is to allow the Life of God in us that we have received through the incorruptible seed to develop the under developed areas in our lives!

Until we resemble the original design and concept!

Walking out of a life dominated by our flesh and move into a life dominated by the Spirit!