



A Sudden Glory Bible Study

God's Lavish Response to Your Ache for Something More.

Lesson Three Living in Sacred Union

Day 1

1. Read Chapter 3 in *A Sudden Glory*.
2. What was the most significant nugget you gleaned from this chapter?
3. Here's what I want you to take with you today: "Dwelling in Christ does not mean coming into His presence for times of Bible study and prayer and then walking out of His presence in order to attend to the mundane duties of life that take up the greater part of your day. Your relationship with Jesus is not meant to be experience in little puffs that refresh for a moment bit in the continual breathing in and out of His presence. Abiding. Union. Moving as one." page 46
4. Consider purchasing a large eraser and keep in on your kitchen counter as a reminder to erase the lines between your sacred life and secular activities so that ALL of life becomes an act of worship...to the glory of God.

Day 2

1. Answer questions 1-4 of Lesson 3 in the Study Guide.
2. What did you learn new about "union" with Christ?

3. Galatians 2:20 is a wonderful verse. Tell me what that “looks” like in a believer’s life. Let’s put flesh and bones on this spiritual concept. (That’s a tough one. Ponder it and ask God to show you what it looks like before you answer.) I can’t wait to see your answers in the comment box.

Day 3

1. Answer questions 5-8 of Lesson 3 in the Study Guide.
2. It is easy to go through the motions of church and miss the relationship with Jesus. That’s the difference between routine religions and intimate relationship with Christ.

What did God tell the church of Ephesus to do to remedy their “coldness” toward Him? What are some things that you did early in your relationship with Jesus that you need to do once again? How can you remember and return?

3. Share your thoughts for question 8. “Did God reveal anything new to you this week about what Acts 17:28 might look like in your life?”

Day 4

Day four of each week has extra Bible study questions that are not in the Bible Study Guide. These are for on-line Bible study participants who want to dig a little deeper.

1. When a married couple grows apart, that usually means the two have planted their feet firmly in the ground as two individuals, sunk down deep roots to form two separate lives, and sprouted growth that has nothing in common.

As a review of what you’ve already discovered in question 6, what is our relationship with Jesus to resemble? Romans 11:17-18.

Jesus is called the Root of Jesse. What happens when a branch is grafted onto a strong healthy stalk?

What happens when we are grafted onto the divine nature of Jesus Christ?

How does this relate to what we learned about “abiding” in Christ in chapter 3?

2. When Jesus spoke to Saul on the Road to Damascus, what did He ask him? (Acts 9:4)
Was he persecuting Jesus, per se, or the Christian church? What does that tell you about how Jesus views Christians in regard to union with Him?

What does Ephesians 1:23 say about the church? Consider this paraphrase of Ephesians 1:23 in your answer: “The church is Christ’s body, in which he fills everything with his presence,” (MSG).

3. One of the names for the Holy Spirit is the Greek word *parakletos* (John 14:16). It is translated *helper*, *comforter*, and *intercessor* and means *one who comes alongside to help*.¹

How does that fit the beautiful picture of union with the Trinity?

Day 5

It’s time for a video chat. Click on the video link for some face-to-face time. After viewing the video, come back and share what impacted you the most this week?

¹ Mills, M. (1999). *The Life of Christ: A Study Guide to the Gospel Record* (Jn 14:16–23). Dallas, TX: 3E Ministries.