

## **Westwood Life Groups - A Place to Belong & A Place to Grow**

**Life Group Leaders & Meeting Times (groups with a \* meet at the Westwood building):**

**\*11:45** - David Britton

**\*1:00**-Bob Deason

**1:30** - Terry Boyd & Tim Deason

**6:00**-Byron Chambers, Tim Jennings **6:00** - \*Jimmy Priestley, John Hanson, Ken Beck, Rudie Thomsen, \*Mike Garrison, Brad Hillis, \*Kelly Hillis

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## ***The Security of the Saved, #2***

**Introduction:**

- A. Why talk about the security of the saved?
- **It allows our fears to be dealt with** (1 John 4:8).
  - **Gives us confidence for the task at hand** (Psalm 27:1)
  - **Offers the emotional stability we need** – (James 1:8).

### ***III. A Study of Ephesians 2:8-9***

- Let's discuss **Ephesians 2:8-9**. (**James 2:10; 1 John 2**)
- Now how do grace and mercy fit into my salvation and my security? And what do they really mean?
  - Mercy is when God \_\_\_\_\_ give you what you \_\_\_\_\_ deserve!
  - Grace is when God \_\_\_\_\_ give you what you \_\_\_\_\_ deserve!
- And the grace and mercy combination God bestows upon believers is shown in assurance passages like: **1 John 2:3; 1 John 3:14; 1 John 3:24**.
- In other words, we **CAN KNOW THAT WE ARE SAVED!**
- Satan, your greatest enemy, wants to ruin those feelings with guilt:
- But God wants us to have feelings of joy, security and power!!
  - **Psalm 51:12; Romans 8:15-17; 2 Timothy 1:7**

### ***IV. The Lord's People \_\_\_\_\_ Too***

- **1 John 2:1, 1 John 1:8-10, 1 John 2:2,**
- **So Christians do sin, but why?** Read **Psalm 19:13**
  - Example of such is found in **1 Samuel 15** (notice **15:22-23**).
  - **DELIBERATE, WILLFUL, and REBELLIOUS** sin is the worst kind of transgression anyone can commit!
- But the Bible teaches that **faithful children of God do not sin that way**. Those children of God who are trusting him and walking in the light (as described in **1 John 1:7**) **do not sin like this**.
- But we do sin, so why do we, as Christians, sin? 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (**1 Timothy 1:13**); 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (**Gal. 6:1, Matt. 26:33-35; 1 Cor. 10:12**)

## ***Close...***

- Because of the grace of God and our Lord Jesus Christ we do not have to live lives full of guilt and fear (**1 John 5:13**).

Westwood Church of Christ

Sunday Morning

April 30, 2017

## **Life Group Questions**

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1. Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Concerning salvation, what are the essential elements that you read in this verse?
2. What, as we discussed this morning, is the difference between grace and mercy? Try and think of Biblical examples where both were applied.
3. Many are uncertain in their salvation yet what do verses like Psalm 51:12; Romans 8:15-17 and 2 Timothy 1:7 teach us about how our attitudes should be?
4. What truths do 1 John 1:8-10 and 1 John 2:1-2 teach us about our lives?

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5. Read Psalm 19:13. Depending on your translation of the Bible, David is requesting God to help him stay away from “willful, deliberate” sins (the word is “presumptuous” in the KJV). Why is it, that we said this morning that although **faithful Christians** do sin, they **DO NOT** sin in a deliberate, willful way?
  
6. We noticed two ways in which faithful Christians do sin. What are those two ways and can you personally attest to the fact that you have sinned in these ways as a faithful Christian?
  
7. What powerful statement does Paul issue to us in 1 Corinthians 10:12? What are practical things we can do each day to help ourselves and others to sin less?
  
8. Our last verse this morning came from 1 John 5:13. What is John wanting each Christian to KNOW?