

# Renew, Acknowledge & Experience

## Lesson 4 – Teacher's Guide

1. Most Christians are dominated by what they can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel instead of God's Word. The flow of life within stays turned off because they don't believe anything they can't see. They don't understand the change that happened in their born-again spirits or who they are in Christ. To them, something's just not "real" if it can't be perceived through their five natural senses.

However, the truth is, everything we'll ever need in our Christian lives is already there in our born-again spirits.

2. The Christian life isn't a process of "getting from God"; it's a process of renewing your mind and learning to release what you've already received. It's much easier to release something you've already got than to go get something you don't yet have. Doubt is eliminated once you believe you've already got it. God has already given you everything you need.
3. Our faith becomes effective, productive, and operative by acknowledging every good thing in us (our spirits) in Christ (Philem. 1:6).
4. Under the New Covenant, we have all (past tense) received His fullness (John 1:16). God gave us everything when we were born again. Old Testament principles don't necessarily apply to New Testament faith. The rest of our Christian lives is learning how to manifest in the physical realm what's already in our born-again spirits.

1. What are most Christians dominated by instead of God's Word? (What they can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel)
2. A. Is the Christian life a process of "getting from God" or renewing our minds and learning to release what we've already received? (Renewing our minds and learning to release what we've already received)  
B. What is eliminated once you believe you've already got it? (Doubt)
3. A. Read Philemon 1:6. How does our faith become effectual? (By the acknowledging of every good thing which is in us in Christ Jesus)  
B. Where are these good things? (In us in Christ Jesus)  
C. Which part of us—body, soul, or spirit—is in Christ? (Our spirits)
4. A. According to John 1:16, have we all (past tense) received, are we all (present tense) receiving, or will we all (future tense) receive Christ's fullness? (We have all—past tense—received)  
B. This means that God gave us nothing, some things, most things, or everything when we were born again? (Everything)

5. Most Christians believe God can do anything, but they experience very little. They focus on what they need to do instead of what Christ has already done. They don't doubt God's power but His willingness to use it on their behalf. They think His power is out there somewhere and that they must do things in order to obtain it.
6. When we were born again, God put His power, anointing, victory, joy, peace—everything—in us in abundance. The only reason they aren't manifest is our unrenewed minds. God already gave, but we're still looking at the physical realm instead of His spiritual mirror. Until the Second Coming of Christ, or when we die and go to Him, the Christian life is renewing our minds and acknowledging the perfection already in our spirits so that our souls and physical bodies can experience the benefits of salvation.
7. We are not to be conformed to this world but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. (Rom. 12:1-2). "Conformed" means "to be poured into the mold of." We can't avoid being melted, but we can choose which mold we'll be poured into. "Transformed" is the picture of a worm metamorphosing into a butterfly. Our minds, thoughts, and attitudes determine whether we experience victory and the life of God in our spirits, or the defeat and death of the fallen natural realm.
8. Renewing our minds to the Word facilitates our transformations. God's Word gives us the new values and attitudes we should conform ourselves to. As we continually look into the Lord's spiritual mirror, we'll begin to see and experience ourselves for who we really are.

5. A. As Christians, should we focus on what we need to do? (No)  
B. What, then, should we focus on? (What Christ has already done)
6. What is the only reason why what Jesus has already put in us isn't manifest? (Our unrenewed minds)
7. A. Read Romans 12:1-2. What should we present to God as a living sacrifice? (Our bodies)  
B. How do we do that? (By not being conformed to this world but being transformed by the renewing of our minds)
8. What is it that God wants us to renew our minds to? (His Word)

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## Lesson 4 – Outline

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  - A. The flow of life within stays turned off because they don't believe anything they can't see.
  - B. They don't understand the change that happened in their born-again spirits or who they are in Christ.
  - C. To them, something's just not "real" if it can't be perceived through their five natural senses.
2. The Christian life isn't a process of "getting from God"; it's a process of renewing your mind and learning to release what you've already received.
  - A. It's much easier to release something you've already got than to go get something you don't yet have.
  - B. Doubt is eliminated once you believe you've already got it.
3. Your faith becomes effective, productive, and operative by acknowledging every good thing in you (your spirit) in Christ.

**"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus" (Philem. 1:6).**

  - A. "Communicate" means to "release," or "transfer."
  - B. "Effectual" means it begins to "work," or "produce."
4. Under the New Covenant, we have all (past tense) received His fullness.

**"And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace" (John 1:16).**

  - A. God gave you everything when you were born again.
  - B. Old Testament principles don't necessarily apply to New Testament faith.
  - C. The rest of your Christian life is learning how to manifest in the physical realm what's already in your born-again spirit.
5. Most Christians believe God can do anything, but they experience very little.
  - A. They focus on what they need to do instead of what Christ has already done.



- B. They don't doubt God's power but His willingness to use it on their behalf.
  - C. They think His power is out there somewhere and that they must do things in order to obtain it.
6. When you were born again, God put His power, anointing, victory, joy, peace—everything—in you in abundance.

- A. The only reason they aren't manifest is your unrenewed mind.
- B. God already gave, but you're still looking at the physical realm instead of His spiritual mirror.
- C. Until the Second Coming of Christ, or when you die and go to Him, the Christian life is renewing your mind and acknowledging the perfection already in your spirit so that your soul and physical body can experience the benefits of salvation.

7. Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

**"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:1-2).**

- A. "Conformed" means "to be poured into the mold of."
  - B. You can't avoid being melted, but you can choose which mold you'll be poured into.
  - C. "Transformed" is the picture of a worm metamorphosing into a butterfly.
  - D. Your mind, thoughts, and attitudes determine whether you experience victory and the life of God in your spirit, or the defeat and death of the fallen natural realm.
8. Renewing your mind to the Word facilitates your transformation.
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## Lesson 4 – Discipleship Questions

1. Read Philemon 1:6. What is being communicated?
2. How does your faith become effectual?
3. Can you acknowledge something that isn't really there?
4. According to this verse, are the things in you in Christ Jesus good or bad?
5. According to John 1:16, whose fullness have we received?
6. Who has received?
7. When did we receive this fullness?
8. According to Romans 12:1-2, we are to present our bodies as?
9. This is?
  - A. Holy.
  - B. Acceptable unto God.
  - C. Your reasonable service.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
10. What are we NOT to be conformed to?
11. We are \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of our minds.
12. How is God's will described?
  - A. Bad, unacceptable, and imperfect.
  - B. Good, acceptable, and perfect.
  - C. Boring, sickly, and destructive.

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## *Lesson 4 – Answer Key*

1. Your faith.
2. By the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ.
3. No.
4. Good.
5. Christ's.
6. All believers.
7. The very moment we were born again.
8. A living sacrifice.
9. A. Holy.  
B. Acceptable unto God.  
C. Your reasonable service.  
D. All of the above.
10. This world.
11. Transformed, renewing.
12. B. Good, acceptable, and perfect.
13. A. More.