

## Lies We Believe About God & Sin

### ***Why is it important to have an accurate picture of God?***

- It is important that we know who God really is and not just who we want Him to be Pr 9:10-11
- We must know Him to believe and trust Him. Is43:10
- Knowledge of God =faith that is strong and takes action. Dan 11:32-33
- Knowledge of God gives us everything we need. 2Peter1:2,3
- We need to really know God so that when troubles come we are able to find a secure place in Him. Ps 91: 13-15, Pro18:19
- God's desire for us is to know Him. Hosea 6:6

### ***Knowing What is True About God is His Desire for Us***

- What does the bible teach about the importance of truth?
  - ✓ Truth makes us free. John8:31-32
  - ✓ Gives us wisdom. Ps 51:6
  - ✓ Truth glorifies God Ps108:4-5
- What is truth? Ps119:160 "The sum of Your word is truth." John17:17

### ***The Lies We Believe***

#### **1. God Doesn't Love Me**

(And He can't forgive what I have done)

- God is Love; it is what and who He is. 1John4:8
- The biggest demonstration of His love was the cross. Rom 5:8, Eph 2:4-5
- He adopted us to be His children. 1John3:1 Eph1:5 predestined us to
- God the Father loves us just as much as He loves Jesus. John 17:23 "May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and **that you love them as much as you love me.**"
- Jesus loves us too just as much as the Father has loved Him. John15:9
- God's love is everlasting.Ps136:1-3, Jer 31:3-4
- Sin does not separate believers from God. Ps 103:10, Ps103:12-13, Lam 3:22-23 "
- We must know the love of God in order to know His fullness. Eph3:18-19

#### **2. God Isn't Really Good**

(Maybe to others but not me)

- Mk10:18 No one is good except God
- His goodness is who He is and is displayed to all. Ps 145:9
- God wants us to experience His goodness Ps34:8
- God gives us good things. James 1:17
- He is always near to us and this brings good to us. Ps73:28

- His faithfulness is our good Ps 100:5

***God's perspective on the "trials and tribulations" that keep us from believing God is good and loves us.***

- Why do we encounter trials and difficulties in life?
  - ✓ Joseph Ps 105:18-19
  - ✓ The evil brought on us by others poor moral choices God can even use for good. Gen 50:20
  - ✓ Sometimes we need the perspective of time and distance to see that our pain and trials are part of God's larger scheme for us—and that larger scheme-God's plan-- is good. Jer 29:11-13, Lam3:25
  - ✓ God gets to be God. Ps 46:10, Ec 5:2

***Things to remember in trials so you don't lose faith in God's Goodness and Love***

- Before the trial hits you need to build your faith so you don't sink into despair. Ps 27:13
- God is near the broken. Ps34:18
- God is a refuge when things go bad. Nahum 1:7 "The Lord is good; a stronghold (what God looks like to our enemy on the outside) in the day of trouble; He knows (recognizes) those who take refuge (what God looks like to us on the inside) in Him."
  - Things do work out for our good—in the end. If it would not turn out for our good, God would not allow it in our lives. Rom 8:28
  - Sorrows and hard things do reap a reward. Heb12:11
  - Count it all joy—enduring trials and hard things makes us lack **NOTHING**. James 1:2-4
  - Remember that God's plans are not so much about the details (including our comfort and pleasure) as about character and making us like Jesus. Rom 8:29
  - Nothing can separate us from His love—including "bad things". Rom 8:32-42 "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, "For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered." But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

## Tools for Growing in the Knowledge of God

- 1 Study the Word-prepared, word, topic, commentaries  
Proverbs 2:4-6 "If you seek her [Wisdom] as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will discern the fear of the Lord and discover the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."
- 2 Memorize Ps119:11 "Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You."
- 3 Meditate- Ps1:2-3 "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers."
- 4 Teaching Be there-take notes-examine! Acts2:42 "They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."
- 5 Counsel/PC-Trouble believing or accepting the truth the word teaches about God (or believing lies instead of the truth) Get help! Ps51:6 "Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom."