

Listening and Praying for People who are willing to Change - 1

Session 1 - My neighbours, brothers and sisters; and myself

1 - Overview of the Course Structure

Listening:

- 1 – Persons in relation to God and to one another.
- 2 – Living the Union with Christ by the Spirit
- 3 – Presupposed matters for citizens and Christians in Australia
- 4 – Listening to one another

Praying:

- 5 – Access to God through Christ in the Spirit
- 6 – Secret prayer, requested prayer and corporate prayer
- 7 – Presupposed matters for Christians in Australia about prayer
- 8 – Praying according to the will of God – led by the Spirit

Doing it:

- 9 – Praying with faith
- 10 – Working together.

2 - The Use of the hour we have together:

- [a] To acquaint you with the main things
- [b] To direct you to the reading outside of the sessions
- [c] Reading is mainly found on the website **www.davidboan.net**.
Linked to this site is **www.thegraciousgod.net**. It carries larger files, particularly of audio material in mp3 and mp4.
- [d] To be constantly interrupted by what you ask and want to talk about.

This section aims to make you clear about our Life under the grace of the Holy Spirit of Christ and then to draw some implications first, for ourselves and then for those to whom we listen.

1 – The Relational nature of life

- Revealing initiative of God
- Concrete relational encounters
- Personal encounters, genealogies and God's initiative
- Reciprocal interactions – each is not the other.
- Relational glory
- Reciprocating – is to ask of one another
- Naked and not ashamed – a created glory – the glory of open acceptance of difference
- Knowing God as Creator through things
- Direct knowledge of God through trust in His word
- The Giver is the Gift – God gives us Himself.

2 - Meaning of Persons as the gift of God to one another [to have a person – is an eternal matter].

- [a] the importance of not making dualist separations
- [b] To be made in the image [Smail summaries]

3 - The nature of the temptation of Adam and Eve

- [i] God is not the author of evil; we understand rebellion to be relational choice. [Implications for people's understanding of their own lives and actions]. The 'felt need' to escape this accountability. Fear of judgment.
- [ii] To move from the internal way of life to the externals

4 - The situation of the Fall as a presupposed matter still operating

- [i] Need clear ideas about glory, shame, guilt, judgment, curse [ongoing circumstances that are relationally changed now and don't revert due to a contingent world] accountability for external deed.

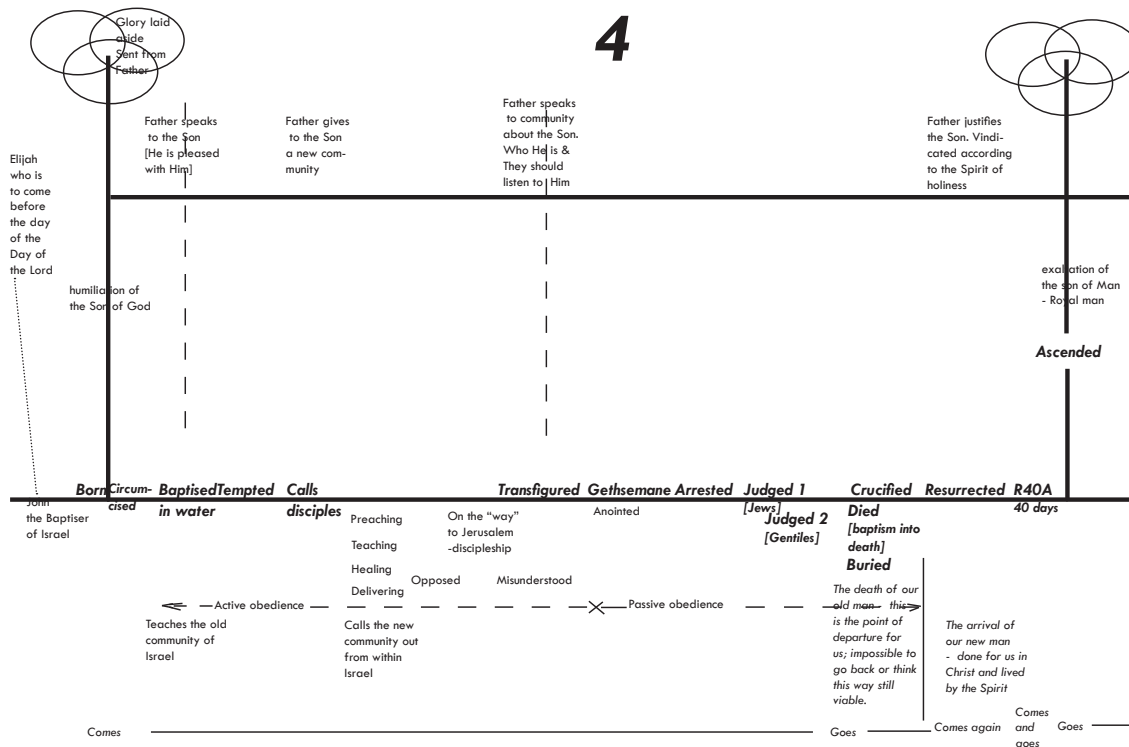
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The arrival of Law.

5 - The deity, humanity and the finished work of Christ and the Gift of the Spirit

We cannot draw Christ too much into the flesh – what is not assumed is not redeemed. Birth and Cross.



6 - The gift of the Spirit corporately understood and personally indwelling

- [i] Work of the Spirit for the world. You are a person who has received a conviction of sin, of the righteousness of Christ, judgement of the world. The overcoming of your unclean Conscience
- [ii] You have a Union
- [iii] The way we live now and the tension of where we are, internally and also where we are externally in our brokenness
- [iv] Being secure yourself; never as a state but always “by faith”
- [v] You know about suffering yourself – and of yielding to the hard places of discipline and correction of the Lord so as to share his holiness.

Your **reading assignments** to consolidate this session are:

1. Beginning ➡ Old Testament Readings 2013Beginning.pdf
2. Fallen ➡ Old Testament Readings 2013Fallen
3. Confession of our Sins ➡ Listening and Praying 2013Confessing