

WOVEN LADIES' MINISTRY



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FALL 2021 LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Part 3

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Introduction

No name has been or will ever be more important than Jesus Christ. The message of the Bible centers around His life; history climaxed at His death and resurrection; every human being's eternity hinges on the decision to surrender to Him. The person of Jesus Christ is the main focus of this Bible study. Revelation 1: 8 provides the outline; it reads, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

While Part 1 focuses on the Old Testament expressions of Jesus, "the God Who Was," and Part 2 focuses on the Gospels' chronicle of Jesus, "the God Who Is," Part 3 will review Jesus Christ, "the God Who is to come" by focusing on the book of Acts, the epistles, and Christ's own prophetic words concerning Himself. Each lesson will be divided into three days, so that you may supplement your personal devotional time. Please be encouraged to also read in preparation for Sunday and Wednesday Bible studies.

Collectively, creation and disciples long for His return, to be with Him forever, to know Him as we are known, to see His glory. O to love Him more and more! That is the prayer and the desire of my heart as we go through this study. May we open our hearts to Christ as He longs to reveal Himself more and more.

Day 1 of 1

Pray

1. Write your favorite scripture regarding Jesus Christ.
2. What questions do you have regarding Jesus?
3. How do you hope this study will help you to grow in your relationship with the Lord?

4. In which aspect(s) of your character do you hope to become more Christ-like?

(for example: Jesus is faithful; He is merciful; He is obedient to the will of the Father, etc.)

5. Write a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to lead you as you commit to this study.

Jesus Christ

Ascended on High

Lesson 1

'Til He Returns

Have you ever noticed how difficult goodbyes can be? Whether it's a "see you later" to a son or daughter who has moved away to go to college, or bidding "farewell" to a friend who leaves town for a new job, or parting ways with an entire city and community because the Lord is calling you somewhere else, such a big change can leave the heart in grief. The finality of saying goodbye sometimes results in tears, even when the new transition is anticipated with joy.

While on this earth, Christ had been with His disciples for three years. They had seen Him crucified. They had lost all hope, but Jesus resurrected as He said He would. Now, forty days later, He is ascending to heaven, as He said He would. Imagine how difficult having to once again say goodbye to your Master, Teacher, Friend. Would you treasure those final moments? Would you listen intently to His final words? Would you dedicate the rest of your life to obey whatever He asked? May the reality of Christ's ascension awaken our desire to trust Him, serve Him, and love Him.

Day 1 of 3

Pray and read Acts 1:1-11 and Luke 24:44-53

1. According to Acts 1, to what did Christ provide, “many infallible proofs”? Why can we have confidence in Christ’s resurrection?

2. Luke, the author of Acts and the gospel of Luke, records Christ’s instructions to the disciples right before His ascension in both writings. What did Christ command the disciples to do?

How is waiting on the Holy Spirit and being a witness intertwined?

3. How did Christ’s ascension into heaven affect His disciples? How can the truth of His ascension impact disciples of Jesus today? Fill out the chart below.

Luke 24	Disciples-Present at the Ascension	Disciples-Today
Verse: 52		
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Personal Application: David Guzik notes on Acts 1:11 that, “He left physically and will so come in like manner. He left visibly and will so come in like manner. He left from the Mount of Olives and will so come in like manner. He left in the presence of His disciples and will so come in like manner. He left blessing His church and will so come in like manner.”

How should this promise shape a believer’s life? How should your daily choices change or continue based on this promise?

Write a prayer of commitment to the Lord to apply your heart to live in light of His promise to return “in like manner.”

Day 2 of 3

Pray and read Romans 8:31-39

1. The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia summarizes the Ascension of Christ saying it “is the culmination of the Incarnation, the reward of Christ's redemptive work, and the entrance upon a wider sphere of work in His glorified condition, as the Lord and Priest of His church.” As Lord and Priest of His church, what is Christ’s ministry even now?

2. Paul connects God’s love with Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension. How do these three events reveal that we are more than conquerors in Christ?

Personal Application: So many followers of Christ may be under the condemnation of the enemy. Have you ever found yourself doubting God’s love for you, personally and individually? What do these verses in Romans reveal? How can you arm yourself with truth the next time you face similar doubts?

Should Satan ever hassle you concerning God's love for you just look at the cross.

-Chuck Smith

Day 3 of 3

Pray and Read Ephesians 1:19-23; 2:4-7; 4:7-16

1. What was at work in Christ both when He was resurrected and when He ascended? (Eph. 1:19-20)
2. How is grace manifested in salvation? (Eph. 2:4-7)
3. Paul points out that grace will also be manifested in the age that is to come when we (those who have been saved through grace) are seated in heavenly places in Christ. Why is this distinction between salvation and sitting in heavenly places important? (Eph. 2:4-7)
4. Christ's ascension to heaven shows His triumph over captivity and His authority over the church. On what should the ministry of the church be focused? How can this focus lead to unity? (Eph. 4:7-16)

Jesus Christ

2nd Person of the Trinity

Lesson 2

Promise Kept

September 2003 seems like a hundred years ago. At the time, I had just finished a month-long time of seeking the Lord about, well, about a boy. We had known of our feelings for each other for almost six years, and we were young, still in college. Our relationship had come to the point where we were either going to fully pursue marriage, or we would have to end our relationship. We were trusting God to lead us, trusting Him to speak to us, to confirm to us through His word whether to dive into a future life together as husband and wife or to separate. We fasted. The month crept by, and the Lord so faithfully showed me that His promise would be fulfilled. We met up for breakfast. Imagine the joy and relief I felt, when I heard that the Lord had also confirmed to him our future together. A few days later, Adrian gave me a promise ring. How I treasure that promise ring to this day. Not much had changed in our relationship from the day before he gave me the ring to the days after, but it was a beautiful symbol that one day I would be his wife. The promise ring signified the family we are today.

Hope and anticipation instead of dread and avoidance can be the experiences associated with waiting for a promise if what is known about the heart and the character of the person making the promise is goodness, kindness, and love. How much more can we trust Christ promises to us as He has given us His Spirit as a guarantee!

Day 1 of 3

Pray and Read John 15:11-27

1. What aspect of His relationship with His disciples does Christ emphasize(vs. 15)?

How does this emphasis in relationship provide the context for the promises in this section of scripture? In other words, how does being called His friend shape the way a disciple receives His promises found in these verses?

2. As Christ sets His face towards Jerusalem, His crucifixion just hours away, He comforts and prepares His disciples. What does He promise them?
3. Not only does Jesus comfort His disciples with promises, He also instructs them with specific commands. What does He command His disciples?

How can instructions (commandments of what God has called one to do) be a source of comfort?

- Verses 18 through 25 can almost seem out of context. Here Christ is comforting His disciples, when all of a sudden he warns them severely. What warnings does Christ provide for His disciples?

How can Christ's warnings be a source of comfort?

Personal Application: What promise is found at the close of this chapter? How do the relationship emphasized, the promises made, the instructions provided, and the warnings given deepen your yearning for the ministry of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Dig Deeper: Read John 16:5-15. Christ describes three of the ways the Holy Spirit will work: conviction, guidance, glorification. How does scripture show the manifestation of the Holy Spirit's conviction, guidance and glorification? How have you seen the Spirit's work in these ways manifested in your life? Fill out the chart below

	Conviction	Guidance	Glorification
Manifested-in the Word			
Manifested-in your life			

Day 2 of 3

Pray and Read Acts 2:1-39

1. David Guzik points out, “On the Old Testament Day of Pentecost Israel received the Law; on the New Testament Day of Pentecost the Church received the Spirit of Grace in fullness.” How did the Holy Spirit manifest Himself through the disciples on that day of Pentecost (vs. 1-4)?
2. What did the multitudes witness being spoken by the Spirit-filled disciples (v. 11)? What should proceed from the mouths of believers today who are filled with the Spirit?
3. Peter rises up and preaches a beautiful sermon regarding fulfillment of God’s promises. Fill in the chart below regarding the prophecies and fulfillment of God’s word concerning the Spirit.

Prophecy	Fulfillment

4. What verses in this chapter confirm that the Spirit-filled life promised to believers still applies today?

Day 2 of 3

Pray and Read 1 Corinthians 12:3-11; Ephesians 5:15-21

1. Through Whose work is anyone able to say that Jesus is Lord?
2. How does knowing there are different gifts, ministries, and activities and that the same Spirit is working through them encourage believers to not depend on the flesh?
3. As the days are evil, what are believers instructed to do? What are believers instructed to not do? Fill out the chart below.

DO	DO NOT

What observations do you have on these instructions?

Personal Application: Spend some time in the Lord's presence. Ask Him to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Wait on Him and for Him. Write down what He shows you.

