

Lessons Learned About God, Life, and Man

1. Without Christ we live a dead existence, led by Satan and committing all manner of sin, 2:1-3.
2. Every single individual is a born sinner and therefore experiences God's wrath, 2:3.
3. Even though we were born dead, doomed to live a life of sin, God intervened—**"But God..."** He stepped in with His endless love and mercy and made us alive together-with Christ, i.e., He forever united us, placed us inside Christ, 2:4-6.
4. If you want to know whether or not God cares about humanity, whether or not He cares about you, all you have to do is look at His Son, Jesus Christ, to know that He's shown you tremendous kindness, 2:4-7.
5. Your eternal salvation is acquired by simple faith and it lasts forever, 2:4-9, 19, 22.
6. You cannot work for your eternal salvation; it is God's gift to you the moment you simply believe in His Son, 2:8-9.
7. If you were actually allowed to work for your eternal salvation, you would boast about it, 2:1-3, 9.
8. God created the universal Church (Christ's Body) when He placed us in His Son, 2:10.
9. Have you ever wondered about your purpose as a Christian? One purpose God has for you is to walk in the good works that He's prepared for you (instead of the bad works you used to walk in), 2:1-3, 10.
10. Some think that there are many roads that lead to God, but without Christ we are cut off from God, 2:11-13.
11. Mankind was forever doomed to a life of Satan, sin, and wrath until Jesus Christ died to save us, 2:1-3, 11-13.
12. Jesus' death created the Church by uniting Jews and Gentiles, who were once doomed to eternal conflict. Instead, they are now both part of His Body forever to live in harmony as brothers and sisters, 2:14-18.
13. The conflict between Israelis and the rest of the world can only be solved by Christ because through His death, He offers peace to Jews and Gentiles. They no longer have to be at each other's throats. Instead, they can all be brothers and sisters with God as their Father, 2:14-18.
14. Jesus has brought Jews and Gentiles back to God; He's removed the hostility that existed between them and God, 2:16-18.
15. Jesus doesn't just give people access to God; He enables us to call God our Father, 2:18.
16. Because of Jesus' death we don't have to stand outside of God's family anymore; through Him we can now become part of God's family, 2:16-19.
17. The foundation of God's people is the messengers of God, the apostles and prophets, but the main cornerstone of that foundation is Jesus Christ, 2:20.
18. In and through Christ God is growing us together into a holy temple where He dwells, 2:21-22.