

INTRODUCTION

We have come to the close of an intentional spiritual learning experience.

In the introduction to the first questionnaire, I asked for your assistance in completing my dissertation project. I wrote:

The dissertation will be called *Cultivating a God-Generated Life: Living with Christ in God through the Holy Spirit*. Sometime during the past five-year period, a transition took place in my life. I began to understand and experience in a way I had never understood and experienced before what Jesus meant when He said, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). In addition, texts like, “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20), “For you have died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3), “To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27) and “But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit” (1 Corinthians 6:17) took on new meaning for me. Moreover, I noticed that the more I lived with Christ in God through the Holy Spirit by being receptive to God’s love in Christ, the more He was working out his life in and through me. The fruit of the Spirit began to manifest themselves in my life as never before. My relationship with my wife and children became more Christlike. I focused less on doing and more on being that leads to doing, experiencing a tremendous rest in my soul. I drew the conclusion that I was now living with Christ in God in a way that I had never known or experienced before.

Reading through some of the books that have appeared recently, I noticed that I was not alone in my experience. People like Dallas Willard and Larry Crabb has written about a similar experience.

What is your experience? In order to find out, I invite you to fill out the questionnaire. The questions can be answered either with a yes, a no or a sometimes. I have tried to address not just one aspect of a person, but the whole person. Thus, the first question is an affective question focusing on your feelings. The second is a cognitive one focusing on your thinking. The third question is a volitional question focusing on your will. The fourth question is a behavioral one focusing on your conduct. The questions are in groups of four. This means that each set of four questions is investigating how you feel, think, desire and act with regard to each of the 10 topics to be introduced and discussed in the 10-week learning experience you are about to embark on. You have four options. (1) Y = yes (2) N = no (3) S = sometimes or somewhat (4) U = unsure.

I would invite you to once again fill out this slightly modified form of the first questionnaire. Your answers will help me evaluate the effects of a 10-week spiritual learning experience to equip (young) adults to learn to live with Christ in God through the Holy Spirit. The options are the same as the first

questionnaire: (1) Y = yes (2) N = no (3) S = sometimes or somewhat (4) U = unsure. In addition to putting a mark in the circles, I would encourage you to write feedback that you think is useful in the comment boxes provided. There is one comment box for each set of four questions. Comment box 1 pertains to lesson 1; comment box 2 to lesson 2, etc. In early 2007, I will send you a copy of the final chapter of my dissertation that will show the results and conclusions of the project.

Thanks so much for your participation and cooperation.

In Him

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CULTIVATING A GOD-GENERATED LIFE: LIVING WITH CHRIST IN GOD THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Second Questionnaire

- | | <i>Y</i> | <i>N</i> | <i>S</i> | <i>U</i> |
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| 1. The Christian faith feels more like an intimate relationship now than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. I understand better now that intimate union with God is the heart of the Christian faith than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. I now want to learn more about living in union with God than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. I live in intimate union with God more now than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Comment Box Lesson 1:
Being Embraced by God's Father-Son Love through the Holy Spirit**

- | | <i>Y</i> | <i>N</i> | <i>S</i> | <i>U</i> |
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| 5. I feel the presence of God more now than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. I understand better now that God wants to enter my life with his love than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. I want to learn to surrender every dimension of my life to God more now than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. I surrender every dimension of my life to God more now than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Comment Box Lesson 2:
Surrendering to God's Father-Son Love through the Holy Spirit**

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| 9. My Christian faith now feels more God-generated than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. I understand better now that faith is being receptive to God's love in Jesus Christ than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 11. I want to learn how to be more receptive to God's love in Jesus Christ more now than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 12. I daily receive God's love in Jesus Christ more now than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Comment Box Lesson 3:
Receiving God's Father-Son Love through the Holy Spirit

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| 13. I now feel closer to God when I visualize his love in Jesus Christ in mental images than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 14. I understand better now that God communicates his love in Jesus Christ visually than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 15. I want to learn to visualize God's love in Jesus Christ more now than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 16. I visualize God's love in Jesus Christ in mental images more now than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Comment Box Lesson 4:
Visualizing God's Father-Son Love through the Holy Spirit

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| 17. I now experience the Christian faith more as a public relationship than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 18. I understand better now that God's love given in Jesus Christ radiates into every sphere of life than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 19. I want to learn to radiate God's love given in Jesus Christ more now than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 20. I radiate God's love given in Jesus Christ into every sphere of my life more now than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Comment Box Lesson 5:
Radiating God's Father-Son Love through the Holy Spirit**

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| 21. It now feels like the Christian faith is more about increasingly discovering more of what it means to live in union with God than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 22. I now understand better that the Christian faith is about increasingly discovering more of what it means to live in union with God than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 23. I now want to learn to discover more about what it means to live in union with God than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 24. I now daily discover more of what it means to live in union with God than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Comment Box Lesson 6:
Discovering God's Father-Son Love through the Holy Spirit**

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| 25. It feels as if I have more hope to offer the world now than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 26. I understand better now that Jesus is the presence of God's hope for the world than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 27. I understand better now that Jesus is the presence of God's hope for the world than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 28. I offer the world the hope of the presence of God in Jesus Christ more now than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Comment Box Lesson 7:
Representing God's Father-Son Love through the Holy Spirit**

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| 29. I feel I now place more emphasis on what Christ does <i>in</i> me more than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 30. I understand better now that the gospel is Christ living in us through the Holy Spirit. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 31. I want to learn to experience more of Christ living in me through the Holy Spirit more now than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 32. I daily experience Christ living in me through the Holy Spirit more now than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Comment Box Lesson 8:
Living with Christ in God's Father-Son Love through the Holy Spirit**

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| 33. I feel I pray to be filled with the Spirit more now than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 34. I understand better now that conformity to Jesus Christ involves living in union with God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 35. I want to learn more about how living in union with God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit conforms me more to Jesus Christ more now than before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 36. I pray to be filled with the Spirit more now than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Comment Box Lesson 9:
Being Conformed to God's Father-Son Love through the Holy Spirit**

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| 37. I feel I remind myself of the presence of God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit more now than I before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 38. I understand better now that the starting point of the Christian life is resting with Christ in God through the Holy Spirit. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 39. I want to learn to rest with Christ in God through the Holy Spirit more now than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 40. I have the habit of reminding myself of the presence of God in Christ through the Holy Spirit more now than I did before the 10-week learning experience. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Comment Box Lesson 10:
Resting in God's Father-Son Love through the Holy Spirit**

Additional Comments