

IN CHRIST

JOHN 1:15-18

Please personalize answers to the questions in the lesson by answering “I”, not “you”!

BACKGROUND: Previously you saw the importance of setting aside an hour or more a day for prayer and worship with the Lord as you meditate on the Scriptures in transforming you into the image of Christ. (**II Corinthians 3:18, fn 3:18**)

YOU HONOR CHRIST. Although John the Baptist was a very unique individual with a large effective ministry with many followers, he gave all the honor to the Lord Jesus Christ. (See the profile for John the Baptist in John 1 in your Life Application Bible.) You, too, are a unique individual; and as you live your life honoring Christ, people will be drawn to God. (**John 1:15, John 1:29-35, fn 1:30, fn 1:34, John 1:26, 27, fn 1:27, John 3:26-30, fn 3:30, Psalm 100:3, fn 100:3**) *Why does Christ deserve your honor?*

YOU LIVE BY ABUNDANT GRACE. In Christ, by His grace, you have complete forgiveness (with no guilt), His love poured into your heart, and the Holy Spirit’s power to live by faith Christ’s life. Living under grace (the Holy Spirit’s power) transforms your life more and more to become like Jesus. God’s favor and grace is abundant and unlimited, and it overcomes sin. (**John 1:16, 17, Ephesians 2:4-9, fn 2:4, 5, fn 2:8-10, Romans 5:1-5, fn 5:2, II Corinthians 12:7-10, fn 12:10, Romans 5:20, fn 5:20, I Timothy 1:12-16, fn 1:12-17, Hebrews 12:15, fn 12:15, II Timothy 2:1, fn 2:1**) *How could your family know that you are living by God’s abundant grace?*

YOU KNOW GOD. God wants people to know Him and His love for them and experience His presence. But unrighteousness (man’s condition) cannot come into His presence. In His infinite love and wisdom, God solved the compatibility problem by having Jesus pay for our sin by taking that sin upon Himself and giving us His righteousness. In Christ, God sees us as righteous and holy; and we can now come into His presence, know Him and have a personal relationship with Him. (**John 1:18, fn 1:18, II Corinthians 5:21, fn 5:21, Exodus 33:18-23, fn 33:18-23, John 14:6-10, 21, fn 14:9, Romans 5:11, fn 5:11, Romans 5:15-19, fn 5:15-19**) *How can you know God?*

*Check up—How is your relationship with your neighbor, your spouse, and your Lord?
Do your actions show that you are being led by the Holy Spirit?*

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