

Reflections on the Character of God

The reflection section has 5 scriptures that pertain to this week's aspect of God's character. Take one passage a day and reflect on it in the context you find. Note your insights.

The life response sections give you 2 more verses to ponder. These passages relate to your response to the name, title or attribute of God. Write down practical responses.

God's Grace

Reflection:

John 1:14-17; Romans 3:23,24; Ephesians 2:5-10; Titus 2:11-14;
James 4:6

Life Response:

2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Hebrews 4:14-16



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From last week:

Sin is not opposition to a rule, it's opposition to God himself.

The nature of sin includes unbelief, pride and disobedience.

We counter sin in our lives when we live by faith, humility, and obedience to God.

The cross of Christ is the means of atonement for us.

At - one - ment - To be or to cause to be at one.

Who is God?

God is a God of love and mercy (Romans 5:8) but He is also a God of holiness and righteousness.

His wrath, was due to us because of our disobedience.

He is also a God of truth and integrity who is faithful to every promise from His word.

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” – Gen. 3:15

Who is man?

We are guilty sinners deserving of punishment that will one day stand before the judgement seat of a righteous God.

The cross is God's divine plan to reconcile the world to himself!

Types - are pictures or object-lessons, by which God taught His people concerning His grace and saving power.

Numbers 21:4-9

Unbelief lies behind every failure in our spiritual walk.

Sin isn't dead, it is we who are dead to sin because of the Holy Spirit in us.

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life"
- John 3:14-15

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin. - 2 Cor. 5:21

"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." - I John 3:8

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Discussion Questions:

- 1) When we talk about the cross as being a place of atonement what does that mean? What is atonement?
- 2) Why do we NEED the atoning work of the cross to reconcile us to God? Can't God just overlook sin in our lives?
- 3) Read Number 21:4-9. What was the root of sin for the Israelites in this story?
- 4) In this passage we are given an example of true repentance. What does it teach us about repentance?
- 5) Why do you think God didn't just remove the serpents from the camp of the Israelites? How does this relate to our lives today?
- 6) In what ways is the serpent on the stick a type of Christ on the cross?
- 7) Read Galatians 6:14 - What does it mean to boast in the cross of Christ?

Prayer: Take a moment as you close to go around the circle and share the name of a friend or family member who has yet to put their faith in the atoning work of the cross. Pray together that they would see Jesus on the cross and be saved from the sting of sin.