

Champions/Women of Destiny

LESSON 11



Nah, I Don't Do That There

Read: Ephesians 2:1-22

Lacrae Moore is a friend of Kids Across America who has written and rapped several of our theme songs through the years. On his album 'Real Talk' he had a song called "We Don't." It starts off saying:

I ain't the standard at all • and wouldn't claim to be • but
since Christ snatched me up • there's been a lot of
change in me • I done got my worldview corrected • I
see things eternal • yeah I got a whole new perspective
• and I don't use drugs or sell • keep
accountability • cause my flesh yeah it
love to fail • I don't go where I used to go •
I got my number changed twice for the
gals that I used to know • and I don't trip
when I pass the cops • cause I'm not
making assists you know • trying to pass
the rock • I don't live life scared of death •
cause when I take my last breath • the
next step • is there in Text • I'm not a
legalist and I ain't hating • but there's
things I don't and won't do man I read Galatians • and
keep reading Ephesians • if it's Christ we believe in we
shouldn't be confused with the heathens



[Hook]

*You gon ride with us? Nah I don't do that there
You getting high with us? Nah I don't do that there
You wanna hit a lick? Nah I don't do that there
Get a couple chicks? Uh-uh I don't do that there
You gon roll with us? Nah I don't do that there
You getting throwed with us? Nah I don't do that there
I know you gon hit it right? Nah I don't do that there
C'mon I know you with it right? Uh-uh I don't do that
there*

If you would like to listen to this song, click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OiJXO2NkvGg>

Do you remember how your life was before you accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of your life? You may or may not have experienced a life of sin that made a mess of your life (or your family), but now that you are a Christian, there should be a difference (a new way of thinking and living).

What makes that difference? **Read Romans 12:2!** This verse uses the word TRANSFORMED instead of CHANGE and this is God's will according to that verse. But what is the difference between change and transformation? Here is a good definition to show the difference: **Change** uses external influences to *modify* actions, but **transformation** modifies **beliefs** so actions become natural and thereby achieve the desired result. In other words, change is trying to become what you are NOT...and God's transformation is yielding to and believing in your mind and heart that you are who GOD says you are NOW, which will result in a changed life!

This lesson is going to deal with "**Your New Script.**" When you invited Christ into your life, **He rewrote your life script.** If your life is not "transforming" but still "conforming to the world," it could be that **you are not following your new script**, and therefore, **not growing as a Christian.** The Apostle Paul warns his fellow Ephesian Christians about the dangers of such a condition by presenting to them a series of contrasts (differences) between the non-Christian and the Christian: **from death to life, from darkness to light, from hopelessness to complete confidence in God, from it's hard, to He's able!**

When we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we leave our old life behind. Paul describes our past condition in the world: ***"But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus."*** –Ephesians 4-7. (Commit these verses to memory)



Before We Knew Christ.... Read Ephesians 2:1-8

1. **We were dead** in our transgressions and sins (vs.1)
2. **We lived according to the ways of this world** (v.2)
3. **We lived by the rules of Satan** (v.2)
4. **We lived under the domination** of our flesh (v.3)

Notice that each condition is written in the **past tense (were, lived)**. When we became children of God, the chains of a sinful life were broken and cast aside. Before salvation we were sinners by inheritance, choice, and practice. Through Adam we inherited the sinful nature. **But now that we are Christians, we have the power to choose to obey God and have victory over temptation. Doesn't it feel good to not be a slave to the 'I can't help it' excuses!**



Definition: **Grace – God giving me a free gift I don't deserve.**

Now That I Am a Christian... Read Ephesians 2:5-8

1. **We were made alive** – quickened together with Christ (v.5). When we accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, He resurrected us from spiritual death.
2. **We were raised up with Him and made to sit with Him in heavenly places** (v.6). By trusting Jesus Christ as Savior, we were raised up from our spiritual death into Christ's resurrection from the dead. We now have a new position in Christ. Our eternal salvation is as certain as though we were already with Him in heaven. Now by faith, we enjoy the blessings of knowing Jesus Christ, who is in heaven, as we look forward to being with Him throughout all eternity.

The blessing of a life in Jesus Christ goes beyond the moment of our salvation and our present living. Ephesians 2:7 says: ***“In order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”*** The riches of salvation continue throughout our earthly lives and on into the time when we will be in heaven.

That means God will take care of you even when it doesn't look the way you think it should.

What Have We Done to Deserve Such Blessings?

Absolutely nothing. In fact, our sinful natures make us completely undeserving of such blessings. But God chooses to shower us with blessings because of His unconditional, unexplainable love. Why God chooses to love the sinner when He despises sin baffles the human mind (**at least my mind**). Such an act of love seems illogical, but God is far beyond human logic.



Since good works win the favor of men, our minds would conclude that this same principle should also be true for God. But we can't force God to fit into our way of thinking. You can't check God and your arms are too short to box with Him! That's why Ephesians 2:8 says: ***That it was God who saved you (that's grace) and your decision to be saved is what He calls faith.*** Grace and faith are vital to every aspect of our Christian lives.

All of us who trust in Jesus Christ as our Savior are as near to God as we are to Jesus Christ. What a blessing to know that we are loved... *with an everlasting love* (Jer.31:3) and presented holy before God! What a script God has written out for us, and a love relationship that He has given to us!

Two questions to discuss with your Mentor:

1. How long have you been a Christian?
2. Are you living in the riches of Jesus Christ or are you treasuring the worldly stuff of your past?

Living Out This Lesson

Below are several phrases that illustrate the world's attitudes about life. When you become a Christian, your attitudes and beliefs should change. Beside each phrase, list what the contrasting (opposite) biblical attitude should be. If you want to go even deeper, add a scriptural verse to it.

1. It's OK if it doesn't hurt anybody.
2. I want my way, and I want it now.
3. Parents don't know what they're talking about.
4. I'm worth it.
5. Sometimes you gotta break the rules.
6. Whatever!
7. I'm my own man.
8. Who do you think you are to tell me what to do?
9. Everybody lies.
10. It's my life; let me live it the way I want to.

Now watch this Supplemental Video about your lesson:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFoGnT8AeOk>

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Lesson 11 Quiz



Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: <https://forms.gle/xypYn72JFhdcuq4p9>

Student name _____

1. According to the lesson, what are the three contrasts between Christians and non-Christians?
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2. List four phrases from the lesson that describes our condition before salvation.
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3. Fill in the blanks. Before salvation, we were sinners by _____, _____, and _____.
4. True or False. God chooses to love sinners even though He despises sin.
5. What word is repeated often in this lesson because it is so vital to every aspect of our Christian lives? (check the correct answer)
 - Mercy
 - Inheritance
 - Grace
 - Confession
6. List two phrases that describe our condition after salvation.
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7. Fill in the blank. We are loved with an _____ love.
8. True or False. After salvation, we are dead in transgressions and sins.
9. According to Ephesians 2:6, where are we positioned with Christ?
10. What is Satan called in Ephesians 2:2