

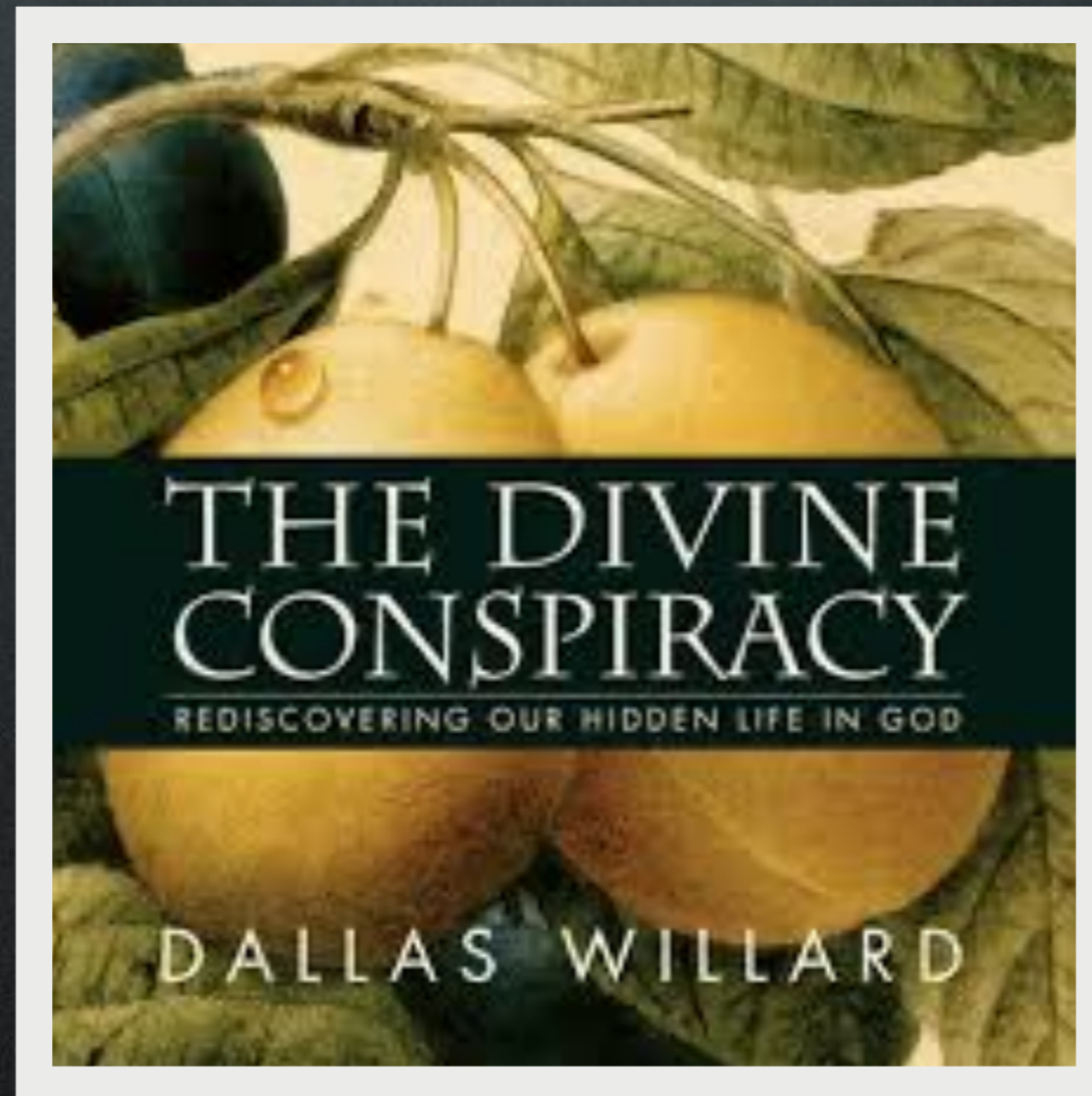
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# **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**

Chapter 9 - “A Curriculum for Christlikeness”

Session 28 - “*Getting Clear on the Objectives*”



**REVIEW:** Session 27 - *“The Course of Studies in the Master Class”*

As Jesus' current assistants in His ongoing program, one important way of characterizing our work of “training disciples to do everything I told you” is “bringing them to actually believe all the things they have already heard.” (317)

“Hear & Do Training”



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"You can NOT build your house on the rock this way."

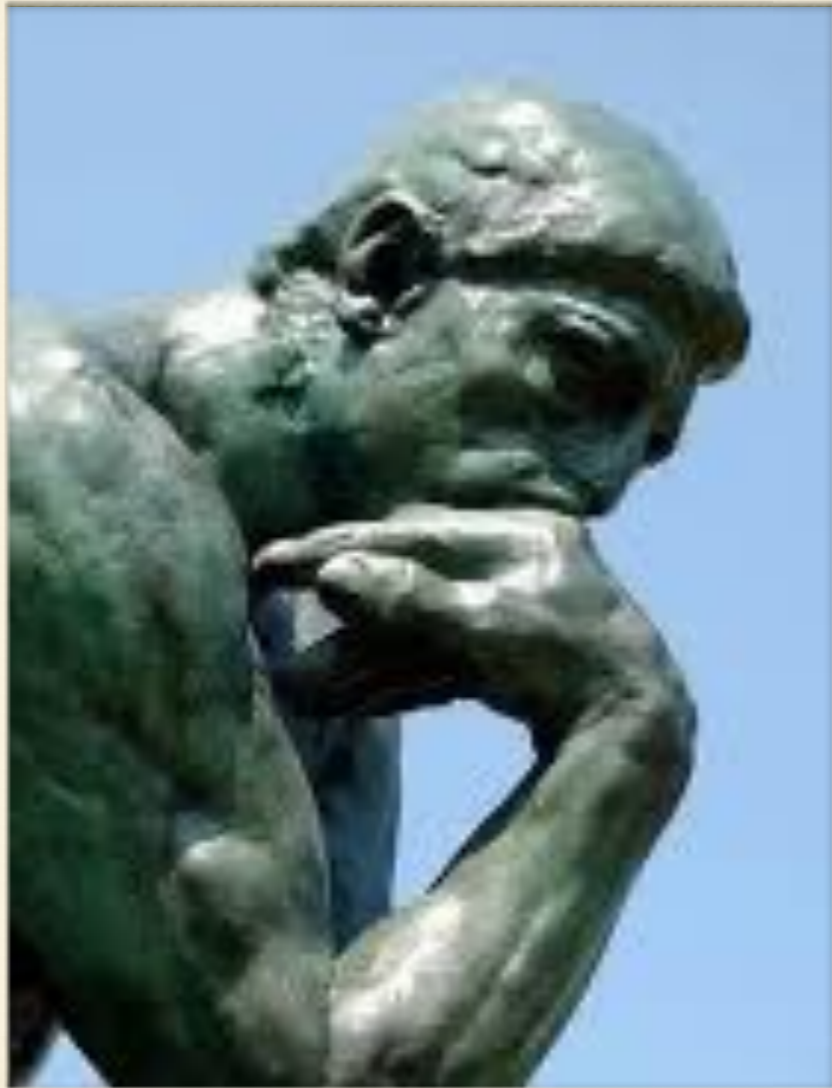
1. External conformity to the wording of Jesus' teaching about actions in specific contexts
2. Profession of perfectly correct doctrine (Isaiah 29:13)
3. Encouraging faithfulness to church activities
4. Spiritual ecstatic experiences

(320-321)

# Two Primary Objectives for Christlikeness

Enthralling the Mind with God

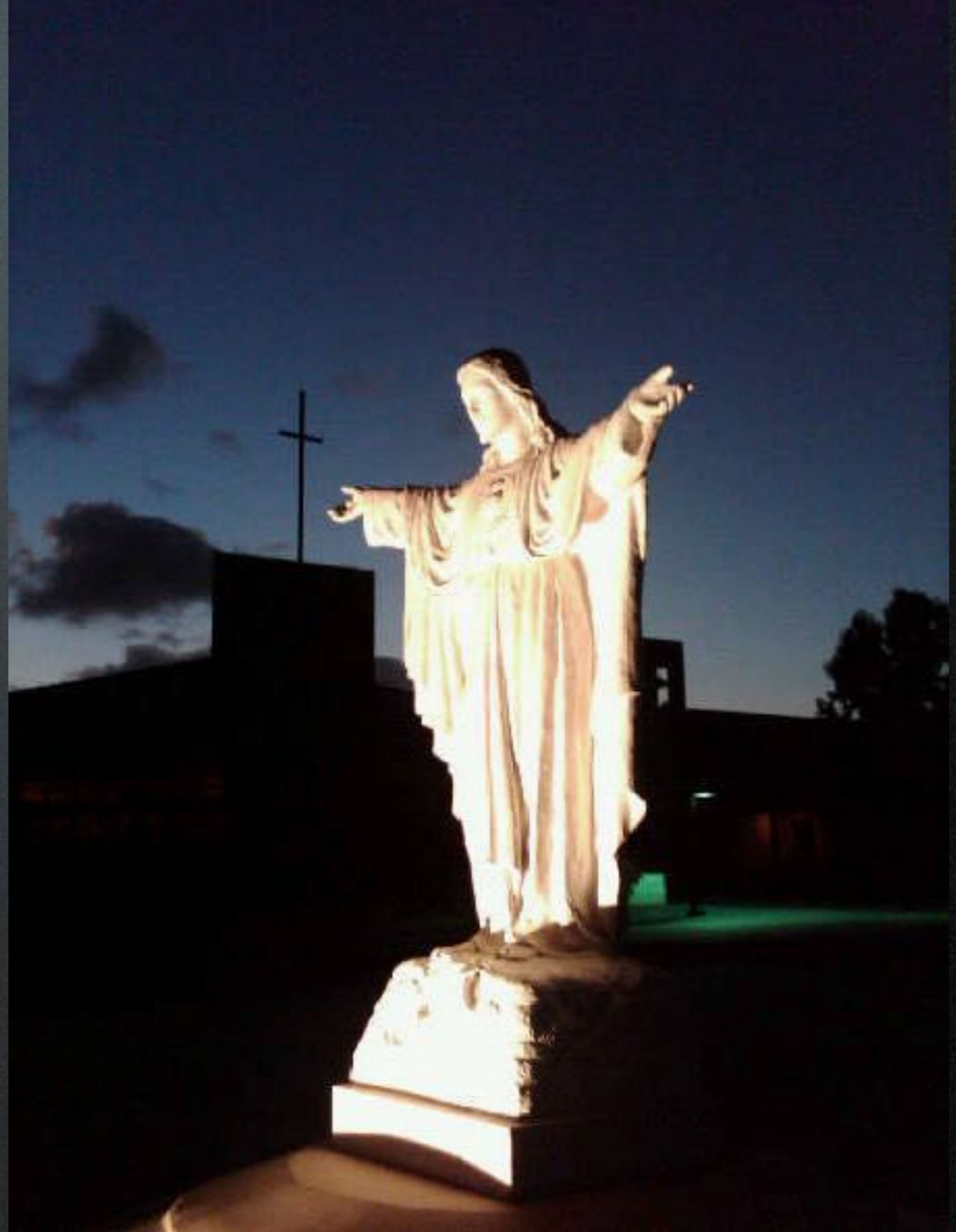
Practicing the Habits of Goodness



“This is the message we  
heard from Jesus...”

1 John 1:5

How would you finish  
that statement?



“This is the message we heard from Jesus and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.” 1 John 1:5



## **Primary Objectives for Christlikeness**

**Enthralling the Mind with God** — To bring apprentices to the point where they dearly love and constantly delight in that “Heavenly Father” made real to earth in Jesus. (321)



**Practicing the Habits of Goodness** — To remove our automatic responses against the Kingdom of God, to free the apprentices of their old patterns of thought, feeling, and action. We live from our bodies. If we are to be transformed, our bodies must be transformed. (322) *[focus of course's next session]*





# 1st of Two Primary Objectives for Christlikeness

## #1 — Enthralling the Mind with God

Dearly love and constantly delight in our Father.

When the mind is filled with this great and beautiful God, the 'natural' response, once all 'inward' hindrances are removed will be to do 'everything I have told you to do'. (321)

How do we help people who love what is lovely? It can not exist without some vision of the beloved. (323)

If anyone is to love God and have his or her life filled with that love, God in His glorious reality must be brought before the mind and kept there in such a way that the mind takes root and stays fixed. (324)



## Our Mind & Our Choices

What simply occupies our mind very largely governs what we do. The deepest revelation of our character is what we choose to dwell on in thought. (324) To “repent” - think about what we’ve been thinking. (325)

### Three main ways God comes before our mind:



- A Loving Creator (326-332)  
Not scientifically disproven or scholar to show God exists
- His acts in history and Jesus (332-336)  
“The key to loving God is to see Jesus.” (334)  
Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Master of Creation  
*John 14:23*
- Our human experience of Him (337-341)

*A pressing question asked of billions everyday...*



What's on your mind, Doug?



Live Video



Photo/Video



Feeling/Activity

## Flashback to Session 2

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say,  
“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

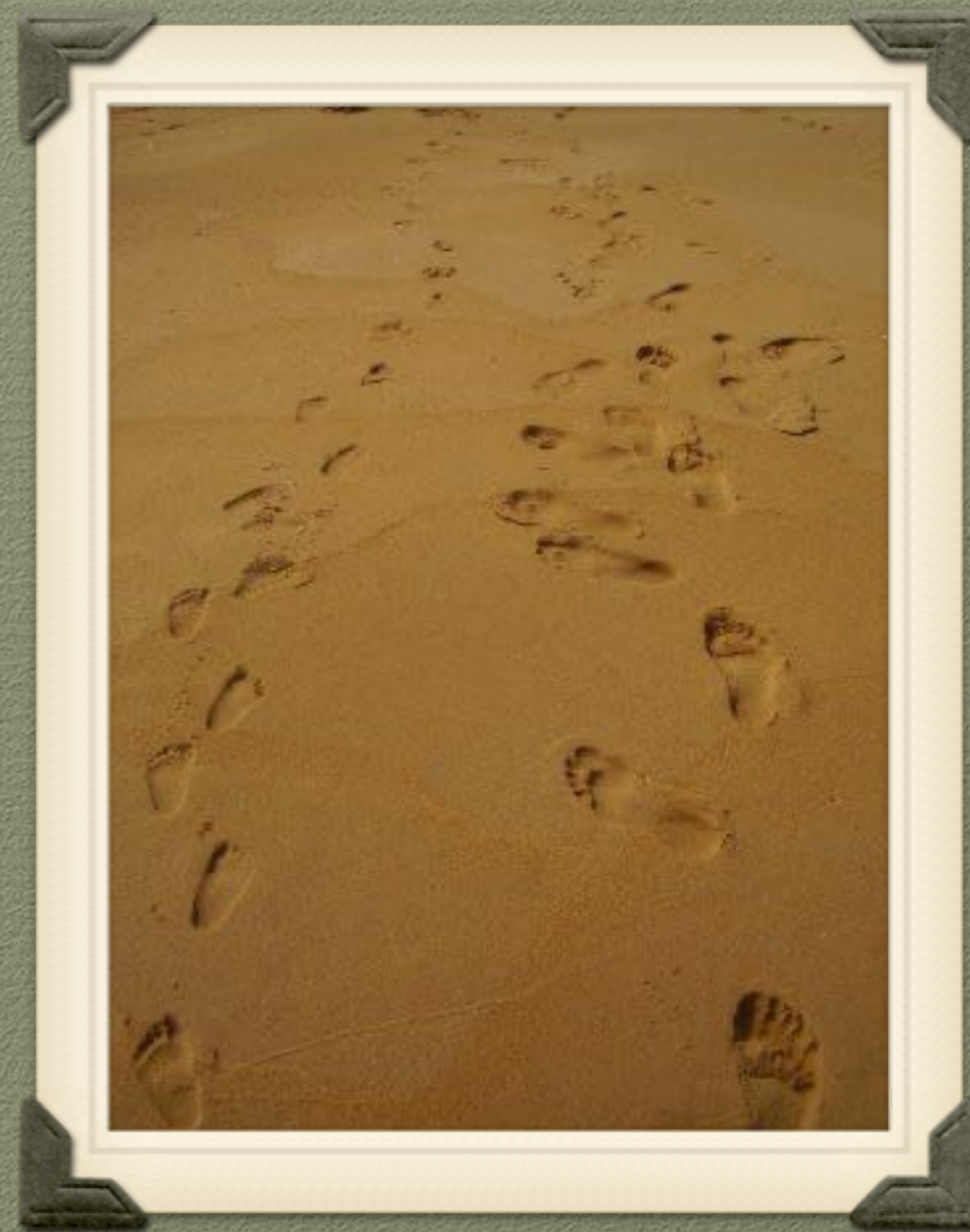
Matthew 4:17



Repent: Think about your thinking.

The rule of God is now accessible to everyone. Review your plans for living and base your life on this remarkable new opportunity. (15)

We will never have the easy, unhesitating love of God that makes obedience to Jesus our natural response unless we are absolutely sure that it is good for us to be, and to be who we are...and that nothing irredeemable has happened to us or can happen to us on our way to our destiny in God's full world. (337)



# DOUBTING THE GOODNESS OF MY LIFE

My Family of Origin

<u>AREA</u>	<u>GOODNESS RATING</u>
PARENTS	
FAMILY	
BODY	
MARRIAGE(S)	
CHILDREN (OR LACK)	
OPPORTUNITIES	
WORK	
CALLING	
JOB	

*MY PART...*

*~ Honesty ~ Confession*

*~ Acceptance (Pity p. 263) & Forgiveness*



Being included in the eternal life of God heals all wounds and allows us to stop demanding satisfaction. What really matters, of a personal nature, once it is clear that you are included? You have been chosen. God chooses you. This the message of the Kingdom. (340)

# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



Q&A

**Meditation** — *Romans 8:31-39*

**In the next 10,000 minutes...**

Q — Which, if any, of the four secondary objectives (320-321) are too primary for me?

Q — How has my view of Jesus changed since we started this course?

Q — What “specific doubts” block my confidence in God’s goodness? Parents? (338-339)

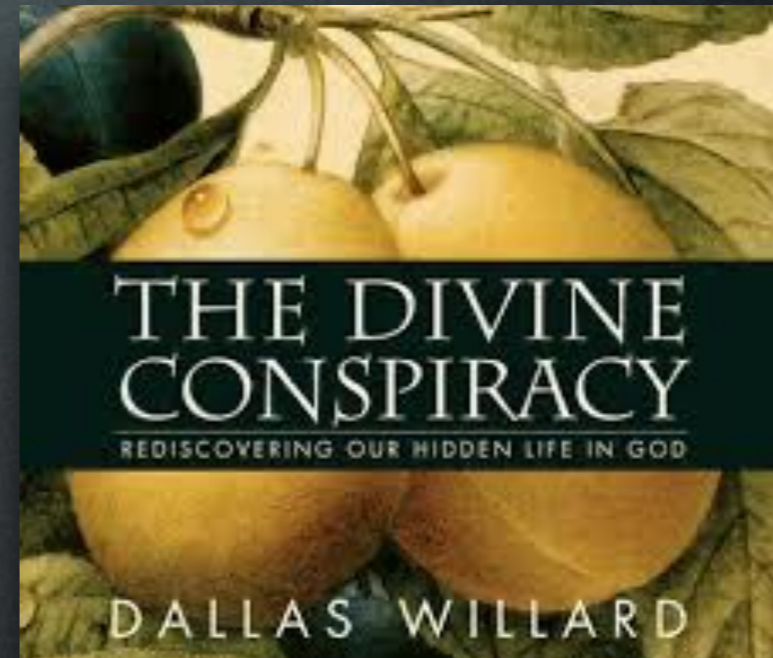




## Session 28 Summary

Knowing the goodness of our loving God makes obedience to Jesus our natural response because we are absolutely sure that it is good for us to be who we are and nothing irredeemable can happen to us on our way to our destiny in God's full world.

(337)



# **Next Week — Session 29 of 31**

Chapter 9 - “A Curriculum for Christlikeness”

## **“Acquiring Habits of Goodness”**

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Be mindful of a good  
God in your next  
10,000 minutes!

*Doug*

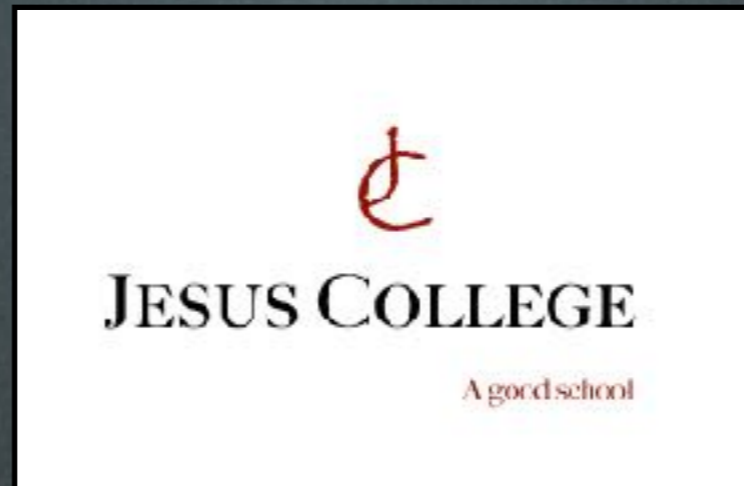
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*“A Student of the Superior Benefactor”*

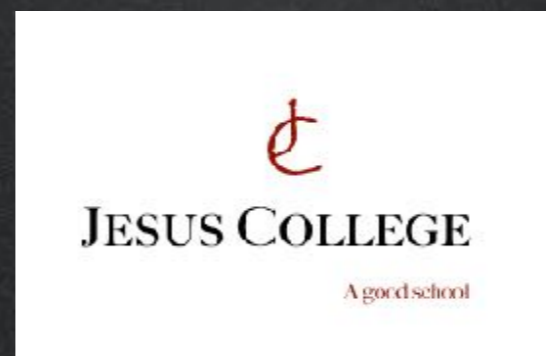
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