



WELCOME to “The Humans Side of Holiness”
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Session 6 Review

As I learn from Jesus to draw a deathless life from the spiritual realm of the Kingdom of God, I gain the character and power of Jesus to do what Jesus taught, and teach others to do the same.

Session 7 through 32:45 is a review.



SESSION 7 — THE GOSPEL :: THE GREAT COMMISSION

 **Session Theme** — “You are a never ceasing spiritual being with an eternal destiny in God’s great universe.”

“Then God said, “Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth.”

Genesis 1:26

The Vision — Life Now in the Kingdom of God

“Teaching them everything I commanded you.” Matthew 28:20

Moving into specific and practical things.



Who are You? Why are You Here?

The deepest questions you will ever ask yourself.

“You are a never ceasing spiritual being with an eternal destiny in God’s great universe.”

“Then God said, “Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule...over all the earth.” Genesis 1:26

You were put down in time and space in a particular place that is unique to you, and no one else will ever be in that place. And in that place, if you aren’t the light, there will not be any light.

Who are You? Why are You Here?

“You are a never ceasing spiritual being with an eternal destiny in God’s great universe.”

You are spiritual in substance,
You are never ceasing in duration,
You are ruling or creative governance in destiny.
Your destiny starts here.

“This life is for training for reigning.”

“They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.” Revelation 22:5

Remember the Two Landscapes...

On the visible landscape you are likely to be tricked into reigning on your own. And then you are apt to group up with others to see if you can't reign better together and reign over others and the whole world becomes a mess.

Eternal Life by God's Grace with His Life

“This is eternal life, that they would know you the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” John 17:3

You want to understand that eternal life is not something that happens to you after you die whether you want it or not. Eternity is running right now. Eternal life is a kind of life. And you can make your life eternal by interacting, by God's grace, with His life. And your life becomes a part of His life.

“They will reign forever and ever. Then shall the righteous shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father.” Matt. 13:43



*“For anyone who is alive in the Kingdom of the heavens
this world is a perfectly safe place to be.”*

This is what Jesus taught. This is what Paul taught.

“The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing.” Psalm 23:1

“Do not be anxious for your life...” Matthew 6:25

“Set your minds on the things above...” Colossians 3:1



“Repent” — Stop thinking the way you’ve been thinking and think about how you’ve been thinking and think it out again on the light of the fact that the Kingdom of God is here, right here. And Jesus, of course, taught about that repeatedly.

Folks often think, “No. The Kingdom of Heaven is coming with a great commotion,” and one time they were asking him in Luke 17, “How is this going to be?” And in effect, Jesus said, “Forget about all of that. The Kingdom of God is in your midst — and it’s right where you are.”

Look at the birds of the air...

are you not worth much more? Matt. 6:26



So don't be anxious. Why?

Because of who you are and why you're here!

The Abrahamic Covenant to All Nations

Jesus comes into the world and takes the Kingdom of God beyond ethnic considerations. It's not just a Jewish thing. He goes back and recovers the Abrahamic Covenant which was a covenant for the whole world.

Jesus does his work with the disciples on a little spiritual formation jaunt for about three years. They finally got to the point where He could go to the Cross, and let them handle that, and the Holy Spirit could come upon them, and then the whole thing is blown apart and they start thinking, "as you go make disciples of Jews?" No. Of all kinds of people, all ethnic groups.

Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, Ends of the Earth

And here we are today. The commission comes to us.
This is our Jerusalem, our Judea, our Samaria.

“Go and make disciples of all nations... Teaching them everything I commanded you.” Matthew 28:18-2

A wonderful plan through the Abrahamic Covenant:

“That in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.” Genesis 28:14

That's what you want to understand when you read the Great Commission.

Review
of
Key Truths

Who are You? Why are You Here?

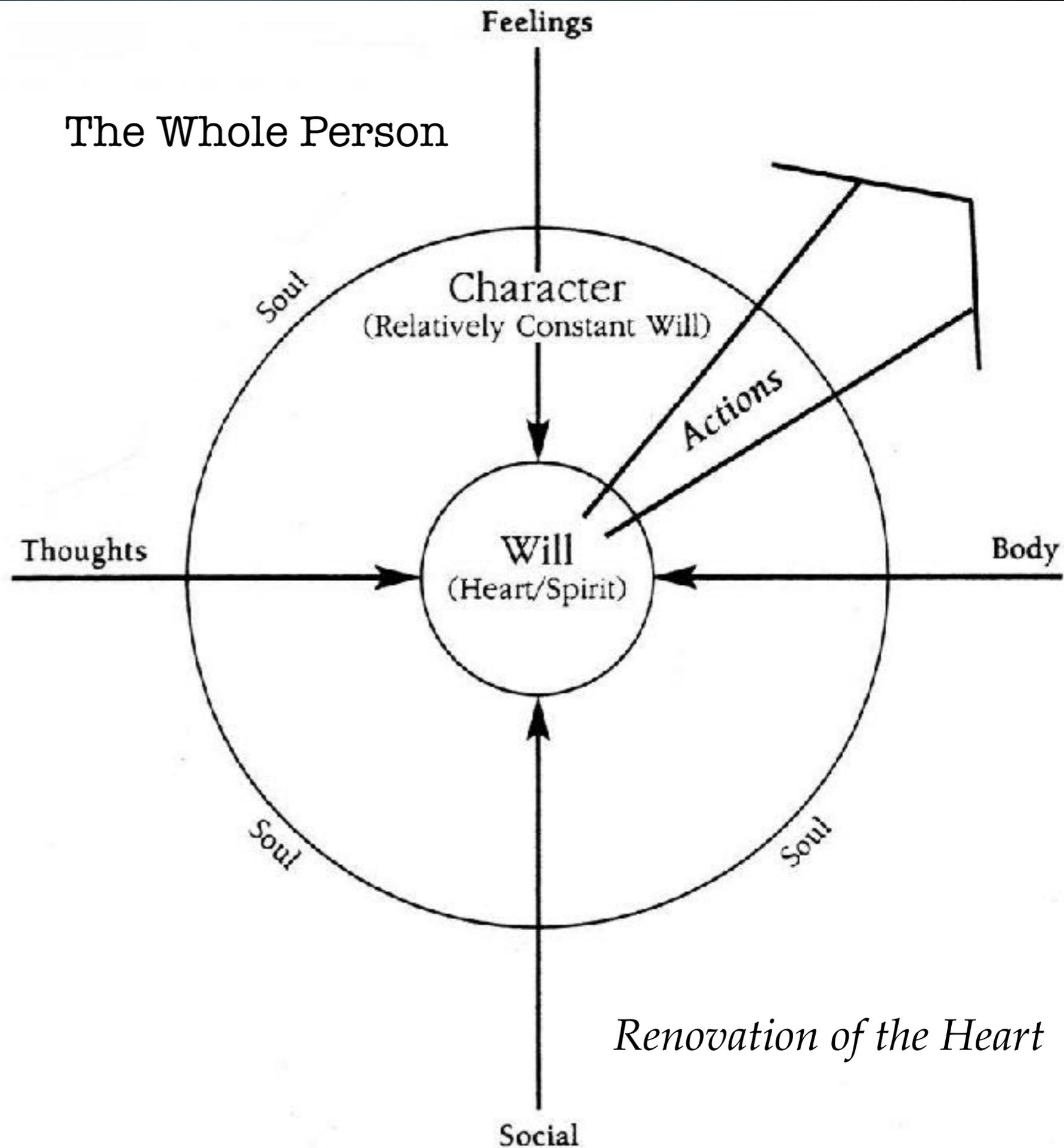
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Christ comes to us in the gospel and in His person and He finds this complicated system, out of which actions of all kinds, mostly bad perhaps, come. His prophetic decision was going to establish a new covenant in which “the law of God would be written on the heart” as one description of the outcome of spiritual formation in Christ. (Jer. 31:33; Heb. 8:10; 10:16)



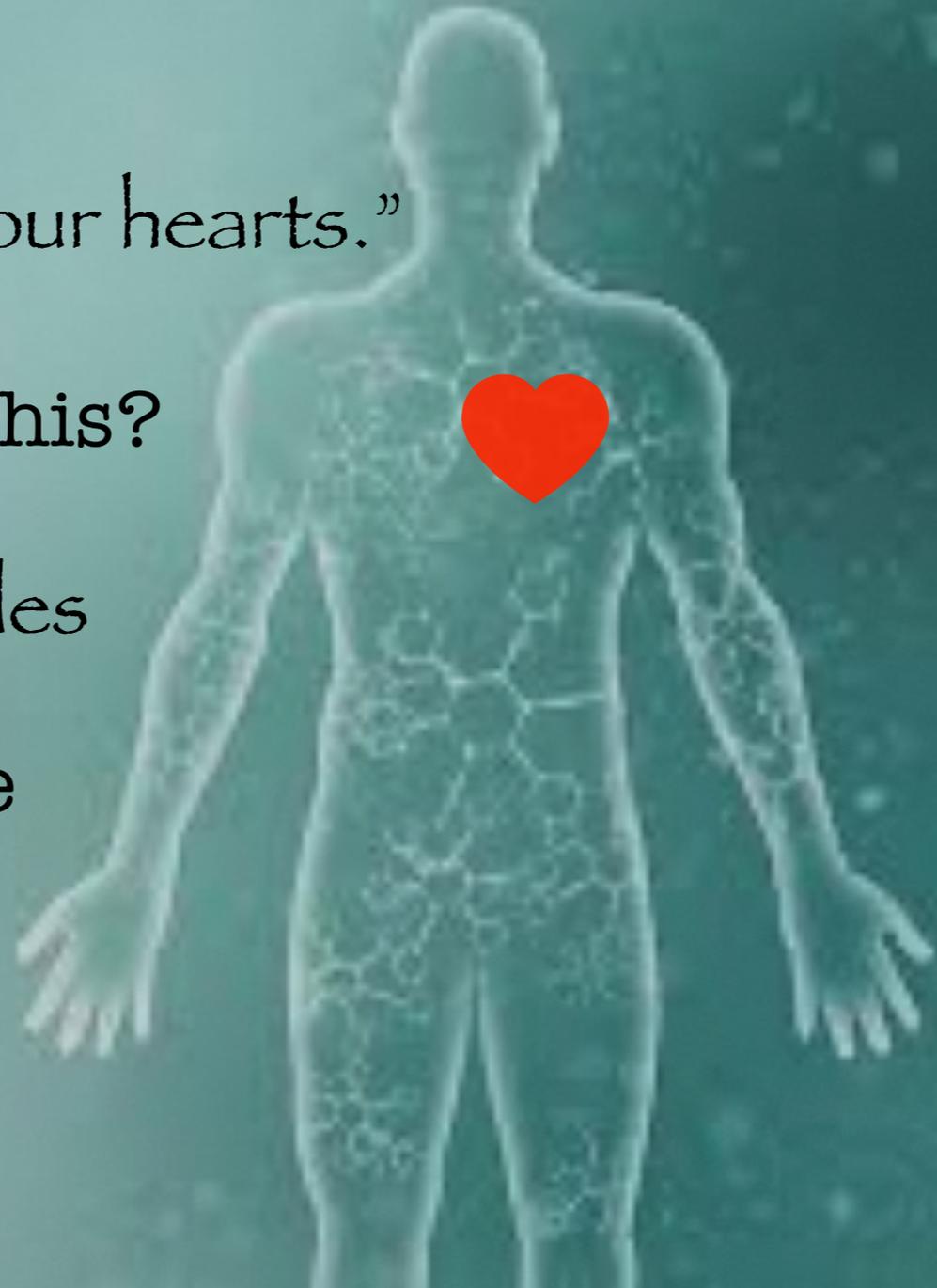
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How do we get a hold of this?

The Gospel of the Beatitudes

There's hope for everyone
in the Kingdom of God.

How does this develop?





GRACE

**How does
“The Human Side of Holiness” develop?**

“Holiness grows in response to intelligent effort on our part interacting with grace, i.e., God acting in my life to accomplish what I cannot accomplish on my own.”

Grace is not opposed to effort.

Grace is opposed to earning.

Paul fired up about the gospel — 1 Corinthians 15



The Mind and the Body

“Most of the actions that reveal our character
are embedded in our bodies**.”*

* Character...

...What we do without thinking.

...The interaction of the parts of our whole person.

* * The Body and the Mind

- The initial place to work transformation of
our character into Christlikeness.

- All of the disciplines are bodily behaviors.

“One of the beauties of the human being is that they can perform incredibly complex things good or evil without thinking.”

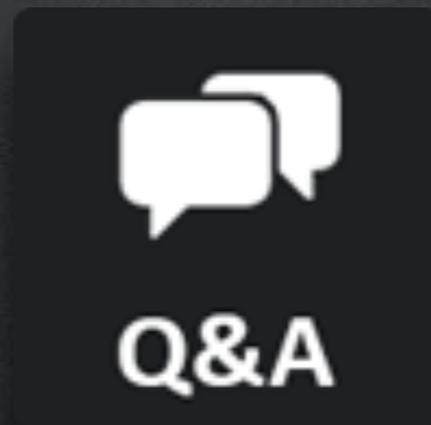
- Great Musicians & Athletes •
- Christians killing Christians •
 - Education •
 - Group Think •



Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



80:00 + 10K

Meditation — Genesis 1:26; Revelation 22:5

V-I-M in your next 10,000 minutes...

VISION — Is my vision of eternal life well formed, clear and steady?

INTENTION — What do I intend with my character? How are my intentions, tendencies revealing what is in my character?

MEANS — Meditate on and memorize Genesis 1:26 to form the mind.



† Cross Fit

Session 7 Summary

Character is a matter of the whole person formed in the way the dimensions of the person interact as the will is formed into habit and located largely in the body.



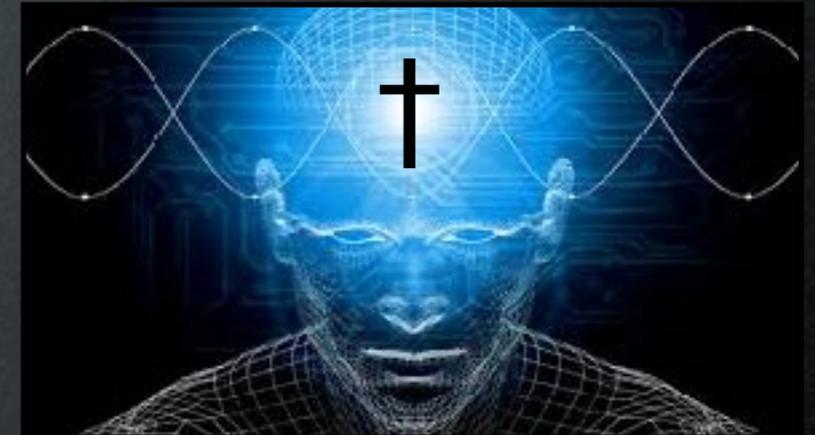
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"TRANSFORMATION OF THE BODY & HABITS" [1:04:31]

“OUR CHOICES FORM THE HABITS IN OUR BODIES LEADING US TO ACT WITHOUT THINKING, BOTH GOOD AND BAD.”

Go live forever empowered
by grace in the next
10,000 minutes guiding
your whole life with Jesus
to both reveal and form
your character in daily,
bodily actions, training you
to reign with Christ in
God's great universe.

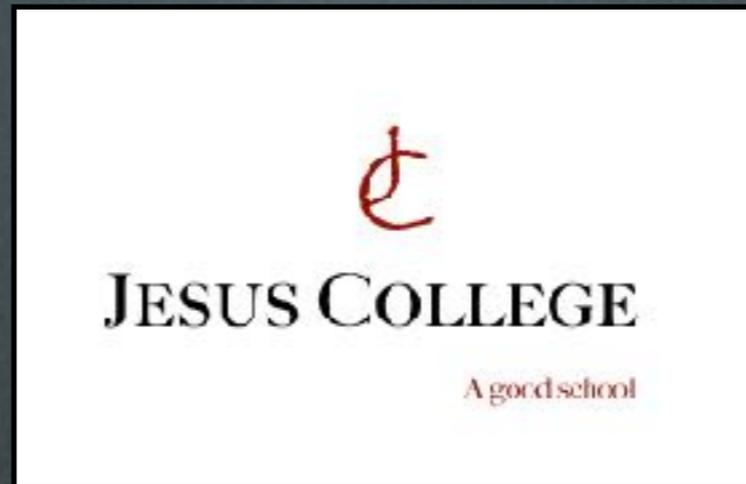
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