

ULaity Missionary Baptist Church, Incorporated's
"ZOOM" Bible Study Class
January 23rd, 2021
1:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to ULaity Missionary Baptist Church's "ZOOM" Bible Study Class. The classes are held every second and fourth Saturdays, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Please e-mail: barbarajcwhite@yahoo.com if you are interested. An outline similar to the one below will be sent to your e-mail address before the class begins.

The ministers, Reverend James Smith and Reverend Barbara White STRONGLY ENCOURAGE you to read GOD'S WORD, the HOLY BIBLE daily. No Bible Study class can ever be substituted or take the place of studying and learning from the WORD OF GOD, the HOLY BIBLE!!!

Subject: Accountability

Questions to Consider:

- 1) What does the word "accountability" mean?**
- 2) When I have done something wrong or offended/hurt someone, I usually want that person to forgive and forget what I have done. Yet, in the past, when someone had offended/hurt me, I didn't always have that attitude about forgiving and forgetting. I wanted that "sinful" person to be held "accountable" for his/her words or actions. What should be my mindset about accountability—whether it pertains to me or others?**
- 3) What should be my thoughts, words and actions when I have sinned? Must I be "held accountable" and be reprimanded for my sins/wrongdoings/trespasses (sometimes called mistakes/fumbling/ bumbling/being naïve /youthful blunders/ part-of-living, middle-age mishaps/ and/or elderly missteps)? Can't you just tell me what I did wrong, and I will try very hard not to do that anymore? Won't that suffice or be enough? (It hurts to be publicly or privately called out/humiliated for doing wrong.) I want these words to be enough:**

- “I’m sorry.” “Please forgive me.” “I will try very hard not to do that wrong thing again.” Do I HAVE to be held “accountable” for my sins?
- 4) Should we hold people accountable for their words, and/or actions? Or, should we forgive and forget?
- 5) Is being held “accountable” beneficial? What does a person learn when he/she is “held accountable” for/to someone or something? Will I grow spiritually? How will I grow? What can I do to stay “accountable”?
- 6) Does accountability “go away” when you have given your life to the Lord Jesus Christ? As a Christian, if I do something wrong, will I be held “accountable” (responsible) for my thoughts, words and actions?
- 7) What does the Holy Bible, the *Word of God*, tell us about “accountability”?

Definitions:

Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary: *subject to giving an account; answerable.*
Liable to be called to account; responsible.

Encarta Dictionary: English (North American): Accountable: *responsible to somebody or for something*

Synonyms: answerability, responsibility, liability

Matthew 12:36: But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

Vitally Important: *Please believe and receive the Lord Jesus Christ into your life, and begin being obedient to Him. Once you have wholeheartedly/genuinely accepted Him into your life, you WILL NOT be condemned.*

John 5:26-29: For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth---those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Romans 14:12: So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

When you have the opportunity, also read Romans 2:5-10.

Vitally Important: *We are accountable to the LORD God Almighty.*

An example of recognition and admission/confession of sin, believing and receiving the Savior Lord Jesus Christ, being accountable, making restitution, and receiving salvation!!!

Luke 19:5-9: And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house. 6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. 7 But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.

8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore four-fold.”

9 And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham, 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which is lost.”

Vitally Important: *Zacchaeus did not walk away from the Lord Jesus Christ. He did not walk away from his sins. He knew he was responsible for his behavior, he took action, and salvation came to him.*

Homework: *So, what am I to do, again, to demonstrate that I have taken responsibility for my thoughts, words, and actions?* _____

I John 1:8-10: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

James 5:16: Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Romans 12:2: And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

II Corinthians 3:18: But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

II Corinthians 10:5: Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

I Timothy 1:8-10: But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully,
9 knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,
10 for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.

Vitally Important: *Love, forgiveness, patience, longsuffering, (the fruit of the Holy Spirit)..... in essence the love of Christ Jesus, Our Lord and Savior, should be demonstrated in us at all times.*

I Timothy 1:12- 16: And I (Paul) thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. 16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all

longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

Ephesians 4:31-32: Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

I Thessalonians 5:14-15: Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

Luke 6:36-37: Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. 37 Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Vitally Important: *The Holy Spirit will bring to your memory sins you have committed. You and I should acknowledge our trespasses, ask for forgiveness, and make the determination to turn from (repent) our sins. We are held accountable by the Holy Spirit that is in us.*

Romans 3:23: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I John 2:2: And He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

So Incredibly Important: *We all have sinned. The Lord Christ Jesus paid the penalty for our sins. Believe and receive Him, and you shall be saved!!!*

Don't give up in your decision to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, AND don't give up on other people. As long as there is life in a person, he/she has the

opportunity to become a “child of God”!!! We need to live our lives to show others what it means to be a “child of the LORD God Almighty”.

It is vitally important that we received “discipline” from the LORD God Almighty. Numerous Scriptures in the Holy Bible explain “why”.

Hebrews 12:3- 11:

3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:

“My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.”

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

10 For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.

11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Vitally Important: *If a person is not chastised by the LORD God, he/she is “out there in the world”... alone.*

When the LORD God disciplines us, we learn what is right and wrong, and we understand what we are responsible for. The discipline causes us to grow.

We need the chastening from Our Heavenly Father so we can “stay” in the “son/daughter” category. We learn to do as we are “instructed” by the LORD God, because He holds us accountable.





