



Grace Place Ministry Sheet

This ministry sheet is a step by step guide for Grace Place Groups. It can be used in a small group setting, adapted for larger groups, or used as a sermon outline for pastors and teachers.

FELLOWSHIP & PRAISE REPORTS:

Fellowship is an important part of Grace Place! Spend time fellowshiping and getting better acquainted with those attending. If it is just your family, spend this time listening to each other! Be sure to introduce any guest or first time attendees. Ask those attending to share a Praise Report of something good God has done during the week!

WORSHIP

Worship is at the heart of all Grace Place events. Worshipping together can be a wonderful experience for everyone! Use those in the Group, or Gathering, that are musically inclined to lead, or use a Grace Place Worship CD and simply sing along! Encourage all to participate in worship, either by singing, or simply enjoying a time of worship.



Symbols to help you with your Kingdom Life Bible Study:



Truths That Never Change concerning:

1. The work of God & Christ in securing the Birthright
2. The Birthright given to every Child of God
3. The work of God & Christ in the Earthlife of every Child of God



EARTHLIFE

Truths about Everyday Living while here on Earth



KINGDOM LIFE

Truths about the abundant results of applying your **Birthright** to your **Earthlife**.

EXPERIENCE NEWNESS OF LIFE!

By Gary Lanier

Purpose: Do you need a refreshing? Are you tired of your everyday life? God wants you to experience New Life *everyday!* If you have been born again into God's family, through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, God has given you a wonderful **BIRTHRIGHT**... part of that **BIRTHRIGHT** package is NEWNESS OF LIFE! It can be experienced every day in your **EARTHLIFE!** This Kingdom Life Bible Study will show you how to experience the NEWNESS OF LIFE that you have *already* received!

Scripture Verses: Romans 6 (Print the companion KINGDOM LIFE BIBLE CHAPTER, ROMANS 6, available on the GPI website)

Overview: Most Christians miss out on the blessing of present day NEWNESS OF LIFE. One reason is because it sounds too good to be true. Another reason is the cares of this world. They seem to get us down, and then we just give up and live in the pit of "downness" in a depraved, depressive state of existence. That is not experiencing NEWNESS OF LIFE! Experiencing NEWNESS OF LIFE requires knowing **who** you are, **what** you have, and **how** to apply it, as God's child. Romans chapter 6 reveals a step-by-step way to experience NEWNESS OF LIFE! In this study we will use the acronym

W – O – R – D to discover these refreshing and life changing truths!

Points of Discussion:

WALK in Newness of Life.

Read Romans 6:4.

 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

 even so we also should walk in newness of life.

STEP ONE: WALK in NEWNESS OF LIFE. In order to WALK in new life, you have to KNOW that you have new life! The above verse clearly shows the **BIRTHRIGHT** truth (in purple)_ the old you was buried with Christ, and in the same way Christ was raised from the dead to walk in a new life, so were you. This is something you have to believe, by faith.



The second part of the verse shows the **EARTHLIFE** truth (in green)_ you can *choose* to walk in NEWNESS OF LIFE. It is an **EARTHLIFE** choice you have to make, in order to *experience* NEWNESS OF LIFE!

Walking is an action. As a Christian you have an **EARTHLIFE** choice about what path you will WALK in. God wants you to walk in NEWNESS OF LIFE. If you choose the path of sin, you will be walking in OLDNESS of SIN. This will not affect your standing as belonging to God, because you have been spiritually birthed into God's family and you cannot be un-birthed. You would simply be a child of God that has chosen to walk down the wrong path, and this choice will affect your **EARTHLIFE** experience. You will not be walking in NEWNESS OF LIFE, but rather OLDNESS of SIN.

-  **KINGDOM LIFE QUIZ:** As you choose to WALK down the NEWNESS of LIFE path, what are some hindrances that stand in the way? How will letting go of these hindrances change your **EARTHLIFE** and help you experience **KINGDOM LIFE**?


OFFER Yourself to God.

Read Romans 6:13.

 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God,
 as those who have been brought from death to life;

 and offer the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness.

STEP TWO: OFFER YOURSELF to GOD. Can you really experience NEWNESS OF LIFE by simply offering yourself to God? YES! The above verse points out that, again, you have an **EARTHLIFE** choice to make. You can offer yourself to sin, or to God as instruments of righteousness. God has *already* brought you from death to life and given you the **BIRTHRIGHT** gift of new life. Now He wants you to experience it, but as long as you hold on to the controls of your life, you can never experience all the refreshing that He has for you in your **EARTHLIFE** walk. So, let go. Give yourself to God as an offering. You will find yourself on the NEWNESS OF LIFE path, yielded to God, ready for His refreshing plan designed especially for you. That is how you experience **KINGDOM LIFE**, here on earth!

-  **KINGDOM LIFE QUIZ:** How can you OFFER YOURSELF to GOD? Will there be a cost involved in your OFFERING?

RECKON Yourself to be dead.

Read Romans 6: 11.




Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be



dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

STEP THREE: RECKON YOURSELF to be DEAD. Reckon means “to count on.” Experiencing NEWNESS OF LIFE begins by renewing your mind in who you are, and what you have, in Christ Jesus. Once you believe that you are a new creation in Christ and sin is dead, but you are alive to God in Christ Jesus, it becomes a process of daily, and even moment by moment, renewal of your mind in this **BRITHRIGHT** truth. That’s what the Apostle Paul means when he says, “reckon yourselves.” In other words, count on it, believe it, renew your mind in this truth. Again, it is an **EARTHLIFE** choice for you. The victories that take place in the mind will have positive results in your day to day **EARTHLIFE!**

-  **KINGDOM LIFE QUIZ:** What does RECKON or COUNT ON, mean to you? Do you believe this will enable you to walk in NEWNESS OF LIFE? How will this allow you to experience **KINGDOM LIFE** here on earth?


DO NOT Let sin reign.

Read Romans 6: 12.



Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

STEP FOUR: DO NOT let sin REIGN. The **BIRTHRIGHTS** of the Children of God empower them so that they do not have to let sin reign in their bodies! They are the only humans on earth that, in their day to day **EARTHLIFE**, can refuse to let sin reign in their MORTAL bodies. Non-believers are already letting sin reign, because they have not received Jesus Christ as Savior and it is impossible for them to walk in NEWNESS OF LIFE. They are still living in OLDNESS OF LIFE! But Children of God can choose not to let sin reign, because as we learned in step three, sin has already been put to death! The Apostle Paul makes it very clear_ don’t obey the lusts of the flesh!

-  **KINGDOM LIFE QUIZ:** When dealing with lust, name some physical senses that are used to tempt you? How does God help you in times of temptation, so that you can live in **KINGDOM LIFE**?



KINGDOM LIFE CONCLUSION:

Walking in NEWNESS OF LIFE is God’s plan for every one of His children. Even in the midst of trial, temptation, hurt, sadness, and/or dissapointment, there is a way to experience all God has given to you. So today, begin to experience NEWNESS OF LIFE by knowing your **BIRTHRIGHT**, applying it to your **EARTHLIFE**, and experiencing **KINGDOM LIFE!**

PRAYER AND/OR MINISTRY TIME

Listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit and follow as He directs.

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