

Romans 12:4-5 (GW) 4 Our bodies have many parts, but these parts don't all do the same thing. 5 In the same way, even though we are many individuals, Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other.

19) How are believers connected to each other?

20) Who is the head of the body?

21) How does this help you to see Jesus in those around you?

22) Which of the three areas of seeing Jesus around you do you find the most easy? Most difficult?

23) Which Bible verse(s) from today's study did you find helpful in seeing Jesus around you?

To See Thee Around Me

Christ in Creation

Psalm 8:3-4 (GW) ³ When I look at your heavens, the creation of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have set in place—
⁴ what is a mortal that you remember him or the Son of Man that you take care of him?

1) What part of creation is the psalmist looking at?

2) How does he describe this?

3) When looking at this what thoughts comes to his mind? Why?

Psalm 96:11-13b (GW) ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. Let the sea and everything in it roar like thunder. ¹² Let the fields and everything in them rejoice. Then all the trees in the forest will sing joyfully ¹³ in the Lord's presence because he is coming.

4) What parts of creation praise God according to these verses?

5) How can this be?

6) What is the reason given for the praising?

Psalm 97:6 (GW) ⁶ The heavens tell about his righteousness, and all the people of the world see his glory.

7) According to this verse, what can we learn about God from the heavens?

Romans 1:18-20 (GW) ¹⁸ God's anger is revealed from heaven against every ungodly and immoral thing people do as they try to suppress the truth by their immoral living. ¹⁹ What can be known about God is clear to them because he has made it clear to them. ²⁰ From the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly observed in what he made. As a result, people have no excuse.

8) According to Paul, what can be known about God from his creation?

9) So, how can we see Jesus in creation?

Christ in Our Circumstances

Genesis 50:19-21 (GW) ¹⁹ Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid! I can't take God's place. ²⁰ Even though you planned evil against me, God planned good to come out of it. This was to keep many people alive, as he is doing now. ²¹ Don't be afraid! I will provide for you and your children." In this way he reassured them, setting their minds at ease.

10) Why were Joseph's brothers afraid?

11) How did Joseph see God in his circumstances?

Psalms 139:5-6 (GW) ⁵ You are all around me—in front of me and in back of me. You lay your hand on me. ⁶ Such knowledge is beyond my grasp. It is so high I cannot reach it.

12) How does the psalmist talk about God in his circumstances?

13) How does this bring comfort and encouragement to you?

Romans 8:28-29 (GW) ²⁸ We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God—those whom he has called according to his plan. ²⁹ This is true because he already knew his people and had already appointed them to have the same form as the image of his Son. Therefore, his Son is the firstborn among many children.

14) How is God able to work out good in all things?

15) What is the qualifier for the good that God works out?

16) When you know this, what should you ask when going through hard times?

Christ in those around me

Romans 8:9-10 (GW) ⁹ But if God's Spirit lives in you, you are under the control of your spiritual nature, not your corrupt nature. Whoever doesn't have the Spirit of Christ doesn't belong to him. ¹⁰ However, if Christ lives in you, your bodies are dead because of sin, but your spirits are alive because you have God's approval.

17) Whose spirit lives in you?

18) How does this spirit live in you?