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LESSON 4

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___ Living with a sinful nature means that there will be a continual argument with between right and wrong with a strong inclination to go wrong. Asking Jesus into our life declares war on the sinful nature ensuing a struggle born out of a desire to serve God. The bottom line is we fail repeatedly, but, thank God help is available to work in us to train and strengthen our will (Philippians 2:13), and to cover our failures.

___ God has taken everything into consideration for every man woman and child to place them in time and space so they have the best opportunity to find Him and be saved. He promises that if we search for Him we will find Him, He stays within reach. (Deuteronomy 4:29; Matthew 7:7-11)

___ The destitute nature of our frayed heart are beyond our reach. Even our most brilliantly thorough cleansings and our most courageously selfless crusades will end with the tell tale expressions of our selfish nature showing in the very texture of our life.

___ Nestled in the glorious wonder of a vast universe, on a custom designed planet, live beings slightly less powerful than angels yet the objects of God's tender regard.

___ We are sinful from the moment of conception.

___ The Consequences of Adam's were death, judgment and condemnation for all men. However anyone who receives Jesus can receive the eternal gifts of life, Christ's righteousness, and justification. Thus we get to choose Adam's legacy of death or Jesus' free gift of eternal life.



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