

Rediscovering CHRIST

WITH MAJOR W. IAN THOMAS

About Torchbearers

Major W. Ian Thomas is the Founder and General Director of Torchbearers International (formerly 'Torchbearers of the Capernwray Missionary Fellowship'), which was founded in 1947.

There are currently 26 residential Torchbearer Centres worldwide which offer intensive short-term, non-vocational Bible Schools, Christian Conferences, Bible Camps and evangelistic outreach, dedicated to proclaiming the Person of Christ and to the teaching of God's Word. In addition, there are several other overseas locations, without residential facilities, where Torchbearer staff conduct similar activities.

Major W. Ian Thomas

Major Thomas is the author of *The Saving Life of Christ*, *The Mystery of Godliness*, *If I Perish, I Perish* and *The Indwelling Life of Christ*. Major Thomas has traveled throughout the world calling his audiences to a deeper understanding of what it means when the scriptures say, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 NIV

Major Thomas' message is the indwelling Lord Jesus: "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27 NIV

About this series, the Major says, "We will talk about the Lord Jesus, because Christ is the only

one capable of living the Christian life, for the very obvious reason, He IS the Christian life! We must focus on Him if we are to discover how He, our Creator-Redeemer, intended us to live in terms of our relationship to Him, learning how He (as man) lived over 2,000 years ago in terms of His relationship to the Father. We will discover in fuller depth what it means not just to become a Christian, but to BE one."

For the Leader

The greatest need throughout the Church worldwide in every denomination, missionary enterprise and group is to rediscover the Lord Jesus Christ and the indispensability of His indwelling presence within the believer, the risen living Lord whose life He shares with us on earth on the way to heaven. This is the purpose of this series that many will discover and many others will rediscover Christ!

The messages are consecutive in character. Each session will build upon the preceding sessions, precept upon precept, giving a full panoramic view of God's saving purposes for you and for me. Christians are those whom Christ has redeemed and sealed by the gift of His Holy Spirit, through Whom we become members of His new corporate Body on earth, The True Church, so that He may accomplish through us what He began to do in His own body so many years ago. What a fantastic privilege!

We present: *Rediscovering Christ!*

This DVD is part of a 6-disk, 12 session series entitled *Rediscovering Christ*.

Please play the Introduction for your group to help them become more familiar with Major Ian Thomas and the Torchbearers of the Capernwray Missionary Fellowship

We recommend that you use the questions provided to stimulate discussion. Please reproduce both sides of this study guide and give one to each person to aid in their note taking.

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1. How is He Keeping?

1. What is the role of the physical body?
2. What is the role of the soul?
3. What is the role of the spirit?
4. What determines our behavior?
5. How can we change our behavior?
6. What distinguishes us from the animal kingdom?
7. What is the three-fold moral relationship we are to have with God?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
8. For what purposes were we created?
9. What does it mean to be normal?
10. Do you REALLY know why Christ came?

2. Astonishing Preacher

1. Were we really made in God's image?
2. What is sin?
3. What can we learn from Jesus' relationship to His Father?
4. If Jesus was God, how could He die?
5. What was astonishing about Jesus' teaching?
6. From where are we to derive our authority?
7. What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
8. Why was man created?
9. What is salvation?
10. How do you become a child of God?
11. How do I make myself available to God?
12. Is the teaching of the Lord Jesus logical?

3. Instinct and the Holy Spirit

1. What is indispensable to man's humanity?
2. Why was God the Father so evident in the Lord Jesus?
3. What was the sinlessness of the Lord Jesus?
4. Why didn't the Lord Jesus lie?
5. What is sin?
6. What is the outcome of self-righteousness?
7. What is righteousness?
8. Why did God make Christ to be sin?
9. What is the devil's lie?
10. God designed man and animals to be governed differently. What are those differences?
11. What is the human dilemma?
12. What is the only remedy for the human dilemma?

4. Nebuchadnezzar - The Animal Man

1. What is the three-fold moral interlock that governs man's relationship to God?
2. What is the devil's lie?
3. Fallen man can't even act like an animal. Why not?
4. What is the first step in new birth?
5. When we are born, what is our condition physically? Soulishly? Spiritually?
6. What happens in new birth?
7. Man is without excuse for not knowing God. Why?
8. What did Nebuchadnezzar learn that man is apart from God?
9. In gaining access to our souls, what can God accomplish?
10. Why was man created?
11. How does God claim you as His territory?
12. What does Canaan represent for us today?

5. A Place in Your Heart For God's Feet

1. Where does God live on earth?
2. What is our only hope of being restored to function?
3. Why does God hate sweat?
4. We will only perspire if we do not learn to do what 2 things?
5. What is mutual inter-availability?
6. What is the glory of God?
7. What 3 steps did the Lord Jesus take in relationship to the glory?
8. What happened at Pentecost?
9. What is redemption? What is regeneration?
10. What is the difference between atonement and reconciliation?
11. What really happened to Christ on the cross?
12. Have you been raised from the dead?

6. Derived Image - The Sun and the Moon

1. Who was the first to be raised from the dead?
2. Why did Jesus suffer a death like ours?
3. When we are born, what is our condition physically? Soulishly? Spiritually?
4. What did Jesus possess that no other person has possessed since Adam?
5. At what point did God restore the life of God to Jesus?
6. Which came first: Christ's physical or spiritual resurrection?
7. What's the most exciting news of the Gospel?
8. What are the 3 steps that Jesus took to become the source of the glory?
9. What was the blood transaction at Calvary?
10. What was the blood transfusion at Pentecost?
11. How are we to be like the moon?
12. Contemplate: Am I a full moon? A baby moon? Am I (eclipsing) trying to do the job of the sun? Am I being eclipsed by the world?
13. Can you say, "Lord Jesus, all that I am is available to all that you are"?

7. Feeding of the Five Thousand

1. What is a miracle?
2. What is eternal life?
3. What is the only explanation for Jesus' quality of life?
4. Jesus placed His humanity at His Father's disposal. What are we to do with our lives?
5. The Christian life is impossible without what?
6. Diagram mutual inter-availability.
7. What is the 2-step prayer of faith?
8. What is repentance?
9. What are 3 points of reference that define God's design for us?
10. What is simulated righteousness?
11. What happens without faith? What happens without Christ?
12. Are you a professing Christian and a practicing atheist?

8. The Nature of Faith

1. What is the hidden factor within man that was lost when Adam died?
2. What principle was the basis of Christ's life?
3. Faith is the disposition or attitude that recognizes what?
4. The is the One through Whom man can make humanity available to God and the One through whom God is prepared to make Himself available to man.
5. What accomplishments of ours are sin?
6. Are you free? Is there anyone or anything that makes you unable to do what the Savior asks of you?
7. Are you (moment by moment) making yourself available to Jesus? Do you watch, anticipate and expect Him to live through you?
8. What is faith?
9. Where do you get faith?
10. How do you walk by faith?

9. The Man called Jesus

1. Faith is It involves giving time enough to to you long enough so at last you enough. Then its time to choose whether or not you're going to act on what you've come to know and believe.
2. Where does faith come from?
3. In every step of your life, between Christ's office as author and His office as finisher, what's your part?
4. What is required for your belief to turn into faith?
5. What is an unsaved believer?
6. What is an awakened soul?
7. The only thing that can satisfy God is having in the man.
8. Man is given the greatest liberty that God gave to any of His creations. What is it?
9. How does an awakened soul become a regenerate spirit?
10. What are the works of God?

10. The Awakening of the Soul

1. "No matter what you do know, if you don't really personally know for yourself, what you do know is worth" Dr. Johannes Bugenhagen
2. Is Jesus still functioning in bodily form on earth today?
3. What is the incredible privilege of Christians?
4. The only limitation of His activity in us is our to Him.
5. Diagram our mutual inter-availability with Christ.
6. "Preach Christ always and when necessary, use" Francis of Assisi
7. Our disposition of faith invokes His
8. How do you rest in the Lord?
9. What can you give to God for all of His benefits to you?
10. Are you living with a moment-by-moment expectation that He's at work through you to accomplish His divine will?

11. The Rest of Faith

1. How do we find the "rest" of faith?
 2. What occurred in the blood transaction of Christ? Have you had His blood transfusion?
 3. What are the 3 steps which are the basis of the Christian life?
 4. The life isn't in the, the life isn't in the : the life is in the
 5. As in the Promised Land, what can we expect from a life lived in relationship with our indwelling Lord? Infinite, restful..... and divine
 6. What do we need to do to experience the truth of "My yoke is easy and My burden is light"?
 7. What was Paul's supreme ambition?
 8. What is the spiritual resurrection of Philippians 3:10?
 9. Why do the vast majority of those who try to live the Christian life fail?
They try to live a life they
 - They have a life they have
10. Are you pushing your car with a full tank?

12. The Grain of Wheat

1. The "rest" of faith is found when you allow Christ in you to be the of His own image, the of His own activity, the of His own demands and the of His own effect.
2. When Christ is alive in you there are no to make; only to obey.
3. This is the church in action: The men in the place at the time saying the thing to the person.
4. What did Philip, Ananias and Peter have to do to be available to Jesus?
5. If you are to be available to Jesus you must to all that you are and be only to God.
6. What happens to my heart if I refuse to die?
7. What are the results of my life if I refuse to die?
8. What happens if I die to all that I am?
9. How do I discover that I am unique, original?
10. Have you allowed the Lord Jesus to plant you?