

New Covenant Community Church of God
Spring 2010 Sunday School Series

Temptations of a Christian

Week Fourteen Temptation in Relationships

Based on Christ's "**Sermon on the Mount**" Matthew 5-7

Adapted from lessons designed by Rev. Robert Barr, Jr.

Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7

Beatitudes – Matthew – 5:1-6

- The *new character* implanted at new birth
- The outworking of that implanted newness will cause **tensions within**/struggles without



Spiritual Growth Check-Up

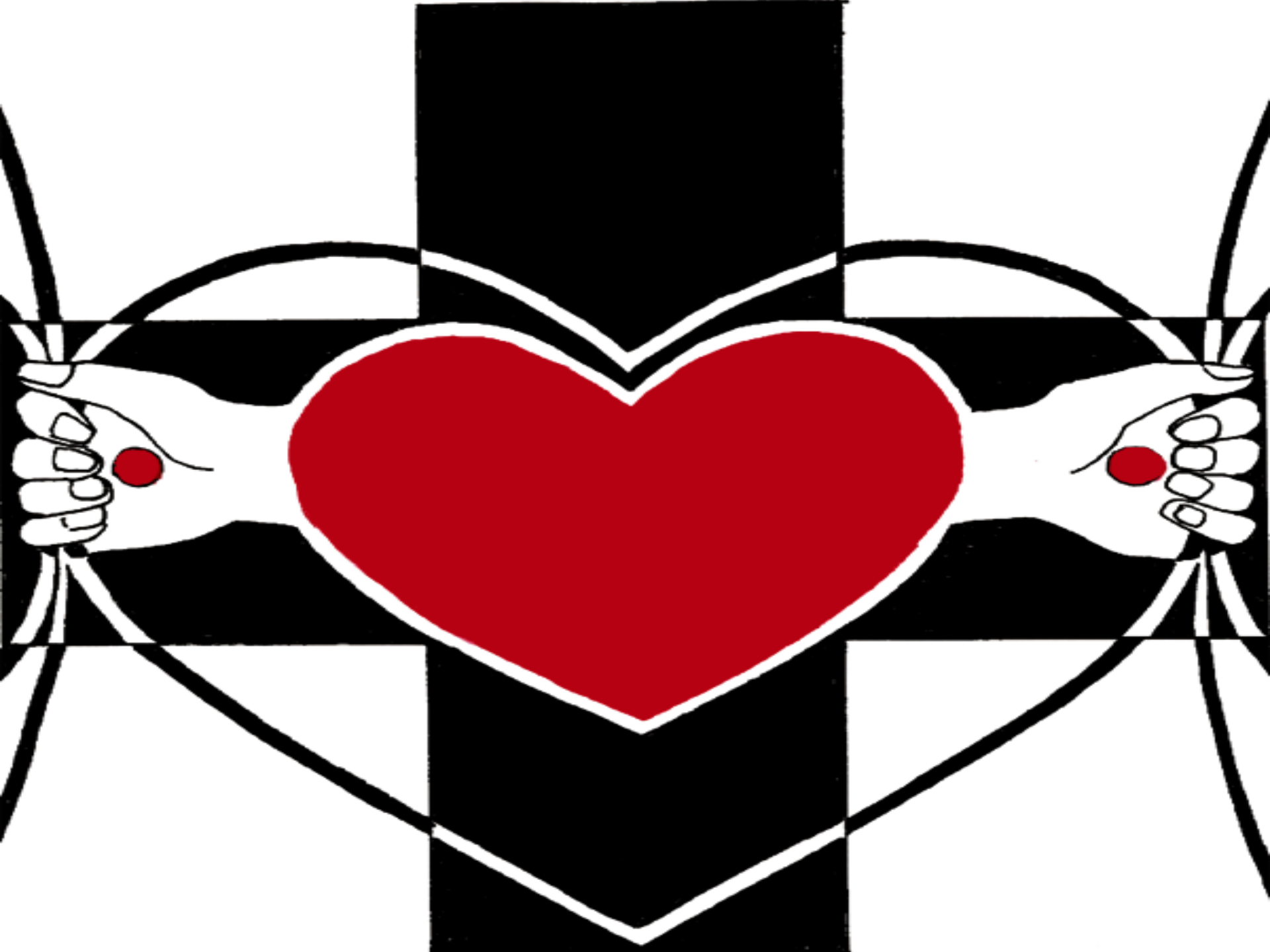
- What are you learning about yourself as you work on the SPIRITUAL GROWTH Check-up?



Highway to Heaven



Fraught with Temptations



Receiving God's gift of salvation

through Christ is a **one-time event**, but to become like Him often requires suffering and struggle. It involves putting off old sinful **habits** and permitting the Holy Spirit to replace them with new godly ones.



“Paul wrote,

“Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt . . . [and] put on the **new man which was created** according to God, in true righteousness and holiness” (Eph. 4:22-24). (*Our Daily Bread*, May 16, 2008)

PITS -TEMPTATIONS



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Temptations Inevitable

*“No temptation has seized you except **what is common to man.** And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” (1 Cor. 10:13 NIV)*

Temptation in Old Testament





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What tempts you?



Four Areas of Temptation



RELATIONSHIPS

RELIGION

RESPONDING TO NARROW ROAD

RESPONSIBILITIES

Relationships

- Anger
- Adultery
- Divorce
- Vows
- Vengeance
- Enemies (non-friends)



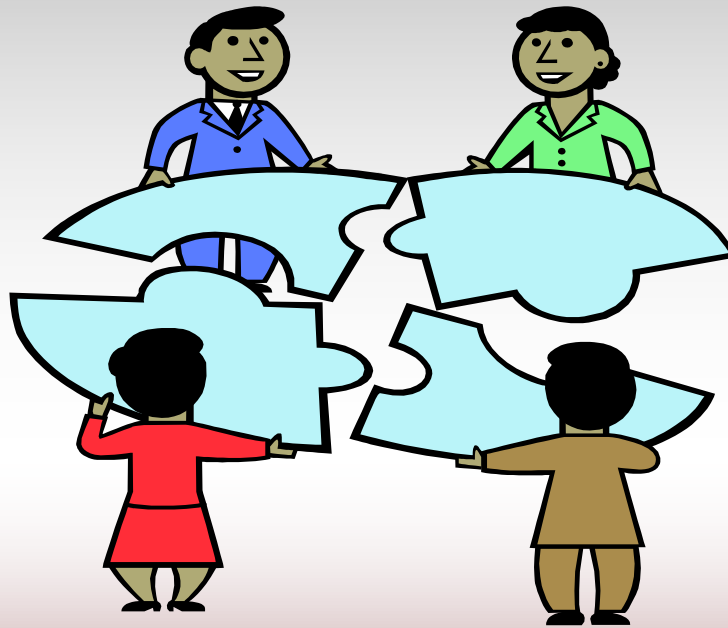
GROUP WORK on *RELATIONSHIPS*

- Read together **Matthew 5:21- 32**
- Use handouts on RELATIONSHIPS to guide, but not restrict conversations.
- What components of the Beatitudes help one resist the temptations of relationships, while helping one become salt and light?



Putting it TOGETHER

- What did your group conclude?
- Read Luke 6:17-23 ([The Message](#)) Luke 17:1-4



Luke 17:1-2

¹⁻²He said to his disciples, "Hard trials and temptations are bound to come, but too bad for whoever brings them on! Better to wear a millstone necklace and take a swim in the deep blue sea than give even one of these dear little ones a hard time!

(The Message)



Luke 17:3-4

- 3-4"Be alert. If you see your friend going wrong, correct him. If he responds, forgive him. Even if it's personal against you and repeated seven times through the day, and seven times he says, 'I'm sorry, I won't do it again,' forgive him."

(The Message)