

Study Aids
Discussion Questions
For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 103

Comment:

In these last two lessons we have focused on our sinful nature and the sins that flow from this nature. Then we explored the consequences that come from sin: separation from God, a broken relationship with God and the rest of His creation, and the burden of guilt and its punishment. Now, think through how this affects you.

Questions:

Has your conscience ever spoken to you? Has it ever bothered you? Did it lead you to repentance, or did you suppress it?

Even when you repented and received God’s forgiveness, did that change the fact that you were still a sinner? Is there anything or anyone who can change that status?

Is it possible for a sinner to become holy in God’s eyes?

What is the final importance of changing your status? (See Mark 8:34-38).

Comfort and Assurance:

In the book, **A Summary of Christian Doctrine**, by Edward Koehler, published by Concordia Publishing House, there appears this statement: *Eternal death has no power over Christians, because Christ has “abolished death, and has brought life and immortality to light” (2 Tim. 1:10). They who believe in Him shall not die eternally (John 11:25-26), but have everlasting life (John 3:16). Thus Christ redeemed us from eternal death, the fear of which hangs like a gloomy pall over the lives of men.*

Can you live your life in the comfort of these words?