Lesson 9 The War Is Over – Answers

1. What sort of relationship does God call us to have with Him?

Do you not know that to whom you <u>present</u> yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of <u>sin</u> leading to death, or of <u>obedience</u> leading to righteousness?

2. How did Jesus model the concept of surrender to God?

He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I <u>will</u>, but as <u>You</u> will."

3. How did Paul describe the inner struggle experienced by sinful human beings?

I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to **will** is present with me, but how to **perform** what is good I do not find.

4. How did Paul find his way out of the struggle against his fallen nature?

I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

5. How did Paul describe the experience of a person who embraces a saving relationship with God?

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are <u>in</u> Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the <u>flesh</u>, but according to the <u>Spirit</u>.

6. What metaphor did Paul use when describing this surrender to the presence of the Holy Spirit?

I have been <u>crucified</u> with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but <u>Christ</u> lives in me; and the life which I now live in the <u>flesh</u> I live by <u>faith</u> in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

7. When is this death to self especially demonstrated?

Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was <u>raised</u> from the <u>dead</u> by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

8. How often should a person die to self and surrender to the indwelling presence of God?

I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

9. How does a person learn to live a life of surrender to God?

The earth yields crops by itself: first the **blade**, then the **head**, after that the full grain in the head.

10. What about when we fall short? What is God's reaction when we fail?

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an **Advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the **righteous**.

11. What does God promise to do in the lives of believers who fully surrender to Him?

It is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

12. How does God live in His children?

The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be **in you**.

13. How can a person receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who **ask** Him!

14. How has God taken responsibility for our spiritual well—being?

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will **complete** it until the day of Jesus Christ.

15. What remarkable promise has God made to those who surrender their lives to Him?

They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

16. How does God encourage us to live through His power?

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your **mind**.